

June Meeting

Country Club of Harrisburg

June 8, 2004

10:15 AM - Speaker

11:00 AM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Shotgun

5:30 PM- Cocktails

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 8:30 AM.

Golf Course Profile

The Country Club of Harrisburg proper was founded in 1896. However, it would be twenty years later until they played golf on the current course. Designed by the famous "Philadelphia School" golf architect, William S. Flynn in 1916, the course gains its character by playing over, around, and through the rather undulating topography of the site that is bordered by Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River. While not overly long, golfers are faced with the full gamut of challenges expected from a round of golf played on a high caliber course. The course the members enjoy today is nearly identical to the original layout. However, sometime shortly after 1932 the course was reworked, with some routing changes, by Herbert Strong. Today the Club is in the process of implementing a multi-phase Master Plan prepared by Ault, Clark, & Associates, Ltd.

Superintendent Profile

Dave Frey began his golf course career in 1976, at the age of 15, when he was employed at Red Lion Country Club. He set goals for himself to obtain a degree in Turfgrass Management, and was accepted into the 2 year program at Penn State University in 1985. Upon graduation, Dave worked as 1st Assistant at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT. In 1990 he took the superintendent's position at the Elks Club in State College, PA where he remained for ten years. In 2000, he accepted his current position at the Country Club of Harrisburg. Dave enjoys hunting, fishing, and most other outdoor activities.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

The Spring, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow By Darin S. Bevard

In the past several weeks we have made numerous Turf Advisory Service visits throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. No major problems, beyond recovery from winter damage, have been reported, with a couple of notable exceptions. Routine spring maintenance, including seedhead control applications on *Poa annua* greens and vigilant scouting for early-season pests such as the annual bluegrass/Hyperodes weevil and black turfgrass Ataenius is the norm.

Annual bluegrass weevil adults have been active this spring. More superintendents are identifying these insect pests on their golf courses. Properly timed application of contact insecticides can control most of the adult population and limit potential damage to *Poa annua*. However, these critters can cause major damage to annual bluegrass turf and in isolated instances to creeping bentgrass. As the spring progresses, do not assume that turf on collars, tees, or edges of fairways is declining because of drought stress or other problems. Take the time to cut a plug from any declining or discolored areas and look for the rice-sized larvae with gold to bronze colored heads. It may save spraying a fungicide or other material thinking that disease is active when in fact it is an insect problem.

Results with seedhead control applications on *Poa annua* have been variable. The key to success with any seedhead control program is timing. Application timing is a combination of art, science, and a little luck. If you did not get good seedhead control this year, reevaluate the timing of product application for the future. Regardless of whether perfect seedhead control is achieved, any reduction in seedheads helps with playability. For those who did not apply growth regulators for *Poa* seedhead

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President's Message

If Mother Nature were ever in treatment she would have to be either Bipolar or schizophrenic. She did however cooperate with us at Wedgewood. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done to Andy Laverty and staff. In June we are meeting up with our friends from Keystone at Country Club of Harrisburg. As long as the weather holds out this will be a great day at a place I've always wanted to play. This meeting is limited to 72 players and will fill up so get the forms in fast!

On May 19, I will be attending a symposium on the Act 220 Water Resources Bill signed in December of 2002. The goal is to study water resources over the next five years. My fear is that the golf industry is merely a blip on the radar in the picture where the state is concerned for the future. Drought issues are very much one of those out of sight out of mind issues. It is very clear to me after the strides that were made in 2002, if they want to know how we can save water, they need us to tell them how. The conclusions from this meeting will be open for discussion at the June meeting. Remember, no matter where you go, there you are.

Pete Ramsey



Happy Father's Day!



Directions to Country Club of Harrisburg

401 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

From Harrisburg:

Cameron Street West to 322 West. Exit at Fishing Creek Valley Road (443). Turn right off exit.

From Points North:

Take 322 East to the Rockville exit right. Turn left on Fishing Creek Valley Road (443).

From Points South:

322 West to Fishing Creek Valley Road exit (443). Turn right off exit.

From Points East:

I-81 South to 322 West. Exit at Fishing Creek Valley Road (443). Turn right off exit.

