

## May Meeting

### Wedgewood Golf Course

**May 12, 2004**

**11:00 AM - Lunch on your own/Warm up**

**12:00 Noon - Shotgun**

**4:30 PM - Cocktails**

**5:30 PM - Dinner**

**There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 9:30 AM.**

## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### What Happened To Spring?

By Stanley J Zontek, Director  
March 22, 2004

The calendar says that spring arrives on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The snow on the ground at both our West Chester and Pittsburgh offices suggests otherwise! The optimism sparked by some warm weather a few weeks ago is tempered by the realization that we have been in a period of weather extremes and this pattern obviously continues.

The first examples of winter damage have been confirmed. That's the bad news. The good news is that most of the damage is confined to areas where winter injury can be expected, that is, areas that accumulate water and ice and have poor surface drainage. Also, this type of injury seems to be worse on shaded/pocketed greens that also tend to have higher populations of *Poa annua*.

On most other turf areas, while the grass may look discolored it seems to be exhibiting only superficial damage. We just need some good growing weather for the grass to green-up and begin its spring growth.

To help this process along, don't forget light spring fertilization. Extra fertilizer can help the grass grow out of its winter discoloration that is due to desiccation. This is a type of freeze-drying. Also, most grasses develop their root systems in the spring.

Also, research indicates a link between fertility and fungicide effectiveness. That is, fungicides simply work better in the presence of some nitrogen fertilization. The grass may need some extra fertilizer, but, as always, do not over-fertilize the turf. While we mention nitrogen, balanced fertility is always important. Remember the basics, the grass needs nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in the traditional 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 ratios.

Source: Stan Zontek, [szontek@usga.org](mailto:szontek@usga.org) or 610-696-4747

## Golf Course Profile

Wedgewood Golf Course is a member of the Distinct Golf family. It has been in operation for more than 30 years. Wedgewood is a public, 27-hole course located in the scenic Lehigh Valley. The original 18 holes were built by the Jones family in 1963. The new Oak 9 was designed by Jim Blaukovitch and opened in 2000. The course features tree-lined fairways, meandering streams, and rolling landscape. Wedgewood is an attractive and well-groomed course and is sure to test golfers of all skill levels. Wedgewood was well maintained for many years by now retired member Dave Linde. Be sure to refine your game by practicing on our irrigated, all grass fully automated driving range.

## Superintendent Profile

Andy Laverty is in his first full year as Superintendent of Wedgewood Golf Course. He is a graduate of the Rutgers 2 year Turfgrass Program. Before coming to Wedgewood to help with the construction of the new Oak 9, he worked as 2nd Assistant at Fairview. Andy is the grandson of long time member Jay Angelo. He also recently married Melissa—they have one dog named Humphrey.

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## President's Message

Hopefully by the time you read this my soil temps will have crept above 45 degrees. Mother Nature sure is taking it nice and easy this year. So far it's better than last years rained out weekends. One thing has not changed for this year, people's ability behind the wheel of a golf cart! There must be a physiological reason why a persons IQ drops 40 points and their motor skills become severely impaired when they rent a cart. Now that we have invested in a continuous path and new carts, this is my major pet peeve. Inevitably they lie about knowing of the rules and then confess when pressured. I almost feel bad, they look humiliated. They should stick with the lie or blame their IQ and motor skills.

Tony Goodley and Jed Vail served up a gem as always. Their course and hospitality were first class. I must admit however my wife is demanding I reinstall our microwave. If you were not there that will make no sense. In May we are traveling to the northeast part of the association to visit Wedgewood Golf Club. Our host is a new member the association, so please welcome him. Please take care and travel safe and remember for most amateurs, the best wood in the bag is the pencil.

Pete Ramsey



# Happy Mother's Day!



## Directions to Wedgewood Golf Course

### From Harrisburg

From Route 78 use Exit 60 from Harrisburg to Route 309 South (Quakertown). Travel approximately a quarter mile and bear right to Saucon Valley Road West. Make a right at the light onto Saucon Valley Road West. At the second stop sign make a left onto Limeport Pike. Drive approximately a quarter mile and turn right into our parking lot.

