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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

A Few Reminders For The Winter Season: Now Is The Time For Preparation

By Keith Happ, Sr. Agronomist

Activity on most golf courses has turned to leaf collection and course cleanup. This includes tree management to maximize sunlight exposure to critical areas of play. This work is being conducted to benefit the course, and not just minimize the need to collect the leaves each fall.

Fall fertilization applications need to be focused on strengthening the turf so it can adequately harden for the winter. Fertility applications should be conducted to support Mother Nature's process of developing "anti-freeze" within the plant. Soil testing results should be used to determine the corrective (if needed) measures necessary to maintain healthy turf. The fall is not the time for "feel good" applications or the "it can't hurt treatment." Know what the product or products will do and how treatments will impact preparation of the turf for winter weather.

Set the stage for the upcoming season. For example, place aeration dates on the calendar of events. While it may seem to be a never ending process, remind the golfers of the importance of doing what is best for the grass in advance of difficult weather conditions.

Many superintendents have started the process for securing an adequate labor force for the upcoming season. A great deal of paperwork needs to be completed if your operation is reliant upon H-2B workers. You may want to contact your local Congressional representative if this has been a major factor in meeting labor needs at your facility. GCSAA has reported that H-2B negotiations have broken down regarding the cap on the

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From The President

Dear Members,

The Annual Election and Association Golf Championship at Outdoor Country Club was a hit. We all had a great day! Ben Ulevich and his staff did a great job and the course was in excellent shape! Thank you, Ben!

Congratulations to Craig Esbenshade and Curt King for being voted onto the Board. Also, Steve Ludwig was voted as your Secretary/Treasurer. Matt Strader completes the officer chairs as your Vice-President. The Board also welcomes Brad Helcoski to fill one of our two affiliate chairs.

Congratulations to Dan Brickley on your 2008 Presidency.

As I finish my year as your President with this last letter, I think about how much time we put into our work and other things that keep us away from home. We all work hard and do long hours during the growing season. Our work takes a lot out of us physically, mentally and emotionally. We owe a lot to our families and friends for their support. The SACRIFICE that we make to do our job goes without saying. Families and friends get second dibs of our time. Let's make this time up during the winter.

Respectfully,

John Colo, GCS
Country Club of York

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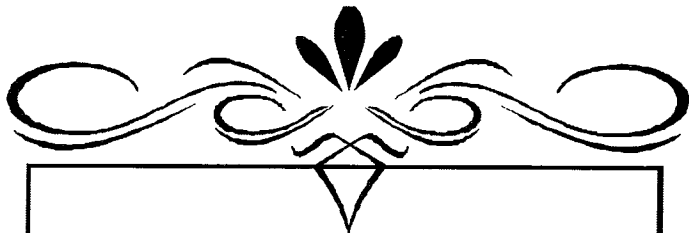
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*Join us in Congratulating
this year's recipient of the
David Rafferty Distinguished Service
and Leadership Award*

Jeffrey L. Fry, CQCS

*Information regarding Central Penn Night
will be mailed later this year.*



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annual visas issued for this program. This could impact the availability of workers for next spring.

Finally, prepare to learn this fall and winter. Start now by selecting from the available educational opportunities presented in your area. Don't be shy about including key committee members from your facility when attending a USGA Regional Conference. Information will be presented about the rules changes for 2008, how to prepare the golf course, and communicating with members.

As always, if the Mid-Atlantic regional 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.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the next newsletter,
please fax information to Wanda at
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January 25, 2008

Dear Members,

Help me congratulate Mr. Jeffrey Fry, our 2008 David Rafferty Distinguished Service & Leadership Award winner. Jeff is very deserving of this award and I am looking forward to presenting it to him at Central Penn Night. This year we are changing the format of the evening. We are going to have a short award presentation following dinner, then drinks and dancing. There will be a DJ to take song requests and a fully stocked bar. It is going to be held at the one and only Lebanon Country Club. I look forward to getting the wives together and watch John (Hoss) Colo doing the 2 step. So mark your calendar for January 19, 2008 and I'll see you there.

