

April Meeting

Susquehanna Valley Country Club

Joint Meeting with
Keystone Association of GCS

April 18, 2007

11:00 AM - Speaker

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Shotgun

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

Superintendent Profile

Greg Bingeman has been Superintendent at Susquehanna Valley Country Club since 1971. He is a 1969 Penn State University turfgrass graduate.

Golf Course Profile

Susquehanna Valley Country Club is a private club that was established in 1918. It was originally a nine hole course. The back nine, which was designed by William Gordon was opened in 1958.

Education

The speaker for this meeting is Dr. Paul Heller, Professor of Entomology at Penn State University.

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

The Heat is On!

**By Darin S. Bevard, Senior Agronomist
April 2, 2007**

In spite of some cool weather patterns, expectations are already sky high for the upcoming season as more golfers in the Mid-Atlantic play golf with each passing mild day. In the past, when the Masters tournament was complete golfers were filled with expectations of prime course conditions. In more recent years, as soon as warmer temperatures arrive questions about putting green speed and smoothness are posed to golf course superintendents.

Folks, many of us had snow on the ground *as little as ten days ago*. It takes time to prepare the golf course in general, and the greens in particular. We are not in mid-season, and we certainly are not in mid-season form. Exercise patience as the grass needs time and warmer temperatures to grow. Dramatic temperature variations in conjunction with necessary aeration and cultural programs make it difficult to quickly return the greens to optimum conditions.

We continue to see spring aeration dates moved earlier in the growing season because of the golf schedule. While this may be acceptable, all parties involved should realize that this change likely increases the length of time that you play on bumpy greens because healing is slower when soil temperatures are cooler. The duration of disruption caused by aeration will be shorter if the greens are aerated when the turf is vigorously growing.

Seedhead inhibition applications are being initiated in the southern parts of the region, and other areas will likely apply seedhead inhibitors in the next 7 to 10 days.

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President's Message

Dear Members,

It has been a privilege serving on your Board of Directors for the past five years. The experience has taught me a lot about our industry. Being your President in 2007 is an honor. I'm sure the 2007 season will go by very quickly. I hope to see a lot of you throughout the year!

On behalf of the 2006 Board and CPGCSA, I would like to thank Faron Stoops for his dedication and commitment to the Board of Directors. I wish Faron good fortune as he steps into the Past-President position. Thank you, Faron!

As President of the CPGCSA, it is my duty to maintain its integrity and tradition. During the past two years, The Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendent's Association (PGCSA), "AKA" Allied, has been reforming under the direction of John Ferruchie. John and the Board of Directors (I am one of them) have been working very hard with all seven PA Chapters, GCSAA, and other state chapters to organize a state affiliated GCSAA association. We all know that the more people you have the better your chance to fight subjects regarding legislative issues with the environment, water usage, and pesticide regulations. My take on the PGCSA is, let's move forward and see where it goes! The only way I am for this to happen, is that we are able to maintain Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association. If we can not keep our own operating budget, have our own BOD, do our own meetings, keep things well oiled and greased, we should stay right where we are. I believe we can have a state wide superintendents association even if we do not become affiliated at a state. I will keep you informed where PGCSA stands on a monthly basis. Give us time to make the right decisions.

What a great line up "Dr." Dan Brickley, Superintendent, had for us at the "100th" Annual Winter Educational Meeting at Lebanon Country Club. The venue, food, speakers, and friends made this day very successful. Thank you, Dan!

CPGCSA apologizes for the missed opportunity we had to host a GCSAA seminar at Heritage Hills. We normally will host one that last Thursday and Friday in January. We had to cancel the planned one for March 23 due to low response. We promise to have one next year to accommodate those who can not make it the GIS and that are looking for CEU's.

It is still early in this winter time and we have had some great weather. As a superintendent, I enjoy this weather to get some last minutes things complete. But, bring on the snow! We all need something to keep us home or in our office (partner, I guess this doesn't apply to me). Enjoy the winter time. (this paragraph was written in December)

We all know how important it is to build a good crew to help us do our job. Without them, where would we be? This is also true for fellow superintendents who help each other out on a daily basis. The information shared by phone calls, course visits, e-mails, or the borrowing of equipment, help us all in one way shape or form. I want to thank those friends, fellow superintendents, who have helped me out when needed. I hope you all share the same thoughts and feelings toward another superintendent that might need advice or help. We are in this together!

