

## June Meeting

### The Links at Gettysburg

**June 7, 2005**

**11:30 AM - Speaker**

**12:30 PM - Lunch**

**1:30 PM - Shotgun**

**There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 10:00 AM.**

## Superintendent Profile

A.J. Moyer has been golf course superintendent for one and a half years at Links of Gettysburg after being promoted from Assistant Superintendent. He has a Bachelor Of Science degree from Penn State University and was formerly in golf course construction with Shearon Environmental Design. A.J. is looking forward to becoming a member of Central Penn.

## Golf Course Profile

The Links at Gettysburg opened in 1998 to raved reviews in the golf community. The course was designed by Lindsey Erving and built by Total Excavating producing many dramatic holes in Gettysburg's haloed country side. The facility is owned and operated by Rick Klein.

*The speaker for the June Meeting at The Links at Gettysburg is Mike Fidanza.*

## Directions to Links at Gettysburg

Take Route 15 South to Route 134 South, go approximately 4 miles and turn right at Mason-Dixon Road, go 1 mile to entrance on right.

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## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### Has Spring Finally Sprung?

By Stanley Zontek, Director  
May 23, 2005

As this update is being written it is raining. While dry weather in the spring is good for root development, the ground was getting too dry, and extensive mid-May watering somehow seemed to be too early of a start. The old timers have always said, once you start to water you never seem to stop.

The cool spring temperatures have impacted the grass in areas where growth regulators have been applied. In our travels we have observed almost every golf course that has applied growth regulators, alone or in blends, experience bentgrass discoloration. The *Poa annua*, while regulated, is not affected. This is a classic cold weather/growth regulator effect. Be patient; with warmer temperatures the grass will grow out of this condition. A little soluble nitrogen and iron also can help.

Zoysiagrass and bermudagrass fairways, while green, just are not growing. Remember, there is a good reason why they are called *warm-season grasses*. It sure has not been all that warm during the day, but especially at night. Again, be patient, and quick-release nitrogen from granular fertilizers such as urea and ammonium sulfate are best used now.

"Global warming" doesn't seem to be the case this spring in the Mid-Atlantic. More than a few superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic Region would like to have warmer temperatures to get the grass growing for the 2005 golf season.

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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## President's Message

It really was an odd feeling finishing up a golf meeting at 2:30 in the afternoon. I appreciate all the positive comments on our efforts to try something new with our schedule. Foxchase is exactly the type of facility that works in today's golf business especially with the condition that Dan keeps it in. In June we are traveling south to a new venue for us at The Links of Gettysburg. Everyone that plays here loves it and says it's worth the trip.

I had briefly mentioned at Foxchase about the GCSAA's new FM Membership and want to reiterate exactly what it is. First of all it is almost an admission on their point that dual membership does exclude many people at the local level. FM stands for "Facility Membership". The club and not the individual is the member of a local chapter. The club would obviously have their golf course superintendent represent them in Central Penn without having to join the national. All of us know facilities that could benefit from this and need to let them know about it. See you on the battlefield.

Pete Ramsey

## Happy Father's Day

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what you have on your mind.  
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suggests, and defends.  
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but when things go wrong,  
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for giving and sharing,  
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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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Chester Valley Golf Club ..... Class C

Grant Huffman, 2nd Assistant Superintendent  
Chester Valley Golf Club ..... Class C

Rebecca J. Mattis, Assistant Superintendent  
Blue Ridge Country Club ..... Class C

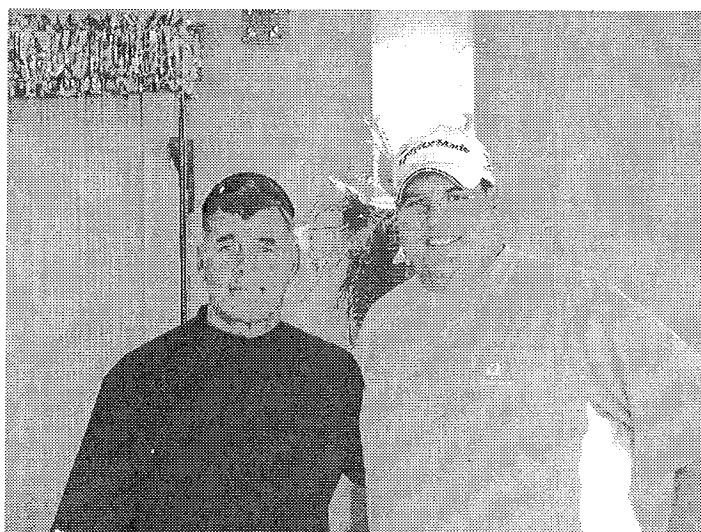
Dr. David Spak, Field Development/Tech Service  
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## Congratulations to:

Darin and Katie Bevard on the birth of their daughter,  
Samantha.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Terry Bennett, 717-770-4725.