### From New Jersey

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### From Philadelphia:

From the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike take Exit 32 for Quakertown. After the toll, make a left onto 663 North. Continue to the intersection of Route 309. At the light, make a left onto Route 309 North. Travel approximately 11 miles to the intersection of Saucon Valley Road. There is no left turn at that intersection so travel past the light and bear right to take the jug-handle around to the light. Stay on Saucon Valley Road West until you are at the second stop sign. Make a left onto Limeport Pike. Drive approximately a quarter mile and turn right into our parking lot.

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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.

Todd Bidlespacher, Superintendent  
Lancaster Country Club ..... Class A

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

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

Donald M. Beidler, Sales Representative  
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Scott L. Giles, Superintendent  
Springwood Golf Club..... Class A

Michael Nati, President  
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Indian Creek Golf Club..... 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.

### Continued Well Wishes to:

George Hamilton and his family. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

### Congratulations to:

Jed and Sarah Vail on the birth of their son.

Corky Knoll of Moslem Springs Golf Club and Kenny Dietrich of Lancaster Country Club on their recent retirements.

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## Penn State Conducting Survey of Putting Green Conditions in Pennsylvania

Penn State has initiated a survey of putting green conditions in Pennsylvania. The objective of the survey is to evaluate putting green characteristics, such as green speed, surface hardness, thatch depth, etc., and other non-agronomic factors like operating budget and determine which factors are strongly correlated with one another. Over 70 golf courses will participate in the study, which represents about 10% of the total golf courses in the state. The survey will be concluded in the fall of 2004 and results will be published in early 2005. The results will help golf course superintendents and golfers better understand the what conditions are required in order to maintain fast green speeds and how their golf courses compare to golf courses within the same economic status.

The study is being funded by the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Greater Pittsburgh Golf Course Superintendents Assoc., Mountain and Valley Golf Course Superintendents Assoc., and the Philadelphia Assoc. of Golf Course Superintendents. For more information please contact Dr. George W. Hamilton at 814.865.3007 or Bob Raley at 814.777.3007.

## Mechanic's Tip

Skip Owen, Equipment Manager at the Carlisle Country Club has volunteered this month's tip.

**Problem:** The original skid bar on the ends of the National Mower units were causing unacceptable turf damage under certain conditions. (Photo 1)

**Solution:** Skip has replaced the skid bar with a 5" round common mower deck wheel. (Photo 2) He then welded a 5 1/2" x 3/8" triangular plate in place of the skid bar. Finally, he drilled a 1/2" hole to mount the deck wheel so it is set about 1/4" high.

We now have Nationals that do not damage wet/soft turf for a materials cost of less than \$20. For more details, feel free to contact Skip by phone (717) 243-7569 or email [gfantuzzi@aol.com](mailto:gfantuzzi@aol.com).

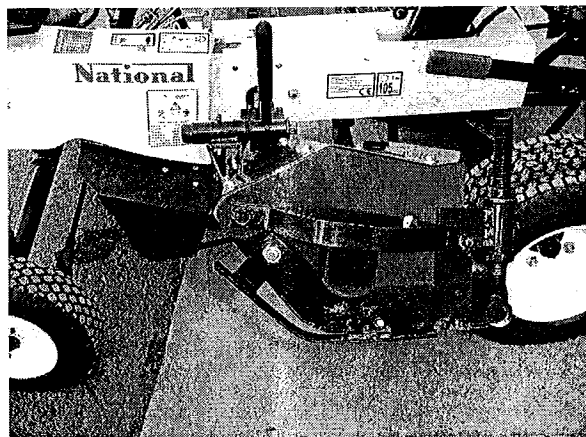


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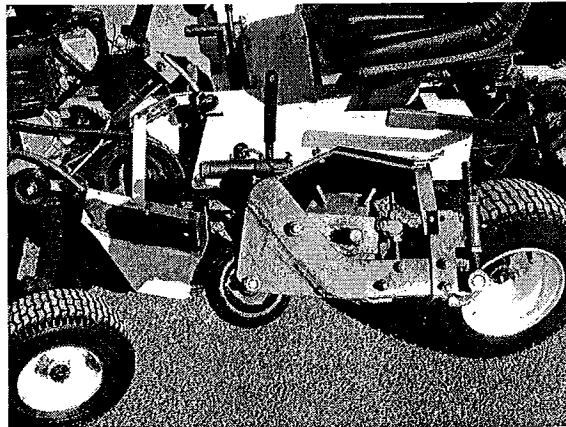


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## Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

### Some transitional and scattered thoughts from the world of heather and gorse...

**A mystery question of life as we just passed tax day 2004...** If the words "IN GOD WE TRUST" are ingrained on every dollar produced by the US Treasury Department and 10% (give or take) is good enough for Jesus every Sunday, then shouldn't a 10% tax be good enough for the government that trusts in God? I would find it hard to believe if we're not the most taxed society on the planet!

