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September Meeting

Golf Championship/Annual Meeting

Conestoga Country Club

Thursday, September 11, 2008

“Boxed” Lunch - 11:30 AM

Golf - 12:30 PM Shotgun

Cocktails - 5:00 PM

Dinner - 5:30 PM

Annual Meeting - 6:30 PM

There will be a Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 AM

Superintendent Profile

Matthew Turner's first job was as a Greenskeeper at Four Seasons Golf Course at the age of 16 and he has remained in the golf course industry ever since, now going on 20 years. Matt graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He also graduated from Rutgers in 1999 with a 2 year certificate in Turfgrass Management. After 12 years of tenure at Four Seasons, he moved to the Wintergreen Resort in Virginia to take his first superintendents job working for 6 years at Devils Knob Golf Course. In 2006, he took the superintendent position at Conestoga Country Club, which moved him back to his hometown. He has been married for 11 years to Michele, and they have 3 children: Gabriela (7) and twins Matthew and Makenzie (3). Moving back home gave him and his wife the opportunity to play more golf with plenty of babysitters nearby and reuniting with friends and family.

Course Profile

Conestoga Country Club was built in 1948 by the membership. This club was formed by a group of members who played at the Overlook Golf Course. After purchasing the land from the proceeds of a bowling alley, this group hired William Gordon as the architect for this course. He guided the membership on how to build the golf course with their time and equipment. They formed a private club, whose original name was Overlook Country Club. But after six months, they changed it to Conestoga Country Club, named after a creek running one mile across the property. Little Conestoga Creek winds through both front 9 and back 9, coming into play on 6 holes. During that time, William Gordon was famous for building bowled greens which were designed to hold water where irrigation was insufficient. In the fall of 2006, Golf Preservation Inc. installed drainages in all 19 greens to alleviate the problematic bowled greens. They are now in the process of building an irrigation pond to be supplied with well water to avoid using Little Conestoga Creek as the water source.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Don't You Love The Weather?

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director

August 11, 2008

It's difficult to produce regional updates without first discussing the weather. What makes this season so interesting are the weather patterns in the different parts of the Mid-Atlantic Region. There are parts of this region that are extremely dry. Conversely, there are other parts of the Mid-Atlantic region that are on the opposite end of the spectrum and are very wet. A few miles can make a huge difference in how much rainfall golf courses receive or do not receive.

Problems begin to develop with each scenario. For example, with hot and dry weather, patches of *Poa trivialis* (a common contaminant in grass seed) go dormant. The result is a patch of bare ground. Is the *Poa trivialis* dead? Probably not, it will come back when temperatures moderate in the fall. Nonetheless, the turf looks bad and golfers question, "what happened?"

The other extreme is *Pythium*. *Pythium* is a water mold and its development is favored by free water on the soil surface. The result of a *Pythium* attack is another patch of bare ground. Thus, while one superintendent may be fighting the dry wilt of *Poa trivialis* and *Poa annua*, another superintendent is fighting *Pythium*, brown patch and wet wilt.

August also is the month that many courses implement aggressive renovation work. Labor is still available, especially college kids, a high percentage of golfers are away on vacation, and it may be too hot for other golfers to play. With lighter play schedules and no tournaments, many golf courses use this time to core aerate, slice and overseed,

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President's Message

I am sorry to hear that Central lost at Moccasin Run. I was told that the course was in excellent condition. Thank you to Curt and his staff and also to our sponsors Greg Borzok and Ken Jennings and to Atlantic Irrigation's Brad Helcoski.

As you know the Web page is almost ready. It will be unveiled any day now. With the web page comes great opportunity. This fall we will be sending the new sponsorship program. The sponsorship program is redesigned based on our new ability to offer web advertising and this will increase exposure to our affiliate sponsors. As with any new web page, suggestions are welcomed. It will be evolving as feedback is collected.

I feel this year's board has made great strides in the right direction. Financials are under control and projects which were only talked about for years are becoming reality. It is only due to the hard work of the directors, affiliates and Wanda, that we are a successful organization. Thank you for everyone's help this past year. I learned a lot and enjoyed my term as president. My goal at the beginning of the year was to leave the state of the organization in a better situation than we were this time last year. I believe it is, but only because of the support of you.

See you at the annual meeting at Conestoga.

Dan Brickley
Lebanon Country Club

2008 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September meeting at Conestoga Country Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2009 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations to date.

President:

Matt Strader - Penn National Golf Club

Vice President:

Steve Ludwig, CGCS - Quail Valley Golf Course

Secretary/Treasurer:

Ryan Freed - Regents Glen Country Club

Directors: (Vote for two)

Donald G. Dodson, CGCS - Hunt Valley Golf Club

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Chris K. Martin - Crossgates Golf Course

Bylaw Change

Remove "Section 4.02 Number 5" which states: "Retiring directors may not serve again as directors until the expiration of one (1) year from their last term of office."

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Barry Bollinger at 717-507-4185 or Paul Wickey at 717-697-1013. Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member in good standing at the annual meeting.

