

September Meeting

Outdoor Country Club

September 24, 2007

11:00 AM - Boxed Lunches Available

12:00 Noon - Shotgun

4:30 PM - Cocktails

5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Annual Meeting

*There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors
Meeting at 10:00 AM.*

Superintendent Profile

Ben Ulevich has been the Superintendent at Outdoor Country Club since September 2005. Ben was at The Greenbrier in southern West Virginia before coming to York. He is a Penn State University graduate of the 2 year certificate program. Ben is married with three children and resides in York.

Golf Course Profile

Outdoor Country Club was originally founded in 1892 as a tennis, croquet and various other outdoor recreational activities club, hence the name. The golf course was not constructed until 1959, by Ault and Associates. Many changes have been made over the years, but the most recent came in the last two with the renovation of the tees and bunkers.

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Is Summer Weather Over?

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director
August 27, 2007

How many times have you heard the agronomists from the USGA's Mid-Atlantic Region utter (or print) these words? "We are in a period of weather extremes." No truer words were ever spoken since our last regional update. A few weeks ago we were lamenting the extended period of heat, humidity and drought. Times have changed and they have changed quickly and dramatically. Want proof?

When was the last time August weather, for three days in a row, remained in the 60's? According to the US Weather Bureau in Philadelphia, it was in the 1940's! That's before most people reading this update were even born.

The advice on how to manage grass during weather extremes remains the same. Basically, you grow healthy grass. This sounds simple but it can be complicated.

Complicating factors during periods of weather stress include; mowing the grass too short or too often; topdressing too much or too heavily; under watering or over watering grass; incorrect fertilization; vertical mowing, grooming or dethatching too aggressively, get the point?

Two additional points should be made. While we still may experience hot weather, the days are getting shorter so when it gets hot it stays hot for fewer hours per day. Therefore, while the summer may not be over, heat stress concerns are becoming less.

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President's Message

Dear Members,

LET'S GO STEELERS!

Is it time for football? I am ready for the fall. I'm sure most of you are. The summer has come to an end and the leaves will start to fall. We will be complaining about the leaves and the frost. The story never ends. It is like a big wheel with no flat tire. It just keeps spinning and spinning.

We are getting ready for our Annual Golf Championship and Election at Outdoor Country Club September 24th. It has been a few years since we were at Outdoor and Ben Ulevich will be ready for us. His aerification equipment will be at the start/finish line waiting for us to get off the golf course. Aerification – the necessary evil!

As I look back at this past year being President of the Central PA Superintendents Association, it has been very fulfilling. Working with Wanda and the Board has been enjoyable. The BOD is strong and committed. It also has been fun to be the leader in your organization. I wish good luck to the next President and future board.

We do have one last meeting at Foxchase Golf Club on October 19th. This will be a Pro, Superintendent, General Manager and Affiliate. If you do not have the four individuals, that will be fine. We will be able to pair you up. It will be an 8am shotgun. If your GM can't come, bring a club member. Let's enjoy the day!

Dan Brickley, Vice-President, will be heading to Lawrence, Kansas for the Chapter Delegates meeting October 12th – 14th. If you have questions or concerns for the GCSAA, give Dan or the BOD a call and we will get your message to GCSAA.

There is no new news about the PA Golf Course Superintendents Association. We do have a planned meeting at Penn State in November. We will keep you informed as best as we can.

LET'S GO STEELERS!!

Regards,

John Colo, GCS
Country Club of York

Chem Sweep

Coming up in early October, Chem Sweep will be making a state wide tour to pick up any left over pesticide products. If you have materials lying around and want to get rid of it at no cost, call Don Gilbert, Chem Sweep Coordinator, to make arrangements. His contact information is 717-772-5210 or dgilbert@state.pa.us. They will remove up to 2,000lbs at no cost. If you have fertilizer it will cost you around \$1.70/lb to remove.

This is a great time to clean your maintenance and chemical buildings for the winter. Make every effort to be environmentally friendly in the proper disposal of pesticides. Don't miss this opportunity!

Please give yourself enough time to do the proper paper work so your golf course can be added to the list.

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2007 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September meeting at Outdoor Country Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2008 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations.