From the West Shore:

81 North to 322 West. Exit at Fishing Creek Valley Road (443). Turn right off exit.

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Membership News

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

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Jeff Green, Assistant Superintendent
Lebanon Country Club..... Class C

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Mark Gutshall, President
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Hershey Golf Club..... Class B

Ron Nichols, Sales Representative
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We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

Todd Bidlespacher, Superintendent
Lancaster Country Club Class A

Andrew J. Lavery, Superintendent
Wedgewood Golf Course..... Class B

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Steve Ludwig at (717) 334-0441 or Jim Byrnes (717) 786-0547.

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control, a regular grooming and topdressing schedule can reduce the impact of seedheads on green speed and ball roll.

So what are the few exceptions mentioned above? The first problem that we have observed is the isolated occurrence of root *Pythium* on a few bentgrass greens. If turfgrass wilting is experienced on a wide scale basis at the first sign of warmer, drier weather, keep this pathogen in mind. Obtain definitive disease identification from a lab before proceeding with any fungicide application.

The second problem is wet weather. Those golf courses that are in the middle of bunker or drainage projects have seen slow progress because of the rain. Just keeping the grass in the roughs cut is a common problem this spring. This results in frustration for superintendents and golfers alike.

If the Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 696-4747 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) 412/ 341-5922.

Golf Results

The results from the 2 Man Better Ball tournament at Wedgewood Golf Course are as follows:

1st - 56	2nd - 57
Dan Fick	Eddie Scheck
Dave Krick	Chris Papada
3rd - 58	4th - 69
Dan Brickley	Andy Dumas
Jeff Green	Tom Brago

The June tournament at Country Club of Harrisburg will be a 4 Man Shamble with 2 players from Central and 2 players from Keystone Association.

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

What in the world ever happened to spring? Seems we've once again jumped from the frying pan into the fire regarding the seasons, leaving us wondering will we ever see a normal spring ever again? Of course, I guess this truly depends on your definition of normal? If normal is what it's supposed to be, then I can't remember the last time I've seen it! For real, when was the last time anyone could say we had a "normal" spring? For that matter, when was the last time we had a normal season? Think of it this way... only 100 more days until Labor Day.

On the fungus among us front, these abnormal weather conditions have Pink Snow Mold, Dollar Spot, and Anthracnose running abnormally rampant. In fact, there are many reports of Pink Snow Mold being misdiagnosed for numerous other diseases. Additionally, there have been reports of Brown Patch, although I'm not sure how severe the outbreaks have been.

On the critter front... There have been reports of Hyperodes and Ataenius adults, among others, running abnormally amuck. It looks like our good friend Dr. Heller may have another good year! Especially since there are some reports in the northeast of inconsistent control from a few of the primary grub control products on the market. As mentioned in a Heather and Gorse of yore, identify the pest prior to choosing your prevention strategy.

Weed-wise, I can't remember a year where clover and dandelions have been so abnormally prevalent. Considering that clover especially tends to favor calcium-poor, as well as nitrogen-poor soils, I can't help to wonder if there is a correlation to the abnormally excessive rain last season. Fortunately, there are many control products on the market today. Just remember that this weed is a telltale weed... meaning if you have a problem with it, it's should be telling you something.

PGR's have been abnormally flowing through sprayers this spring, many choosing to expand there spraying area into the rough and fringes areas in an effort to slow the growth and stay atop of the mowing, given the excessive rain.

Proxy-Primo has gone out for Poa seedhead control and has received mixed reviews. Generally, I've heard abnormally inconsistent seedhead control to be the most common criticism. This is a perception verses reality situation regarding expected results. The strengths of the Proxy-Primo combo lie in the broadening of the seedhead suppression window and the safety, to a point where a repeat application can be made, depending on one's strategic interests. One year ago, the general complaint was that Embark was not providing consistent seedhead suppression. I think it's fair to state that unless the planets abnormally align, that nothing will get you consistent suppression from one year to the next.

So back to the topic of what's normal. You know, we'd all like to think we're normal. I remember taking Genetics 320 as a young and stupid college freshman at Iowa State... The professor (Dr. WJ Miller) spent the first hour of the class explaining why we were all mutants of a sort. Abnormal in many distinct ways!

