

## September Meeting

**Lebanon Country Club**

**September 15, 2003**

**11:00 AM - Speaker**

**12:00 PM - Lunch**

**1:00 PM - Shotgun**

**5:30 PM - Social/Cash bar/Horsd'oeuvres**

**There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 9:00 AM.**

## Superintendent Profile

Dan Brickley started his career at Lebanon Country Club as a seasonal employee while attending Lebanon Valley College. Upon graduation he took a position as Second Assistant Superintendent and Spray Technician at Bent Creek Country Club. After attending Penn State University's two-year turf management program, he returned to Lebanon Country Club as the Assistant Superintendent. He was promoted to Superintendent in August of 2002.

## Golf Course Profile

Lebanon Country Club was built in 1920 by golf course architect Alexander Findlay. The course was opened as a 9 hole course, which is currently the back nine holes. Several years later the front 9 holes were built. Over the past several years, much renovation has been done to the front 9 holes to blend with the same design characteristics as the back. Lebanon Country Club is a typical example of a course built in the 1920's with small poa/bent greens, tees that are a mix of many cool season grasses, and ryegrass fairways.

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## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### Dog Days Of Summer + Weekend Turf = ??

By Keith Happ, Agronomist  
updated 8-19-03

August is fondly referred to as the dog days of summer. Temperatures are often higher, humidity levels often increase, and nighttime temperatures can be oppressive. All of these factors impact the potential for turf disease. Persistent rains experienced throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region have severely predisposed turfgrass in general, and *Poa annua* populations in particular, to potential disease problems.

Turfgrass managers have been in a survival mode for quite some time. All means of non-disruptive aeration have been utilized to vent the soils to maintain a reasonably healthy stand of turf. Recent travels have provided an opportunity to see textbook cases of turfgrass diseases such as brown patch, blue-green algae development, dollar spot, *Pythium*, helminthosporium leaf spot organisms, and anthracnose. Most turf managers are anxiously awaiting a time when aggressive core cultivation practices can be implemented to promote some degree of recovery.

For the short term, remain cautious with regards to the care of putting green turf. Resist the temptation to use aggressive surface preparation strategies for putting green turf. As weather patterns change, day length decreases, and temperatures decline more aggressive techniques can be utilized in cool-season putting green turf management.

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## President's Message

As we persevere to the end of yet another golf season (Where did it go?), it is my hope that all of you have had a successful one, especially in the eyes of your employers. The 2003 golf season turned out to be the exact opposite of 2002 from the standpoint of the weather, but we're used to that by now, aren't we? I wonder what it would be like to grow grass in normal conditions, anyway.

I want to thank Bob Mogul for hosting our August meeting on a beautiful day at Galen Hall. I had the opportunity to play with Bob for the first time and I found out that he knows how to play the game at a different level than most of us.

So now it's on to Lebanon CC for our association championship on September 15. All flight winners will earn a trip to Bent Creek on October 6<sup>th</sup> for the PTC Joseph Valentine Tournament, so get your game in shape.

Please remember our annual picnic on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully your schedules will allow you to be there. Also, don't forget to cast your vote no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's recipient of the Dave Rafferty Distinguished Service Award to be presented at Central Penn Night in January. Dan Achenbach and his committee (Jim Jones, Jim MacLaren and Greg Borzok) are in the process of planning another great evening!

One final important note... Keep George Hamilton, his family and doctors in your daily thoughts and prayers. We're cheering you on George!!

Bill Brooks

As you probably know George Hamilton has been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer and is undergoing chemo treatment for the next eight weeks. So far he is in good spirits but he gets great inspiration from hearing from his friends. The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council has a message board on their web site - [www.paturf.org](http://www.paturf.org). You can't measure the power of a kind word of encouragement.

## Directions to Lebanon Country Club

### From PA Turnpike (or Lancaster via Route 72):

Route 72 North to 322 West towards Hershey. Approximately 5 miles make a right onto Route 934 North. Make second right onto Church Road. Church Road will end at stop sign and Oak Street begins. Go to next stop and turn left. Club is 1/2 mile on left.

