

The Green Sheet



Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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August Meeting

Broad Run Golfer's Club

August 7, 2007

11:00 AM - Registration

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:00 Noon - Speaker

1:00 PM - Shotgun

Pig Roast Immediately following Golf

Superintendent Profile

Bill Brown has been at the newly named Broad Run Golfer's Club [formerly Tattersall] for a year now. He has four years of superintendent experience under his belt and previously served as assistant at both Whitford Country Club and Gulph Mills Golf Club.

Bill holds a B.S. in turfgrass from Penn State University. He and his wife, Mychal, have a 15-month-old son, Cameron.

Golf Course Profile

Built in 2000, Broad Run is a "very typical Rees Jones" design, attests Bill Brown, who believes that Jones' designs speak for themselves. The 18-hole course spans over 400 acres of land and receives over 200 rounds a day - a true challenge for the grounds staff! The course measures 6,400 yards from the blues and rates 71.6 with a slope of 131.

It was a busy winter for the staff, restoring the course to the peak conditions demanded by golfers in the region. Some of the extensive work included implementing a new progressive style of turfgrass management and Brandywine Conservancy reclamation. Much of this work will continue in the future. Erik Goodroad is the Assistant.

Broad Run Golfer's Club 1520 Tattersall Way, West Chester, PA

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Working Together Can Make A Difference By Keith Happ, Senior Agronomist

Recent travels have provided evidence that the Hyperodes weevils are present in significant numbers. For example, second generation populations were found in Berkley Springs, West Virginia. While these insects can be controlled, it is alarming that the populations continue to migrate further south as they attack *Poa annua*. Continue to check the turf before a fungicide application is performed. Insect activity may be the primary cause of a secondary opportunistic disease.

The dryness of the season is still a hot topic and irrigation systems are being tested. Deficiencies are becoming more evident as the season continues. With the browning turf come questions from golfers and an urgent need to prioritize irrigation application.

- * Do I treat the rough and risk over watering the fairways?
- * Do I treat the green banks and risk over watering the greens?
- * Do I use my overhead system because I am understaffed and cannot use hand held irrigation as much as I need to?
- * If I have to ration my water supply how do I prioritize?
- * What rough should be allowed to go dormant?

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President's Message

Dear Members.

The summer is in full swing and it is not all that bad. We have been getting some timely rains, humid conditions have not parked here in our area too long, and the not-so-seasonal "chilly" mornings are perfect.

I would like to say thank you to "Dr." Dan Brickley and Mr. Faron Stoops for contributing your letters to the membership last month while I was away. I'm back on the home turf. As I write this letter, Peggy, Robert and Kevin are somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean making their way home. God, I miss them! The golfing tour is over (for a few days) and I can't wait to see them.

Our thanks go out to Bill Wall and his staff at Deer Valley for hosting our July meeting. We all enjoyed the bunkerless, bluegrass fairway, LARGE greens golf course. The course was in fine condition. I certainly enjoyed it. Thanks, Bill!

My trip to Ireland was great! My nine vacation days of staying in bed till nine was wonderful! People don't get moving over there earlier than 8:30 am. The very small town of Kilkee, County Clare (one hour west of Shannon Airport) is on the central (north to south), west coast of Ireland. The town has no stop signs, no traffic lights, and one or two yield signs. Kilkee is where Peggy grew up before she moved to Queens, New York with a friend at age 24. After meeting Peggy while I was an assistant in Long Island, she was stuck with me. The local people earn money by running their own pubs, small shops, construction, and farming. Peggy's two sisters and brother have resided in Kilkee since birth along with their mother. During our stay in Kilkee we live with her mother. If you walk outside the front door and across the street, you are at the beach. The town is a holiday (vacation) spot for families coming from the inland. Holiday homes are full for the summer time.

The beer is cold, and yes, so is the Guiness (I do not drink Guiness). You have to acquire a taste for it. Going from town to town you pass a few thatched roof houses, very narrow roads (drive on the left), and man-made, stone built walls that act as property borders. These act like fences to keep the cows in their pastures. You can see all grass for a few miles with a few spotty farm houses on a hillside before you come up on a town full of old buildings that are jammed packed together. The small cars park on both sides of the street which only allow one car to pass. The sidewalks are just wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side. Of course, we have all seen pictures in magazines, movies, or papers, showing an older gentleman riding his rusted, two-wheeled bicycle, and wearing a wool sport coat; you see plenty of them as you drive down the old country roads. Things don't move to quickly!

