

# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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# **September Meeting**

**Lebanon Country Club** 

Monday, September 23, 2013

Speaker - 11:45 AM

Golf/Boxed Lunch - 12:30 PM

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres - Following Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board Meeting at 9:30 am.

## **Superintendent Profile**

Dan Brickley graduated from LVC in 1999 and from the 2-year program at Penn State in 2001. He was a member of the only Penn State turf bowl team to ever win at the National conference. He became superintendent in 2002. He got Lebanon Country Club Audubon certified in 2007 and is a Past President of the Central. He lives in Rexmont with his wife, son and 2 step children. Most of his free time has been spent training for the Tough Mudder competitions that he and his wife participate in. It is a 12 mile obstacle course to raise money for the Wounded Warrior project.

## **Golf Course Profile**

In early 1920, Mr. Charles Killinger, ESQ and Mr. Jim Shenk were deputized by a group of other prominent citizens to find a suitable location for a country club and golf course. They found the adjoining farms of Abraham B. Horst and Samuel B. Horst, each with 100 acres, to be perfect. The most important detail was the farm's close proximity to the only public transportation, the Hershey Electric Railway.

At a cost of \$40,000.00, the site was agreed upon, and on March 31, 1920 at a charter meeting, at the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, authority was given to exercise their options at once. The estimated cost of the project was \$60,000.00.

It was proposed to improve the barn for club activities. The lower floor would accommodate a gymnasium and locker room and the second floor was to have a large dance floor. The presence of a strong flowing stream, insured the construction of a swimming pool in the summer and a skating pond in the winter.

# Directions to Lebanon Country Club

## From PA Turnpike:

Route 72 North to 322 West towards Hershey. Approximately 5 miles make a right onto Route 934 North. Make second right onto Church Road. Church Road will end at stop sign and Oak Street begins. Go straight to Y, stay left of Y. Club is ½ mile on left on Oak Street.

#### **From I-81:**

Take 934 South through Annville. Make a left onto Royal Road. At the second stop sign make a left onto Oak Street. Club entrance is ½ mile on left.

## From Harrisburg via Route 322:

Route 322 East through Hershey. Make a left onto Route 934 North. Make right onto Church Road (second road). At the stop sign go straight to Y, stay to left of Y. Oak Street begins, the club entrance is ½ mile on the left.

#### From Reading via Route 422:

Take Route 422 West to Lebanon till 16th Street. Make a left onto 16th Street. Three blocks to Oak Street. Make right onto Oak Street. The club entrance is on the right (2 miles).

### From Lancaster via Route 72:

Route 72 North to Route 322 West towards Hershey. Approximately 5 miles make right onto Route 934 North. Make the second right onto Church Road, go to stop sign. Go straight to Y, stay to left of Y. Oak Street begins and the club entrance is ½ mile on the left on Oak Street.

## **Speaker Profile**

Kyle Van Why is a Wildlife Disease Biologist with the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services. Kyle grew up in the Poconos, and went to school at California University of PA earning a BS in Wildlife Biology and a Masters in Wildlife Management from LSU. He has worked for about 15 years in the wildlife field in various states and has been back in PA for the past 6 years.

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## **President's Message**

Greetings Central Penn!!!!

Hopefully everyone is doing well as we start to wind down from another crazy season. It seems that 45 minutes between courses set up for some real extremes this season. Some got hammered with all the storms and some areas were completely missed. I think we all encountered the 4 weeks of humidity and heat at the tail end before the weather broke. I'm sure everyone's turf is recovering and enjoying the cooler temps at this point. Soon we will be able to get some much needed "me" time.

I'm hoping we have a great turn out this year for our Golf Championship! Dan Brickley and Lebanon Country Club will be hosting our September meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. Come out and enjoy the day and catch up with your peers!

Our last golfing meeting of the season will be at Berkshire CC in October, and we hope to plan a great social for the off season. If anyone has any ideas for a fun social please let us know. We were planning on doing two socials this summer and did not get much response from the membership. Moving forward it may be best to do the social in the off season, when more folks can attend, and actually enjoy the day. It seems so hard to plan the socials in July and August when we are all pulling our hair out. Again, if any ideas come to mind please let any board member know!

I will see you all soon! Come out and enjoy Lebanon next week!

Thanks, Rebecca Matis



### **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America**

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Greetings Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and having a successful season thus far. I simply wanted to write to introduce myself to everyone, and explain a little bit about my responsibilities to you, the members.

Our goal at GCSAA is to serve our members through affiliated chapters. The Field Staff Program was designed to help chapters utilize GCSAA programs and services to a fuller extent. Bottom line - I'm here to serve you. Whether you have a question about your membership, you want to voice an opinion, or simply want to touch base, please do not hesitate to contact me by any of the means listed below.

We appreciate you as members, and are working hard to add value to your membership. I'm very much looking forward to forging meaningful, lasting relationships in this new role, and I hope to see you soon!