President:

Dan Brickley – Lebanon Country Club

Vice President:

Matt Strader – Penn National Golf Club

Secretary/Treasurer:

Steve Ludwig, CGCS – Gettysburg Country Club

Directors: (Vote for two)

Craig Espenshade – Lancaster Host Inn

Alan FitzGerald – LedgeRock Golf Club

Jeff Green – Valley Green Golf Course

Curt King – Moccasin Run Golf Course

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.

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 Rebecca Matis (717) 258-1910 or Jed Vail (717) 755-1919.

For Your Information

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Golf Results from Broad Run Golfer's Club

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Bill Rahling	Bill Cimochoowski
2nd Place Gross 79	2nd Place Net 65
Paul Wickey	Bill Brown
Ted Zabrenski	Brad Helcoski
Closest to the pin	Long Drive
Will McIlvaine	Ted Zabrenski



Skins:
Lou Amadio
Steve Randall
Ted Zabrenski

***Congratulations to PAGCS
for winning the Super's Cup!***

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The second point is more abstract. Grass needs fertilizer to grow, and especially to recover from pitch marks, divots, the effects of drought (especially in roughs) and simply to grow healthy turf be it on greens, tees or fairways. For decades, our industry has tended to fertilize the grass with a, "lean and mean" or "keep it hungry" philosophy. This needs to change, within reason. While there has been an emphasis on plant nutrients, the most important of these elements, nitrogen, seems to be forgotten. Do not make this mistake. Nitrogen remains the most important element for plant health, for plant recovery, to grow roots, etc.

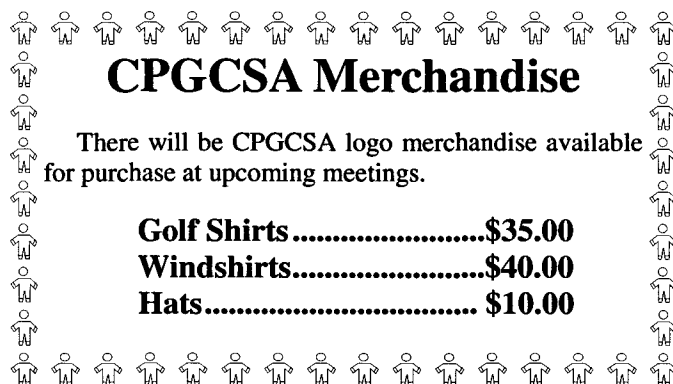
Is it over? While hot weather still will occur, the worst could well be over. Begin thinking towards the fall golf and turf maintenance season. Repair what needs to be repaired and keep strong everything that has survived another challenging grass growing summer in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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.

"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." -Ben Hogan

Upcoming Events

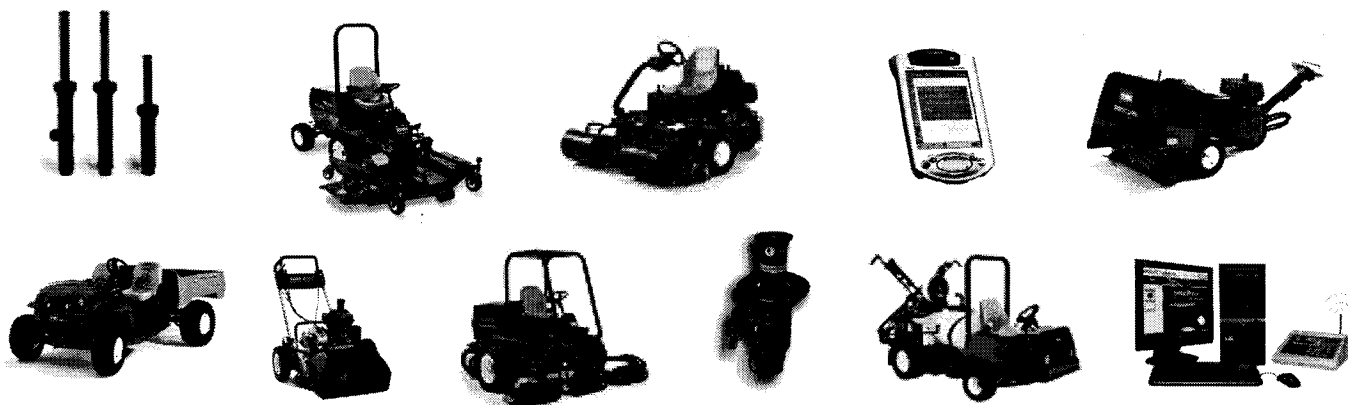
- **Penn State Golf Turf Conference**
November 14 - 16, 2007
Nittany Lion Inn, State College
- **Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**
January 8 - 10, 2008
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA
- **Golf Industry Show**
January 31 - February 2, 2008
Orlando, Florida