The 2007 monthly meeting schedule is ready. The 2007 away schedule has two joint meetings with Keystone and Philly, the "SUPER'S CUP." Let's make this year our strongest attendance at each meeting. Come support YOUR association.

Last but not least, let's all get together at our monthly meetings and support YOUR chapter. Call a friend to join you. Call an affiliate to join you. Bring your owner, Pro, GM, Greens Chair, or President. Give them the opportunity to listen and see what you do on a daily basis. Please check the scheduled dates for this year's meeting and mark your calendars.

I can be reached at 717-846-9522 or jcolo@ccyork.org if you have any questions.

Regards,

John Colo, GCS
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Central Penn Night A Success

On February 3rd, we held our 5th Annual Central Penn Night, highlighted with the awarding of the David Rafferty Dedication, Service and Leadership award to Mr. Kenneth Dietrich, CGCS.

For the third year in a row, we started the evening by awarding the CPGCSA scholarship, this time to two applicants: Brian Aynardi and Gabriel Peters. Thanks to all the members who bought 50/50 tickets throughout the year, to fund this award.

The Jim and Jim show (Jones and MacLaren) then took over. The evening was entertaining as they roasted and toasted Kenny. We learned a lot about Kenny that most of us didn't know...and we learned a lot about him that he really didn't want us to know! It was a wonderful night.

There are many thanks to be handed out for all the behind the scenes work that makes these events successful and the evening special. From phone calls to emails to letters to meetings, a lot of time and effort; and even some panic; is put out by numerous people. The following individuals assisted in making the event come to fruition: Wanda Fry, Bertie Dietrich, Jim MacLaren, Jim Jones, Don Hollinger, Pete Ramsey, Greg Borzok, and Crystal Ramsey. Thank you again for your assistance.

I also thank our affiliated members that generously donated money to the event: Harrell's Turf Specialty, Fisher and Son, Lawn and Golf Supply, and Philadelphia Turf Company.

The future success of all CPGCSA events, including Central Penn Night, is directly dependent on you, the member. We need your attendance...we need your input...we need your support...we need you to be active in your association!! Thanks to all of you that are active and continue to support the Central Penn.

Sincerely,
Faron Stoops
Central Penn Night Chairman

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the May newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@comcast.net by April 25, 2007.

Central Penn Night -- David Rafferty Distinguished Service Award



The 5th Annual Dave Rafferty Distinguished Service Award presentation was held on February 3, 2007 at the Lancaster Host Resort. The event is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association honoring the lifetime achievements of one of our members. This year's recipient was Kenneth Dietrich of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Kenny retired as Golf Course Superintendent from Lancaster Country Club and he is a past president of the CPGCSA. (L-R John Colo, Kenny Dietrich)

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Undoubtedly, we still have some colder weather to deal with that will slow turfgrass growth. This is especially true of bermudagrass populations that have not greened up in much of the region. Frosty nights greatly slow the growth of bermudagrass. Weather patterns are improving, but continued patience will be needed. Placing undue pressure on your golf course maintenance staff at this time of the year while most crews are still understaffed can lead to problems during the summer stress season. Certain practices are needed to prepare the turfgrass for the coming season. Allow time for them to be completed!

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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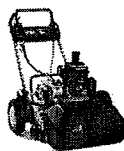
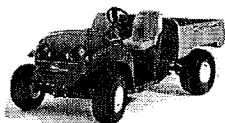
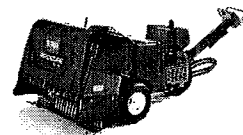
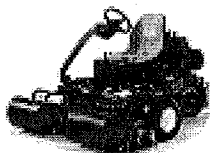
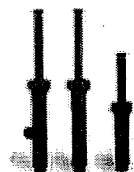
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- Toro Greensmower 3000. 1993 Model. 2,900 hours. \$2,000.

We will continue to advertise "used equipment" and "equipment wanted" in each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, please contact Wanda.

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

Happy Spring Equinox to everyone in central PA. Let me tell you, it is hell getting old. It seriously seems like just yesterday when many of us were together for Central Penn night. Where in the world did the past six weeks go or for that matter the past six months.