### From I-81 (North or South):

Take Annville/Lebanon Valley College Exit off Route I-81 onto 934 South. Continue on Route 934 through Annville. Make a left onto Royal Road. At the second stop sign, turn left onto Oak Street. Club entrance is 1/2 mile on the left.

### From Reading (Route 422):

Take Route 422 West through Lebanon until 16th Street. Make a left onto 16th Street. Three blocks to Oak Street. Make right onto Oak Street. The club entrance is approximately 2 miles on the right.

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## Membership News

The following individual has applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, he will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

Brian Decker, Superintendent  
Pilgrim's Oak Golf Course ..... Class B

We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

Todd Arnold, Assistant Superintendent  
Hershey Parkview Golf Course..... Class C

Mark McGreevy, Assistant Superintendent  
Regents Glen Country Club ..... Class C

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact John Colo at Country Club of York (717) 843-2190.

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One short year ago concerns were focused on not having enough water to maintain golf course turf. Irrigation concerns have shifted to concerns with drainage. Many golf courses have experienced turf loss in low areas due to mechanical damage, scald, disease or a combination of these problems. Document what has taken place so problems can be corrected to allow for more consistent conditions. It has been difficult for turf managers to utilize any consistent form of turfgrass management throughout the season. Mowing programs have been constantly disrupted and many normally utilized treatment strategies have been performed when weather allows rather than in a regimented fashion. Inconsistent conditions are a function of weather (in many instances) rather than by design.

The fall is an excellent time to gear up and utilize much more aggressive fertilization tactics to promote recovery, establish the desired level of turf density and then fine tune for next year. Do not fertilize blindly. Rather, conduct soil tests to determine the true fertility needs of the turf. The excessive rain has impacted fertility levels within the soil structure. There are many qualified, testing laboratories available for use. Investment in soil testing will allow for much more effective and efficient use of fertilizers as the season progresses.

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.



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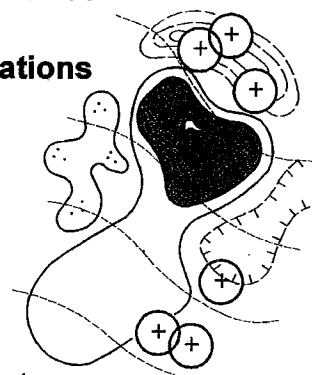
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## 2004 CPGCSA Board of Director Nominations

The CPGCSA Annual Meeting with the election of officers will be held on October 9, 2003 at Springwood Golf Course. If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Faron Stoops at Waynesboro Country Club (717) 762-6370.

## For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the October newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to [cpgcsa@nbn.net](mailto:cpgcsa@nbn.net) by September 19, 2003.

## Speaker Profile

The speaker for the September meeting will be Dr. Norman W. Hummel. The topic of this interactive presentation is "Identifying Soil Problems in Greens".

Dr. Hummel is president and owner of Hummel & Co. Inc., a soil testing and turfgrass consulting business serving the golf course and sports turf industries. Norm is a graduate of New Mexico State University, where he obtained a bachelors degree with honors in Agronomy. He then went on to Penn State, where he earned M.S. and PhD. Degrees in Agronomy, with an emphasis on turfgrass soils and nutrition.

Norm served on the faculties at Iowa State University (2 years) and Cornell University (11 years). During that tenure, he published many research and technical articles on many aspects of turfgrass management. In 1991 and 1992, he worked with the USGA on the writing of their greens construction specifications and test protocol. He is also the primary author of the ASTM Standards for the Maintenance of Cool Season Sports Fields.

Norm is a member of several professional societies and civic organizations. To keep things in perspective (especially the turfgrass stuff), Norm serves as a volunteer firefighter and paramedic in his community.

## Golf Results

The following are the results from the August tournament at Galen Hall Country Club.

