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July Meeting

Deer Valley Golf Course

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8:00 AM - Shotgun 1:00 PM - Lunch

Superintendent Profile

Bill Wall has been a Superintendent in Central Pennsylvania since 1975. He grew up in New Jersey, went to PSU and never made it back. He said "I have no hobbies I can do worth a damn, so I just work". He has been married to Patti for 35 years. They have 3 daughters: Amy - 34, Jamie - 30, Kelly - 23 and son Billy - 19.

Bill is a Past President of CPGCSA and has been a member since 1977.

Golf Course Profile

Deer Valley Golf Course is Central PA's newest golf course. Designed and built in 2003-2004 by Bill Wall with the help of a local contractor, a couple of farmers, and many friends. (No Sand traps, no collars, no boards, no politicians) The eighteen hole regulation course features: Large elevated greens, massive multi-tiered tees and unique hybrid, dwarf bluegrass fairways. For your year round golfing convenience the course includes a state of the art irrigation system and eight foot wide continuous cart paths.

Catered outings and meetings can be accommodated in our new dining pavilion, overlooking the fourth hole or in our clubhouse.

The course is conveniently located 2.5 miles north of Hummelstown, 3 miles west of Hershey and seven miles east of Harrisburg. From several locations, the course provides beautiful views and vistas of Hershey and the Blue Mountains.

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

They're Back

By Darin S. Bevard, Senior Agronomist June 15, 2007

After what many thought was a quiet spring with regards to annual bluegrass weevil and golf courses making preventive insecticide applications, this insect pest has shown up with a vengeance. Adult populations noted earlier in the spring led many of us to believe that it would be a light year with regard to the weevil populations, but fat chance. Dr. Pat Vittum, entomologist from the University of Massachusetts, echoes this sentiment when she states, "...and what a year it is. I have NEVER seen as high populations as we are seeing this year, and region wide. Hang on, it may be a wild ride!"

Damage to *Poa annua* has been noted at several golf courses in recent days. Larvae are now developed to the point where insecticides will be ineffective. Vigilant scouting must be employed in the coming weeks to monitor adult emergence of the second generation of the 2007 growing season. Just about any contact insecticide will control the adults, although pyrethroid chemistry continues to be the standard for control of adult weevils.

In the southern portion of the Mid-Atlantic Region, active bermudagrass growth is finally occurring. Some winterkill did occur, but only in the northern part of our region. At times this spring, cool, cloudy weather patterns have been a challenge for bermudagrass managers. However, most of the bermudagrass we are seeing now is in mid-season form with exception of shaded areas and winter affected areas.

Overall to date, golf courses are in very good condition, although some *Poa annua* seedheads still exist. Remember, nowcontinued on page 3......

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"Vice" President's Message

I was asked to write this months President's message due to our President, John "Hoss" Colo, traveling the globe with his family.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Chris Martin and his staff for a great meeting on June 20th. Also, I would like to thank Thom Mahute for the fine beverages that were enjoyed by all during the event.

This month, please keep a few things in mind. "DSL" nomination forms have been mailed to the membership. If you know anyone deserving of this award, please take the time to nominate them by filling out the form. Next, Central Penn scholarship applications are due. As of today, we have not received any applications. If you have a turf student working for you who qualifies, make sure they have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. Finally, the nominating committee is looking for members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. There will be two positions to fill at the annual meeting in September. If you are interested in filling one of the positions or have any questions, please contact a current member of the Board.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on July 10th at Deer Valley.

Dan Brickley Central Penn Vice President Lebanon Country Club

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.

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

Mark McGreevy......Class SM Wyncote Golf Club, Superintendent

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.

A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt very well.

~Author Unknown



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"Past" President's Message

Greetings All,

While the President is out on International business affairs, I'm taking this opportunity to return to the print. It's been a while since I rambled on about stuff, so I am a little rusty.

What a year we've had so far ... and it's only really just beginning!! But there's only 10 more weeks until Labor day...and yes I am counting!! However, will that really mean anything?? We had summer like temperatures in December...April had late snow falls, that I got blamed for at my club...May was so hot and dry, kind of like July...June has been a roller coaster of temperatures from mid 90's to low 70's for highs and as dry as a desert for some of us, but days of multiple inches of rain for others!! It is truly amazing that we have hair (I apologize to our hair-challenged brethren) or our sanity...and that is questionable. Who knows what July will bring!!! Frosts??? We can't count any more on typical weather patterns, like we used to back in the day (I apologize for grouping me with some of our more experienced brethren). It seems to be a crap shoot with predicting what to do...degree days...number of life cycles of insects...preemergents... But that's why we make the "big bucks" (and I really apologize for that comment!)... this is what we do best, adapt to the ever changing climate and bring out the best of our turf...and I doubt that we get enough credit for all our efforts, except from the people who know, our peers.