I, for one, was glad to see that teaser of summer a week or so ago. I just don't seem to handle the winter cold the way I used to. While I tend to blame it on losing most of my insulation a few years back, I really think it's more age related. As I was driving home on Wednesday March 14th, it was 80 degrees and life just seemed to be wide awake. We had robins and bluebirds playing in our backyard, the kids were energized to be outside throwing baseballs around, and spring was most definitely in the air. Of course, two days later we had a nasty winter storm and once again I was colder than normal.

Of course, in step with that whole age thing, my mind is going as well. During the winter months when I'm speaking more than writing, it seems there is an endless supply of topics that burn in my belly. I really have to start to write these ideas down... I used to pride myself on being able to listen to something and remember it without writing it down. Now I can't remember what I had for breakfast this morning or whether I even had anything other than coffee.

From the topics I do remember from this winter... first and foremost, what's going on with all of these young, seemingly extremely attractive high school teachers getting involved with their teenage students. Is this a case in which it has always been going and is just being published more often? And if this is the case, more important, why did this never happen to me??? Seriously, I know about 10-12 years ago when I was at Wyncote there was always talk amongst the local staffers of a young teacher being involved with several of her students, but I passed this off as a urban legend more than anything else.

It just seems that since the Mary Kay Letourneau case several years ago, there has been at least one or two of these each year and the teachers are getting more and more attractive! About the only thing I absolutely remember about my high school teachers is that they were older and stranger than anyone I cared to hang out with at the time. But we're no longer living in the seventies and the fashions limits that handcuffed us then no longer exist... Has anyone seen pictures of this Debra Lafevre? To have her as one of my teachers, I would have given up nearly half of my paper boy salary just to sit and gawk at her. And these talking heads like Dr. Phil and Oprah... they want to bring the teenagers on screen and help them cope? Cope with what, being the envy of every other teenage boy in America??? I guess it's safe to say that the rules have all changed and they don't make teachers the way they use to.

On to the next item on our shallow agenda... what's up with Barry Bonds? Let me first say that I'm a Barry Bonds fan! When Barry Bonds was with the Pirates of Pittsburgh he was such an incredible, young athlete. I still remember the Pirates team from the late 1980's and early 1990's that challenged for the NL pennant against the Braves every year. They were fun to watch and skinny little Barry Bonds was an all star. Then in 1993 or so he jumped ship and took the money (as many small club baseball stars do) to go out west to the San Francisco Giants, and the rest is history, right?

Not quite... about a month or so ago, following all the denials of steroid use by the Bonds camp, it came out that Barry's physical stats had substantially changed to match some of his mammoth baseball stats. From the time he joined the Giants in 1993 at age 30 to present (almost age 43), Barry Bonds' chest size grew from 42" to 52", shoe size went from a 10 1/2 to a 13, and his cap size grew from 7 1/8" to 7 1/4" even though he now shaves his head.

Dude... that's some serious growth... The chest growth probably could be justified... I think we've all grown in our mid sections during that period in our lives. The hat size, well, he does have a rather large ego... does that account for any of the growth??? Maybe his brain got bigger! But the shoe size is the most unbelievable stat. Human growth hormone (or HGH) is about the only thing that would account for his feet growing 2 1/2 sizes in twelve years starting at the age of thirty! Thus, I'd say with the evidence on the table, he actually may not be lying about using steroids. Then again maybe someone needs to redefine the term steroids as a catch all for all performance enhancing drugs. I wonder if HGH could help us middle-aged men in any other ways... think about it, there actually may be hope for us vertically challenge individuals that doesn't come in a discrete, unmarked box from Sweden!

Shifting gears (my memory seems to be coming back a bit) to our final subject, did anyone catch my main man Al Gore at the Oscars? Man-o-man, I'm think I'm actually starting to feel sorry for this dude. It just seems like no matter what he does or say, he constantly paints a target on his chest. Shortly after he won an Oscar for his documentary on global warming, An Inconvenient Truth, Mr. Gore was quoted as saying "Climate change is the most important moral, ethical, spiritual, and political issue humankind has ever faced!" Within a week, an independent, supposedly non-partisan group from Tennessee got a hold of his home utility bills. All I can say is OUCH! In 2006, his family consumed 221,000 kilowatt hours of electricity. The average home uses about 10,500 kilowatt hours, so we're talking a whopping 21 times the average. Apparently his girls use their hairdryers a bit more than normal... either that or him and Tipper are running a shock therapy clinic out of their basement.