I played golf two times (yes, only twice) during my stay. I played at Lahinch Golf Club. A few showers fell during my round. I used a caddy. He was 17 and he lived in his small camper across the street from the course in a community parking lot. He is from Dublin (west side of the country) and travels over during his summer break. He has been doing this since he was 13. He uses the community shower to wash up and loves every minute of it. He works as a bar back in the evening to make more money. It was just he and I on this gloomy, cloudy, rainy day. We were the first group out at 8:00 am and finished in three and half hours. I have played Lahinch five or six times since I met Peggy. Talk about links golf. No golf carts, no divot bottles, five foot flag sticks, NO TREES, rolling fairways, wispy Fescue, and the wind whipping west to east off the ocean. If you can't keep your ball low, get the weed wacker out because you'll be playing from the two foot tall Fescue areas most of the time. I played a few shots from there.

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The greens were mainly Fescue with a tint of Bent and some Poa. I was talking with the Greenskeeper before playing and he said that *Primo* was just labeled in Ireland two weeks before my arrival. Of course, he was a little skiddish on using for the first time, but was very excited about the product. Heather and Gorse, any help on this product in Ireland? In Ireland, chemicals are very hard to come by seeing that their EPA is very strict on what is allowed to be sprayed on their sandy soils. As I was practicing on the putting green, here comes a tractor driven by an older gentleman, pipe in mouth, and he had his black, knee high Wellington boots on. He was pulling a small trailer loaded up with four men from the greens crew. They all hopped out (not to quickly) when the tractor stopped and started hand-picking weeds out of the Fescue areas. Now, that is "ERADICATION."

The other course I played was the local Kilkee Golf Club. The golf course has one Greenskeeper (year-round) and two seasonal crew members. That's all! Number three is a 298 yard par-4 that sits right next to a 300 foot cliff. The wind was coming over the edge so hard that you had to aim out and over the cliff edge to keep your ball from being blown to far right into the Fescue grass. The course only has irrigation around the putting greens. Golfers always walk and pull a trolley (pull-cart).

I enjoyed my family vacation with Peggy, Robert and Kevin. We went for "Cliff Walks", walked on the beach, and rode the street train (their favorite). I plan on going back next year (who is coming?) and play more golf. The boys have fun with their relations and I relax as much as I can. If you have the chance to visit Ireland, take the opportunity and go. You'll love every minute of it!

I hope to see all of you at our next venue for the "Supers Cup" on August 7th. The match play event competition will be exciting. We need to bring the Cup back to CPGCSA after losing it last year at Pilgrim's Oak.

During our September Association/Championship meeting at Outdoor Country Club, we will be holding our annual elections. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, feel free to contact me at 717-846-9522 or jcolo@ccyork.org. We will be looking for a few good men and/or women to serve on YOUR board.

Respectfully,

John M. Colo President Country Club of York

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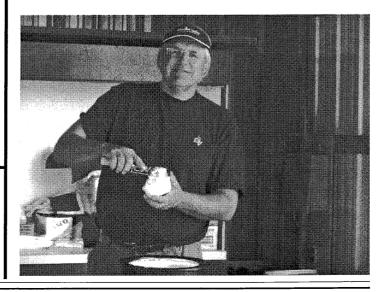
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Thanks to our July Meeting Host Bill Wall



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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
- * A guest is limited to two (2) meetings per year with the exception of club officials or with Board approval.

Advertising

Space is still available for advertising in the "Green Sheet" for the 2007 meeting year. Please contact Wanda, for information on sizes, pricing, and deadlines.

