

# The Green Sheet



# **Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association**

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# **June Meeting**

# **Crossgates Golf Club**

June 20, 2007

11:00 AM - Speaker12:00 PM - Lunch1:00 PM - Shotgun

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

# **Superintendent Profile**

Chris Martin resides in East Petersburg with his wife Joanne and son Chris Jr. He received a B.S degree from Millersville University in 1993 in Sociology/Secondary Education and graduated from the Rutgers 2 year Turf Program in 1997. Chris began working at Four Seasons Golf Course in 1991 and was the Assistant Superintendent from 1995-1997. He was Superintendent of Pine Meadows Golf Course from 1997-1998. Chris next worked at Iron Valley Golf Course as Assistant Superintendent from 1998-2000 and then Superintendent from 2000-2003. Chris has been at Crossgates Golf Club since March of 2004.

# **Golf Course Profile**

Crossgates Golf Club was designed for the Murry Companies by Fred Garbin and opened for play in 1994. The course is located adjacent to Millersville University along the Conestoga River. Crossgates is also the host course for the First Tee Program in Lancaster County.

# **Education**

The speaker for the June meeting will be Michael G. Brownell, Chief of Water Resources Management at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. As Chief, Mike oversaw the successful completion of the Groundwater Management Plan, the Agricultural Consumptive Water Use Study, and assumed responsibility for the Water Resources Management Advisory Committee, the Conowingo Pond Management Plan, SRBC's low flow management plan, and database improvements. Mike has been with SRBC since December 1999.

# Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

# What Happened to Spring?

By Keith Happ, Senior Agronomist June 4, 2007

One of the most difficult variables to predict is the transition from early spring weather to summer conditions. Turf managers try to prepare for weather fluctuations by implementing sound agronomic practices, but often it is not that simple. There is always the issue of the golf schedule. However, as the saying goes, don't put the cart before the horse.

We are experiencing the annual transition from winter to summer without the normal spring conditions. Most of the Mid-Atlantic Region currently is experiencing very dry conditions. Little measurable rain was recorded in May, and many superintendents have had to adapt to the changing environment by managing more cautiously. With many areas receiving less than an inch of measurable rain during the month of May, the focus has shifted abruptly to irrigation management. Concerns have been expressed about water reserves, cost of water for the season, and if drought restrictions will be enacted.

Early this spring agronomic programs were adjusted to allow turf damaged from the harsh winter winds to recover. For example, aeration programs were altered from the normal coring procedures to using smaller coring tines, solid tines only, and omitting topdressings for fear of bruising the turf. The short term goals were to get recovery while still satisfying the golfers.

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# President's Message

Dear Members,

As we move into the summer, the spring was not too bad. From what I have heard many of us have not used a lot of fungicides. But most of us have used a lot of water. During the month of May we really tested our irrigation systems. Some irrigation systems were good and some not so good. We all go through this process at the beginning of the year and make the adjustments. It is part of our job and we love every minute of it!

I would like to thank Alan FitzGerald for a wonderful day at LedgeRock Golf Club. With almost 70 people attending, the course was enjoyed by all. Alan, thanks for your hospitality.

Next, we visit Chris Martin at Crossgates Golf Club in Millersville. I'm sure that Chris will be ready for us (sorry I can't be there). Let's make sure you send your RSVP's in before the deadline or at least call Wanda (worst case) to get your name in by the deadline (send your check right away). Deadlines are set for a reason, let's stick to them.

The President Eisenhower green renovation at Gettysburg is complete. The bluegrass sod was laid on May 30<sup>th</sup> and the bentgrass (G-2) sod was laid on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Greg Borzok and I rolled the green twice with a hand roller filled with water (recovered Greg?). We also mowed it twice with a Jac422 @.175" eight days after the sod was laid. The green looks great and has rooting about one and half inches down in one week. With a slight adjustment to the irrigation system by Brad Helcoski, Atlantic Irrigation, the green and rough are getting the water they need.