CPGCSA Merchandise

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

"Barbaric, barbaric, barbaric!" Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Senator

So here we lie on Labor Day 2007... 79 degrees, with bright blue skies, little or no humidity. Nary I can remember a year with so few Bermuda highs pumping heat and humidity into our region and thus, nary can I remember a year quite as easy for most golf course managers. Not to say any year is truly easy... be it new diseases, or old critters changing their diets... there is always something lying in wait to destroy a seemingly great year. While most got nicked up here and there, most golf courses were in better than average shape and as a direct result rounds were up across the region. Given the past seven years, one would think that the little bit of extra revenue would be a good thing for the industry. That being said, I'm not sure we've completely recovered from this six year downturn... there are fewer new courses being built and the number of golf course sales and/or closings seem to be on the rise. Furthermore, one needs to consider the cost of the extra rounds... if they're a result of lowering green fees, which actually lowers the revenue line and increases the wear and tear on the golf course, does the cost outweigh the benefit? Nonetheless, the worst of this summer's weather is behind us and we can slowly start changing our focus towards aerification, renovation, and, dare I say, frost delays and leaf removal?!?!

Labor Day signifies different things to different people... for me, it signifies the start of the NFL Football season. It amazes me that even though there are four major sports in America, there is only one that reigns supreme and that is football. Its popularity far outweighs nearly all the others combined. The marketing of the sport, the TV coverage, and the parity that has been created by the free agency, make for an exciting title crap shoot each and every year. As for the marketing, my two-year old, Nathan, has been walking around the past few weeks chanting the Monday Night Football jingle... while he likes baseball and golf (I believe Tiger is the only athlete he can recognize), he knows one team and one chant (E-A-G-L-E-S) and there is only one sport he says he really wants to play when he gets older!

Speaking of the NFL and recognizable athletes... can anyone explain to me what in the world Michael Vick was thinking? Dude, you have the world by the proverbial gonads... three years ago you signed an almost unprecedented 10-year, \$130 million contract extension, with \$37 million in a signing bonus... you're making substantial endorsement money with Nike, Coca-Cola, Kraft and Rawlings... and how are you going to spend your time and money??? Forget attempting to smuggle that fake Evian bottle (containing suspicious residue inside) onto that airplane in Miami this winter... that's small peanuts compared with dog fighting. Oh, and by the way, you just didn't attend a few dog fights... you raised them, trained them, and bankrolled the entire operation, including the gambling ring, and furthermore you executed numerous poor performing dogs by hanging, drowning, and electrocution?!?! Ever consider bowling? Can you say bye-bye to your life as you know it? You can stick a fork in this Hokie, because, regardless of his sentence, he is done!

Let's face it, in a month where we all thought the stupid meter had been broken by Caitlin Upton, Junior Miss South Carolina's 30 second rambling, brain fart answer to her thoughts regarding why 20% of young Americans can't identify the United States on a map, during the finals of the Miss Teen USA Pageant... Michael Vick just blew her, not just out of the water, but out of the entire universe. Michael's behavior makes Ricky Williams look like the Dalai Lama! OK, maybe the Dalai Lama on some serious Aca-pulco Gold!

And as for the "Through this situation I found Jesus and asked him for forgiveness and turned my life over to God" announcement last week during his apologetic press conference... are you seriously buying or selling on that one? Sorry dude, I'm selling the farm... that particular line was taken earlier this summer by another filthy rich, brainiac aka Ms. Paris Hilton! I wonder if Michael could recite for us his favorite bible verse. Where is Larry King when you really need him??? The reality is that I'm sure Michael is truly very sorry... sorry that he got caught and that his close friends turn on him as quick as he used to turn defensive backs on the football field!

