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## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### Winter Thoughts

By Stanley Zontek, Director

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Prior to the upcoming holiday season, there still may be a few golf course maintenance items to consider. These include:

- *Snow mold prevention.* In the Mid-Atlantic Region, we are having a colder than normal fall. As we continue to visit golf courses, only a few patches of pink snow mold have been seen. Nonetheless, now is the time of the year to begin planning for your snow mold prevention applications on high value turf areas like greens, tees, approaches, and, where appropriate, fairways. Snow mold control remains one of the few straightforward applications. Simply follow the timing and rates on the label of your favorite product or product combinations.
- *Dormant fertility.* If you want to get grass off to a quicker start next spring, apply fertilizer now. While there is always some debate about which product is best, the fact remains that any fertilizer applied will help the grass next spring. This is especially true for root growth. As long as the ground is not frozen, roots continue to grow. Fertilizer can help develop roots (depending upon the weather) between now and next spring.

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## President's Message

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the CPGCSA as president over the past 2 years. I would like to thank the members of the board who sacrificed a large amount of time to fill their respective job duties and Wanda Fry for her hard work and daily dedication to the association.

I was concerned about a couple things after canceling our October meeting at Springwood. First, that it would be difficult finding another site and second, that the weather would not cooperate. Greg Fantuzzi scrambled by making several calls to individual board members and they graciously opened the door for us at Carlisle. So, thank you to Greg Fantuzzi, Greg Byrne and staff for providing a great golf course. The weather and the course could not have been nicer!

I look forward to seeing you all On January 31<sup>st</sup> at Central Penn night as we honor Chuck Cadiz, our Dave Rafferty DSA recipient. Please mark your calendars.

And now my parting words... When we are all on our deathbed, we will not be saying or thinking, "I wish I would have spent more time at my job." Remember the important things in life and spend time with your family!

Bill Brooks

## Shopping for a Man

Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems:

1. When in doubt—buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. A man can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
2. If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" Or, "By the way, are you through with my 3/8" socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.
3. Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. Men believe that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.
4. If you are really low on cash, buy him something small for his car. A 99¢ ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer, or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.
5. Buy your man a new remote control and a bunch of batteries to replace the one he wore out. If you really want to splurge, buy him a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.
6. Never buy a man anything that says, "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his special day and he will always have leftover parts.
7. Label makers are great presents—and they are almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks, there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks" "Shorts" "Door" "Sink" You get the idea. No one knows why.
8. Great places to shop for men include The Home Depot, John Deere, Valley RV Center, or NAPA Auto Parts. It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what the present is or what it is good for. "Something from NAPA Auto, eh? Must be something I need—WOW! Thanks!"
9. Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook—but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue with a 100-pound propane tank. Tell him you think the gas line leaks. "Oh, the thrill! The challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"

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# **Mark Your Calendars For The...**

*Annual Central Penn Night*

**Saturday, January 31, 2004  
Lancaster Host Inn**

**Join us to honor this year's recipient of the  
Dave Rafferty Distinguished Service and Leadership Award,**

**Charles H. Cadiz, CGCS**

<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Hors d'oeuvres/Cash Bar</b>
<b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>8:30 - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Program</b>

**Invitations with menu, cost and reservation information  
will be sent later in December.**

**Overnight accommodations are available at the Lancaster Host Inn.**

## USGA.....continued from page 1

- *USGA Seminars.* These are wonderful opportunities to bring the team that maintains and manages your golf course to a USGA-sponsored meeting.
  - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Monroeville) on Monday afternoon, February 23, 2004.
  - DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, Delaware on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. This is a full-day meeting.

As always, we try to make these meetings interesting for everyone who attends. These meetings are a blend of technical turfgrass management subjects along with general interest golf topics. We hope to see you at these meetings. For more information, call our Mid-Atlantic offices.