Best,

## Chase Rogan

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## **Golf Results**

Monday, June 24th Spring Ford Country Club

## **Central Keeps The Super's Cup!**

Central Penn - 7 pts Philly - 5 pts



The following are the results from the June Tournament at Spring Ford Country Club. Thanks to Mark Rubbo and the Philadelphia Association for a great day!

### **Gross:**

1st Place	JC Clevenger	74
2nd Place	Brad Helcoski	79
3rd Place	Ron Pogue	84

### Net:

1st Place	Peter van Drumpt	67
2nd Place	Kevin Driscoll	69
3rd Place	Shaun Barry	69

## **Closest to the Pin:**

#4	Mike Benedict
#7	Tom Ocepek
#14	Ryan Davidheiser
#16	Jim Stauring
#3	Scott Keener
#10	Tim Hill

The September meeting at Lebanon Country Club will be our Association Championship.



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## **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

We want to express our heartfelt condolences to the following members:

> Greg Borzok on the loss of his mother Chuck Cadiz on the loss of his wife John Chassard on the loss of his wife

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# Research to Reality: The DNA of Poa

Our good friend, Dr. Karl Danneberger (THE Ohio State University) recently said that Penn State's Dr. David Huff produced the most significant piece of turf research in the past 10 to 20 years. *Poa annua* is an enigma in the plant kingdom, since no other plant demonstrates such extreme morphological\* variability and at the same time also is extremely adaptable. *Poa annua* has been found on all seven continents ... yes, even in Antarctica! The *Poa annua* populations that persist in greens tend to behave as what we perceive to be a "perennial biotype". However, if we remove the lowing mowing stress, that plant can eventually revert back to its annual nature.

How can golf course turf professionals use this information? If you want *Poa annua* to revert back to its potentially weaker annual biotype, remove the stress on those *Poa* populations and raise the mowing height on your greens to tee or fairway or even rough height – but that's not practical, and it certainly can't become an annual overnight. As the late Stan Zontek would say, "you have to decide to either control *Poa*, or maintain it; you can't do both". Incidentally, Dr. Huff's research also confirmed the origin of *Poa annua*: conceived during the last ice age in Europe (the "father" being the annual-type *Poa infirma* of Northern & Western European heritage, and the "mother" being the perennial-type *Poa supina* of Southern & Central European heritage; ...having been to Italy many times, I am not surprised!).

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- \*Morphology: plant form, structure and features.

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## **For Your Information**

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by September 27, 2013



## Penn State Golf Turf E-News

#### **Golf Turf Conference**

### Penn State Golf Turf Conference (Nov. 12-14)

The Golf Turf Conference provides practical information on golf course management to practitioners, industry reps, and students. The 2013 program will feature some of the best and brightest in the industry including USGA agronomists, university faculty, golf course superintendents, industry representatives, graduate students and others. Register Now.

### Two Pre-Conference Seminars (Nov. 12)

Due to its popularity in 2012, two pre-conference seminars are being offered in 2013. Dr. Richard Latin from Purdue University will be offering a talk on Turf Fungicides while Dr. Lynda Pinnington from Pinnington Training & Development will talk about developing improved leadership skills. <a href="Per-Register Now">Pre-Register Now</a>.

### Happy Hour (Nov. 13)

Following a panel discussion of the three US-based golf majors hosted by Penn State alumni, we will be hosting a Happy Hour at the Nittany Lion Inn (4-5PM). Your registration for the conference includes drink tickets (2 per person) and appetizers at the event. Thanks to <u>Aquatrols</u>, <u>Floratine</u> and <u>Genesis Turfgrass</u> for sponsoring this new event. <u>Pre-Register Now</u>.

## Mark Your Calendars.....

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest Open Berkshire Country Club

Lunch -11:30 AM
Golf - 1:00 PM
Buffet/Cash Bar - Following Golf

Reservation information will be available on September 23rd.

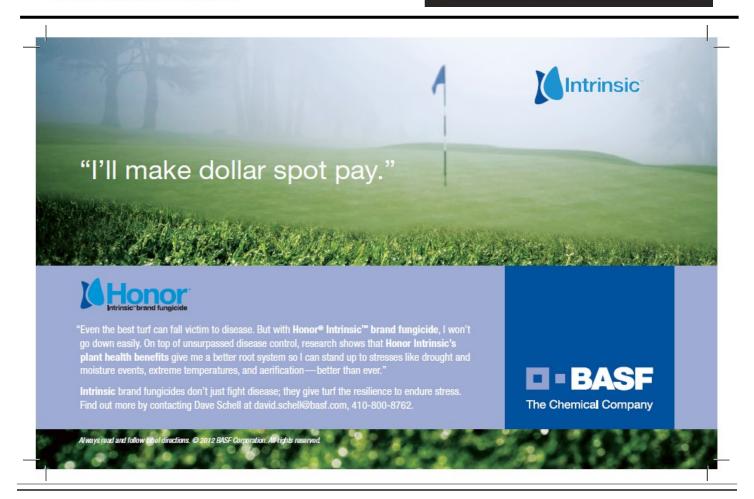
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