Adding to the craziness, apparently Al and many of his Hollywood supporters have been purchasing "carbon credits," which in some convoluted demented way allow them to justify their excessive energy use. I have to be honest, while I heard that these carbon credits were given to all the attendees of the Oscars in their +\$100K gift bags, I didn't know much about them, so I did a little research. There is a company named Generation Investment Management LLP selling the credits to these fruitcakes

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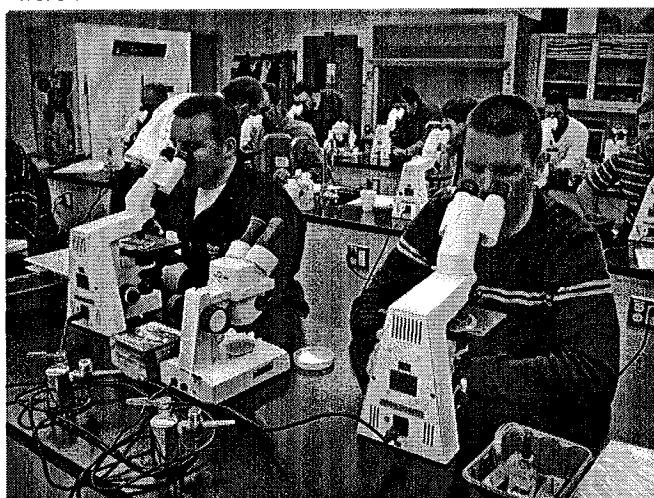
with the proceeds supposedly being invested in high quality companies that deliver long term investment returns. Now who do you think is the founder and chairman of this tax exempt organization? Go on, take a guess... none other than the one, the only, my main man, Mr. Al Gore.

Maybe he ought to change his name to the Reverend Al Gore... he must be one heck of a salesperson! This plan is absolutely brilliant! Preach global warming as a threat, offer up this carbon credit idea to the one group that has endless money and the platform to carry the message, and then make more money off of those very same donations. I'd have to say that L. Ron Hubbard would be proud of him! He's obviously much smarter than I originally thought. I stand corrected as my sympathy has turned green with envy! And who ever said that this man was not capitalistic!

That's my springy, getting older and more forgetful, cold, fire in the belly, hot for teacher, always growing, inconvenient and truthful, capitalistic and often brilliant point of view from the heather and gorse.

Microscope Training

On January 8, 2007, a Microscopic Turf Disease Identification Workshop was held at Penn State Berks Campus in Reading, PA. It was attended by 26 golf course superintendents and other green industry professionals. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Mike Fidanza (Penn State), with guest instructors Dr. Henry Wetzel (Jacklin Seed) and Jeff Gregos (GEC Turf Consulting). This one-day workshop was similar to the kind Pat Sanders would conduct during her reign as Penn State's turf pathologist, and is now offered during the Golf Industry Show by Dr. Wetzel. In the photo, Dan Brickley (left - Lebanon Country Club) and Pete Ramsey (right - Range End Golf Club) peer into the microscope. In addition to learning how to identify microscopic characteristics of Pythium, Rhizoctonia, and other turf pathogens, pesticide credits for Pennsylvania and CEU's for the GCSAA were available.



Directions to Susquehanna Valley Country Club

From Route 15 South:

The Susquehanna Valley Country Club is located just 12 miles south of Lewisburg in Hummels Warf, PA. When driving on Route 15 South, pass through Shamokin Dam and take the first right after Dairy Queen onto Mill Road. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

From Route 15 North:

The Susquehanna Valley Country Club is located less than three miles north of Selinsgrove in Hummels Warf, PA. When driving on Route 15 North, turn left onto Lori Lane at the traffic light by Lowe's. At the stop sign, turn right onto Mill Road. Continue Mill Road for about 100 yards, and make a left onto Country Club Road.

From Interstate 80 East:

If you are traveling Route 80 East to the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, merge onto 15 South via exit 210A toward Lewisburg. Travel on Route 15 South for 17.8 miles. Turn right onto Mill Road, just after the Dairy Queen. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

From Route 80 West:

If you are traveling from Route 80 West to the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, take exit 224 (South 54) toward Danville/Sunbury. Travel on 54 South for 3.2 miles and turn right onto Route 11 South. Follow Route 11 South for 16 miles. Pass through Shamokin Dam and take the first right after Dairy Queen onto Mill Road. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CPGCSA Board of Directors and Membership for recognizing me at Central Penn Night with an award for 14 years of dedication and service to this association.