This year the CPGCSA Board of Directors decided not to mail out membership cards seeing that we rarely pull them out of our wallets while visiting other courses. If you want one, call Wanda and she will send one to you. Speaking of playing other members courses: there is a protocol we all need to follow. A phone call should be made to the Superintendent's office first. If you can't reach him/her by phone an e-mail can be sent. In today's technology, phone calls, e-mails, faxes, blackberry's, and/or pigeon's can be sent to the Superintendent. Please do not show up unannounced at the golf shop or Superintendent's office expecting a complimentary round. For the most part we all can comply with a request. At times, tee times or courses will not allow this. This is why you need to contact the SUPERINTENDENT first. Remember, this is a privilege! We are a representative of a group: Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association.

For the first time in 18 years that I have been in the golf business I am taking an extended vacation in the summer. Peggy, Robert, Kevin and I will spend some valued time together. I hope everyone enjoys the summer with family and friends. Take the time to get away. The golf course will still be there!

Respectfully,

John M. Colo, GCS President Country Club of York

Golf is an awkward set of bodily contortions designed to produce a graceful result.

~Tommy Armour

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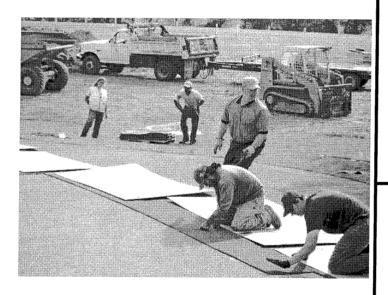
# **Membership News**

The following individuals have applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, they will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

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.

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tines, bayonet tines, small diameter solid tines, or even small diameter coring tines will achieve the desired level of relief. There are those managers who are fortunate enough to have the option to use water injection aeration. While aeration is never accepted well by golfers, it is essential in order to maintain the health and the resulting performance of the turf.

It is not too early to focus on controlling mechanical stress. Mowing practices can be adjusted with some areas of the course being mowed less frequently. The manner in which the machinery is operated will have a significant impact on turf performance for the remainder of the year. Communicate with operators regarding how the equipment is maneuvered over the course. One bad turn can leave a scar for the rest of the summer.

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

# Happy Father's Day Dad Dad

# **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.

# **Directions to Crossgates Golf Club**

From York:

Route 30 East, and then follow directions below.

From Harrisburg:

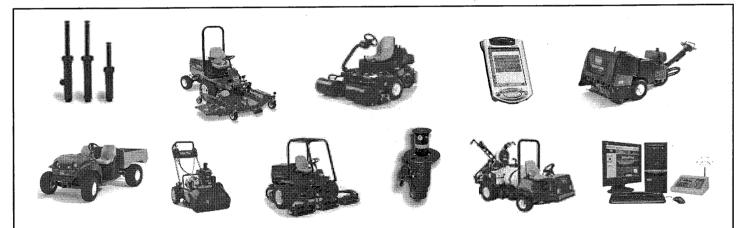
Route 83 North to Route 283 S. to 283 East, and then follow directions below.

From Reading:

Route 222 South to Route 30 West, and then follow directions below.

From Rt. 30/283: Millersville Exit take south Rt. 741 to Rt. 999. Turn right onto Rt. 999 (Manor Avenue) through two stoplights to a "Y". Bear left at the "Y" onto N. George Street. Turn right at second light onto W. Frederick Street. Turn left at S. Duke St. Entrance is on the left across from Funk's Farm Market.

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#### Dear CPGCSA Member:

The CPGCSA Board of Directors has developed a scholarship for students pursuing a career in Golf Course Management. This scholarship is open to any college student who is currently a member of CPGCSA, employed by a member of CPGCSA or is the child of a member of CPGCSA. The dead-line for applications is June 30 to insure there is a recipient for the upcoming school year. The scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at Central Penn Night.

Listed below are the CPGCSA Scholarship Guidelines:

#### Eligible Candidates:

Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- a. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution who are employed at least part time by a CPGCSA member.
- b. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are currently a member of CPGCSA in good standing.
- c. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are the child of a CPGCSA member in good standing.