Our June meeting was held at Crossgates GC, hosted by Chris Martin. Chris and his staff had the place in fine condition....very well done! Thanks to the entire Crossgates staff that made the day very enjoyable...it was a perfect day!

What's one of my letters without a plea for MORE ATTEN-DANCE!!!! I understand people have lives and families, but if you do get have a "free" day, please come to the meetings...you will enjoy it and learn something too! I admit that I missed the May meeting and will not be able to attend the July meeting...both conflict with my family schedule. John just didn't consult with me when he planned the CPGCSA schedule! Hahaha.

I hope everyone has a safe and non-eventful summer. May we all get the rains and manageable temperatures that we so deservedly request. Spend time with your families, our Prez is setting a very good example of that, and that is good!

See ya around! Your Past Prez

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is the time to consider what maintenance strategies will be implemented when the summer heat arrives, and it will arrive! If we can offer one recommendation, be proactive. If you wait until anthracnose is active to back off on maintenance practices to encourage green speed, it is too late. If you wait until turfgrass thinning is noted to switch to solid rollers, it is too late. Keep the grass healthy as we progress into the summer, and the golf course will be better for it. While setting arbitrary times to implement conservative maintenance practices is difficult, waiting until damage occurs to back off is risky business. Monitor 10-day forecasts for temperature trends and act accordingly. The summer heat will come; it is not an *if*, it is a *when*.

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.

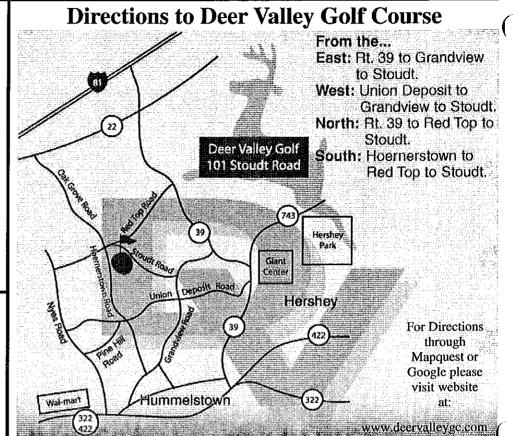
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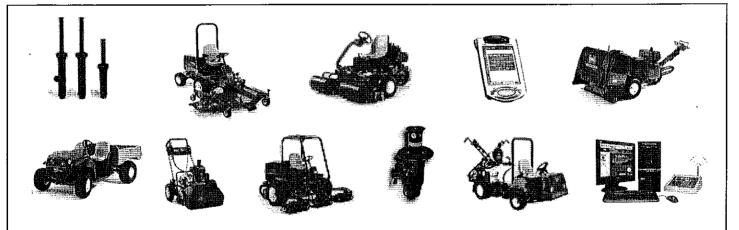
Guests will be limited to the following:

- * 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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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

Driving along the other day I started thinking that penguin movies and Michelle Wie have an awful lot in common. They were both really cute and interesting when they first broke onto the scene a few years back... they both have raked in millions of dollars... and now, most of us have grown tired of the same old storyline and we just can't wait to see them fade away into obscurity! Poor Michelle... I guess, not even ~\$19 million a year can win you championships... of course, the Yankees and George Steinbrenner taught us all that many years ago... Bygones!

Wie little Michelle played a few weeks ago in the Ginn Tribute, hosted by Annika Sorenstam (I guess you know you've made it when your name is attached to a tournament)... regardless, she was hacking along at a sub par +14 through the first round, when she suddenly decided that she tweaked her wrist and needed to withdrawal.

Unfortunately, that's not how this story ends... The interesting rest of the story is that there is a little known rule regarding the LPGA, known as the 88 rule, where if a non tour member shoots 88 or worse in any tournament round, that they are automatically banned from participating in any future events for the remainder of the year. Had Wie little Michelle finished +2 or worse on the final two holes, she would have minimally shot that magical number and been relegated to feebly attempting to make the cut in PGA events and further beating up her already beaten up psyche.

The second part of the rest of the story is that apparently there is a clear cut policy regarding cell phone usage during any LPGA event, and yet her agent, who was walking in her entourage (I guess you know you've made it when you have peeps!), was suspiciously on his unchecked at the door cell phone minutes before she withdrew, allegedly speaking with a rules official getting clarity on the 88 rule.

The final rest of the story is that there is to be no consultation by a player to an outside entity (save their caddy), regarding advice i.e. whether to continue to play or to miraculously become so maimed that one can't possibly play on for the final two holes, yet can't wait to get to the driving range to work out her game issues after she withdrawals. Amazing it was that she had the head about her in the midst of hacking it around, to make that decision without consultation. She deserves much more credit than I've ever given her!

