

May Meeting

Harrisburg North Golf Course

May 16, 2006

11:00 AM - Speaker

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Shotgun

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

Superintendent Profile

Bob Wert has been Superintendent at Harrisburg North Golf Course for 19 years. Bob is one of 18 kids! Same Mom and Dad, no twins. Bob is married to Janice and has a son and a daughter. His son Todd is a Golf Course Superintendent at Plantation Resorts in Savannah, Georgia. Bob's hobbies include hunting and some golf.

Golf Course Profile

Designed and built in 1960 by Harlan Willis, Harrisburg North has stood the test of time. Many wonderful changes over the years have been made and we are working hard to bring you a better golfing experience. But some things haven't changed over the years. The golf course still has its own unique character and design and is set in the natural backdrop of the unspoiled Susquehanna River valley that will make you want to come back again and again. The layout provides a variety of landscapes including lakes, streams, elevation changes, a beautiful surrounding, and challenging greens. The 4 sets of tees provide a test for golfers of all levels from the beginner to the most accomplished player.

Harrisburg North Golf Course
 1724 Route 25
 Millersburg, PA 17061

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Early Spring Weather Has Been Good For Courses, Good For Golf

By Darin S. Bevard, Agronomist
 May 3, 2006

Finally, we have what some would consider a mild spring. After several years of seemingly cold springs, 2006 has been a welcome change. If you do not think so, just ask the superintendents who are growing bermudagrass!

Overall, throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region, golf course conditions have been very good. Mild temperatures and dry weather have allowed most courses to complete aeration programs and other projects in an efficient manner. Healing of aeration holes on greens is complete on most golf courses, although some courses that aerated later are still seeing some open aeration holes. Overall, the dry weather has been a blessing for a region that desperately needed a good spring to get golfers out on the course.

Growth regulator applications for *Poa annua* seedhead suppression have produced variable results on greens and fairways. Golf courses that treated both areas have achieved good seedhead control in fairways or greens, but rarely both. What does this tell us? Quite frankly, we are not sure. Conventional wisdom tells us that this is a timing issue. Seedheads generally emerge earlier on fairways than on greens. Could those who received good control on fairways have applied too early on greens? Conversely, did those who had good control on greens apply too late for fairways? These are questions to ponder as we approach seedhead season in 2007. It also is important to have
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President's Message

Thanks to Henry Nixon, Chuck Cadiz, and Mike Benedict for hosting the April meeting. The weather was fantastic, the golf course was terrific, and the camaraderie was; as always, the highlight of the day. I left the meeting on a high after getting to see and visit with friends, whom I only get to see at our meetings. For those who don't attend meetings, I can't tell you how much you are missing.

The entire state of Pennsylvania is currently under a drought watch. According to the DEP, without a flood or hurricane, the state will probably progress into a drought emergency. If you have not registered with the DEP, do so now. If you have registered, fill out the water usage forms and send them back. We will be receiving a form to apply for a variance for water use under drought emergency in the mail. Have that form filled out and ready to send if/when an emergency is declared. Now also is the time to start preparing your membership or customers to the fact of impending restrictions for irrigation. Communication! Communication! Communication!

Our next meeting is set for May 16 at Harrisburg North GC. For those of you who have not played there, the golf course is fun and challenging. So take a break from the rat race of your course and enjoy a meeting! You may even learn something along the way! See ya there!

Faron Stoops

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reasonable expectations for seedhead control. In some instances, less than 100% control has superintendents screaming failure, when in fact, control may be very good compared to not treating at all. Also, growth regulators improve putting green playability by slowing the vertical growth of the *Poa annua*'s seedhead panicle. Therefore, even though seedheads may be present, overall putting green playability is reasonably good. Certainly, better than if nothing was done. Remember to leave a check plot or two for seedhead applications in the future to compare treated and untreated areas.