#### Guidelines for Applicants:

- a. Applicants must have completed at least one year at an accredited institution.
- b. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- c. Applicants must submit a typed essay of no more than 300 words outlining his or her career goals and why they feel they are deserving of the CPGCSA Scholarship.
- d. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation: one from an instructor and one from a CPGCSA member.

#### Timeline

- a. May 10 Scholarship applications will be accepted.
- b. June 30 Deadline for submission of applications.
- c. August 1 Board will review applicant's information, approve and notify recipient.
- d. Central Penn Night ceremonial presentation of the award.

Enclosed please find a scholarship application. Additional applications can be obtained by contacting CPGCSA office at (717) 279-0368 or cpgcsa@comcast.net. If you know of a deserving student, Central Penn GCSA can help.

Sincerely,

John M Colo

John M. Colo, President

(Scholarship application is printed on Page 6)



# GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION Scholarship Application

| Personal Data  |                 |            |   |           |
|--|-----------------|------------|---|-----------|
| Name:  |                 |            | Date of Birth:                                    |           |
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# **Heather and Gorse**

By Mark DelSantro

# Q: How do you know when an attorney is about to lie? A: Their lips begin to move!

Give us your poor, your tired, your hungry and what do we get in return??? What a world, what a world, and let me tell you our world has changed! It's funny (funny strange, not funny haha!), that when the first World Trade Center bombings happened in the early 1990's, we thought it an anomaly. When Timothy McVey and Terry Nichols blew up the Oklahoma City Federal building in 1995, we thought it a freak of nature. But obviously, the third time is a charm, for when those planes were flown into the twin towers on September 11<sup>th</sup>. 2001 and those towers came down, it was then and only then that we all came to realize that our world had changed. Our safe haven of the United States was no longer totally safe... quite frankly, a barrier to entry had been perpetrated and we could no longer feel 100% comfortable.

Thus, enter the "Fort Dix Six" who plotted and planned to kill 100's of US Army soldiers in training down in southern New Jersey and also had plans to attack Dover Air Force Base. This one I tend to take a little more personal as my wife's two younger brothers are currently at Fort Dix training for three months prior to being deployed to an area about 180 miles north of Baghdad. Furthermore, my father-in-law works at the Dover base. Irking me the most is that in the world and in the country and in the current state in which we all live, that there are the civil rights attorneys that argue that these terrorist have rights. Wasn't it that Shakespeare fellow who suggested killing all the lawyers?

Listen, do I think civil rights are important? Absolutely! I believe our general position on civil rights is the main thing that differentiates our country from all others... Let's face it freedom is something we have going for us, which is nice! In my 44 years of living, I can't remember any instance of a person defecting from the US to Cuba or China or the old USSR and yet we've let thousands (or in the case of Mexico, millions), enter our melting pot of a country and stay with numerous free benefits! All that being said, when our country and our people are being threatened on our own soil, I believe a line has to be drawn and policies must change.

As I understand it, most of the European countries are considered free... their residents have civil rights up until the point when the safety of the country and its citizens are threatened, then essentially all the rules go out the window. And furthermore, they aren't afraid to let any terrorist know this up front. I believe this to be one of the things that they got absolutely right over seas and unfortunately, we've got absolutely wrong.

As some of you know, I have an older brother who took a temporary work position in Italy in the early 1990s and ended up a permanent German resident, rarely returning for an occasional visit. When you walk through the airport in Munich or Frankfort, one of the most blatantly obvious things are the 6' 4", 240 pound, blonde haired, blue eyed, Uzi carrying military police that frequent the gate areas. When it comes to homeland security, they don't compromise! And the rights of any would-be terrorist... As my uncle Vito used to say... Forget about it!!!