Regards,

Daniel Brickley
Lebanon Country Club

CPGCSA Golf Championship Results

The results from the Championship tournament at Outdoor Country Club are as follows:

Championship flight (0-10 handicap)

1st place	John Colo	79
2nd place	Faron Stoops	80

1st Flight (11-15 handicap)

1st place	Andrew Sheehan	85
2nd place	Ben Ulevich	86

2nd flight (16-22 handicap)

1st place	Cutis King	85
2nd place	Thom Mahute	91

3rd flight (23-36)

1st place	Tom Ocepek	104
2nd place	Dan Ebersole	105

Closest to Pins

#2 Andrew Sheehan	9'11"
#17 Mike Benedict	8'6"

Ryan Freed
Golf Course Superintendent
Regents Glen C.C.



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.

Michael Fasick..... Class SM
Superintendent, Hershey Country Club

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

Troy Miller Class SM
Superintendent, Pilgrims Oak Golf Course

Joseph R. Paternostro..... Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Fairway Hills Golf Club

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

Our Sympathies are extended to the families of :

Greg Byrne, on the loss of his father.

Dave Visocan, on the loss of his mother.

Chuck Cadiz, on the loss of his daughter

Lisa Hughes and sons on the loss of their father, Mark Hughes

Our Congratulations to :

Reid and Melanie Mitchell on the birth of Carly Anne on August 1, 2007. She joins older sister 19 month Ella.

Upcoming Events

- **Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**
January 8 - 10, 2008
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA
- **Central Penn Night**
January 19, 2008
Lebanon Country Club
- **Golf Industry Show**
January 31 - February 2, 2008
Orlando, Florida
- **Central Penn GCSA Seminar - OSHA**
February 13 - 14, 2008
Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA

CPGCSA Seminar - OSHA 10 - Hour Program

February 13 & 14, 2008
Heritage Hills Golf Resort

The following topics would be included in this 10 - hour, 2 day course:

Day 1

- Overview of OSHA (OSH Act, General Duty Clause; Inspections, Citations, and Penalties (Part 1903); Record-keeping (Part 1904)
- Safety and Health Programs
- Hazard Communication
- Intro to Industrial Hygiene & Bloodborne Pathogens
- Personal Protective Equipment and Respirators

Day 2

- Control of Hazardous Energy and Machinery & Machine Guarding
- Electrical Safety and Confined Spaces
- Walking/Working Surfaces (slips, trips and falls)
- Exit Routes, Emergency Action & Fire Prevention Plans, Fire Protection
- Materials Handling Equipment and Storage
- OSHA Inspections, Citations, and Penalties
- Case Study

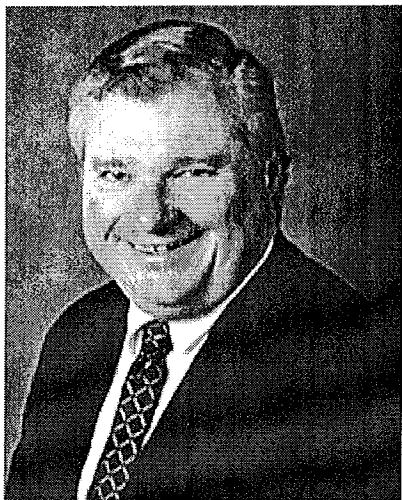
*Registration information
and further details will be forwarded soon!*

2007 Golf Winners



(L - R) Faron Stoops, John Colo, Ben Ulevich, Andrew Sheehan, Curtis King, Thomas Mahute, Tom Ocepek, Dan Ebersole)