Thanks again, it is my pleasure to work with you. The strength of this association has always been it's members!

Wanda

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.

Ryan Grady Class SM
Flying Hills Golf Course, Superintendent

Rodney Meadows Class SM
Willow Valley Golf Course, Superintendent

Andrew Sheehan Class AF
Davisson Golf Inc., Sales Representative

Luke Zimmerman Class C
Country Club of York, Assistant Superintendent

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

Kenneth Crider, Jr. Class A
Great Cove Golf Club, Superintendent

John Dale Class C
Ledgerock Golf Club, Assistant

Brad Helcoski Class AF
Atlantic Irrigation, Sales Representative

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Rebecca Matis (717) 545-5593 or Jed Vail (717) 755-1919.

Our Sympathy to:

The family of John J. Boyd. John was a Lifetime member of CPGCSA and retired Superintendent of Hershey Country Club.

Congratulations to:

John Colo, winner of a flat screen TV from the "Solutions Challenge at the GIS in Anaheim!

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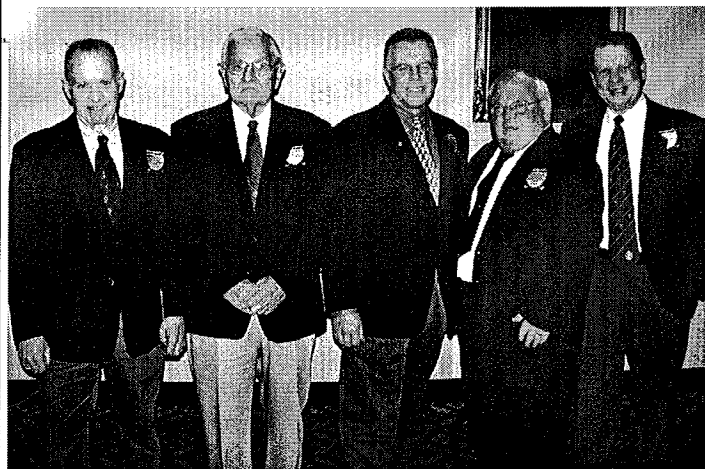
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Distinguished Service Award Recipients - Jim MacLaren,
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Happy 68th Anniversary CPGCSA!!!!

On Tuesday evening April 11, 1939 a meeting was held at the Colonial Country Club in Harrisburg for the purpose of organizing the greenskeepers of the area. Those in attendance at this meeting were George Morris, Riley Heckert, Hugh McJunis, James Morrison, Charles Bolton, John Grove, Jack Narril, and Al Heron. At this meeting it was decided to call the group "The Central Pennsylvania Greenskeepers Association". Officers elected were George Morris - President, Hugh McJunis - Vice President, and Riley Heckert - Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings were scheduled for the second Monday of each month with monthly meetings March through November. Dues to cover expenses were set at \$3.00 and the first meeting was set for May 8, 1939 at the Colonial Country Club.

Riley Heckert sent letters to all greenskeepers in the area to announce the gathering. The day started with golf in the afternoon and was followed by dinner. Following dinner Mr. Musser and Mr. Benham from State College and County Agent Fromeyer spoke about fairway grasses, heights of cut for bluegrass and fertilization. Following the educational sessions a business meeting was held and Edward Zwick and E. P. Morris were taken into the Association as new members, raising the membership to ten.

During 1939 the membership grew to thirteen members and at the November meeting the members decided that they wanted to continue meeting throughout the winter rather than wait until March as originally planned.

The Association was a success, just as today, 68 years later.

Editors Note:

As we approach the 75th Anniversary, we are looking for pieces of our past: pictures, minutes, newspaper articles, etc. If you have anything that you would like to contribute or share with us, please give me a call.

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)
- 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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2007 Central Penn Scholarship Recipients



CPGCSA President John Colo (center) presents to scholarship recipients Gabriel Peters and Brian Aynardi

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May 21	Ledgerock Golf Club
June 20	Crossgates Golf Club
July 10	Deer Valley Golf Club
August 7	Tattersall Golf Club Meeting with PAGCS
September 24	Outdoor Country Club Golf Championship/Annual Meeting
October	TBD