	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>
<b>1st</b>	Eric Krick	Bob Mogel
<b>2nd</b>	Paul Wickey	Steve Graybill
<b>3rd</b>	John Fowler	Mike Benedict
<b>4th</b>		Matt Fellows

The September Championship at Lebanon Country Club will be the Association Golf Championship.

See you there.

Tom Kintzer

## 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.

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## Heather and Gorse

By Mark V. DelSantoro, CGCS

What a wild and wacky month of August? I got to spend some time up at Oak Hill for the PGA Championship and followed that up with some time at Oakmont CC for the US Amateur Championship. While both golf courses were in absolutely fabulous condition, the weather was simply nasty. It was hotter and more humid during this two-week span in August than any other span the entire summer. Now, a week later, we're starting to experience a more normal late August weather pattern and everyone's focus is towards aerification, renovation, and drainage projects. This past weekend I woke up to 48 degrees and my toes were cold!!! It seems hard to believe that Labor Day is upon us and football season has begun!

I, for one, sincerely hope we have a reasonably nice fall. I know the golf business could sure use it. Golf rounds are down overall from a combination of the economy and the excessively wet weather. Economically, many golf courses are hurting so bad for revenue generation that they've slashed green fees across the board. This may work to a point if the weather cooperates, but with the excessive rain we've experienced has most courses so far behind that many are flat out hurting. As a result, money isn't being spent and this directly affects many golf course supply distributors. I had one of my top distributors tell me that another year or two like this and they'd be out of business. Something tells me they're not alone.

The mind-blowing thing is that it wasn't but two or three years ago that the golf business was booming. Thanks to Tiger Woods, the game was growing at an astronomical rate and everyone seemed happy. In today's market, if you ever had an interest in owning your own golf course... just be patient, my friends! There are going to be some real bargain basement deals over the next few years.

On a lighter note... speaking of Tiger Woods... I sort of saw him at the PGA Championship! I saw the mob that was following him during the practice round. Sometimes it doesn't pay to be vertically challenged! Did I mention he's slumping? Yeah, he's only won just one of every three events he's entered and only finished in the top ten in five others. Pretty bad! If you listen to the general golf mass media, you'd think he should pack it in and retire! Of course, these are the very same people who felt Annika's 109<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Colonial was a victory for all women across the globe. I could be wrong, but somehow I have to believe that there are at least a billion or so Chinese women who just will never realize the true impact of Annika's achievements.

The most amazing thing I experienced over the past few weeks was watching the ease with which the PGA players, as well as the best of the amateurs, played the game. When I see 490 yard Par 4, I'm thinking par would be a pretty damn good score. Especially when the rough is five inches high and the fairway is 23 yards wide. I'm thinking good drive, good 3-wood, good chip, good putt, and I feel like I got one back from the golf course. For these guys... at Oak Hill on the eighteenth hole, Shaun Micheel hit a seven iron 185 yards to a green that was thirty feet higher than the fairway... he almost holed it out! At Oakmont, the 499 yard, Par 4 fifteenth, which incidentally plays uphill off the tee... the majority of the field was hitting their second shots from between 135 to 150 yards out.

So is technology really the reason? And if so, why hasn't it helped me??? A year ago, Tiger was one of the longest drivers on tour... this year, he's in the middle of the pack. Is that strictly technology? And if so, isn't he using the same technology as everyone else??? Up until a year ago, did Tiger have better equipment than everyone else or was Phil Mickelson right when he said Tiger's superior talent was overriding his inferior equipment? It certainly makes one wonder!

And what about the golf course set-ups? I don't quite understand the mentality behind lengthening the golf courses but then shaving down and drying out the fairways so the ball rolls further. I was watching the WGC at Firestone over the weekend... several players were over the 667-yard 16<sup>th</sup> hole in two. For me that's what we in the business call a legitimate Par 6. Maybe the answer lies in making the golf courses play longer from an agronomic standpoint. Raise the fairways so the ball doesn't roll as far, raise the roughs so a stray shot gets penalized, and soften the bunkers so they are truly hazardous. Throw in a few poisonous snakes and a few hungry saltwater crocodiles for good measure and we got ourselves a golf tournament!!!