Finally, on behalf of the Green Section Mid-Atlantic Region, we wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

If we can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek ([szontek@usga.org](mailto:szontek@usga.org)) or Darin Bevard ([dbevard@usga.org](mailto:dbevard@usga.org)) at 610/696-4747 or Keith Happ ([khapp@usga.org](mailto:khapp@usga.org)) 412/341-5922.

## PSU Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program

Applications are now being accepted for Penn State's Two-Year Golf course Turfgrass Management Program for the class beginning in September of 2004. There is an application fee of \$35 and the deadline for applications is December 31, 2003.

Applications can be obtained by calling (814) 863-0129, on the website [www.agonomy.psu.edu/academic/turfgrass.html](http://www.agonomy.psu.edu/academic/turfgrass.html) or by writing to PSU, 456 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802.

## CPGCSA Merchandise

There will be CPGCSA logo merchandise available for purchase at upcoming meetings.

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## **DEP Water Resource Management Update**

### **Act 220: Making Pennsylvania a leader in Water Resource Management and Conservation**

Not only is water resource management and conservation essential to protecting the environment and keeping residents healthy, but it also is vital for fueling the economy. Water is a strategically important resource that can provide a competitive advantage in helping Pennsylvania attract and retain businesses and jobs.

In 2002, the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted the Water Resources Planning Act (Act 220), designed to help the state better assess and plan for current and future water uses and needs. Pennsylvania is committed to making sure we have answers to basic questions such as how much water we have, how much we use and how much we need. Achieving this goal depends upon water use registration by all turf related businesses.

Act 220 requires individuals and operations that withdraw or use more than 10,000 gallons of water per day from their own source (s), averaged over any 30-day period, to register their water use with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Those users whose sole source of water is from a Public Water Supplier do not need to register their use at this time. Users of less than 10,000 gallons per day are asked to register voluntarily. This information will be used as the foundation to update Pennsylvania's State Water Plan, which will involve stakeholders at both regional and statewide levels.

Why is this legislation so important? Consider these facts:

- The State Water Plan has not been updated in over 25 years, and it does not tell us which areas have critical water needs. As a result, we do not know who is running out of water until wells and local supplies dry up.
- Since 1900, residential use of water has increased from 5 gallons to 62 gallons per person per day. Total water use in Pennsylvania has climbed to 10 billion gallons per day, and there are increasing conflicts over the same sources of water.
- Only about 5 percent of the municipalities in Pennsylvania know their "water budget" - how much water is available and how much is being used.
- Last year alone, 27,000 new homes were built in Pennsylvania.
- 18,000 new wells are drilled in Pennsylvania each year.
- Pennsylvania has experienced drought conditions during eight of the past 10 years.

Business, industrial and agricultural users will receive a pre-registration form in the mail, asking them to choose a method of registration, either on-line using a pre-assigned pin number, or by completing a paper copy. A registration form will be required for each source of water and must be returned or completed on-line to the Bureau of Watershed Management no later than March 16, 2004. A representative of the Bureau will be attending the following Turf conferences and trade shows.

- Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show, January 13-15, 2004
- Northeastern PA Turf School and Trade Show, January 29, 2004
- Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show, February 23-25, 2004

At these conferences you will be able to ask questions and receive assistance in completing the required registration forms. Those wishing assistance in completing the forms should bring all the necessary documentation including pump test records, drilling records and water use records for all sources for 2003.

Help us get a comprehensive water resources picture for Pennsylvania. It's not only good for Pennsylvania, it's good for business, too.

For more information about Act 220 and the registration process, call the Act 200 hotline at 1-888-457-6653 or visit the PA PowerPort at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us).

