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Joint with Keystone Association

Susquehanna Valley Country Club

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Education - 11:00 AM

Lunch - 12:00 Noon

Golf - 12:45 PM

*There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting
at 10:15 AM.*

Superintendent Profile

Greg Bingeman has been Superintendent at Susquehanna Valley Country Club since 1971. He is a 1969 Penn State University turfgrass graduate.

Golf Course Profile

Susquehanna Valley Country Club is a private club that was established in 1918. It was originally a nine hole course. The back nine, which was designed by William Gordon was opened in 1958.

Education

Mr. Greg Hoover will speak on the diagnosis and management of the Emerald Ash Borer and other key insect and mite pests of woody ornamental plants.

Credits: 2 Category 6

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Spring Means Different Things To Different People

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director
April 8, 2009

Spring is great; the grass begins to grow, birds sing, flowers are blooming, and, following a drab winter, spring brings renewal. Interestingly, as it pertains to golf and turfgrass management, spring means different things to different people.

The Golfers. Obviously, it is a chance to get out and finally play some golf. The winter has been long and harsh enough in the Mid-Atlantic Region to have made winter play either miserable or not possible. Spring temperatures mean golf and more golf. In today's economic climate, play could be up as golfers travel less and use the facilities closer to home. Spring is a time to try out the new clubs you got for Christmas and to hit those new "hot" golf balls that you always wanted. It's also a great time to get some exercise and burn off those extra pounds gained over the winter.

Turfgrass Managers. Agronomists look at spring differently. With the coming of spring and working to prepare the course for golfers, many tasks need to be accomplished in a short period of time.

Golf course presentation at the start of the season is very important.

Are the twigs, leaves, and winter debris collected?

Are the bunkers tilled/raked and edged? Has the bunker sand been redistributed that shifted over the winter? Does new sand need to be added?

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2009 David Rafferty DSL Award



CPGCSA President Matt Strader presents Samuel Snyder with DSL Award

Matt -

I wanted to send you a thank you note personally for you and the association concerning my Rafferty DSL award in February.

It was gratifying and somewhat surprising that you called me last October to tell me of this award. I was out of sight and out of mind, at least it seemed that way and not likely to be a thought much less a consideration for this award.

The event was marvelous. Many friends attended and many sent letters and cards noting the event. Thank you for placing them all in a book for my future viewing. The best part of the night was seeing so many friends from when we left the area in 2003.

Receiving this award from my peers is an amazing honor. I hope the association can keep this spirit alive for many years in the future. I see so many associations that begin well but over the years and board changes, the effort loses steam and eventually becomes a side bar token that is unimportant. I guess I'm on my soap box here but in traveling and observing this happen to many associations around the nation I have been disheartened. CPGCSA has remained true to the award and the event. Vigilance is required to keep this spirit rolling into the future.

The event can change to remain fresh but should be a paramount focus of the association. The committee is a wealth of information of past precedent and planning for the award and the event. They are always there and available to help in any way. I have to add, the presence of all but one past award recipient was most gratifying and what I hoped for when proposing this award, event and celebration back at the past presidents meeting in 2002. The past recipients wearing their blazers was so special and just what I had envisioned. Their reading of several of the letters was also very special to me.

Again thank you for continuing this special evening and award. My family was so pleased and proud. These moments rarely happen in life and when they do it can impact so much of how you feel about yourself and those around you.

Feel free to reprint any or all of this note to the association.

God Bless,

Samuel R. Snyder VII, CGCS

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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.

Kevin Driscoll Class AF
Vice President, East Coast Sod & Seed

David Van Leeuwen Class AF
Territory Manager, SePRO Corporation

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

Chad Holler Class AF
Bio Division Manager, Envoguard

Scott A. Ligon Class AF
Technical Sales Rep, Synatek

John Long Class A
Superintendent, The Links At Gettysburg

Kimberly Stumpf Class C
Assistant Superintendent, LedgeRock Golf Club

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Craig Esbenshade (Lancaster Host Inn) at 717-397-8928 or Curt King (Moccasin Run Golf Course) at 610-593-2600.

Congratulations to:

- Steve and Leslie Ludwig on the birth of their daughter, Brooke - January 19th.
- Craig and Anne Esbenshade on the birth of their son, Mitchell on March 13th.

DSL Winners - Past and Present



Kenny Dietrich, Jim MacLaren, Sam Snyder,
Chuck Cadiz, Greg Borzok,
(Missing from Photo: Jeff Fry, Terry Wueschinski)

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Have preemergent herbicides for crabgrass control been applied? (Note: Whether it is a golf course or your home lawn...now is the time to do it in the Mid-Atlantic Region.)

Have your spring preventative applications for insect control been applied? The Hyperodes weevil is on the move and grubs are migrating back to the soil surface.

Have the weeds been controlled before they flower?

As we look towards the 2009 season, remember two things. First, the game of golf is in fact just a game. We sometimes take golf way too seriously. Enjoy yourself out on the course. Second, the game of golf is played on grass. It is important to do what is necessary so that the grass is in good condition. Thus, it takes a team effort to accomplish all of these goals.

The Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists are part of your agronomic support team. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call or send an e-mail. Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) and Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.

Silent Auction Delivers Over \$90,000!

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With thanks and gratitude to the vendors, sponsors, our industry partners, golf course superintendents, and other members of the green industry, we had another successful silent auction during the 2009 Eastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show, Valley Forge, PA. The 2009 silent auction resulted in \$16,000+. Funds raised from the silent auction support Penn State's turfgrass research and education programs. To date, during the six-year history of the silent auction program, we have raised a total of \$92,000+! THANK YOU for your support!