The week following her disgraceful exit and following a truly deserved lambasting from Annika Sorenstam, Wie little Michelle then came through with a stellar, yet solid last place finish in the McDonald's LPGA Championship, finishing ten good shots behind her nearest competitor. Wow... can you say train wreck! Oh the pain, oh the pain, please just make it all go away!

The best news I've heard regarding Wie little Michelle was announced this week and stated that she'll be attending Stanford in the fall and plans on taking a step back from golf and focusing on just being a student (no word on her entourage's plans). I wonder if she cleared this with her parents first? She can't play on the golf team... there are \$19 million reasons why thanks to Nike and other sponsors... So apparently she plans on just being a typical college kid??? Unfortunately for her, typical is not why she's getting endorsement dollars... moving forward; maybe she can get some advice from Jennifer Capriotti on how not to self destruct!

In other, more beautifully sadistic news, Oakmont Country Club hosted the US Open Golf Championship this past weekend. Can I hear a collective wow? Mr. Zontek, write down this date in history, because I believe the USGA hit a grand slam with this golf championship. The balance between brutally long and challenging risk-reward type short holes was perfect. The greens were firm, rather speedy, and yet receptive to good shots from the fairway. The rough was long, thick, penal, and in the opinion of at least one PGA touring pro, injurious!??! Has anyone seen these liquid fertilizers and these new mowers that stand the grass straight up? Inconceivable! The bunkers were in perfect condition in that they were just fluffy enough that the tour players couldn't just take dead aim at the hole. The golf course looked phenomenal from start to finish through out the entire week.

As for the variation of the hole length... having a 300 yard Par 3 and two drivable Par 4's is like a 119.5 second poured, 42° F pint of Guinness... it's absolutely brilliant! Amazing it was to me that as difficult as it seemed, the eventual championship Angel Cabrera, could have won by four or five strokes had he converted several final round five to eight foot putts on Sunday. I wasn't quite sure if it was the greens or his nerves that got the best of him on those putts.

And what of Jim Furyk, considered by many as one of the greatest wedge players in the game... going for the green on the 308 yard, Par 4, 17th hole and making bogey... dude, I got to believe that if he lays up to 100 yards, the worst he makes is four and he's got a pretty darn good chance of making three. Execute and he's either the champion or at minimum in an eighteen hole playoff on Monday. Instead, he tin cupped it and attended the grand opening of the new Glen Riddle Man o' War golf course outside Ocean City, Maryland on Monday afternoon.

As for Sir Eldrick... Saturday's round was nearly perfect, with the possible exception that he kept finding himself on the wrong side of the hole and couldn't seem to navigate the greens. On Sunday he was once again merely mortal, based on the world's immortal view of him... his double bogey from behind the green on three was something I'd expect out of myself, thinning the first chip from behind the green and then fluffing the second about ten feet. And yet, as he always seems to do in major events, he still had more than enough chances to force a playoff and/or win outright. And of his putting, while he couldn't seem to

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Update from Penn State

On the Status of the Golf Course Turfgrass Management Two-Year Certificate Program

Most of you are aware that Mr. Carmen Magro, CGCS recently resigned from his position as coordinator of Penn State's two-year certificate program in golf course turfgrass management; and has accepted a position as Senior Agronomist with Floratine Products Group. Carmen has kindly offered his assistance in helping with the transition to a new coordinator, and the entire turf program faculty wishes him well in his new position.

Penn State turf faculty and administrators are committed to continuing the two-year program (now approaching its 50th year of educating golf course managers), and have just accepted a promising new class for the 2007 academic year. Over the next few months we will be consulting industry leaders concerning the future direction of the program, to make sure we are meeting the needs of the golf course industry. Following these discussions, we should be in an excellent position to conduct a national search for a highly qualified individual to serve as our new program coordinator. In the meantime, the Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences will hire an experienced individual to serve as interim coordinator to oversee the program.

If you have any questions or comments concerning Penn State's two-year program, please contact Dr. Peter Landschoot at (814) 863-1017 or pill@psu.edu.

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find the hole on birdie attempts, he sure has a knack for finding the hole when it's for par... never have I seen a more clutch par putter than he!

Finally, while I've always been a big believer in fate, as I get older it seems there are just more and more reasons to believe. Had Tiger got up and down out of the bunker on seventeen to tie Angel Cabrera and force an 18-hole playoff, he wouldn't have been able to finish the playoff anyway. His wife, Elin, went into labour Monday morning and with Tiger by her side, which is the only place he should have been, she delivered a baby girl cub named Sam Alexis. As often is the case in life, most times, things tend to work out, not only how they should, but exactly how they are meant to be.