As for green speed, I believe that the speed of the greens is irrelevant in this day and age... the greens should be as fast as they can be and be fair at the same time... i.e. not rolling off the green when someone sneezes. We all know that healthy turf and green speed are oxymorons. We know that it's better to have slow turf than no turf. Better to have greens than browns. Yet I don't see heights getting raised across the board, so a better question to ask might be what can turf managers do to maximize the speed and playability of the greens at their facility. From an industry perspective, the R & D challenge is to come up with new and improved technological tools that allow turf managers to do meet these extreme standards.

Of course, there is one other solution... In the world of heather and gorse the obvious answer is to simply get the government

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual John Deere Regional Team Championship Tournament

Finch Services will be hosting three qualifying events this year. The first tournament will be held at South Pointe Golf Club in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania on September 30. The second event will be held on October 1 in York, Pennsylvania at Regents Glen Country Club. The final tournament will be held on October 6 at the Country Club of Maryland in Towson, Maryland.

The winning team from each Regional Tournament qualifies for the World Championship to be held at Greyhawk Golf Club on the Talon and Raptor courses, November 12-15, 2003. This will be the fourth visit back to Greyhawk and the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. The combinations of a first class resort, golf course, and event has always made it an unforgettable week in Scottsdale.

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Please direct any questions to Tom Wojcik at 800-78 DEERE.

## David Rafferty Dedication, Leadership & Service Award

The Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the 2nd Annual Rafferty Award. This award recognizes dedication, leadership and service to CPGCSA and its members.

The nomination forms have been mailed and are due by October 1, 2003. We have many deserving members, please take a few minutes to complete and return.

## Mark Your Calendars...

### Penn State Golf Turf Conference

November 11-13, 2003

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State College



# Annual CPGCSA Family Picnic

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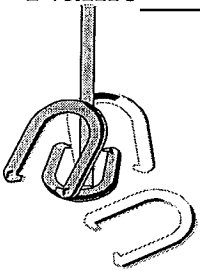
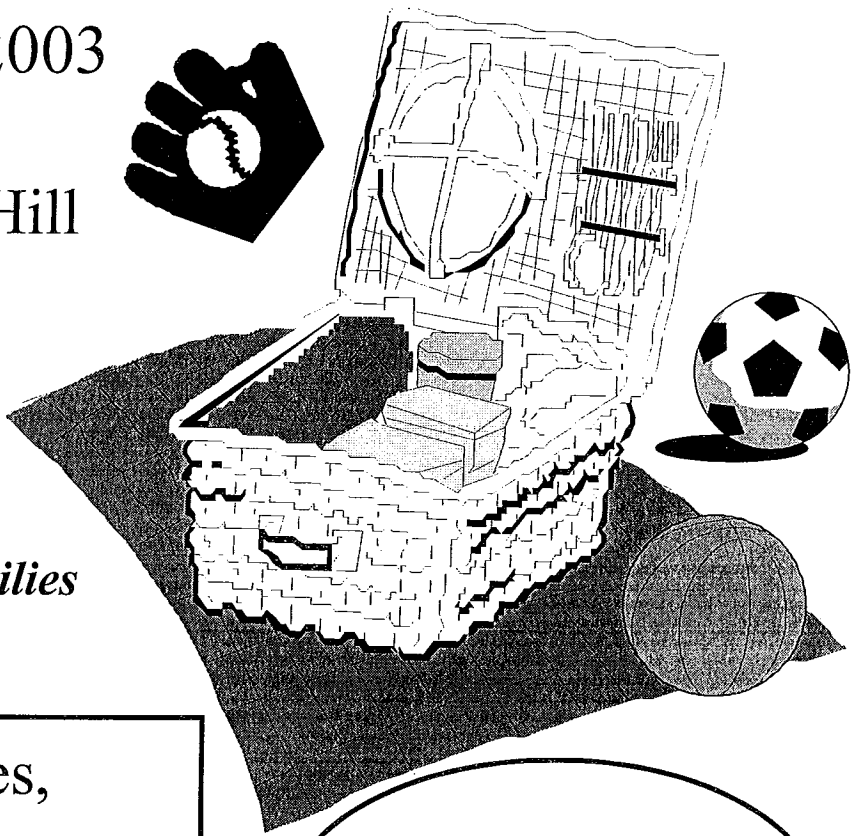
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Deadline: **October 3, 2003**