Take the time now to consider what changes you will make in your maintenance programs when the summer stress season arrives. Do not wait until problems develop on fine turf areas to implement more conservative maintenance practices. If 2005 taught us anything, we should know to raise mowing heights on greens, limit mechanical stress (no grooved rollers), and to communicate to course officials about the potential damage that may occur to fine turf areas if management practices are not changed. July may seem like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. Will you be ready?

Finally, the one disadvantage of the dry weather patterns is the potential for drought restrictions to be imposed. Take the time now to determine what your water management authority requires for compliance with a drought emergency prior to implementation of restrictions. Acting now will help to avoid unnecessary stress or delays in water allocation when or if restrictions are imposed.

As always, if the Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610-558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412-341-5922.

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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.

Jeffrey Borger Class H
Penn State University

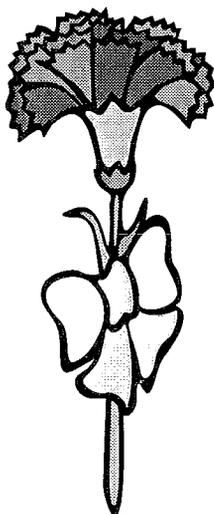
We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

Phil Jackson Class AF
Synatek, Sales Representative

Kevin Shue Class C
Country Club of York, Assistant

Michael T. Zelley Class C
Moccasin Run Golf Course, Assistant

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Terry Bennett, 717-770-4725 or Matt Strader at 717-352-7360.



*Happy
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Day*

DEP Updates

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Speaker Profile

Mr. Jeffrey Borger will be our speaker for the May meeting at Harrisburg North Golf Course.

Jeff is an "Instructor of Turfgrass and Weed Management", at the Pennsylvania State University in the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences. He manages a turfgrass research program that encompasses the evaluations of grassy and broadleaf weed control, and plant growth regulators. All this while teaching four courses, two in the four year Turfgrass Science Major and two in the two-year Golf Course Management Program.

He has his M.S. in Agronomy from PSU. Has conducted research at PSU for 14 years in the areas of PGR's and Weed Control, involved in 332 Different Research Projects and has over 19 years of Turfgrass management experience.

Jeff can be reached at: PSU, Department of Crop and Soil Science, 244 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802, 814-865-3005 or jab267@psu.edu.

Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

"Shallowness is natural, conceit comes with education!" – Cicero

The world is full of differentiation! Shakespeare once was quoted as saying "Nothing is either good or bad, thinking makes it so!" My kids occasionally watch a cartoon on Nickelodeon named Fairly Odd Parents. There was one episode where Timmy Turner, the main character, wished that his Fairy God Parents would make everyone exactly the same. Suddenly the whole world was bland, everyone looked the same, thought the same, acted the same, moved at the same pace, ate the same food, etc. Could you imagine our world without differentiation? Only one breakfast food, one lunch, one type of house, one size of house, etc... variety is the spice of life and I think it's fair to say that life as we know it exists largely because of differences in our belief systems, without which, we'd essentially act as drones.

A recent article I read, along with some well appreciated criticism got me thinking about the things in life that influence our opinions and ultimately, our behavior... and believe you me, in today's world there is more external influences than ever before. Thus, I thought I share my heather and gorse variation of a 20 question personal quiz that may speak volumes in what makes you who you are and maybe allow you to better understand from where someone else's behavior is chiseled.