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### Gross

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**2nd**  
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## CPGCSA Guest Policy

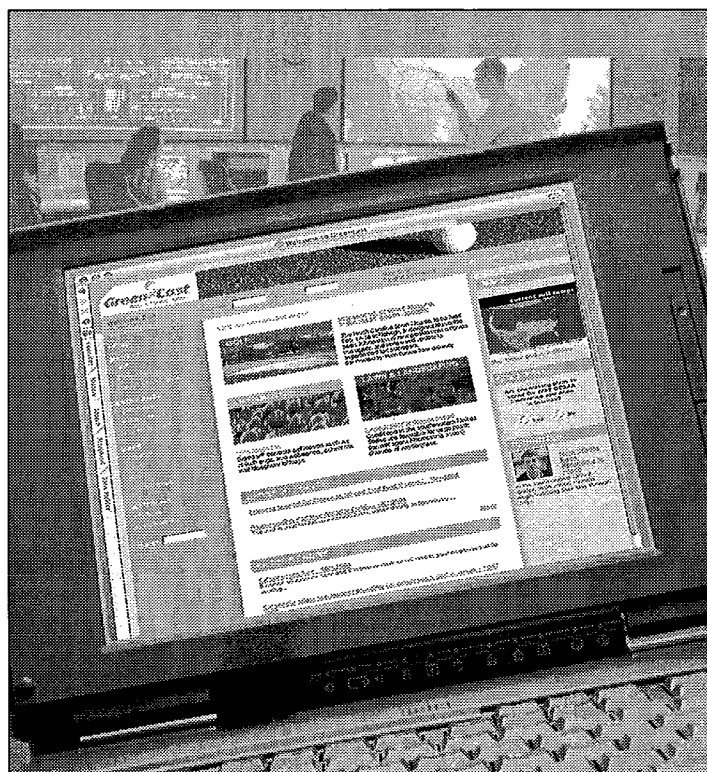
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- One guest per member per meeting with the approval of the host superintendent. (As indicated on the reservation form)
- Sponsoring member is responsible for any costs to the host's club.
- A guest is limited to two (2) meetings per year with the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

## Equipment For Sale

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## Heather and Gorse

By Mark V. DelSantoro, CGCS

Wow, over the past month, we have experienced one beautiful stretch of spring weather. Aside from a few warm days in the 80's and a few cool days in the 60's, it has been drop dead gorgeous with average highs in the low 70's and average lows in the low 50's. I know it has been a little dry for some of you and some fungicide salespeople might even argue that it has been a bit too cool, but hey, it's one of the few things in life we actually have to live with! So get over yourselves and learn how to enjoy it while it lasts!!!

So, given the weather, there is a whole lot of nothing going on in the world of golf maintenance. At this point in the season most *Poa* seed heads that could be suppressed have been, most BTA and Hyperodes adults have been sprayed, and most aerification holes have been punched. If you have had Dollar Spot issues in the past, hopefully you've slammed the disease inoculum with a high rate of a Dollar Spot ass-kicking DMI fungicide to suppress any disease incidence well into the summer months. Most important, I hope most of you are taking advantage of the weather, spending time with your families, keeping your wives and/or girlfriends happy, and preparing yourselves for the soon-to-arrive three-month war known as summer.