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## Heather and Gorse...cont'd from page 5

involved in the regulation process. Hey, they're regulation experts! Look at what they did for disease control in the golf course management business... first; they banned the use of mercury-based products for everything except nasal sprays and tooth fillings... now as a result, moss is running literally out-of-control on putting greens across the country. Remember Clorodane? One application, no pests, no problem! What a great concept!!! Now we have to worry about frit flies given the right environmental conditions. How about a little diazinon for three-month control of everything that moves? Sentinel was probably the best modern day fungicide on the market... can you say 45 days disease control? As for the Daconil limitations... I think y'all get my point.

Try to imagine a government regulated tournament golf course... I can envision the House and the Senate arguing over fairway height, rough height, bunker inconsistency, green speed, hole locations, etc. It actually sounds like the average monthly greens committee/board of directors meeting at any private golf facility. All right, maybe government regulation isn't the answer, but at the current rate of technological advancements within the golf industry; clubs, balls, and young athletes are far outpacing turf that can withstand ultra extreme mowing heights and the classic golf courses with limited length. Looking into the future of the green industry, something will eventually have to give way... the problem is no one knows exactly what that may be.

The bottom line... The grass is always greener on those artificial turf miniature golf putting surfaces, my friends... and the color of money? Well, that's the same color it's always been. That's my wild and wacky, mind-blowing, technologically inferior, oxymoronish, government-regulated point of view from the heather and gorse.

## Equipment For Sale

The following equipment is available for purchase from Lebanon Country Club. Please call (717) 273-1944 and ask for Dan Brickley.

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- 1994 John Deere Fairway Mower. Model 3215. \$2,000.00

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## From the Editor

Gone fishin. These are two words I haven't said enough of this year. When time allows, my favorite creeks seem to be flowing high and muddy. So its off to Craig, Montana for my annual pilgrimage to the Missouri River. Why Lewis and Clark didn't stay in this little bit of heaven on their journey west is beyond me. Craig is a typical western fly-fishing town situated about halfway between Great Falls and Helena with a population of maybe two hundred, with two bars and three fly shops. Most of the locals will turn either left to Helena or right to Great Falls and make the forty-five minute commute to work. There are a few sheep farms (no jokes please) around Craig as evidenced by the number of pickups you see with border collies riding in the back. However, the best thing about the area outside of the fishing is that there is NO CELLULAR SERVICE!

The Missouri River below the Holter Dam is a tremendous fishery, with rainbow trout populations of three thousand fish per river mile. It is easily fished while wading from shore, but the preferred way getting to the fish is in a Mackenzie River drift-boat. It takes all day to fish the six miles of water between the dam and the town of Craig. It is a mix of riffles and pools with good mayfly hatches and it seems that most of the larger fish inhabit this stretch of water. A typical day on this stretch of river will produce twenty five to thirty bows per person with an average size of eighteen to twenty inches. The next section we fish is from Craig to the Dearborn campground (which up until last year was free). There are eight campsites that are improved (in Montana that means the meadow was mowed once) otherwise just pitch your tent wherever you can. This is a popular float because the water moves at a slower pace and makes fishing dries from the boat a little easier. As you float down the river you are always on the lookout for heads, and the more heads the better. These fish seem to stand on their tails sucking in tiny mayflies as they drift by, leaving a tiny ring on the water. If it wasn't for their heads coming out of the water, chances are you wouldn't see them feeding. The last section we fish is from the Dearborn campground down through the canyon towards the town of Cascade. The canyon is just as you would imagine with sheer rock rising up seventy five to a hundred feet above the river. The only way to fish it is to float it. The fishing through the canyon can be very exciting if there are any hopper eaters. Casting grass-hopper patterns tight to the canyon walls and rubble piles produces many ferocious takes as rainbows charge up from the depths to get this large easy meal. You will still be looking for heads if the hopper fishing is slow. Just like anywhere else on the river if you can't find any heads look up, and chances are there are four or five bald eagles soaring overhead looking for a fish dinner!