1. A quotation to live by... "Sitting quietly, doing nothing, spring comes and the grass grows by itself!" -- Zen saying. There are many more I enjoy, especially on the Zen side, but this is my favorite because it falls directly within my keep it simple stupid mentality on life! Golf course superintendents, I generally believe, often over micromanage their turfgrass... but that is another topic for another day.
2. Book(s) on the night stand right now... "Natural Cures" by Kevin Trudeau and "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell. Tony Goodley strongly recommended Natural Cures and it will make the average person think differently about the pain killing world in which we all live, as well as the power of big money.
3. Favorite author(s): fiction... Dr. Seuss, Dan Brown and Carl Sagan... Dr. Seuss for my kids and because I like books with lots of pictures! As for the others, there is more to Dan Brown than merely "The DaVinci Code." I've read all of his novels. Carl Sagan of Nova fame has been a life long favorite... I initially went to Iowa State as a Physics major because of his Nova series... I wanted to be an astro-physicist.
4. Favorite author(s): non fiction... Jim Collins, who wrote "Good to Great" and "Built to Last" as well as Ken Blanchard of Situational Leadership fame. I am a perpetual student, always trying to learn how to be better at whatever it is I'm trying to be... when I ultimately figure out what it is I'm trying to be, who knows, I might actually get somewhere!
5. Favorite poet... Matsuo Basho of Caddy Shack fame... Nanananana Bababababa. Rudyard Kipling and Walt Whitman are also near the top. Again, I love those little Zen phrases, to which many poets contribute.
6. Favorite beach reading... I really don't like the beach for reading purposes... I hate sitting around doing essentially nothing. I do like walks along the beach during the less crowded off season, but that wasn't the question. If I did like sitting on the beach and reading, it would have to be something like The DaVinci Code, The DaVinci Legacy, Bloodline of the Holy Grail, or one of those many adventurous novels that question your belief systems.
7. Book or author that other people praise, but I never liked... I'm not a harlequin novel fan, but I'm not sure I could tell you who writes any of these books. .. of course, I've never heard praise about any of these type of books except from those who enjoy them.
8. Writings that influenced how I live my life... The Tao Te Ching and the Bible, although in a previous life it would have been Turfgrass Science and Culture by Dr. James Beard and Diseases of Turfgrasses by Dr. Houston Couch.
9. TV Show I'm not ashamed to admit I watch... Survivor... I've watched nearly all of them over the years... I'm intrigued by the sociological behavioral manipulation, although I often question the legitimacy of some of the behavior... and American Idol... I got hooked on Kelly Clarkson many years ago and was a stickler for Kelly Pickler until this past week.
10. TV show I hate to admit I like... Nanny 911 and Super Nanny... don't ask me why... probably for the same reason we used to be enamored by Jerry Springer when it first came out... phenomenal dysfunctional TV. It makes us feel like our lives and our kids aren't that messed up!
11. Favorite comic strip... Opus... that damn little neurotic right-winged penguin makes me laugh every Sunday morning!
12. Movies I like so much I've watched more than once... Remember The Titans, Bull Durham, Caddy Shack, As Good As It Gets, Good Will Hunting, The Full Monty, Star Wars I thru VI, The Lord of the Rings trilogy, and a few others. I'm a huge movie fan, whose interests got sidetracked with three kids.
13. Web sites I visit frequently... yahoo.com, greenpartners.com, greencastonline.com, nick.com, cbssportsline.com, golfhound.com... I really don't surf that much just to surf.
14. Magazines I read regularly... Harvard Business Review... it makes me feel young and stupid all over again! Scientific