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apply heavy rates of topdressing, etc. Be careful; the last thing anyone wants to do is to make an otherwise good stand of grass worse. Watch the weather and adjust renovation work accordingly. You need to make the judgment about when to be aggressive and when to be conservative. After all, this is the time of the year when cool-season grasses are at their weakest.

Another problem we are seeing is weeds. Break-throughs with preemerge herbicides are common; for example, warm-season grassy weeds like yellow nutsedge, kyllinga and dallisgrass. Remember, when cool-season grasses are at their weakest, herbicides should only be applied when there is good moisture in the soil. Herbicides applied to drought stressed grass do not kill the weeds very well and you run the risk of damaging the grass you are trying to maintain.

What's the bottom line? Be careful and either pray for rain or pray for it to stop raining. It has been that kind of year!!!

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.



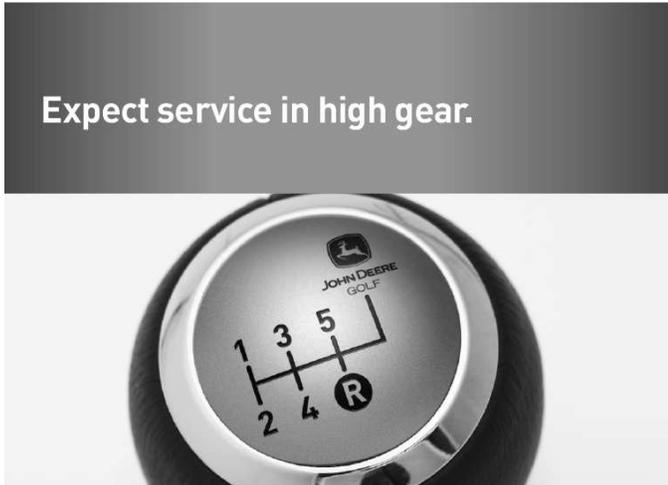
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If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Jed Vail (Heritage Hills Golf Resort) at 717-755-1919 or Steve Ludwig (Quail Valley Golf Course) at 717-359-8053.

Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing.

.....Ben Hogan

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From York:

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From Reading:

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

I think I'm starting to rethink the image that I'm portraying to my children over the past few years. The other day, my eldest son Zach, came home from the library with a special present for me. It seems he ran across a book named Guinness: The 250 Year Search For The Perfect Pour, and immediately thought of me!!! I must say that I'm a bit perplexed on how to take the gesture. On one hand, it was extremely thoughtful and he was obviously proud of the find, as well as the excitement I showed regarding his presentation of this very special book. On the other hand, it is a rather grim reminder that our children are excellent observers of our own behavior. I suspect that this scenario could easily become a long term case study, especially considering my parents rarely if ever drank alcohol in front of my brothers, my sister and I. Whether this influenced me not drink much prior to my freshmen year in college... maybe. Of course, the fact that my siblings were all borderline alcohol abusers throughout high school probably blows any possible correlation out of the water! Still, it is an interesting thought.

So congratulations to everyone in the region for making it through the dog days of August! Looking at the date, we are beyond the mythical hump date of August 15th, which signifies the beginning of the end of another golf season. While I know my memory is fading fast, along with many other things in my world, I seem to remember a time not too long ago when August 15th was a more significant line in the sand marking the end to the majority of the summer stress. Of course, my fading memory tells me that not too long ago the maintenance standards were a bit more relaxed in that greens weren't being shaved down below 0.125" and fairways and tees weren't being mowed below 0.400", so I guess it may all be relative.

August, while normally not my favorite month of the year, certainly takes center stage every four years in our lives due to the Summer Olympic Games. If you're a sports fan, the past two weeks were an insomniac's dream. As a closet insomniac anyway, I watched more athletic events from 2 AM to 5 AM in the past two weeks than ever before in my life. This was my twelfth Olympics as a casual observer and sports fan. Of course, that is assuming that my parents had the television on back in 1964 and 1968. I'm not sure these should count, but at my age I feel like I lived through the sixties, even though I may have lived through them in diapers!

In actuality, the first Olympics I remember watching as a kid were the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. The three things I remember about those games were Mark Spitz winning all his races, the USA Basketball team losing to the USSR, and the Israeli hostage crisis (with the recently passed Jim McKay reporting for ABC). Regarding Mark Spitz and his seven gold medals; at the time I was very young and stupid and really didn't understand why that was such an awesome feat at the time. As for the USA basketball team's loss; I remember being mad, probably because my older brothers and my Dad were mad about the controversial finish, but again, I didn't understand politics, the Cold War, and the symbolism of the rest of the world finally catching up to the USA in this All-American sport. The hostage crisis was just an eye opening tragedy that was a grim reminder of a world that the majority of people living in the USA didn't know. What a difference a few decades or three or three and one half can make!?!?