**On John Gehman's feature article in the GCSAA's Golf Course Management magazine...** Awesome, baby! One of the best GCM articles I've ever read! As for his interest in honing his writing skills, he's more than welcome to practice on a monthly basis in the Green Sheet.

**On the Master's...** who ever said a modern day major golf event couldn't be exciting without Tiger in the hunt? The final nine holes beginning with Sergio's surge... through Ernie Els' birdie barrage... finishing with Mick's miraculous tournament winning putt... it was hands down the most exciting final nine holes since 1986 when Jack Nicklaus charged back to win. Definitely one of the most uplifting events I've ever seen in real time. With the monkey off his back, Lefty might just win the Grand Slam!

**On Ken Venturi's attempted retraction of his claim that Arnold Palmer cheated to win the 1958 Masters (I think he retracted his claim because no one paid attention to his original claim)...** ultimately it depends on your definition of the word cheated? Uh, I never said the word cheated... Arnold didn't cheat... he simply knowingly failed to follow the proper procedure as outlined in the USGA Rules of Golf! Uh, yeah, it was the USGA Rules official that ruled improperly... yeah, that's it! Most humorous is that he claims he didn't release this information back in 1958 because he was afraid of how the media would react... considering that the media paid him no mind in 2004, maybe his life has truly come full circle! Maybe for his next project he can team up with Johnny Miller and write a book on putting green "grain" as seen through the eyes of the PGA Tour.

**On Dr. Frank Rossi's recently released preliminary findings that sticking to the agronomic fertility basics is qualitatively equal and quantitatively more cost effective than using many of the higher priced products on the market...** well, duh! The USGA Green Section has been questioning the lack of research regarding many of the new products on the market for as long as I can remember (which in my current state of mind is at least since last week or so). Seriously, if I've said it once I've said it one thousand times... show me the research before you charge me an arm and a leg for Uric Acid! Everything agronomic that you needed to know about growing quality turf was taught in Agronomy 101 and yet, most superintendents (including me in my past life!) have to be reminded about once every three to five years to get back to the basics. Annual applications of the basics... lime, potash, phosphate, etc. are where the good superintendents start and usually where the good superintendents end up. Keep It Simple Stupid!!!

**On Scott's Round-up Ready Bentgrass being scrutinized by environmentalists fearful that it will escape onto public land, predominate, and grow uncontrollably...** the aforementioned environmentalists don't always think environmentally do they. If it escapes, simply overwater it, underfertilize it, and cut it at 1/10<sup>th</sup>... eventually *Poa annua* will take over! If this fails, apply Finale... there is certainly more than one way to kill a rogue bentgrass plant.

**On the TV show "The Apprentice" having a final project of directing the Chrysler Trump Golf Tournament charity golf event at Trump National Golf Club...** I don't understand what all the stress was about... in fact, I know at least 100 guys in the CPGCSA that could have outperformed the eventual winner Bill Rancic in this particular task.

**On Apprentice winner Bill Rancic passing up managing the renovation of Trump National Golf Club-Los Angeles for managing the construction of a tall building in Chicago...** I always wondered what happened to that golf course that slid into the Pacific Ocean! We now all know "the Donald" has spent millions to rebuild it! Oh, and by the way, it will be at least as good as Pebble Beach!

**On whether \$250,000 per year is enough to get any one sane individual to put up with "the Donald?"** Probably not, but given the right timing, it sure would be fun to try!

**On American Idol's out-of-tune William Hung capitalizing on his 15 minutes of fame and releasing a CD...** what else can be said... she definitely bangs! But only in America!!!