All of this directly ties to our current immigration policy (or as some would say, our lack of a legitimate and enforceable immigration policy) and, in my never to be humble opinion, is one more reason to tighten up our borders. Of the six Dix, three brothers, Dritan, Eljvir, and Shain Duka were all illegal immigrants who were smuggled into the country in 1984 by their father through Mexico. Interesting it is to me that essentially, in the past ten years, these brothers have cumulatively been criminally charged seventy-five different times by the police and they were still on the streets to plot an attack on Ft. Dix. By the way, I didn't stutter and this is not a mistake, seventy-five different times??? You can't be serious! What's wrong with this picture?

Now, do I really believe that securing our borders would have stopped 9/11, Ft. Dix, and possibly the JFK Airport plot this past weekend? The answer to this would have to be most likely not, but I'd sure feel more confident about the odds! Of course the other side is that if 9/11 never happened, would the Ft. Dix and JFK groups ever have been caught prior to a terrorist attack?

Listen, I'm not a fear monger! Believe you me I realize that you have a better chance of getting hit by lightning than getting killed by a terrorist. That being said, I believe you have your own back yard... in other words, what happens in Europe and the Middle East happens in Europe and the Middle East. This is like the home field advantage in sports... this country is our house! You should have total control of what happens in your backyard. You have less control of what happens in your neighbor's yard. As I heard one talk show pundit say the other day... Control what you can control and let God and the military handle the rest!

Probably the biggest challenge moving forward is to get our politicians to agree on a border policy that makes sense and actually works (see the aforementioned reference to the odds of getting either struck by lightning and/or getting killed by a terrorist). The hoot of this all is that most all of this discussion could have been null and void had the Simpson-Mazzoli Immigration bill of 1986 been acted on and enforced. Back then it was apparently agreed upon that in exchange for ~3 million illegal immigrants gaining amnesty, the country would get control of the borders, enforcement of laws requiring employers to identify illegal

# Golf Results from LedgeRock Golf Club

Wow, what a great course, a true test of skill. Hats off to Allen and his crew for a fabulous day. The weather was just as beautiful as the course. We couldn't have asked for a better day to play golf. I am as equally impressed with the turnout for the meeting. I can only hope every meeting is as well attended. We will continue to have fun golf formats that make playing a bit more interesting and also give everyone a shot at winning prizes.

The results of the "pink ball" tournament at LedgeRock were:

#### **Team Results**

1st Place Low Net - 67

Robert Brown Travis Howes Chris Martin Thom Mahute

2nd Place Low Net - 69

Mark DelSantro Greg Hufner Dave Giordano Curt King

#### **Individual Results**

1st Low Gross-77

**Bob Mogel** 

1st Low Net - 67

Thom Mahute

Closest to pin @ 7'9"

Dan Brickley

All Winners listed above have credit at LedgeRock Golf Club, their Pro Shop has your name and the amount of credit you have with them.

Again, thank you to everyone that participated in this event. See you at Crossgates Golf Course on June 20th.

Ryan Freed, Barry Bollinger Golf Chairmen

# **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.

# Golf Results from Susquehanna Valley Country Club

1st Place - 62

Barry Bollinger
Paul Wickey
Faron Stoops
Dan Davis

5th Place - 66

Bob Beyer

John Colo

Scott Fischer

Terry Wueschinski

2nd Place - 63

James Dobson Chet Workman Ray Andrews Jack Stover **6th Place - 67**Carl Swartzlander