On the home front, my wife, Trish, seems to be mildly annoyed with me... of course one can't hold any woman responsible for their actions during any of their four trimesters of maternity... Lord, I apologize... seems she happened by the past two H & G articles, which happened to mention a few stories revolving around her, which my deeply demented sense of humor happened to think were, at minimally, mildly entertaining. The weighty issue of her pregnancy was probably tolerable in her semi-demonic state of mind... I think she knows how much I worshipped the ground she waddled on during this past year... but my bust on her intelligence regarding throwing flour on a kitchen grease fire and of course, my comment about the fire extinguishers inability to extinguish the fire simply due to a lack of understanding regarding the proper use of that said fire extinguisher... hell, I'm still thrilled to no end that she knew where it was located and more importantly, what it was suppose to be used for in the event that some small, insignificant two-foot tall flame threaten to catch our luxurious little house on fire and she happened to know how to use it... any how, let's just say that she now requires me to allow her to proofread any articles before I send them forth to be disseminated to the masses.

The other net result from mentioning my lovely bride in my previous two articles is that after nearly eight years of her tolerating me writing this column, she actually is considering repaying me by writing a rebuttal article about what it's like to live with me and/or how to tolerate living with a golf course superintendent or in my case, ex-superintendent. Assuming she was simply bluffing, although being well aware of the fact that Trish has an extremely sharp tongue, as evident from my daughter, Julianna, who is an apple that hasn't fallen far from her mother's tree, I officially called her out on the carpet and challenged her. She tells me she's going to do it if she can find the time between her fire extinguisher safety training class, running the other kids to the YMCA, and feeding Nathaniel. Thus, don't be totally surprised if in the upcoming months you'll be reading a somewhat more twisted view of the world of golf maintenance from someone who has experienced the good, the bad, and the ugly from the front row.

On the PGA Tour side of the golf world, I heard this past week that Tiger Woods missed his first cut in eight years... his streak of 142 straight cuts on the PGA tour came to an end at the Byron Nelson in Texas, when he missed a 15 foot par putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. This streak was simply amazing considering the new best consecutive cut streak on tour is the Big Easy, Ernie Els, at 20 events. As good as Vijay Singh has played over the past few years, he's missed a few cuts. And yet much of the sports world just doesn't seem that impressed. It's blatantly obvious to me that not many of the sportswriters in the world ever played on the PGA Tour, or for that matter, even consider golf to be a real sport.

Prior to Tiger's streak, the previous record was held by this past week's tournament host Byron Nelson himself, when back in the 1940's, he made 113 consecutive cuts. Think about it from the perspective of all of the golfing greats that have since teed it up... Palmer, Player, Nicklaus, Norman... l'est we forget Johnny "the yipper" Miller and his 1-½ year dominance back in the early to mid 1970's... for over fifty years Iron Byron's streak has been virtually untouchable. The critics are complaining that during Tiger's streak there were some tournaments where there wasn't a cut line. Additionally, I've heard comments to the fact that he had to scramble late in the second round on several occasions in the past few years to make the cut. I personally find this logic absolutely ridiculous!

I never saw Jumpin' Joe play baseball... I did happen to see him sell a few Mr. Coffee coffee makers! OK, so let me get this straight, Joe DiMaggio never got a hit in his final at bat to continue his revered 56 game hitting streak? What about Cal Ripken or Brett Favre? True warriors in their own right, but during their streaks of one gazillion consecutive games played, does anyone believe that there weren't some games that either of them should have sat out for the betterment of their teams?!?!

I think the problem is that as a golf society, we've come to take Tiger Woods' greatness for granted. Our expectations were set unrealistically high back in 1997 when he took the tour by storm and simply dominated from the perspective that every time he teed it up he seemed to be in contention, regardless of whether he barely made the cut or not. He went through a period from 1999 through 2001, where he wasn't just feared by his competitors, his ability left the other PGA Tour players simply shaking their heads and playing for second place.

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

Whether or not Tiger is the best ever still remains to be seen. His recent driving inconsistencies have caused him to struggle. His reconstruction/reinvention of his golf swing from a two plane swing to a one plane swing is fascinating! But let's face it, as good as he is, it's never easy to make birdies from the rough, let alone from the woods. At Augusta five weeks ago, he played a very average final round for him, giving up three shots to Chris DiMarco, but eventually winning in a playoff. Regardless, when all of us are very dead and very long gone, history will only remember that he won another green jacket... his fourth as my historically-challenged mind recalls... as one of the many old adages in golf go, it's not how, it's how many! That being said, the other thing history will likely remember is the 142 consecutive tournament cuts he made from 1998 to last weekend. Like him or not, he took us on quite the eight year ride.