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## Subject: Useful Golf Book

### Useful Golf Book

I've been reading a new book, if any of you would like to borrow it just let me know. It's called the "Useful Golf Book." It contains some really good articles such as:

- How to Line Up Your Fourth Putt
- How to hit a Nike from the rough when you hit a Titleist from the tee.
- How to avoid the water when you lie 8 in the bunker.
- How to get more distance off the shank.
- Using your shadow on the greens to maximize earnings.
- Proper etiquette when you are playing with a complete jerk.
- Crying and how to handle it.
- How to rationalize a 7 hour round.
- How to find that ball that everyone else saw go in the water.
- Why your wife no longer cares that you birdied the 4th.
- How to let a foursome play through your two-some without getting embarrassed.
- How to relax when you're hitting five off the tee.
- When to suggest swing corrections to your opponent.
- God and the meaning of the double bogey.

Now working on the book's sequel, "When to Re-grip Your Ball Retriever."

*Thanks to Greg Borzok for this contribution.*

## For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the June newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to [cpgcsa@nbn.net](mailto:cpgcsa@nbn.net) by May 17, 2004.

## We Want You!

### Participate in the 2004 North American Bird Watching Open

Saturday, May 8, 2004

Equip yourself with binoculars, field guides, and a hot cup of coffee and head out for an early start for the seventh annual North American Bird Watching Open on International Migratory Bird Day, Saturday, May 8, 2004. Over the course of 24-hours, participants identify as many different birds as they can on their properties. Certificates are awarded to members in each region who record the most species. Members are encouraged to invite someone experienced in bird identification to help, if needed, to contribute to a more accurate count. (Note: Properties do not need to be registered in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and Audubon Signature Programs in order for people to participate.)

To participate, register online at

[<http://www.audubonintl.org/projects/birdwatchopen/>](http://www.audubonintl.org/projects/birdwatchopen/).

You can download registration forms, rules, a bird checklist, and tips for success. If you would like to participate, but do not have internet access, please call

Jennifer Batza at (518) 767-9051, extension 12.

## CPGCSA Guest Policy

Guests will be limited to the following:

- One guest per member per meeting with the approval of the host superintendent. (As indicated on the reservation form)
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## Golf Results

The results from the April tournament at Heritage Hills Golf Resort are as follows:

### 1st Place

John Colo  
Terry Wueschinski  
Harry Grove

### 2nd Place

Bob Wert  
Mike Giordano  
Mannie Scalia  
Barry Goodhart

### 3rd Place

Ray Zelek  
Dick Kauffman  
Joe Herkalo  
Steve Ludwig

### Longest Drive

Pete Ramsey

### Closest to Pin

Ken Robinson

The May golf tournament at Wedgewood Golf Course will be a 2 Man Better Ball with Full Handicap.

## Equipment For Sale

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- Jacobsen Greensking IV Triplex with cutting units, spiker units, and spare parts.
- Cushman 300 gallon sprayer—5th wheel attachment
- Toro Leaf and Debris Loader
- 2 - Jacobsen Walk behind 22" Greensmowers with Honda engines
- 3 - Jacobsen walk behind 22" Greensmowers with 2 cycle engines
- 1 Mars Greensweeper

Please contact Tony Goodley at Heritage Hills Golf Resort 717-755-1919 for information on the following:

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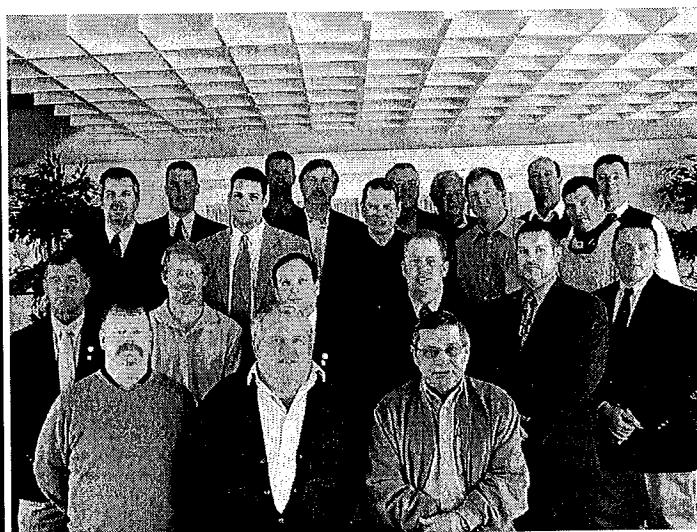
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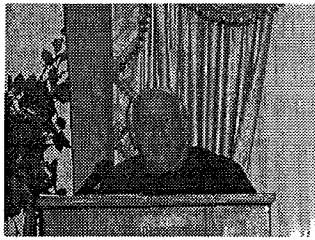


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## CPGCSA Board of Directors with Past Presidents



Please contact Wanda with any employment or address changes, so that we can keep our records up to date.