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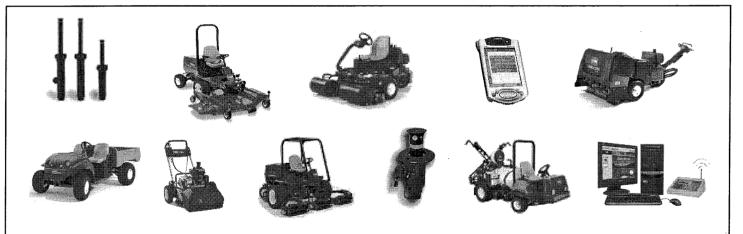
irrigate. During periods of extended drought, take the time to evaluate the system's weaknesses. Long range planning begins by first identifying a need that can be corrected.

One other concern that seems to be a common during Turf Advisory Service visits is traffic stress and how to control it. There may be a need to regulate traffic stress in areas of focused wear. Traffic patterns may have to be shifted in a regimented fashion. It may even be necessary to ask that golfers drive in the fairways rather than wear the rough immediately adjacent to the fairway turf. I am sure many have heard of the "90 degree rule." Just make sure the angle to which this is measured is clearly identified. Crossing 90 degrees to the playing direction of the hole is suggested.

As we enter the long, hot days of the July and August it will be important to control as many stress variables as possible. Golfers need to cooperate, which may mean walking a few feet further and taking a less direct route to the golf ball when riding in a cart. Most often things get accomplished when people work together.

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

If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death. ~Sam Snead



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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

To be idle is a short road to death and to be diligent is a way of life; foolish people are idle, wise people are diligent. –

Buddha

'Tis the season of doom, disease and destruction... 'Tis the dog days of summer! I always hated July and August as a golf course superintendent. Always seemed that for these two months the only guarantee was that your golf course conditions were going to regress, the only question was how much regression you'd have to endure. For most this has been another interesting year... fairly typical for this region, some may even say easy.

While the disease pressure has been moderate, there have been all the usual suspects regarding disease (Summer Patch, GLS, Anthracnose, BP, DS, etc.). The only golf courses that have had issues are those who have tried to challenge and cheat the fungus Gods, which is always a risky game to play. Remember those cool day and even cooler nights in April, May, and June??? I hate to sound like a broken record, but those who started spraying in early May and have maintained a regular spray program simply aren't experiencing the same problems compared with those who pushed the cool weather gambit.

2007 may be remembered as the year of the insect! I was just at a golf course that was experiencing second generation of annual bluegrass weevil damage and they didn't appear to be just munching on the annual bluegrass! I often say to my wife at the dinner table when the children aren't eating their dinners... you know the annual bluegrass weevil has been known to eat creeping bentgrass under the right circumstances (Hey, never a dull moment at the DelSantro dinner table!). Anyway, there has been more discussion about insects than most anything else on the golf course. All sorts of beetles flying all over the place, sod webworms, ABW's, and even a few mentions of armyworm adults flying around in mass in the Midwest. Good gosh that's all we need! Nothing that a little dose of a good old synthetic pyrethroid won't cure! My only serious recommendation is to rotate your chemistries with your insecticides, just as you should do with your fungicides! With an election year coming up and the potential for future EPA restrictions ahead, you need to maximize your tool inventory... one never knows what tools will be available down the road!

As most of you know, July is British Open month! Hard to believe it has been eight years since the last Open Champion-ship at Carnoustie! Eight long years since Jean Van de Velde took not one, not two, but a three shot lead... not into the final round, not into the final nine, but into the final hole... and proceeded to have every conceivable thing that could go wrong, actually go wrong. Eight long years since he hit driver right of the burn (which by the way was lucky)... hit his second shot off a right side grandstand support post into the schmutz (this is a very technical name a friend of mine created for extremely deep grass/weeds)... hit his third into another burn... drop into more schmutz... hit his fifth into a greenside sand bunker... hit his sixth onto the green... and then finally, when his entire world was crashing down around him, had the head about him to knock in a solid six or seven footer for triple bogey to force a playoff. Seriously folks that was one hell of a triple bogey! Of course, we all know the rest of the story... he lost in a three hole playoff to some guy named Paul something or other (who most of us had never heard of before nor have ever heard of since for that matter).

