

# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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# Congratulations to

2014 Dave Rafferty DSL Award Winner

# Faron J. Stoops

Faron will be honored during our 75th Anniversary Celebration later this year.

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# Wee One One Percent Endowment Campaign

On behalf of the seventeen families that were helped since the beginning of the year, the Wee One Foundation thanks you. With the last few donations, the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$700,000 to those in our industry that have needed help. We are able to continue our mission because of your generosity and commitment to helping others. As we enter into the closing months of 2013 we ask you to pledge your support through our One for the Wee One Endowment. It is a simple giving program over the next ten years, pledging one percent of your salary over that time frame – it breaks down to one tenth of a percent per year.

Unfortunately there will always be a need for the Wee One Foundation, but fortunately we have the support of people like you. All monies received for the One for Wee One campaign will help to insure our mission can be accomplished and preserved for the future.

Please consider pledging to the One for the Wee One.

In addition to pledging your support to the Wee One Endowment, there are other ways you can help out the Wee One Foundation:

- Donate a portion of Early Order Points Directly to the Wee One
- Purchase products and services from companies that support the Endowment
- Organize a local Wee One Golf Outing or Charitable Auction in your area

Thank you for helping to continue the mission of the Wee One Foundation.

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### **President's Message**

Greetings Central Penn!

Another Season is winding to a close, and hopefully all made it through with minimal issues. At least now is the time to relax, recharge our batteries, and to get prepared for next year!

Our last Golfing event of the season was held at Berkshire Country Club in October. While our first try was rained out, our second try was successful at getting in a round of Golf. I would like to give Andrew Dooley and the staff at Berkshire CC a special thank-you for accommodating us twice, and making it all work out. The golf course was in great condition, and all had a great day!

We are planning the Social Events for this winter, and working on the Winter Educational Meeting. Remember the annual elections will now be held at the winter meeting. If anyone would like to serve on the Board of Director's for the upcoming year, please contact any current Board member. Alan FitzGerald and Chad Oxenreider are currently working on the meeting schedule for next year, and if anyone would like to host a meeting please contact either one of them or Wanda Fry.

The sponsorship packages are also being revised and will be out to all our Affiliates soon! We appreciate all the continued support we receive!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends!

I hope to see you all at the Winter Educational Meeting!

Thanks, Rebecca Matis



# Eastern PA Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show 2014 January 7-8, 2014

This year's <u>Eastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show</u> will be held between January 7-8, 2014, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA.

The conference will feature Beasley Reece, former NFL player and current Philadelphia CBS 3 sports anchor, as the keynote speaker! Other notable topics will include the USGA Year-in-review; review of the 113th US Open at Merion Golf Club; earthworm management; the biology and management of annual bluegrass; weed, disease, and insect control in turf; pest management of ornamentals; the business side of turf; stormwater management; pesticide safety; and much more! In addition to offering pesticide credits for PA, NJ, DE, and MD, there will also be educational sessions held for golf, lawn and landscape, sports turf, and trees and shrubs. The conference will also feature GCSAA CEUs, a trade show, silent auction, and a lunch. Most excitingly, the famous Pinki (Fieldstone Golf Club, Wilmington, DE) will be in attendance. Pinki was featured as a SuperDog on GCSAA TV.

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#### **Golf Results**

October 28, 2013 Berkshire Country Club

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> – Thom Mahute, Chris Martin, John Colo,
 Frank Bianco
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Wickey, Barry Bollinger,
 Nolo Fendandez, Jeff Austin

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> – Kevin Skarbek, Lee Kozsey, Mike Fidanza, Scott Keener

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> – Rick Eschbach, Joe Adam, Dennis Latshaw, Len Kulp

#### **Closest to the Pins**

#6 – Chris Martin #9 - Brian Davis #11 – John Dale #16 – Stan Phillips

#### **Long Drive**

#4 - Frank Bianco

## **Membership News**

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

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Tim Hill at 717-336-3847.

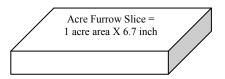
Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:

www.cpgcsa.org

## Research to Reality:

#### The Acre Furrow Slice

Soil testing laboratories use the "acre furrow slice" (AFS) as a way to estimate the volume and weight of an acre of land to a depth of 6.7 inches. Why 6.7 inches? In farming, a typical moldboard plow penetrates the soil to a depth of 6.7 inches. The typical soil volume of an AFS is 24,394 cubic feet (calculated from multiplying 43,560 sq. ft. [the surface area of one acre] X 6.7 inch [or 0.56 ft] depth). Incidentally, a football field (including the endzones) covers a 1.3 acre surface area.



The typical soil weight of an AFS is approximately 2 million pounds (calculated from multiplying 24,394 cubic feet X 83 pounds of dry soil in one cubic foot [based on a standard bulk density of a silt loam soil of 1.33 g/cm³ which equals 83 lbs/ft³]. So, an acre of soil at the 6.7 inch depth weighs 2 million pounds, but an acre of soil that is 3.35 inches thick weighs 1 million pounds.

How can golf course turf professionals in use this information? Well, are you interested in the nutrients levels in the upper 3 inches of rootzone or upper 6 inches? Typically, soil labs use AFS to express nutrient content for an acre of soil - - keep in mind, that's for a 6.7 inch rootzone depth. Some soil labs report nutrients as ppm (parts per million). So, multiplying the ppm value X 2 gives you the nutrient amount for 2 million pounds of soil or an AFS. If you use only the ppm value, you will already have the nutrient amount for 1 million pounds of soil (or an acre of soil at the 3.35 inch depth). If you're not sure, ask your soil testing laboratory; and check-out Dr. McNitt's article, too.

Source: McNitt, A.S. 2010. What is an "acre furrow slice of soil?" Center for Turfgrass Science. Pennsylvania State University. http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/turf/extension/factsheets/acrefurrow-slice

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## To all Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents...



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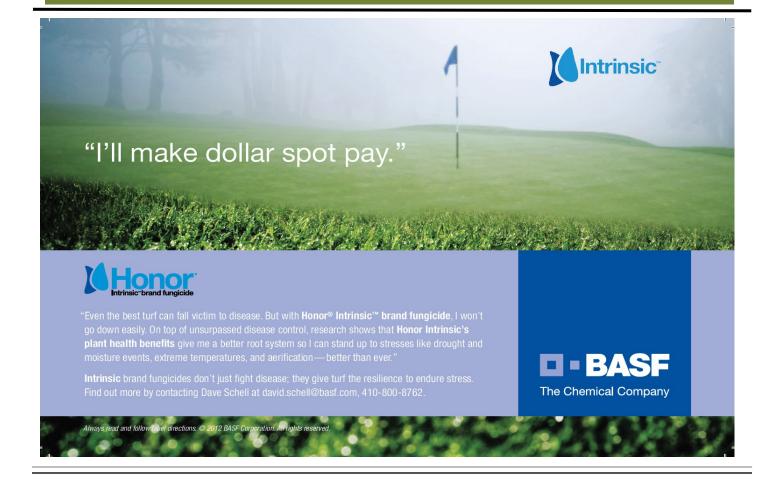
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