Looking at the local fly shops web sites, it looks like the weather is cooling and the smoke from the fires west of Craig are creating a hazy break from the bright sun, all things that should help produce some great fishing. I'll update next month.

Mark MacDonald

## PTC Update

Each fall the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council holds golf tournaments in the Eastern and Western parts of the state. These two tournaments are one of the Council's many activities to support the advancement of the turfgrass industry in Pennsylvania by generating revenue for the Penn State turfgrass project. With your support, last year the Council was able to provide grants totaling \$190,000 for turfgrass research and educational activities. We are hoping to increase that amount for 2003 and will need your help to reach our goal.

**This year both of the PTC tournaments will be played on Monday, October 6.**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Western PA Turfgrass Tournament will be held at the famous Pittsburgh Field Club in Pittsburgh, PA. For those in the eastern part of the state, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Bent Creek Country Club, Lititz, PA.

Both tournaments are limited to a field of 32 teams. We encourage you to register early to insure your spot for a day of competitive camaraderie on one of these two outstanding courses. Entry forms must be returned by September 25 and payment must be included with the form to hold your space. You'll find registration forms for both tournaments on the PTC website: [www.paturf.org](http://www.paturf.org).

Should you have general questions about the tournaments contact the PTC Executive Office at: 814-355-8010. The Western Tournament is under the direction of Randy Zidik, CGCS (412-855-6702). The Valentine Memorial Tournament in the east is being directed by Jeffrey Fry, CGCS (717-273-0611).



Our Distinguished 2002 Rafferty Award Winner

## Golfers Seem To Understand

By Stanley J. Zontek  
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The people living in the USGA Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Region, along with most of the East Coast, cannot escape the reality of this season's weather. It has been wet...very wet. While extra rainfall was needed to fill reservoirs and replenish groundwater following the drought of 2002, too much of anything is never good. Golf courses are on the defensive. Most courses are following a conservative maintenance program. In other words, turf managers are being careful.

Turf managers know and appreciate the link between mechanical damage and the weakening or predisposition of the grass to disease and summer heat stress problems. To manage grass through this period, you try to minimize those factors that weaken grass.

- Do not cut grass too short
- Do not topdress too heavily (if at all)
- Do not groom or vertical mow too deeply (if at all)
- Lightly syringe the grass, but do not puddle or over water
- Switch from grooved to solid rollers
- Compress fungicide spray intervals
- Tank mix and rotate fungicide chemistries
- Do not over regulate the turf using growth regulators
- Punch holes. Vent the soil, dry out the soil and stimulate some new roots.

If there has been one surprise this summer it has been how golfers have accepted these practices even summer aeration. Maybe they are just happy playing golf in between the rain events. A few small aerator holes seem insignificant to simply being able to play a round of golf.

I personally like to think golfers are becoming more sensitive to the needs of the golf course during periods of inclement weather. I like to think that golfers accept the fact that turf managers are doing their best to maintain their golf courses in spite of some terrible weather.

The solution?

1. Be patient
2. Be understanding
3. If you want good weather for golf, go West where it has been hot and dry or travel to the United Kingdom and northern Europe where it also has been unusually hot and dry.

It seems to be a sign of our times that the globe is experiencing periods of weather extremes. Perhaps these situations will help all of us to better understand that we all must work together, especially when conditions are not conducive to produce the best possible golf turf. Right now, turf managers are just trying to keep the grass alive.

As always, if the Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists 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)) at 412/ 341-5922.