Silent Auction Committee members (L-R) Dr. Mike Fidanza, Mark Del Santoro, and Jim Byrne (missing: Tony Leonard, and honorary committee members Jim and Karen Loke).



Jim Byrne with an item on display at the Silent Auction.

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Directions to Susquehanna Valley Country Club

From Route 15 South:

The Susquehanna Valley Country Club is located just 12 miles south of Lewisburg in Hummels Wharf, PA. When driving on Route 15 South, pass through Shamokin Dam and take the first right after Dairy Queen onto Mill Road. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

From Route 15 North:

The Susquehanna Valley Country Club is located less than three miles north of Selinsgrove in Hummels Wharf, PA. When driving on Route 15 North, turn left onto Lori Lane at the traffic light by Lowe's. At the stop sign, turn right onto Mill Road. Continue Mill Road for about 100 yards, and make a left onto Country Club Road.

From Interstate 80 East:

If you are traveling Route 80 East to the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, merge onto 15 South via exit 210A toward Lewisburg. Travel on Route 15 South for 17.8 miles. Turn right onto Mill Road, just after the Dairy Queen. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

From Route 80 West:

If you are traveling from Route 80 West to the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, take exit 224 (South 54) toward Danville/Sunbury. Travel on 54 South for 3.2 miles and turn right onto Route 11 South. Follow Route 11 South for 16 miles. Pass through Shamokin Dam and take the first right after Dairy Queen onto Mill Road. Veer right onto Country Club Road and continue until you reach the SVCC entrance.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the May newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to epgcsa@comcast.net by April 30, 2009.

2009 Membership Dues are Now Overdue.

Please contact Wanda as soon as possible to arrange payment and update employment or address changes.

Advertising

Space is still available for advertising in the "Green Sheet" for the 2009 meeting year. Please contact Wanda, for information on sizes, pricing, and deadlines.

Happy 70th Anniversary CPGCSA!!!!

On Tuesday evening April 11, 1939 a meeting was held at the Colonial Country Club in Harrisburg for the purpose of organizing the greenskeepers of the area. Those in attendance at this meeting were George Morris, Riley Heckert, Hugh McJunis, James Morrison, Charles Bolton, John Grove, Jack Narril, and Al Heron. At this meeting it was decided to call the group "The Central Pennsylvania Greenskeepers Association". Officers elected were George Morris - President, Hugh McJunis - Vice President, and Riley Heckert - Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings were scheduled for the second Monday of each month with monthly meetings March through November. Dues to cover expenses were set at \$3.00 and the first meeting was set for May 8, 1939 at the Colonial Country Club.

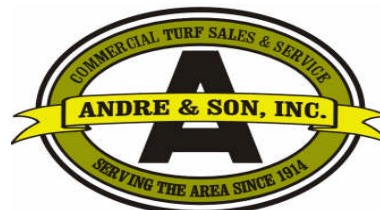
Riley Heckert sent letters to all greenskeepers in the area to announce the gathering. The day started with golf in the afternoon and was followed by dinner. Following dinner Mr. Musser and Mr. Benham from State College and County Agent Fromeyer spoke about fairway grasses, heights of cut for bluegrass and fertilization. Following the educational sessions a business meeting was held and Edward Zwick and E. P. Morris were taken into the Association as new members, raising the membership to ten.

During 1939 the membership grew to thirteen members and at the November meeting the members decided that they wanted to continue meeting throughout the winter rather than wait until March as originally planned.

The Association was a success, just as today, **70 years later.**

Editors Note:

As we approach the 75th Anniversary, we are looking for pieces of our past: pictures, minutes, newspaper articles, etc. If you have anything that you would like to contribute or share with us, please give me a call.



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Shaun Barry Recognized for Dedication to the Industry

New Brunswick, N.J. – Shaun Barry, golf sales representative for Bayer Environmental Science, was recently recognized by the Rutgers University Turfgrass Alumni Association for his “outstanding dedication, service and contribution to the turfgrass industry.” The award was presented at the annual alumni banquet held at Rutgers University.

During the ceremony, Barry presented the Bayer Turf Scholarship Award, continuing a 34-year tradition. Among the companies and associations attending the banquet, some \$85,000 worth of scholarship money was awarded to deserving turf students.

“Shaun is a true turf champion who works tirelessly for the advancement of the turfgrass industry in New Jersey,” said Mike Ruizzo, eastern regional sales manager for Bayer. “We congratulate him on his achievement.”

Barry has been an active member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey (GCSANJ) for 30 years. He is president of the GCSANJ Foundation, whose mission is to support research, scholarships and charities throughout the state. He also takes an active part in the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.



PHOTO CAPTION: Shaun Barry, pictured third from left, receiving his award from the Rutgers University Turfgrass Alumni. Also pictured (left to right) are Rutgers University Turfgrass Alumni Association Board Members Edward Lipman, Thomas Ritchie and Joe Bianco.

Shaun has been an active member of Central Penn GCSAA since 1986 and is our official Central Penn Night Photographer.

Congratulations Shaun!

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2009 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

April 21	Susquehanna Valley Country Club Joint with Keystone Association
May 19	Rich Valley Golf Course
June 23	LedgeRock Golf Club Joint Meeting with Philadelphia
July 22	Quail Valley Golf Course
August 10	Country Club of Harrisburg
September	Penn National Golf Course Golf Championship/Annual Meeting



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