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September Meeting

Country Club of York

Monday, September 20, 2010

Lunch - 11:00 AM

Golf - 12:00 PM Shotgun

Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages - 4:30 PM

Dinner - 5:30 PM (Coat & Tie)

Annual Meeting - 6:30 PM

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 AM.

Superintendent Profile

John Colo has worked at the Country Club of York since June 2003. John grew up in Cleveland, Ohio (Go Steelers!). He worked four years on golf courses after high school graduation before moving out to Pennsylvania in August 1992. He worked at Bent Creek Country Club during the construction and grow-in phase of the golf course. John attended Rutgers University Turfgrass Management Program in 1993-94. He continued his golf course career in Colorado and Long Island, New York before returning to PA in 1998. John has been married to Peggy for 12 years and has two sons, Robert, 9 and Kevin, 7.

Course Profile

Country Club of York is a 1926 Donald Ross design 18-hole private country club with 700 members. Major Bunker Restoration commenced in the Fall of 2008 to Spring 2009. The property includes a swimming pool, 5 tennis courts, 3 paddleball courts, and practice facility. Country Club of York hosted the 1999 USGA Boy's Junior Amateur Championship won by Hunter Mahan against Camilo Villegas in the final match.

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Was The Summer Of 2010 The Hottest In History?

By Stanley J Zontek, Director, Mid-Atlantic Region
September 8, 2010

The summer of 2010 may be remembered as the hottest summer in history, but, in all honesty, does it really matter? This summer turned hot early, stayed hot throughout, and recorded a few more 90 degree days in September.



A heat-stressed green infected with anthracnose.

Do you remember the summer of 1995? The problems experienced by that long, hot and record-breaking summer can be summed up in one word - anthracnose. The secondary problem was gray leaf spot.

It is ironic how things have changed. Anthracnose was not a major factor this summer, but why not? The answer is relatively simple. Since the anthracnose plague of the 1990's, research at a number of universities, including Rutgers, Penn State, and the University of Maryland, have learned to manage and control this destructive disease. With a better understanding of the factors that predispose the turf to stress-related diseases, turf managers were able to minimize damaging effects of anthracnose on greens during the summer of 2010.

Anthracnose is a low-nitrogen, stress-related disease. The partnership among research universities, golf course superin-

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President's Message

After 5 heat waves, countless days with no rain, unbearable relative humidity levels, I think it is safe to say that summer is over and the worst is behind us. This has been one of the most challenging summers we have had in a long time. Our August meeting we did a family social just to have a relaxing evening to enjoy a little down time with our families and friends. Jim Byrne, Turf Trade and Phil Easton, Agrium Advance Technologies set up and sponsored the event. We had about 20 people attend the event which was held at Leisure Lanes where everyone enjoyed mini golf on natural and artificial turf courses. Thank you Jim and Phil for hosting this fun event.

September is our Annual Meeting and Golf Championship at Country Club of York. John has set up a wonderful day beginning with a hearty lunch followed by the golf championship, with some really easy pin placements ☺. After golf John has planned a cocktail hour with a gourmet meal. I believe that Filet Mignon is on the menu. After dinner we will have our annual meeting and election of new officers. We have 4 sponsors for this great day: Fisher and Son, Genesis Turf, BASF, and Quali-Pro. Thank you for supporting our great association. If you are not able to make the entire event, please come enjoy a great evening meal.

Stephen J. Ludwig

2010 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September 20, 2010 meeting at Country Club of York will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2011 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations.

President:

Faron Stoops - Waynesboro Country Club
Tom Ocepek - Heidelberg Country Club

Vice President:

Barry Bollinger - Rich Valley Golf

Secretary/Treasurer:

Rebecca J. Matis - Golf Club at Felicita

Directors:

Brian Ahrens - Reading Country Club
Tim Hill - Foxchase Golf Club

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Rebecca Matis at 717-599-5703 or Steve Ludwig at stephen.ludwig@comcast.net. Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member in good standing at the annual meeting.

August Family Social

A great time was had at Leisure Lanes Mini Golf on the 18th of August at the CPGCSA Family Night. The subs were excellent and the course was fun. It was the first time many had ever played a Bentgrass Mini Golf course so there was a learning curve involved. The ball roll was not up to some of our premiere courses. The Superintendents shined that night but Bill Brooks' son, Danny, shot a hole in one right out of the gate. He later said that that was the highlight of his game since it was all downhill from there. We dodged a few rain drops and rabbits around the course, had a few laughs and enjoyed the evening.

Phil Easton

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Membership News

There were no new membership applications this month.

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

Chet Brubaker..... Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Lancaster Country Club

Matt Davenport.....Class AF
Landscape Architect, Watkins Architect Ltd

Michael J. DonahueClass AF
Territory Rep, Phoenix Environmental Care

Nevin R. Hess Class C
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If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Chad Oxenreider (610) 775-1903 or Phil Easton (717) 464-3740.

Our Sympathy to:

The family of Tom Drayer on the loss of his wife

Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:

www.epgcsa.org

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the October newsletter, please call Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@hotmail.com

by

September 24, 2010



Please make sure to update your files and the files at your club offices with the new address.

The new contact information is:

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tendents and agronomists helped get the word out about improved management, better understanding of the effects of mowing too closely, preventing too much abrasive damage to the grass, improper irrigation techniques and not fertilizing enough.

As for gray leaf spot, what was once a huge problem on perennial ryegrass fairways has now been largely relegated to a disease of roughs. Here again, through research, new resistant grasses have been developed, and better fungicide spray rotations now exist. What was once a huge problem has become a footnote this season.