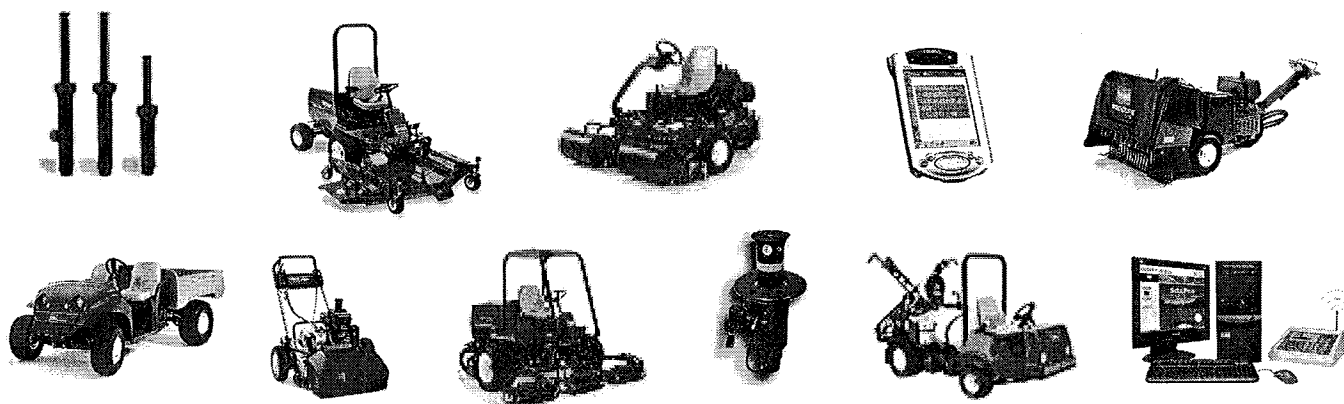
Stanley Zontek receives Department of Crop and Soil Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award at the Penn State Golf Turf Conference



Stanley J. Zontek, Director of the United States Golf Association Green Section's (USGA) Mid-Atlantic Region, has been chosen to receive the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. This award salutes the achievements of outstanding departmental alumni who have made a significant contribution to their profession.

Stanley has served the USGA and the turfgrass management industry with enthusiasm and passion for over 36 years. He is noted as one of the most highly respected agronomists within the golf industry. Prior to his current position as Mid-Atlantic Director, he was Director of the North Central and Northeastern USGA Green Section regions. He also held the position as Northeastern agronomist. His distinguished service and contributions are recognized world-wide and he is frequently invited to speak at local, regional, national, and international turf conferences. Stanley has received numerous awards within the golf industry. He has served on the editorial board for two books and trade journals and has authored over 90 technical articles for industry publications.

Former recipients of this award include Joseph Duich, Emeritus Professor of Turfgrass Science at Penn State University; George May, President/CEO, Institute for Technology Development; Alan Bilzi, President of Environmental Venture Group, Inc.; and James Dragun, President and Founder of The Dragun Corporation.



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\$3,000.00
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Model # 85417
Power Driver - Walk behind
\$2,800.00

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.

GCSAA Information

**Do you currently serve in the
General Manager role, or are you interested
in this undertaking?**

**Are you interested in expanding your
knowledge about the entire
golf facility?**

The National Institute of Golf Management has a great educational program for you. GCSAA serves as an education partner to NIGM, a program that brings in golf course superintendents, general managers, golf professionals, food and beverage personnel and golf course owners for a dynamic week of education and networking.

The 2008 Institute will be held at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia from January 6 – 11, 2008.

For more information on the program, visit www.nigminstitute.com or contact Sarah Clopton, Sr. Manager, Curriculum at sclopton@gcsaa.org.

MEN ARE NEVER DEPRESSED:

**Men Are Just Happier People--
What do you expect from such simple creatures?**

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be President. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress - \$5000. Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time.


Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes with one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

No wonder men are happier!



There will be CPGCSA logo merchandise available for purchase at upcoming meetings or contact CPGCSA office to purchase.

Golf Shirts.....	\$35.00
Windshirts.....	\$40.00
Hats.....	\$10.00

DEP Expands Drought Watch to 53 Counties

HARRISBURG (Oct. 5) -- The lack of significant rain over most of the commonwealth during September and this month has prompted the Department of Environmental Protection to expand its drought watch declaration to 53 counties.

Clinton County was placed in a drought warning because numerous water suppliers are having problems meeting demand.

The expanded declaration was recommended following a meeting this week of the state's drought task force.

"We are asking everyone in the affected counties to be diligent in conserving water since long-range forecasts are not predicting the kind of slow, steady, soaking rain needed to break the drought," said DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty. "In addition, reducing demand at this time of year is more challenging since most of our water use is associated with indoor activities."

A drought watch is the first and least severe of the state's three drought watch declarations. It calls for a voluntary 5 percent reduction in non-essential water use. A drought warning — also a voluntary measure — asks users to reduce water consumption by 10 to 15 percent.

