



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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April Meeting

Joint with Keystone Association

Manada Golf Club

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Golf - 11:30 AM

Cocktails - 4:00 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM

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

Dinner will be held at the:
VFW Post 9639
8926 Jonestown Road
Grantville, PA 17028

Superintendent Profile

Michael Benedict was born December 25, 1948 in New Oxford, PA. He started his golf career in 1963 as a Caddie at the Hanover Country Club. In 1966 he moved to the ground maintenance crew for one year. In 1967 he received his Associates Degree in Turf Management from Penn State Main Campus. He became Superintendent at Manada Golf Club in 1975. Mike is married to Diane and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Golf Course Profile

Manada Golf Club sits on land that was purchased and developed by 9 local business men in early 1963. This course was designed by William F. Gordon and has been open since 1964. This 6,402 yard course with it's rye grass fairways and fast undulating greens is a challenge to play. Two of it's original owners are Charles Cadiz and Henry Nixon who are members of this association.

Happy 73rd 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, **73 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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President's Message

Hello everyone!!!! I hope the early spring is treating everyone well. Last spring up to this point I had 11" of rain and had to build bridges to make the golf course playable. This spring so far 2.5" and thankful for my irrigation system. What a difference! Let's just hope this isn't a sign of what the season will be like.

Our meeting schedule starts on Wednesday at Manada Golf Club with the Keystone Association. I hope to see a good turnout as I'm sure Mike has the course in excellent condition. We have a very good meeting schedule again this year so please make an effort to attend and play some golf!

This past winter I took some time to look over our membership directory and read the entire "Code of Ethics." I think that everyone could benefit from reading it every year as a refresher course. It is printed again below so you don't have to dig out your directory.

Hope to see everyone at the meetings and have a great spring!!!!!!!!!!!!

Barry Bollinger

Code of Ethics

This code is established to promote and maintain the highest professional standards of service and conduct among the membership of CPGCSA. Steadfastly maintaining these principles will accrue to the Membership a level of justly deserved recognition and respect for those who come into contact with any member. Through high regard for and strong enforcement of the code, membership in this Association will be deemed a significant indicator of individual responsibility, character and professionalism.

As a professional courtesy, a member should always contact a fellow superintendent before visiting that superintendent's golf course.

As a member of the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association, I accept and fully agree to abide by this code and pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all of my responsibilities and duties in such a fashion as to enhance this Association and my profession.
2. Practice and insist upon sound business and turf management principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.
3. Utilize frequent opportunities to expand my professional knowledge, thereby improving myself and my profession.
4. Refrain from any unethical act tending to promote my own interest at the expense of the dignity and integrity of the profession.
5. Base endorsements, whether written, verbal, or through any other medium strictly upon satisfactory personal experiences with the product, item or service endorsed.
6. Refrain from encouraging or accepting considerations of any value without the express understanding of all parties that said consideration is available to all persons in similar circumstances, and no gift or consideration is for personal gain to the detriment of the course, my employer or the profession.
7. Recognize and observe the highest standards of integrity in my relationships with fellow golf course superintendents and others associated with this profession and industry.
8. Assist my fellow superintendents in all ways consistent with my abilities.
9. Abstain from making false or untrue statements concerning another superintendent that causes public embarrassment to another superintendent.

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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.

Seth Greenwood Class AF
Sales Representative, SynaTek

William Mast Class AF
Owner, Aer-Core

Stephen Thompson Class AF
Owner, Aer-Core

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Don Dodson at 410-527-3307.

Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:
www.cpgcsa.org

2012 Membership Dues are Now Overdue.

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

Directions to Manada Golf Course

From Allentown:

Take 78 West to 81 South. Take Exit 80 towards Grantville. Right off exit to stop sign. Turn left and the course is 3/4 mile on the left.

From Scranton:

Take 81 South. Take Exit 80 toward Grantville. Right off exit to stop sign. Turn left and the course is 3/4 mile on the left.

From Baltimore:

83 North toward Harrisburg. Take 81 North. Take Exit 80 Grantville and turn left. Go to next stop sign and turn left. The course is on the left 3/4 mile.

From Points West:

PA Turnpike East. Exit at Carlisle 81 North. Take Exit 80 Grantville and turn left. Go to next stop sign and turn left. The course is on the left 3/4 mile.

From Philadelphia:

Take PA Turnpike West to Lebanon-Lancaster exit 72 North. Take 322 West. Take 934 North. Take 81 South to Exit 80 Grantville. Right off exit to stop sign. Turn left and the course is 3/4 mile on the left.



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Equipment for Sale

Please contact Tim Hill at Foxchase Golf Club for further information on the following equipment. 717.336.3847 office or 717.278.4462 cell

2007 Jacobsen Greensking +

- * 1000+ hours/power steering/gas
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- * \$11,500.00 obo

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- * Has been used but would still serve very well cutting rough
- * Height of cut 3/4" to 3"
- * Excellent for mounds as the cutting decks float - "no scalping"
- * We still use one, we don't need two
- * \$2,000.00

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.