I remember a lyric from the George Thoroughgood song, One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer that states "she funny... You funny too!" Remember that old commercial where the kid says "I want to aspire to be middle management?" Let's face it, normal is not something a normal American strives to be!!!

Never has there been more of a misnomeric word than the word normal. It seems often that we hear about high profile people... movie stars, sports stars, rock stars, alike... who claim they just want to live normal lives. It's the proverbial "the grass is always greener on the other side." The reality is that none of us are normal.

How about America and the American lifestyle? Are we normal? If we're normal then why does everyone else in the world hate us, except when they need money, food, water, medicine, debt relief, etc. If we're normal then why are we the first to jump in and assist and often times the last to leave any global tragedy? Why are we held to a higher standard?

Take the Iraqi prisoner situation... Now, I'm not saying that taking photos of naked prisoners is necessarily morally right or wrong... But, we're being pressured to apologize for our behavior because it violates the Geneva Convention! Is hanging civilians and dragging their bodies through the streets covered in the Geneva Convention? What about decapitating a civilian on video and broadcasting it?

Now I've never read the scripts from the Geneva Convention... in fact, if it weren't for Hogan's Heroes reruns, I'd probably never have heard of the Geneva Convention, but it sure seems to be term that gets tossed about during a time of war.

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John Segui “Living the Good Life”

By Tom Valentine

(Below are excerpts from an interview by Tom)

John Segui vividly remembers his last day of work at Waynesborough Country Club on December 29, 1995. First he said his goodbyes to the clubhouse and pro shop staff where he had worked for exactly 26 years to the day. Then he gathered his crew together for one last time, thanked them and handed the reigns over to Mitch Trent. Afterwards, he headed out for one last walk around the whole golf course, stopping periodically to take in the view of several areas he was most proud of. There were certain holes he'd felt he'd enhanced, the lake construction he oversaw, numerous walls and countless other improvements and additions he was involved with during his watch. He returned to his car, made one final trip up to the clubhouse, circled the lot and on the way out, he took his watch off his wrist, hung it on his gear shift and turned left onto route 252. He smiled as he drove away and thought to himself that the only person he “really” had to satisfy in the golf industry was himself and he knew he had done that, he knew he had done the best job possible.”

John grew up in Berwyn, PA, the same town where he lives today with his wife Theresa. They recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and as John is quick to point out, he owes much of his success to the support of Theresa and his children Steven, Lisa, Tina and Joy. He is first and foremost a family man and now claims to have the greatest job of his life right now. “I’m a Daycare Grandfather to my grandson Tommy 20 months and granddaughter Sophia 16 months. We have them 5 days a week. It keeps you young”. “I think God made grandparents to make up for all the days you missed when you were a parent”, he says.

His superintendent career began at Phoenixville Country Club after returning from the Army in the mid 1950’s. From there he went to Whitford Country Club and then on to the newly opened “George Fazio” designed course in Paoli called Waynesborough. There have only been four superintendents in Waynesborough’s 40-year history, Mitch is the fourth. John also has the distinction of being one of only a handful of our members to have ever been elected president of the GCSAA. John is a familiar face at almost every PAGCS meeting and is often heard urging our members to make sure that they set themselves up so that “you can retire at an age when you’ll still enjoy life”. “There are these things called “weekends” that are great”, he jokes.

I met John for this interview in his favorite morning stop, “Our Deli” in Paoli. He says he’s been coming in there for over 20 years and rumor has it, he even has a key to the front door to open up in the morning. He laughs as recalls how he used to say “hello” to all the retired guys in there and that now he has joined the ranks. The diners endlessly joke with him during our interview and their comments are hilarious.

Tom: You have to be the happiest retiree around, but you’ve also said time and time again how much you loved the superintendent life.

John: Oh yeah, it’s a great profession to be in, but there have been some major changes from my days. The whole business was more relaxed back then and I think it has to do with the fact that the members were not as stressed-out as they are now. Today’s country club members never leave the office behind. They take their cell phones with them and they never get away from the pressure and it shows. Instead of enjoying a great round of golf and the beauty of their surroundings, they find fault with everything. They are always in CEO mode. I used to play at Waynesborough every once in awhile and the members would say, “it’s great to see you out playing a few holes”, now I’m sure they’d stare at you like why aren’t you working?