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## Upcoming Events

- Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show  
January 13-15, 2004  
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia
- North Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show  
January 29, 2004  
The Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre
- GCSAA Annual Conference and Show  
February 9-14, 2004  
San Diego, CA
- Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show  
February 24-26, 2004  
Greater Pittsburgh ExpoMart, Monroeville

## Equipment For Sale

The following equipment is available for purchase from Dan Achenbach at Foxchase Golf Club, (717) 336-3847 or e-mail: foxgreens@dejazzd.com

- 1997 Soil Reliever with deep tine aerator, 48" width, new sprockets and chains in fall of 2003. Extra new sprockets included. \$10,000/make offer.
- 1995 Toro 5300D Reelmaster with canopy. 3683 hrs. New head gasket in fall of 2003. New reels in 2002, and new rollers in 2003. \$4,000/make offer.

Mike Orban at Sunset Golf Course is looking for the following equipment. Please call (717) 944-3090 if you have this equipment for sale.

- 7 gang Toro Spartan Frame

We will continue to advertise "used equipment" and "equipment wanted" in each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, please contact Wanda to place your ad FREE!!

## Shopping for a Man.....cont' from page 2

- Men love chainsaws. Never, ever, buy a man you love a chainsaw. If you don't know why, please refer to Rule #7 and what happens when he gets a label maker.
- It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man a stepladder, no matter how useful they may seem. Instead, it must be an extension ladder. No one knows why.
- If you're all out of other ideas, buy the man in your life rope. Men love rope. It takes them back to their cowboy origins, or at least the Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope. No one knows why.



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## 2003 Annual Meeting



Incoming President Pete Ramsey thanks Outgoing President Bill Brooks for his 2 years of dedication and hard work as president of CPGCSA.

## Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council 2003 Distinguished Service Award

The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council (PTC) annually recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding service to the turfgrass industry. On October 6, a specially appointed President's Committee of PTC announced Stanley J. Zontek as the recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Service Award. An employee of the United States Golf Association, Mr. Zontek has been Director, Green Section for the Mid-Atlantic region since 1985.

The award was formally presented in front of an audience of nearly 600 industry leaders during the Penn State Golf Turf Conference on November 12 in State College. Mr. Zontek, a long-term Council member, was honored for championing the Penn State turfgrass program over many years and for his support of initiatives both within Pennsylvania and nationally that have improved the status of the industry.

Now operating out of an office in West Chester, PA, Mr. Zontek is the senior agronomist with the USGA and their longest tenured employee. In 1971 he took a job as Agronomist, USGA Green Section, Northeastern Region shortly after his graduation from Penn State with a degree in Agronomy - Turfgrass Management. Through the years, he served as director for the Northeast Region and the North Central region before assuming his present position as Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

He also had hands on experience as a Research Technician at Penn State University and as a groundsman at Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, PA; White Manor Country Club, Malvern, PA, and Manor Country Club, Rockville, MD.

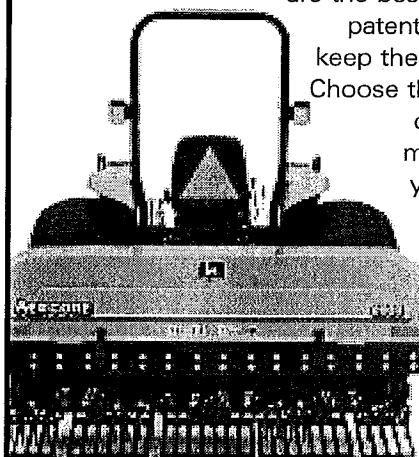
Recognized throughout the industry for his expertise and dedication, Mr. Zontek was previously awarded the Don Rossi Humanitarian Award by the Golf Course Builders Association and the Eb Steiniger Man of the Year Award by the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendent's Association. He is also an honorary member of several regional GCSA chapters and is a frequent speaker at local, regional, national and international turf conferences.

Mr. Zontek is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and a Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg), as well as holding membership in the National Honor Society of Agriculture (Gamma Sigma Delta), and the USGA Green Section Award Committee. He is the author of numerous articles on turfgrass management and served on the editorial board for Turf Management for Golf Courses by James B. Beard. His history of the Penn State turf program is included on the PTC website, [www.paturf.org](http://www.paturf.org).