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## Golf In Its Proper Perspective

The following is forwarded not to offend tennis, basketball, football or soccer fans. It is, rather, an attempt to put everything in its proper perspective.

Ever wonder why golf is growing in popularity and why people who don't even play go to tournaments or watch it on TV?

These truisms may shed light:

- Golf is an honorable game, with the overwhelming majority of players being honorable people who don't need referees.
- Golfers don't have some of their players in jail every week.
- Golfers don't scratch their privates on the golf course.
- Golfers don't kick dirt on, or throw bottles at, other people.
- Professional golfers are compensated in direct proportion to how well they play.
- Golfers don't get per diem and two seats on a charter flight when they travel between tournaments.
- Golfers don't hold out for more money, or demand new contracts, because of another player's deal.
- Professional golfers don't demand that the taxpayers pay for the courses on which they play.
- When golfers make a mistake, nobody is there to cover for them or back them up.
- The PGA Tour raises more money for charity in one year than the National Football League does in two.
- You can watch the best golfers in the world up close, at any tournament including the majors, all day, every day for \$25 or \$30. The cost for a seat in the nosebleed section at the Super Bowl will cost around \$300 or more.
- You can bring a picnic lunch to the tournament golf course, watch the best in the world and not spend a small fortune on food and drink. Try that at one of the taxpayer funded baseball or football stadiums. If you bring a soft drink into a ballpark, they'll give you two options -- get rid of it or leave.
- In golf you cannot fail 70% of the time and make \$9 million a season, like the best baseball hitters (.300 batting average) do.
- Golf doesn't change its rules to attract fans.
- Golfers have to adapt to an entirely new playing area each week.
- Golfers keep their clothes on while they are being interviewed.
- Golf doesn't have free agency.
- In their prime, Greg Norman, Arnold Palmer and other stars, would shake your hand and say they were happy to meet you. In his prime Jose Canseco wore T-shirts that read "Leave Me Alone."
- You can hear birds chirping on the golf course during a tournament. Ladies are welcome players.
- At a golf tournament, (unlike at taxpayer-funded sports stadiums and arenas) you won't hear a steady stream of four letter words and nasty name calling while you're hoping that no one spills beer on you.
- Tiger Woods can hit a golf ball three times as far as Barry Bonds can hit a baseball.
- Golf courses don't ruin the neighborhood.

Finally, here's a slice of golf history you might enjoy.

Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, and not 20, or 10 or an even dozen? During a discussion among the club's membership board at St. Andrews in 1858, one of the members pointed out that it takes exactly 18 shots to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out. Now you know.

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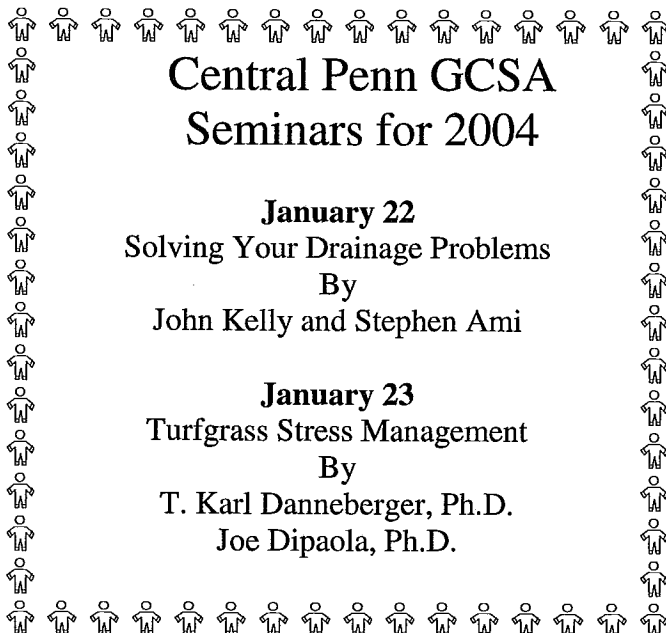
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