Tom: With all the experience you’d earned during the local and GCSAA years you must have been bombarded with sales rep offers after you left Waynesborough?

John: I had many offers and one I almost took with a company that I really respected, but on the morning I was going to sign the deal I decided with my wife, that I wanted to enjoy my retirement and put the daily grind behind me.

Tom: What was your reaction when your son, Steven decided to get into the business?

John: Like I said before, it’s a great profession, so when Steven told me he wanted to become a superintendent, I sent him right to PSU. Now there’s a guy who’s got his priorities straight. He understands his most important commitment in life is to his son and I’m proud of him. As I told him before, he’s a better Father than I ever was. A man should take time to be with his family. Putting your children first is my idea of being a success. What good is a job if your family gets neglected in the process?

Thanks Tom, for sharing this interview!!!

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In cooperation with the Turfgrass Program at Penn State, the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council is now posting articles on the PTC website concerning the research that is supported by the Council's fundraising efforts. The Turfgrass Council has contributed as much as \$200,000 a year to Penn State's turfgrass research from funds raised through membership fees, conferences and trade shows, and golf tournaments.

Penn State's 2003 *Turfgrass Research Report* was posted on the PTC website recently and can be accessed directly from the homepage at www.paturf.org. Released in April by Dr. George Hamilton, the annual report includes results of PTC supported research on:

- Topdressing NTEP, and Soil Amendment Evaluations
- Fungicide Evaluations
- Herbicide Evaluations
- Insecticide Evaluations
- Fertilizer and Root Zone Depth Evaluations

PTC's web link can be used to find each of Penn State's annual turfgrass research reports from 1999 to the most current. The reports can be read online or printed by specific article. Copies of the 2003 Turfgrass Research Report are also available by contacting Dr. Hamilton at: ghamilton@psu.edu

Other research results reported on the PTC website include an article by Dr. Andy McNitt on his "Evaluation of Playing Surface Characteristics of Various In-Filled Systems."

PTC's website also includes these features:

- Details on the *Growing the Game* campaign that is designed to create new sources of funding to support Penn State's Turfgrass Research;
- An "Events" listing that includes PTC's 2004 golf tournaments, Field Days in August, the Golf Turf Conference in November, and the 2005 Turf Shows in Philly, Pittsburgh and Wilkes Barre;
- Summaries of pertinent information from leading industry publications in the "Articles" section;
- "Links" to get quick access to more than 60 industry related websites.
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Speaker Profile

Our speaker for the June meeting will be Jeff Borger. The title of Mr. Borger's presentation will be "Poa seed head Suppression with Primo and Proxy." He has a B.S. in Turfgrass Science from Pennsylvania State University and is currently a second year Master's of Agronomy Student. His Master's research is titled "selective post emergence control of annual bluegrass in fairway height and green height creeping bentgrass" and he expects to receive his degree in August 2004.

At Penn State University, Jeff is a Research Support Technician responsible for managing a turfgrass field research program that encompasses the evaluations of grassy and broadleaf weed control and plant growth regulators. Annually he harvests, overseeds, and maintains approximately four acres of smooth crabgrass and broadleaf weeds. Jeff has conducted research at PSU for 12 years in the areas of PGR's, Weed Control and Surface Runoff, involved in 297 different research projects to date.

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

There seems to be a double standard when it comes to the rules of war and the treatment of prisoners. Remember when the Iraqis, as well as the liberal sector of this country, objected to how Saddam Hussein was filmed during his post-capture examination? How dare you film him while the doctor was checking his teeth? How humiliating! Did see all of that plaque? Somebody better get him a Waterpic! Excuse me, isn't this the same Iraqi Dictator that has murdered thousands of innocent people throughout his tyrannical reign? And someone is worried about someone else filming his oral examination and that examination being humiliating?

Take a second and imagine if you will that Saddam Hussein was in charge of the Iraqi prison camp... Do you think filming the Iraqis getting naked and jumping in a pile would be the primary concern of the prisoners? My God, they'd be in fear for their lives!

But, we as Americans, especially during an election year in which a Republican president is in office and vying for a second term, are being held to a higher standard. We need to apologize to the world for everything bad that has ever happened to everyone else but ourselves.