Following an unusually dry summer, DEP declared a drought watch on Aug. 6 for 58 counties. On Sept. 5, 26 counties were removed from the drought watch following storms in late August.

Nine new counties were placed in watch status today, including Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia. Additionally, 13 counties re-entered drought watch status, including Armstrong, Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Juniata, Lawrence, Lebanon, Mercer, Northumberland, Perry, Susquehanna, Tioga and York.

"Unfortunately, many counties have had below-normal precipitation over the last several weeks, causing record-low stream flows in some cases and continued decline of groundwater, surface water and reservoir levels," said McGinty. "Currently, there are approximately 80 public water systems in the state under voluntary or mandatory restrictions."

Areas hardest hit are in Clearfield and Clinton counties where several public water suppliers are purchasing water from other systems or trucking in water to meet demand. In Lock Haven, Clinton County, mandatory water restrictions are in place due to low reservoir levels caused by drought and the draw down of the reservoir for repairs.

Several streams located predominantly in the north central portion of the state are at or near record low flows.

For the latest on drought conditions and tips on how to save water, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: drought.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the list of counties under a **drought watch**:

Adams
Armstrong
Bedford
Berks
Blair
Bradford
Bucks
Butler
Carbon
Cambria
Cameron
Centre
Chester
Clarion
Clearfield
Columbia
Dauphin
Delaware

Elk
Erie
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Forest
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Snyder
Somerset
Sullivan
Susquehanna
Tioga
Union
Venango
Washington
Wyoming
York

Drought Warning: Clinton

Welcome Rainfall Allows Focus To Be Turned From Drought To Winter Preparation

By Darin S. Bevard

Virtually every recent Mid-Atlantic update has focused on dry conditions and the impacts that these conditions had on turfgrass maintenance. Recent rainfall throughout the region has benefited turfgrass germination and recovery, especially in fairways and rough. Temperatures are still mild enough that turfgrass growth provides additional healing of damaged areas.

Late fall/winter programs should be planned in the near future. Indian summer allows many of us to forget that it will get cold, and probably soon. Timing of snow mold applications, late fall fertilization and fungicide applications to address root Pythium and Take-All patch may also be needed if these diseases have been problematic in recent years at your golf course. In fact, pink snow mold (a low temperature disease that does not require snow cover) has already been seen on shaded fairways in Maryland. Be careful.

Plan now to attend turfgrass conferences throughout our region and beyond. Many programs are now available. Focus on program content, not the number of pesticide credits that are available to maximize the educational opportunity.

Upcoming conferences include:

- Maryland Turfgrass Conference, College Park, MD January 3-4, 2008
- Penn State Eastern Conference, Valley Forge, PA January 8-10, 2008
- Northeastern Weed Science Society, Philadelphia, PA January 10, 2008
- Virginia Turfgrass Conference, Fredericksburg, VA January 14-17, 2008
- Northeastern Turf Symposium, Wilkes-Barre, PA February 7, 2008
- USGA Regional Conference, Monroeville, PA February 25, 2008
- Western Pennsylvania Turf Conference, Monroeville, PA February 26-28, 2008
- USGA Regional Conference, Wilmington, DE March 11, 2008

The number of educational opportunities in the region is impressive. Make plans to attend conferences in your area and bring your assistant, your general manager, a course official or another golf course superintendent who might not otherwise attend.

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 610/558-1135 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/341-5922.

Subject: Letter to Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs.... the phone rings, but if I answer, the caller hangs up.

My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them." I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls". It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

Greenacres Golfer



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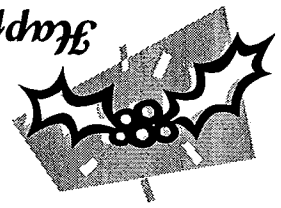
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The Green Sheet

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2008 Membership Dues

Dues statements and Roster Updates
will be mailed this month and are due
by February 15, 2008.

Please update with any employment or
address changes so that we can keep
our records up to date.

2008 CPGCSA Seminar

February 13 & 14, 2008

OSHA 10 - hour Course

GCSAA credits and OSHA certification
will be available.

*Registration information will
be forwarded soon.*

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January 19, 2008

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