That's my cool, relatively humid, Dollar Spot suppressing, deeply demented, wife rebutting, always in fear of missing the cut, occasionally yipping, Mr. Coffee comparable, taken-for-granted, and historically-challenged point of view from the heather and gorse.

## Golf Shots.....

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home.

Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time.

Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

## PTC Calendar

Penn State Golf Turf Conferences, Nittany Lion Inn, State College

- November 15 – 17, 2005
- November 7 – 9, 2006
- November 13 – 15, 2007

Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Shows, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia

- January 10 - 12, 2006
- January 9 – 11, 2007

Northeastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes-Barre

- January 26, 2006
- January 25, 2007

Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show, Greater Pittsburgh ExpoMart, Monroeville

- February 28 – March 2, 2006  
(USGA Seminar February 27)
- March 6 – 8, 2007 (USGA Seminar March 5)

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## SOME FATHERLY ADVICE AND WORDS OF WISDOM

*Do Any Of These Sound Familiar To You?*

- "Do it to make your mother happy."
- "Were you raised in a barn? Close the door!"
- "You didn't beat me ... I let you win."
- "Big boys don't cry."
- "Don't worry ... it's only blood."
- "Now you listen to me, Buster!"
- "Coffee will stunt your growth."
- "A little dirt never hurt anyone ... just wipe it off."
- "Who ever said life was supposed to be fair?"
- "You call that a haircut?"
- "Hey" is for horses."
- "This will hurt me a lot more than it will hurt you."
- "Turn off those lights! Do think I'm made out of money?"
- "Don't give me any of your lip, young lady."
- "We're not lost ... I'm just not sure where we are."
- "As long as you live under my roof ... you'll live by my rules."
- "I'll tell you why ... Because I said so! That's why!"
- "What's so funny? Wipe that smile off your face!"
- "If I've told you once ... I've told you a thousand times."
- "Eat it! It will grow hair on your chest."
- "Come here ... pull my finger!"
- "Stop crying or I'll give you a reason to cry!"
- "When I was a kid we were so poor ... I ate dirt and was glad to have it."
- "You have it so easy ... when I was your age... I had to walk to school in 10 feet of snow up hill both ways."
- "What part of "NO" don't you understand?"
- "What do you think I am ... a bank?"
- "I hope I'm alive when your kids turn sixteen."
- "If you break your leg, don't come running to me."

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John Colo (Superintendent) and Terry Wueschinski (Retired).  
Missing from Photo: Golf Pro Mark Alwin.

## From One Extreme To Another

By Keith Happ, Senior Agronomist  
April 27, 2005

After all the cold weather this spring, it's hard to believe the Mid-Atlantic Region is in the midst of a dry period. The northern tier of the region, for example, has experienced humidity levels more common to Arizona. Several days of 15% humidity were reported. We have gone from winter wet and slop to hard ground and growing grass in a hurry. Many golf courses are just now beginning to staff for the season.

The weather is always a challenge, but this is no time to panic and indiscriminately irrigate to excess. If the turf needs water, do so judiciously using hand held hoses where warranted. Examination of soil structure during Turf Advisory Service visits show there is plenty of water remaining in the soil profile. Remember that grass roots grow in pore spaces in the soil. Don't risk over saturating the soil and compromising the health of turf and root development before summer weather is upon us. Now is the time to focus on turf health, and not just color.

Adult Black Turfgrass Ataenius (BTA) has been observed on greens and collars. Hyperodes weevil activity cannot be far behind. Take time to scout critical areas of the course to determine when and where treatments are needed. Be proactive with these pests. Don't allow the turf to become damaged later in the year from a preventable pest issue.

Most courses have finished core cultivation practices on greens, collars, tees and even fairways. Completing this work will provide tremendous benefit as the season progresses. Organic (thatch) management is a foundational turfgrass management issue. Make every effort not to compromise course conditioning for the long term. Get this work completed. This is one time when jumping on the bandwagon is a good thing.

*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 610/558-9066 or Keith Happ ([khapp@usga.org](mailto:khapp@usga.org)) at 412/341-5922*

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<b>July 13</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Country Club</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>French Creek Golf Club Joint Meeting with Philadelphia AGCS</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Chambersburg Country Club</b>