I was watching a Carnoustie Open Championship special on the Golf Channel just the other night. They actually had Jean in the studio to relive the 1999 Open Championship 18th hole meltdown. I actually found him to be good natured and quite amusing discussing his thought processes and decisions regarding playing that hole under those pressing conditions. Amazing it was how lucky he was on the drive, but how unlucky he was on his second shot into the grandstands... If the ball lands three feet further right, up in the stands, he gets a free drop and at worst makes five and wins by two shots. The deflection was worst than unlucky given where the ball eventually ended up nearly thirty yards back at him. And now he is more infamous than that guy who won the playoff... what's his name again? Actually it was Paul Lawrie who beat Jean and Justin Leonard in the playoff!

It's funny how we standing outside of the fire find it always so easy to criticize those standing in the fire and the way they played the hole. Hell, you could give me a three shot lead standing on the seventy-second tee of the Open Championship... of course, if I had to play the first seventy-one holes prior to that, I wouldn't be standing on the seventy second tee with a three shot lead now, would I?!!? Great guggly-muggly, if I played every shot of every hole perfect wouldn't life be just a bowl full of cherries! The fairway was seventy yards wide... regardless of where you hit your drive, there was OB right off the back left of the green, which could have swallowed up two shots much faster than 40 minutes of golf entertainment we all experienced watching his tragic demise. Easy to poke funny at... yes... easy to walk in their shoes... I think not!

Directions to Broad Run Golfer's Club

From PA Turnpike:

Exit at #326 or I-76 Schuylkill Expressway exit at Valley Forge and take Route 202 South: Take 202 South to Route 30 bypass/Downingtown-Coatesville. Follow 6 miles to exit at route 340 Thorndale. Make a left and follow Thorndale Marshalton Road for five miles to Telegraph Road. Make a right and follow to first stop sign. Make a right on to Strasburg Road. Take first right on to Broad Run Road. Club will be 1/4 mile on right.

From Route 30/Lincoln Highway/Lancaster: Route 30 for 16.5 miles to Octorara TRL/PA 10 and follow for 2 miles. Left on to East First Street/PA-372 and follow for 1.3 miles then stay straight to go on to Strasburg Road. Follow Strasburg for 10 miles and make a left on Broad Run Road then a right on to Tattersall Way.

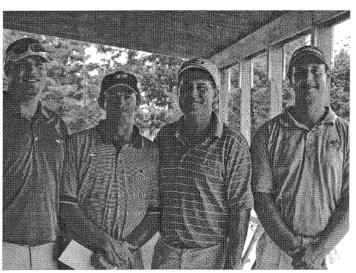
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July Golf Winners



L-R: Jon Szekeres, Terry Bennett, Mark DelSantro, Barry Bollinger

Golf Results from Deer Valley Golf Course

Thank you to Bill Wall and his staff for a great day of golf. It was a bit warm but I didn't care because I felt like Tiger Woods out there. I shot my best score in 10 years, back to the days I actually played golf.

I would like to thank all that participated. The meetings are a good time to meet new people within the industry or just catch up with old friends. I said it many times before I never walk away from a meeting without learning something new. So please take the time to attend the monthly meetings as often as possible.

The golf results for the Deer Valley meeting were as follows for the 2-man blind partner:

1st Place Low Gross
Mark DelSantro
Jon Szekeres

1st Place Low Net Scott Keener Terry Bennett

Andy Sheehan
Barry Bollinger

Closest to the pin #10
Dave Milore

Closest to the pin #14
Brad Helcoski

Long Drive Jon Szekeres

Golf Chairmen, Ryan Freed Barry Bollinger

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Golf Tournaments

August 18, 2007 - Memorial Tournament for Corky Knoll at Green Acres Golf Course in Bernville, PA. Four man Scramble, \$60.00 includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. Please contact John McCormick at 610-944-0783 or mjm0521@verizon.net for information.

October 23, 2007 - Corky Knoll Scholarship Tournament held at Moselem Springs Golf Club. For more information, please contact Tim O'Neil at 610-944-7618.

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

Surviving the heat, humidity, and the occasional rain shower, that's my doomed, disease laden, destructive, dog days, beetle flying, ABW munching, sometimes unlucky, always schumtzie, often making pressurized six footers, always critical, never inside the fire (but empathetic to those who are), never teeing off with my putter, once in a while taking a breakfast ball point of view from the heather and gorse!