The 2008 Beijing Olympics were most likely the most amazing world introduction to a relatively unknown and mysterious city/country in history. Furthermore, I would venture to guess that the presentation will never be matched ever again. From the opening ceremonies, the promotion of the beauty of Beijing and China as a whole, the introduction of China as the new industrial world power, and the performance of the Chinese athletes; these games came across to me as more of a coronation of the new world leader than anything else. It has been reported that the Chinese government invested \$53 billion into making this the best Olympics ever and if you happened to miss it, it would be worth looking up and watching at least the highlights on the internet. It was truly magnificent in so many ways, very much comparable to a golf course hosting a major with nary a blade of grass out of place from start to finish.

As for the competition, my USA take home memories would be similar to those from the 1972 Munich Games. The Games of the 29th Olympiad belonged in many ways to Michael Phelps, who will probably have the same impact on swimming that Tiger Woods had on golf just over a decade ago. Amazing it was to see him set world record upon world record, quite literally by his finger nails in a few of the races. Finishing with eight gold medals and seven world records is amazing! More amazing I find is how he began swimming at the age of seven and by the age of eleven, his Mother was told that she had to decide whether to allow him to go on to become an Olympian or to back away and just be a kid. No pressure there Mom! Looking back, I guess she made the right decision. And to further illustrate his impact, the other day at the pool to which we belong, I observed several kids attempting the butterfly stroke and pretending to be just like Mike!

Other top memories revolve around the USA "Redeem" team in men's basketball, the USA women's softball team losing for the first time ever, the USA men's volleyball team taking home the gold, the USA men's and women's 4x100 meter relay

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teams both dropping the baton in the prelims (OUCH), the men's and women's USA beach volleyball teams each winning the gold, and the USA women's soccer team winning the gold. I think the older I get the more I appreciate the time, the effort, the dedication, and the focus that is required to succeed in the Olympics. One bad race, one miscalculation, one mistake, or even some bad luck and Olympic dreams can be dashed faster than you can say Synchronized Swimming five times fast! And while other competitions will come and go, for many athletes, the Olympic window of opportunity is rather small.

All the competitions considered and as impressive as Michael Phelps was throughout the swimming competition, as for my personal number one Olympic memory, interesting it is that my top memory doesn't involve the USA at all. Enter into the picture one Usain Bolt from Jamaica. He is the newest "fastest man in the world," winning three gold medals and setting three world records in the process. This guy just may be the most amazing athlete to date in the world! In the 100 meter final, he shattered the world record in a blink-of-an-eye, blistering 9.68 seconds. More amazing is that he shut it down during the final fifteen meters and still shattered the record! By the way, they translated this race into a 3.56 second forty yard dash for you fantasy footballers out there. All I can say is OMG! In the 200 meter final, he ran basically unchallenged, although he did run all the way through finishing with another world record of 19.30 seconds, breaking what many experts felt was an unbreakable record set by Michael Johnson in Atlanta in 1996. They translated his second 100 meters in this 200 meter race to a 3.35 forty yard dash in this race. I just wonder at 6' 5" tall whether Usain can catch a football? Can you say Bob Hayes reincarnate?!?!?

I could go on and on all night long, but time and deadlines simply won't allow it. The bottom line is that China deserves kudos for these Beijing Olympics. For these Games of the 29th Olympiad, soup to nuts, were the best of the best, regarding all the rest! Hard to believe that anyone could do any better, but then again, we'll have to wait and see in 2012 in England. That's my perfectly poured, dog days of August, often imitated, never equaled, Olympian inspired observations and memories from the heather and gorse!

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Golf Results

Thanks for everyone who attended our CPGCSA vs. PAGCS tournament at Moccasin Run Golf Course. Curt King and his family did a fantastic job and we appreciate all their hard work and hospitality.

Central Penn put up a good fight but lost 14 to 12 on a perfectly manicured course. Andy Sheehan was the winner of the first annual putting contest. Nice rolling Andy!!! John Colo won the long drive, nope sorry it was actually Chris Martin that won the long drive! Big Hit!!! Closest to the pins on holes 4, 7 & 10 were Brad Helcoski, Sean Remington and Jim Elliot respectively.

The gross winners were 1. Chet Walsh (66) 2. Sean Remington (72) 3. John Colo (74) and 4. Mark DelSantoro (77). The net winners were 1. Ted Zabrenski (63) 2. Charlie Koennecker (64) 3. Kevin Driscoll (66) and 4. Ryan Freed (66). Good shooting guys!! A total of 7 skins were awarded as well in this heated competition. Thanks for everyone who attending making this a thoroughly enjoyable day.

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August Golf - Gross Winners



(L-R) Chet Walsh, Mark DelSantro, John Colo, Sean Remington

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August Meeting - Net Winners



(L-R) Charlie Koennecker, Ted Zabrenski
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Matt Strader, CPGCSA Vice President returns the Super's Cup back to PAGCS President Sean Remington.



Past Presidents Faron Stoops and Pete Ramsey enjoy the day at Moccasin Run Golf Course

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