Just keeping it real, that's my tired, poor, always finishing, consultative, often lambasted, self destructive, sadistic, grand slam hitting, sometimes injurious, brilliant, tin cupping, par saving and fate believing point of view from the heather and gorse.

Mark DelSantro can be reached via e-mail at <u>mtdelsan-</u> tro@comcast.com or by phone at (724) 433-8332

Golf Results From Crossgates Golf Course

I don't know what to thank Chris and his staff for more, the perfectly conditioned golf course or the perfect weather. Great job Chris! Everyone had a great time and hopefully we will see a big turnout next month at Deer Valley on July 10th.

The results at Crossgates are as follows:

1st Gross	Tom Kintzer	71
2nd Gross	Brad Helcoski	72
3rd Gross	Barry Bollinge	er 75
1st Net	Shawn Cooper	70
2nd Net	Dan Brickley	72
3rd Net	Rick Eschbach	n 72
Closest To Pin	Paul Wickey 1	6' 10"
Fewest Putts	Rick Eschbach 2	6 Won in a putt off!
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Thank you everyone. Ryan Freed, Barry Bollinger Golf Chairmen

CPGCSA Community Cares

The purpose of this new column is to give our members an opportunity to update and share information about causes that are near and dear to them. Please feel free to forward information to Wanda to be included in future issues.

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 mim0521@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.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the July newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@comcast.net by August 16, 2007.

The Rules, Your Course and Its Golf Course Management Staff

Presented by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

It's not uncommon to hear a golfer say, "The Rules of Golf are too complicated."

But what's most important for golfers to understand is that many of the rules are actually intended to help them out. For instance, most golf courses have cart paths, sign posts, permanently anchored yardage markers, ball washers, etc. These are immovable obstructions, and golfers are permitted relief from them under rule 24-2.

In addition to those permanent features of the course, golfers and/or their golf ball will interact with the work of the golf course maintenance staff, or with natural situations that affect the course. These are called "abnormal ground conditions" and also offer relief under Rule 25.

For instance, in wet weather, portions of the course can have standing water outside of a water hazard. This is casual water and golfers can also get relief from it under Rule 25.

When the golf course management staff is working on the projects such as resodding, maintaining or repairing the irrigation system, or renovating bunkers, these areas may be marked as ground under repair. In such cases, golfers are entitled to relief from the area.

If the committee wishes to protect an area of the course such as new sod, The Rules of Golf also recommend identifying the area as ground under repair, and requiring players to take relief from it. The recommended local rule is:

"The ______(defined by _____) is ground under repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25-1.

Of course, there are other times when The Rules of Golf can help you on the course. One of the regular maintenance practices that can have an effect on play is the aerification of greens, tees and fairways. According to The Rules of Golf:

When a course has been aerated, a Local Rule permitting relief, without penalty, from an aeration hole may be warranted. The following Local Rule is recommended:

"Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

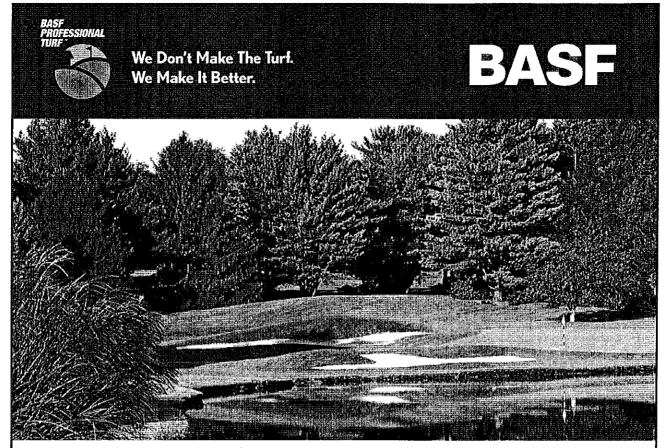
On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

The Rules even offer a specimen local rule for trees that have been planted:

When it is desired to prevent damage to young trees, the following Local Rule is recommended:

"Protection of young trees identified by ______ — If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction). If the ball lies in a water hazard, the player must lift and drop the ball in accordance with Rule 24-2b(i) except that the nearest point of relief must be in the water hazard and the ball must be dropped in the water hazard or the player may proceed under Rule 26. The ball may be leaned when lifted.

While the rules don't specifically address the maintenance staff itself, golfers need to remember that sometimes the work to be done puts golfers and the staff on the course at the same time. At those times, a little patience can make for a safer, more productive day for the staff, and produce better golf course conditions when the project is done.



















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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: 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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(formerly known at Tattersall Golf Club)

Meeting with PAGCS

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October

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