## Sick and Tired!!!

This past meeting held at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, we shared the knowledge of Mr. Robert Hubbard from "Geeseaway". The title of Bob's presentation was: "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired?" In this day and age of diet this, and low carb that, vitamins everywhere from everyone... what is a person to do? Bob had some ideas and shared some of his research with us that morning. Here are a few of his comments:

- Diet soda with Aspartame: Is not healthy for the body's inner organs. (Aspartame in the liver turns into formaldehyde), then you gain weight.
- Fluoride: Friend or foe? Not good for skin, Makes teeth stronger and bones more brittle.
- Microwave ovens: research findings with its original name: "Radar Range" is not good. Not to mention if you leave the plastic on food while cooking/defrosting. Toxic fumes and artificial heat may hinder vitamin content and taste, while plastic leeches into the food.
- Vitamins: Some sewer authorities remove drums full of "non-digested" tablets every year. Bob recommends powdered or liquid forms, which do not have "car finish" type coatings on them, which can be better absorbed.
- Headaches and pains? Try Calcium!
- Look at those pretty Geese kids! ...And their toxic poop!
- Animals in the home...not recommended; cats and dogs can carry viruses and allergens into the home. (On the web, check out: "Zoonotics" and "Colloidal Silver" an Antibiotic)
- Got Ulcers? Try Worm Wood!
- Bob recommended at least three Herbs of value he takes daily: A capsule containing: Cloves, Worm Wood, and Walnut tincture. Ironically enough; bugs do not feast on these herbs because they are toxic to them. "Kroger Herbs" can be found in health food stores. In addition to that he adds 1 tbsp of Celtic Sea Salt into 1 gallon of distilled water and drinks a couple glasses per day. (Has 82 Minerals)
- Parent Magazine study: found that some patients with A.D.D. and Autism can be remedied with the elimination of dairy products!

This is a small list of interesting notes from the meeting, which turned out to be an excellent day! For more information or to receive a copy of Robert Hubbard's printing. Please call him to reserve a copy when it receives a copyright. (717) 838-4331.

No matter what you subscribe to: High Carb, low fat or low carb higher fat, this material will encourage to think about what you put into your body every day. I feel compelled to share an observation from a well-aged individual.

My Grandmother is 83 years old, scrubs the floors on her hands and knees each week, still hangs the clothes on the line to dry them, rarely, if ever, uses a microwave, and is not quite sure what all a computer can do. Her phone still has a cord and just recently went to "push button" while caring for her Granddaughter. She uses products like: Bleach, Mr. Clean, butter, "real" eggs, home made bread, hand made pies, fudge, nut rolls, vegetables, meat, poultry, Pepsi (full strength) and Dove soap. She frequents a restaurant a few times a year for special occasions with friends or family and says, "Yeah it was good". She does more physical activity in a week than some of us do in one month!

After visiting her this past Easter it dawned on me that her house was free of: Low fat Oreos, cut and bake cookies, Diet Pepsi, Margarine, Sweet n low, the Gallon sized milk jug, pre-made breads, pastas and donuts.

The past few years have been a time to question what we are doing to ourselves through work, foods, and idle time. We will continue to learn more through medicine and what we can do, or sometimes more importantly, what not to do to extend our lives with high energy and quality.

As always, "Read the Label".

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**Farm & Golf Course Supply**

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**Grass Roots**

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**Helena Chemical Corp.**

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**Jade Run Sod Farm**

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**Northern Nurseries, Inc.**

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### **2004 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule**

<b>June 8</b>	<b>Country Club of Harrisburg Joint Meeting with Keystone</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Hanover Country Club</b>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>Conestoga Country Club Joint Meeting with PAGCS</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Honeybrook Golf Club</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>West Shore Country Club Annual Meeting</b>