Additionally, as always I find it interesting, the reaction from those in the sports world and beyond. While most are appalled by the whole concept of dog fighting, there are some who don't seem to have as big a problem with it... in fact, many claiming it to be more of a southern cultural thing... I'm guessing like NASCAR, sweet tea, grits, and fried chicken? Max Kellerman, of ESPN Boxing fame, doesn't believe there is much difference between dog fighting and killing pigs for food. In one of his columns he was quoted as saying, *"I ask again, do you eat pork? People don't feel the same emotional connection with pigs as they do with dogs for cultural reasons. Who cares!"* and *"It's a bad thing, but it's largely cultural. Oh, how can it be cultural if you see an animal suffering? It's cruel [dog fighting], yes it's cruel, but not as cruel as your breakfast."* An interesting take from a man who has spent a large portion of his life watching two men in a ring attempt to beat the hell out of each other... so I guess we may have to consider the source.

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Heather and Gorse

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As for me, as with most things in life, I tend to fall somewhere in the middle regarding Michael Vick. Regarding football, as a veteran fantasy football team owner, I never considered him that great a player!!! While the dog fighting thing is illegal, so is gambling on football games, golf, and so many other things which we tend to overlook, with the exception of the Power Ball (I guess it's OK to gamble as long as the government is getting their take!). Seriously, I'm thinking I'm on the bubble with this one... is it cruel, somewhat... is it something I like, not really... is it something I care about, no. Hey, I'm not a hunter... I've never been a hunter... I don't get that whole hunting thing that many of y'all are into. As for hunting in my mind... is it cruel, somewhat... is it something I like, not really... is it something I care about, no. Basically the same thing to me. On ESPN 2 every Saturday morning I occasionally catch a brief snippet of ESPN Outdoors... the other day this guy took out this elk from something like 750 yards with a high powered rifle with a scope... the elk was just standing there minding its own business, eating some grass... not two seconds later it was dead. Can anyone explain to me the sport in that? As Julianna, my six-year old first grader says... Whatever??!

Listen, the bottom line is that, regardless of your opinions on dog fighting, Michael Vick is no different than Ben Roethlisberger riding and crashing his motorcycle without a helmet. It is a situation where there is a young, physically gifted man, whose talents have brought him great fame and fortune, but whose comprehension of and respect for those very gifts and what brought him said fame and fortune are somehow lost in the vast abyss located somewhere between his ears. Playing pro football is 90% physical... the other 50% is mental!!! That's my Bermuda high, ready for some football, disrespectful, Dalai Lama-esque, God-finding, culturally cruel, and mostly mental point of view from the heather and gorse.

Mark DelSantro can be reached via e-mail at mudelsantro@comcast.net or via phone at (724) 433-8332.

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 Tournament

October 22, 2007 - Corky Knoll Scholarship Tournament held at Moselem Springs Golf Club. For more information, please contact Tim O'Neil at 610-944-7618.

Directions to Outdoor Country Club

From West: Rt 30 E

Turn left onto Susquehanna Trail (across from McDonalds) At 3rd signal light turn left onto Stillmeadow Lane. Proceed to traffic signal intersection - go straight through intersection - Proceed 4th street on the left which is Detwiler Dr., - follow Detwiler past stop sign - club is on your right.

From East: Rt 30 W

Turn right onto Susquehanna Trail (across from McDonalds) At 3rd signal light turn left onto Stillmeadow Lane. Proceed to traffic signal intersection - go straight through intersection - Proceed 4th street on the left which is Detwiler Dr., - follow Detwiler past stop sign - club is on your right.

From North: I - 83 South to Exit 22

Turn right at bottom of exit onto Lightner Rd. by Rutter's Dairy to the next signal light - turn right on Susquehanna Trail - follow to the next signal light and take a left onto Stillmeadow Lane - proceed to traffic signal intersection - go straight through intersection - proceed to 4th street on the left which is Detwiler Dr. - follow Detwiler past stop sign - club is on your right.

From South: I - 83 North to Exit 22

Take first left before bottom of exit to stop sign. Turn left onto N. George St. to signal light - at light take a right onto Lightner Rd. by Rutter's Dairy to the next signal - turn right on Susquehanna Trail - follow to the next signal light and take a left onto Stillmeadow Lane - proceed to traffic signal intersection - go straight through intersection - proceed to 4th street on the left which is Detwiler Dr. - follow Detwiler past stop sign - club is on your right.

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