If there was an unexpected problem identified this summer, it was the scattered outbreaks of bacteria that affected putting green turf. Will this be the new problem on putting green turf? Only time will tell.

The industry continues to evolve and improve. All one has recall is how huge the problems were just a few years ago, and today they have largely been solved or at least been made more manageable.

It is time for golf courses to begin rescheduling deferred maintenance. It simply was too hot and the grass may have been too weak for extensive golf course renovations this summer. This maintenance was either deferred, or, in the case of core aeration, smaller tines were used. With cooler weather, now is the time to reschedule any and all fall maintenance, management and repair work the golf course needs. Remember, preparations for the summer of 2011, whatever it may bring, should begin now.

The Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists are part of your agronomic support team. If you have a question or concern, 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.

DEP Information

Dave Gordner from DEP will be attending the Country Club of York meeting on September 20 during the lunch hour. He will be available for questions and information about the current drought watch and warnings across the state.

Precipitation deficits over the past 90-day period are currently as great as 5.6 inches below normal in Somerset County and 5.5 inches below normal in Bucks County. DEP is sending letters to all water suppliers statewide, notifying them of the need to monitor their supplies and update their drought contingency plans as necessary.

For further information on counties effected, please see page 5.

Directions to Country Club of York

South From Harrisburg: 83 South (through York City)

Get off at Exit #22 (Rutters Farm to your right) go to light and make a right on George Street. Follow George Street until you get to Country Club Road intersection (Wellspan/York Hospital will be up to your left and Tom's Gas Station to your right). Turn right onto Country Club Road (you will see York College to your right in a few hundred feet). Follow Country Club Road until you come to the stoplight at the intersection of Richland Ave. and Country Club Road, at the light go straight through and travel about 300 feet, make a left turn (staying on Country Club Road) and follow the winding road back through the stone pillars to the Clubhouse.

North from Baltimore:

Get off at Exit #15 (George Street Exit - Business Route 83). The ramp will lead you to George Street and you will see Wellspan/York Hospital on your right. Stay to the left, it becomes the turning lane that you take to Country Club Road. Make a left at the signal light on to Country Club Road (you will see York College to your right in a few hundred feet). Follow Country Club Road until you come to the stoplight at the intersection of Richland Ave. and Country Club Road, at the light go straight through and travel about 300 feet, make a left turn (staying on Country Club Road) and follow the winding road back through the stone pillars to the Clubhouse.

East From Gettysburg: 30 East

You will see Christmas Tree Hill to your right at a stoplight. Go straight through light and STRAIGHT onto Market Street (stay to the left of route 30 and it becomes 462 East or Market Street, do not turn right and get on ramp to Route 30). Follow Market Street until you reach intersection of Richland Ave. (intersection past Fairgrounds) turn right on to Richland Ave. Follow until you reach Country Club Road intersection (T in the road) turn right at the light onto Country Club Road travel about 300 feet, make a left turn (staying on Country Club Road) and follow the winding road back through the stone pillars to the Clubhouse.

West From Lancaster: 30 West

Go under 83 By-Pass you will come to George Street intersection (Hardees on right) turn left onto George Street. Follow George Street until you get to Country Club Road intersection (Wellspan/York Hospital will be up to your left and Tom's Gas Station to your right). Turn right onto Country Club Road (you will see York College to your right in a few hundred feet). Follow Country Club Road until you come to the stoplight at the intersection of Richland Ave. and Country Club Road, at the light go straight through and travel 300 feet, make a left turn (staying on Country Club Road) and follow the winding road back through the stone pillars to the Clubhouse.

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- **November 16-18, 2010**
Penn State Golf Turf Conference,
Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
- **January 11-13, 2011**
Eastern Turfgrass Conference & Tradeshow
Crown Plaza Valley Forge, Valley Forge PA
- **January 27, 2011**
Northeastern PA Turf Conference
The Woodlands Resort, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- **February 7-11, 2011**
Golf Industry Show
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL
- **February 22-24, 2011**
Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show
Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North, Mars, PA

DEP Declares Statewide Drought Watches, Warnings Below-Normal Rainfall Leads to Water Deficits

HARRISBURG -- The Department of Environmental Protection today issued a drought warning for 24 Pennsylvania counties and a drought watch for the remaining 43 counties as precipitation deficits continued to build statewide according to Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger. "The hot, dry conditions over the summer months have led to steadily-declining ground and surface water levels, particularly in the southwest and east-central portions of the state," Hanger said. "Pennsylvania's Drought Task Force has concurred with DEP's recommendation that drought watches and warnings be issued for all 67 counties to alert water suppliers, industry and the public of the need to begin conserving water." A drought watch declaration is the first level — and least severe — of the state's three drought classifications. It calls for a voluntary 5 percent reduction in non-essential water use, and puts large water consumers on notice to begin planning for the possibility of reduced water supplies. A drought warning asks residents to voluntarily reduce water use by 10-15 percent.

The 24 counties under a Drought Warning are: Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Somerset, and Washington.

The 43 counties under a Drought Watch are: Adams, Armstrong, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming and York.

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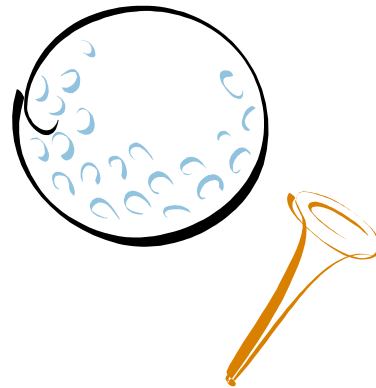
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2010 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

October 5 Felicita Golf Course
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