I'm not trying to puff our country up with imaginary self-importance, but forget a global economy for a second. This whole war on terror thing has got me thinking about a global-less economy. Maybe we ought forget saving everyone else on the planet and start worrying about saving ourselves.

Let's apologize for everything we've ever got involved with outside of the US and focus 100% of our efforts at protecting ourselves. Let's close off the borders, kick out all illegal immigrants, eliminate college exchange programs, supply our own oil and gas, stop giving resource aide and free money to anyone outside of our country! Let's let Germany, France, and Japan and a few others worry about themselves and the rest of the world! Let's let them make the tough decisions about what is right and wrong and see if they like it.

Of course, the unfortunate truth is that we all know this can't and/or never will happen. While we ultimately know that the grass is never greener on the other side, it is nice to dream during these abnormally hot, humid days of spring.

That's my normally abnormal, misdiagnosed, critter-infested, nitrogen-deficient, growth-regulated, globally political view from the heather and gorse.

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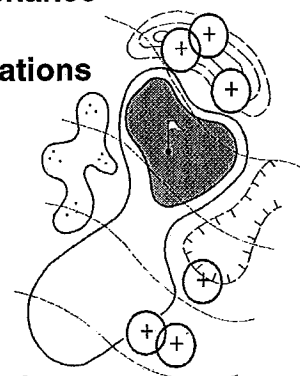
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- Sponsoring member is responsible for any costs to the host's club.
- A guest is limited to two (2) meetings per year with the exception of club officials or with Board approval.

Fast Facts

- It takes 4,000 grains of sugar to fill a teaspoon.
- You burn 3.5 calories each time you laugh.
- When you blush, the lining of your stomach also turns red.
- On average, people spend more than five years of their lives dreaming.
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Erb & Henry Equipment, Inc.

David "Tiny" Heimbach
22-26 Henry Avenue
New Berlinville, PA 19545
(610) 367-2169

Finch Services, Inc.

Reid Mitchell, Tom Brago,
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North Wales, PA
(800) 875-TURF
Westminster, MD
(800)-78-DEERE

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Farm & Golf Course Supply

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7725 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128
(215) 483-5000

Fisher & Son Company

Thomas Mahute
3009 Gloucester Street
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 892-1455

Golf Cars Inc.

Paul Szymanski
Box 247
Buckingham, PA 18912
(215) 340-0880

Grass Roots

Steven Chirip
P. O. Box 336
Mount Freedom, NJ 07970
(570) 839-3399

Helena Chemical Corp.

Jim Byrne
94 Tanglewood Drive
Quarryville, PA 17566
(717) 786-0547

Hollingers Sports 'N Turf

Leroy Hurst
4126 Oregon Pike
Ephrata, PA 17522
(800) 650-1398

Hydro Designs, Inc.

Michael Krones, Paul McMahon
3 College Avenue, Suite 8
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 360-9663

Jade Run Sod Farm

P. O. Box 216
Bethel, DE 19931
(302) 875-7504

Lawn & Golf Supply Co.

Greg Borzok, Ted Zabrenski
647 Nutt Road,
P. O. Box 447
Phoenixville, PA 19460
(610) 933-5801

Northern Nurseries, Inc.

Dan Fick
Rt. 115, Sullivan Trail
Wind Gap, PA 18091
(610) 863-6006

Outside Unlimited, Inc.

Golf Course Irrigation Division
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4195 St. Paul Road
Hampstead, MD 21074
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Philadelphia Turf Company

Tom Drayer
4049 Landisville Road
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(215) 345-7200

Shearon Golf

Charlie McGill, Jr.
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Simplot Partners

Don Hollinger, Dan Davis,
Paul Wickey, Jim MacLaren
858 Mt. Joy Road
Manheim, PA 17545
(717) 664-4204

Syngenta

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Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 917-5361

Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel

Ray Zelek, Ron Carusi
Route 610 & Sharp Road
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(609) 861-2082

Watson Irrigation Supply, Inc.

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2004 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

July 19	Hanover Country Club
August 31	Conestoga Country Club Joint Meeting with PAGCS
September	Honeybrook Golf Club
October 18	West Shore Country Club Annual Meeting