Mark DelSantro can be reached via e-mail at <u>mtdelsantro@comcast.net</u> or via cell phone at (724) 433-8332.

Membership News

There were no new membership applications for review this month.

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

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Rebecca Matis (717) 258-1910 or Jed Vail (717) 755-1919.

Member Updates

Fred and Elizabeth Brubaker have relocated to:

The Goshen Plantation Golf Club 1601 Goshen Clubhouse Road

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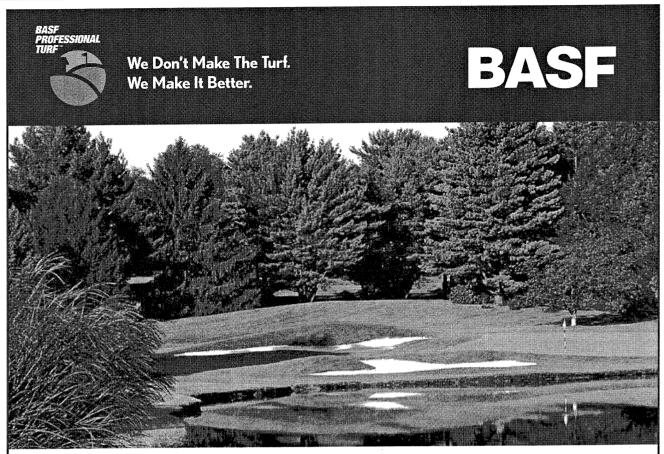
mwolf@yahnundasis.com

Matt and his wife also welcomed son, Kane Michael

Wolf on June 29, 2007.

August Speaker Profile

Steve Randall, Chapter Liaison/Field Staff for GCSAA, will speak briefly about the organizations increased focus on membership relations. Steve holds a Masters from the University of South Dakota and previously worked for the Minnesota Golf Association. He and wife Kathy have just celebrated son Jack's first birthday.

















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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual David Rafferty Dedication, Leadership, & Service Award

Dear Fellow Central Penn Members:

The Board of Directors is again seeking nominations for the 6th Annual Rafferty Award. This award recognizes dedication, leadership and service to CPGCSA and its members.

The award will honor the memory of Dave Rafferty. Dave was a Past President of our association as well as the Northwest PA GCSA and the Allied GCS of Pennsylvania. He was a forerunner in educating our elected and regulatory officials to the benefits of golf turf to the environment.

Dave was a mentor to literally dozens of superintendents, assistant superintendents and other members. He worked tirelessly to assist anyone who sought his council. We realize no one will fill Dave's shoes but we are dedicating this award in his memory. We will recognize members who have selflessly given themselves to benefit our association and its membership.

This award is designed to honor current and former superintendents attaining a minimum of 14 years association membership. This is the number of years Dave was a CPGCSA member. All classes of membership shall be eligible to receive the award although superintendent or retired superintendent nominees will receive favored consideration. The award is dedicated to a superintendent who worked hard for our association. Other classes of membership will not be ignored but must show outstanding dedication, leadership and service.

The award will be presented at Central Penn Night. The location and date will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

We have many deserving members. Please return nominations by August 15, 2007.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brickley

Daniel Brickley Rafferty Award Committee Chairman

Nomination Form on next page

Central Pennsylvania GCSA David Rafferty DSL Award Nomination Form

I nominate the following individual for CPGCSA's 2008 David Rafferty Dedication, Service and Leadership Award for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of the golf course superintendent. Nominee Information (please type or print): Nominee: Club/Company/Association: City/State/Zip: Daytime Phone: _____ CPGCSA Membership Class: ****************** Nominator Information (please type or print): Nominator: Club/Company/Association: B. R. Allegan S. W. Per R. C. T. C. Street: _____ City/State/Zip: Daytime Phone: _____ CPGCSA Membership Class: _____ Date submitted: _____ Signature: Please provide information regarding the nominee's contributions to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession and the nominee's involvement in activities within the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendent Association and/or other associations with local, state, regional or national influence plus community service.

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Use a different form for each nomination. Additional forms may be photo copied or requested from CPGCSA from the address listed below.

All nominations must be received by August 15, 2007.
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Outdoor Country Club

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TBD