- American is another one I really like, but I just don't seem to find the time to pick it up anymore.
15. Favorite type of music... my Sirius Satellite Radio is programmed to Margaritaville, and several classic rock stations, as well as Hair Nation from the 80's... I mostly listen to 70's and 80's music, although there are some newer groups I like... Green Day is cool.
 16. Recording I play when my soul needs a lift... U2 - Where The Streets Have No Name... and I turn it up all the way to get lost in the music. U2 is definitely our favorite overall. Older Chicago before they jumped the shark in the 80's and went pop is really good music.
 17. Person in my field whom I most admire... a very difficult question... any and all the wives of golf course superintendents, who have stuck with their husbands through the years and successfully managed their families. I'm not sure having a part time husband was in their job description when they married you! When was the last time you told your wife thanks for supporting you and holding together your family?
 18. Living person I'd like most to join for dinner and conversation... brace yourselves... probably Hillary Clinton, but only if there was full disclosure on all topics. Her husband, Governor Bill would be a close second, with the same rules being applied. For those of you that believe that I lean extremely to the right... I sincerely believe that if she decides to run this next election, she will win. That being said, if Rudy G. runs against her, it'll be a serious fight... but my money is on the changing of the current guard.
 19. Heroes from history... recent history... Pat Tillman of US Army and Arizona Cardinal NFL fame... here is a guy who sacrificed a dream life in the NFL to serve his country and died shortly thereafter. Additionally, all the people on Flight 93 who chose to give their lives to save others. Distant history... the Founding Fathers of the United States of America for fighting for what they believed was right and creating the beginning of a great country. Like what is currently going on in the country or not, we have freedoms and opportunities that no other country in the world can tout and I for one am proud to be an American!
 20. If I had the power to order all the people of the Central PA region to read one book it would be... The Art of Happiness by His Holiness The Dalai Lama (the twelfth son of the Lama!)... it speaks towards what we all know on the inside, but fight on the outside, which is that we need to stay focused on the important things in life and work to properly prioritize and balance our worlds. A great message for all overworked, often underpaid golf course superintendents and salespeople alike.

So there you have it... did you learn anything about me that you didn't know before? Did I learn anything about me that I didn't know before? Did you learn more than you cared to know? Does any of it make sense? Do you care? Does anyone care? I know there are billions of Indonesians that really don't care! Regardless, that's my differentiated, rarely criticized, Zen influenced, often dysfunctional, beach hating, picture book loving, movie going, hero laden, artful and behavioral open book view from the heather and gorse.

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Golf Results

The following are the golf results for the April meeting at Manada Golf Club.

1st Place - with a score of 57

Bill Brooks
Terry Wueschinski
Jim Carville
Dave DeWitt

2nd Place - with a score of 58

Dan Davis
Tom Kintzer
Eric Kline
Joe Sellers

Closest to the pin on 17 -

Don Keefer

Longest drive -

Jed Vail

The scholarship raffle was a great success this month. We raised over \$200 for the fund. Thank you for the great support.

Next month at Harrisburg North we will have a blind draw team score. Winners will be the team with the low gross and low net. Also, we will have the scholarship raffle, 1 ticket for \$5, three for \$10, 7 for \$20.

Thank you,
Jed Vail and Ryan Freed

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From St. College Area

Take 322 East to Route 147 North Halifax. First exit as you cross the Susquehanna River. Follow 147 N to Millersburg town square. At town square make a right onto 209. Follow 209 to Chevrolet dealership and make a left onto Route 25. Watch for roadside signage to golf course. Follow Route 25 for 3 miles and watch for the golf course on your right hand side.

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From Baltimore/York

Take I-83 North to Route 581 West. Follow Route 581 to I-81 North. Exit 67 on Interstate 81 to 322 West, follow 322 W to 147 North (Halifax Exit). Follow 147 N to Millersburg town square. At town square make a right onto 209. Follow 209 to Chevrolet dealership and make a left onto Route 25. Watch for roadside signage to golf course. Follow Route 25 for 3 miles and watch for the golf course on your right hand side.

From Philadelphia/South Jersey

Follow PA Turnpike 76 West to Exit 19 Harrisburg East. Follow I-83 to I-81 South Exit. Follow I-81 South to Exit 67 Route 322 West. Follow 322 W to 147 North (Halifax Exit). Follow 147 N to Millersburg town square. At town square make a right onto 209. Follow 209 to Chevrolet dealership and make a left onto Route 25. Watch for roadside signage to golf course. Follow Route 25 for 3 miles and watch for the golf course on your right hand side.

For Your Information

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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.

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The Green Sheet



2006 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

June 12	Waynesboro Country Club
July 18	Heidelberg Country Club
August 8	Pilgrims Oak Golf Course Meeting with PAGCS
September 29	Lebanon Country Club Golf Championship/Annual Meeting
October	Ironwood Golf Course