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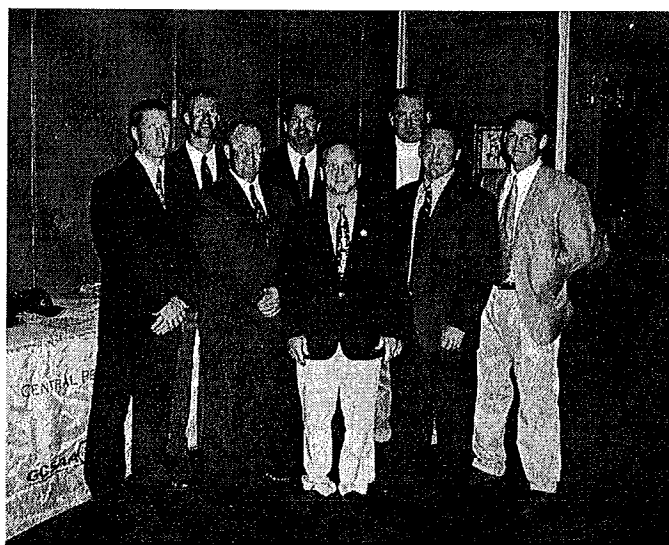
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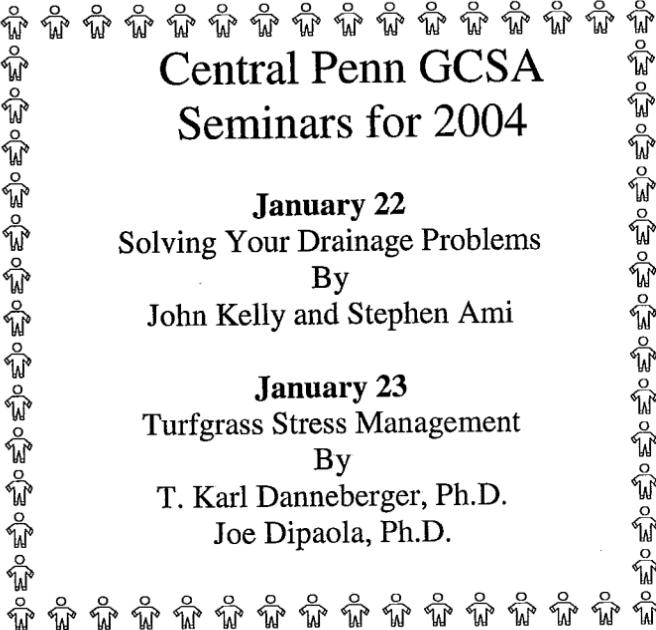
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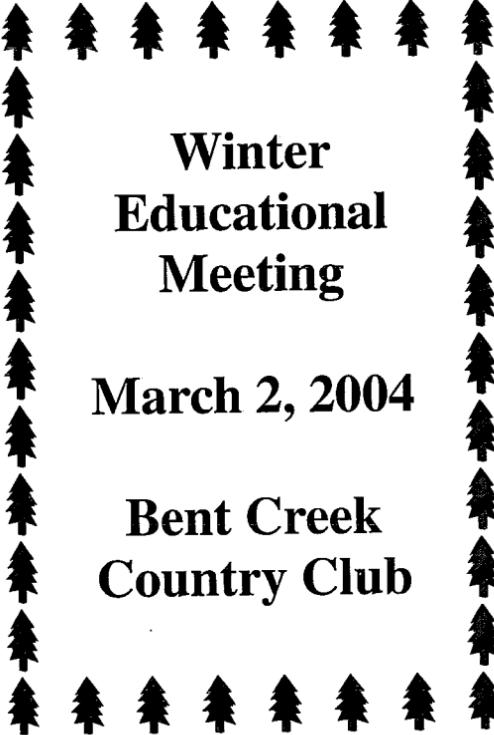
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**January 23**  
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**Winter  
Educational  
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**March 2, 2004**

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