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10. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of golf course management.
11. Promptly report all known or suspected violations of the Code of Ethics and voluntarily participate as a witness and present information in all proceedings to determine the possibility of a violation of this Code of Ethics.
12. Abstain from applying for or otherwise seeking employment in a dishonest manner. For the purpose of this section of the Code, a member seeks employment in a dishonest manner if he or she does one or more of the following in connection with the prospective employment:
 - a. provides false or misleading information to a prospective employer;
 - b. makes false, slanderous or defamatory statements concerning a fellow superintendent;
 - c. attempts to undermine or improperly influence the staff of a fellow superintendent;
 - d. attempts to deceive, mislead or misinform a fellow superintendent's employer, supervisor or fellow employees;
 - e. makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about his or her professional qualifications, experience or performance; or
 - f. makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about a member superintendent's professional qualifications, experience or performance.
13. Refrain from accepting employment, as a consultant, in a dishonest manner. For the purposes of this section of the Code, a consultant accepts employment in a dishonest manner if he or she does one or more of the following in connection with such consulting:
 - a. provides false or misleading information to a prospective employer;
 - b. makes false, slanderous or defamatory statements concerning a fellow superintendent;
 - c. attempts to undermine or improperly influence the staff of a fellow superintendent;
 - d. attempts to deceive, mislead or misinform a fellow superintendent's employer, supervisor or fellow employees;
 - e. makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about his or her professional qualifications, experience or performance; or
 - f. makes misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about a fellow superintendent's professional qualifications, experience or performance.
14. Abstain from conduct constituting a crime under federal, state or local law, the penalty for which is, or may be, imprisonment, including but not limited to crimes of moral turpitude and dishonesty. A member's conviction of a crime will be considered conclusive evidence that the member committed that crime for the purposes of this Code.
15. Abstain from knowingly making false statements or knowingly failing to disclose a material fact requested in connection with application or renewal for GCSAA membership or for membership in an affiliated chapter.
16. Express professional opinions on technical subjects publicly only when that opinion is founded upon adequate knowledge of the facts and competence in the subject matter.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the May newsletter, please call Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@hotmail.com by May 4, 2012.

Sponsorship/Advertising

We continue to have available opportunities for advertising and sponsorship for this meeting season. Please contact Wanda for further information.



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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Enjoy The Great Spring Weather

By Stanley J. Zontek, director, Mid-Atlantic Region
April 9, 2012

Recent Green Section Turf Advisory Service (TAS) visits to golf courses in Virginia confirmed that the record-breaking warm weather has had a positive effect on the warm-season grasses and golf. Courses in southern and Tidewater Virginia have bermudagrass as their primary fairway, tee and rough grass. There are a handful of different varieties grown throughout the state, but most varieties have greened-up and are starting to grow. As a result, rounds are up and revenue is up. This is good news for the golf industry, which is working its way through an economic depression that has included less play and declining memberships.

The early spring also brings some negative agronomic consequences like disrupted timings for *Poa annua* seedhead control sprays, early emergence of a number of insect pests and an earlier than normal germination of weed grasses. In more than forty years of visiting golf courses, I have never seen crabgrass germinate in March as it did this year.

Keep in mind that the earlier start to the golf and turf management seasons may increase costs for labor and materials. After all, you could be potentially maintaining the golf course for at least a month longer than was anticipated when the budget was submitted. Fortunately, the increase in maintenance costs could be offset by the increased income from the early spring.

In summary, while there are some agronomic consequences to the early season, there are many more positives than negatives. Heck, I might even get my clubs out of the closet and enjoy the sunny weather.

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 email. You can reach 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.



Overall, the warm spring has been good for the game of golf and for the growth of grass. Note this scene from the Tuckahoe Creek Course at the Country Club of Virginia. The bermudagrass fairways and roughs are essentially fully green weeks before the trees have leafed out. This early season has gotten the 2012 golf and grass growing year off to a good start.



Dear Turf Industry or University Representative,

Jacobsen, a manufacturer of high-quality turf maintenance equipment used in the golf and sports turf management industries, is pleased to announce that we will be providing over 30 scholarships to rising seniors pursuing a 2 yr. or 4 yr. degree in Turf Management or other related discipline such as Horticulture or Greenspace Management. We hope that you will help us promote this program in your area or at your university.

If you have any questions regarding Jacobsen's scholarship program, please feel free to contact me at abostian@textron.com or 704-714-6109. We look forward to supporting the education of future turfgrass managers and thank you for your assistance!

Best Regards,

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2012 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

May 23

Foxchase Golf Course

June 18

Moselem Springs Golf Club
Joint Meeting with PAGCS

July 19

Chambersburg Country Club

August - TBD

September

Hanover Country Club
Association Championship/Annual Meeting

October 15

West Shore Country Club
Super/GM/Pro/AF Tournament



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