Greg Borzok
Greg Bingeman

3rd Place - 64

Matt Brown Dave Milore Greg Bollinger 7th Place - 69

Lew Morgan
Jim Gillam
Trevor Turner
John Green

4th Place - 64

Tom Ocepek
Andy Sheehan
Dave DeWitt
Brad Helcoski

8th Place - 70

Jim Carville John Segui Joe Sellers Matt Strader

# **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.

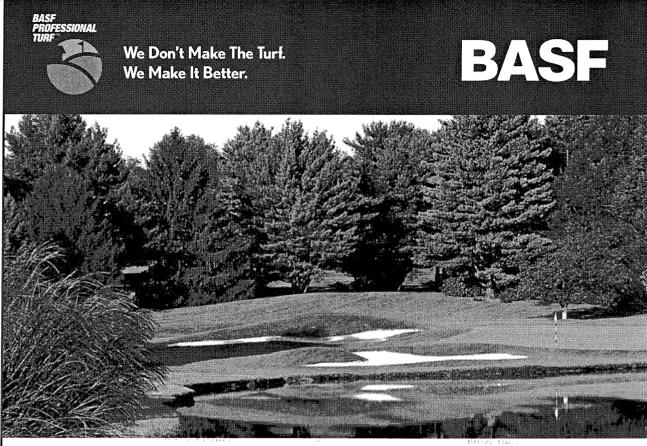
#### **Golf Tournaments**

**June 22, 2007** - Bring Home Mia Benefit Golf Tournament held at Fairview Golf Course. For more information, please contact Dan Achenbach at 717-867-1879.

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**

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# In Memoriam

#### Richard E. Valentine

(March 13, 1929 - May 25, 2007)

RICHARD E. VALENTINE, MAY 25, 2007- of Bryn Mawr, formerly of Ardmore, PA. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Magee Valentine. Devoted father of Richard J., Thomas A. and his fiancé Lisa Wolffe, and John D. Loving grandfather of Christopher Richard, Hunter Alexander, Taylor Patrick and Samuel Thomas. Also survived by his brother Victor M. Valentine and sister Estelle Patricia DiStefano. Funeral Mass Thurs. May 31, 10 AM Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 31 Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA. Int. Calvary Cem. Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing Wed. from 7 to 9 PM at McConaghy Funeral Home, 328 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. or Thurs. from 9 to 10 AM at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, Memorial Fulfillment Center, 777 Penn Center Blvd. Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

Richard (Richie) Valentine was a Class AA member of Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents joining in 1960.

#### Frank Fisher

Frank was a founding member of the Independent Turf and Ornamental Distributors Association and was also distinguished by ITODA as a honorary life member. Fisher & Son Co., Inc. in Exton, PA. is wholly-owned and managed by the fourth generation of Fishers', including Mike, who is President and Marketing, and Anne Fisher, Vice President and Administration. We know you share our sympathy and well-wishes for the family.

Frank had resided in Georgia, for many years after his retirement. The following details are from an obituary in the Savannah Morning News.

Frank Howell Fisher, age 75, died Thursday, May 24, 2007, at his home on Skidaway Island. The Chester County, Pennsylvania native moved to Savannah in 1993, settling at The Landings on Skidaway Island. He graduated from The Westtown School in Westtown, PA in 1949 and from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, in 1953.

Surviving are his wife, of twenty-four years, Sandra S. Fisher of Savannah; his children, Kimberle Fisher Glazer of Vienna, VA; Susan Fisher Hyland of Bay City, MI; Michael D. Fisher of Birchrunville, PA; Christopher Kirk Fisher of Dillsburg, PA; and Holly McGill Fisher of Downingtown, PA; step-children, Kimberly McGill Wolfe of Edwards, CO and William Ronald McGill of West Chester, PA; his brothers, Guilford Dudley Fisher of New York City, NY and Henry V. Fisher of Kennett Square, PA; fifteen grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was scheduled at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Savannah. Interment will take place in West Chester, PA. In lieu of flowers the family suggests remembrances be made to The Union Mission, 120 Fahm St., Savannah, GA 31401, The Salvation Army, P.O Box 23798, Savannah, GA 31403, or to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd., Savannah, GA 31411.

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immigrants prior to hiring them, and no more amnesty for future illegal immigrants. A great idea if there ever was a way to make it all work and now our challenges are much steeper.

The problem is that when you get that many lawyers into a room at the same time, by nature, they'll always disagree and ultimately never agree to disagree, resulting in their propensity to never come to a conclusion on anything they're attempting to conclude! In the end, in my opinion, when you have 100 Washington DC lawyers buried up to their necks in sand, you don't have enough sand! That's my world changing, Shakespearian, civilly right, backyard owning, all to often forgetting about it, sometimes criminal, never charged, fearful, enforceable, and always challenging point of view from the heather and gorse.

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# **2007 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule**

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** 

