



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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May Meeting

Joint Meeting with Pocono TGA

Lehigh Country Club

Monday, May 12, 2014

Speaker - 10:30 AM

Lunch - 11:15 AM

Golf - 12:30 PM Shotgun

“Grazing” Dinner - following Golf

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

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The Speaker for this meeting is Will McIlvaine. The topic of his presentation is “How to Read a Soil Test”.

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Front Row:

Rebecca Clark, Alan FitzGerald, Chad Oxenreider

Back Row:

Brendon Clark, Don Dodson, Brian Ahrens, Jim Byrne, Ben Ulevich, Jeff Green, Justin Morey, Stuart Hartman.

Missing from Photo:

John Long

Superintendent Profile

John Chassard has been extremely blessed and fortunate to be employed by Lehigh Country Club for the last 31 years. He has begun his 27th season as Director of Grounds and contributes the success of those years to a strong faith, his staff, and strong leadership in the club headed by General Manager, Zen Mikulski and numerous dedicated members that have strived to maintain the best interest of the club. Outside of the club John’s main priority are his children, Luke and Madaket, which he consider his greatest gift and reward.

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President's Message

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure I write my first Presidents message for CPGCSA in the 75th anniversary year.

As I write, spring looks like it has finally arrived after what feels like the longest winter ever. I'm sure that everyone is busy getting caught up with work on their courses and preparing for the upcoming season.

Over the winter the board have discussed the best way to get better attendance at association events. We understand that leaving for a day during the season can be tough but catching up with your peers and seeing what they are dealing with can be therapeutic! Superintendents seem to get stuck-in during the season and not realize that there is a world outside the course. I know I've been guilty of it over the years and by getting away briefly helped to realize I'm not the only one with (perceived!) problems.

We have reduced the number of events this year to encourage turnout and have moved them to the shoulders of the season so it is less of a burden to leave the course. The meeting venues are set across the association area so I expect to see you at least one!

Due to the weather and aeration schedules, event turn-out in August traditionally has been bad, so this year we decided to not host anything, however in July we are planning a social so the time commitment to catch up with fellow superintendents is minimal.

If nothing else, with modern technology I encourage you to contact your turf friends in the area (or make some new ones!) and find out what is going on.

As you are probably aware adding the Annual Meeting and elections to the Winter Education Meeting was a success and the turnout was fantastic. A big thank you to Rebecca for running an extended term as president to facilitate the move. I would also like to introduce the new board members for 2014, Brendon Clarke, John Long, Stu Hartman and Justin Morey and thank Barry Bollinger, Tim Hill and Grant Huffman who have left the board this year for their service. With his job change Don Dodson has moved his role on the board to fill the vacated affiliate position.

Lastly, a big thank you to Thom Mahute from Fisher (event sponsor) and Phil Easton from Agrium (food sponsor) for the winter social which was a lot of fun. It was a great event for those that attended with something for the entire family.

The next meeting is a joint meeting with Pocono at Lehigh Country Club on May 12th. I look forward to seeing you there, or if not, catching up with everyone and hopefully meeting/seeing new faces at one of the other events in this anniversary year.

Alan

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Membership News

The following individual has applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, he will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

Jonathan Suitch..... Class SM
Superintendent, Chambersburg Country Club

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Wanda at 717-279-0368.

Congratulations to:

Central Penn Member Deron Zendt, Superintendent at Banyan Country Club, for winning the 2014 GCSAA National Championship.

Greg Fantuzzi on receiving the Dr. George Hamilton Distinguished Service Award at the Penn State Golf Turf Conference.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA

Take the Northeast extension (route 476) of the PA Turnpike to the Lehigh Valley exit. After the toll booth (keep right) and follow signs for Allentown. You are now on Route 22 East for about 1/4 mile. Take the 309 South exit. After one exit, Route 309 South will merge into Interstate 78 East. Go to the second exit, Cedar Crest Boulevard, and bear right off the ramp. Lehigh Valley Hospital will be on your right. Go through two traffic lights. After the second light go about 7/10 of a mile. Lehigh Country Club is on the left-hand side. Look for white brick pillars with LCC on them, just before the third light.

INTERSTATE 78 From Hellertown, Easton, New Jersey

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Golf Course Profile - Lehigh Country Club

Lehigh CC was designed by Master Golf Architect William Flynn back in 1927 and is one of the most beautiful and natural parkland courses in the world. Situated along the Little Lehigh (stream) in the rolling hills of the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania, the course follows a routing that is pure Flynn genius. Eminently walkable, Lehigh features some very dramatic topography and changes of elevation of 105 feet from the lowest point on the golf course to the highest. The design has a collection of some of the best greensites Flynn ever conceived. With three sets of tees ranging from 5500 to 6600 yards and playing to a par 70, Lehigh offers plenty of challenge and enjoyment to all levels of golfers.

There is not an indifferent hole on the course and each one presents its own unique challenges. As we all know, Flynn believed the ground game was integral to a great golf course and Lehigh is no exception. All but three of the greens are often best attacked using the contours of the approaches.

The set of four par threes is second to none ranging in length from 177 yards to 226 yards from the back tees. Each is different and all are difficult but great fun to play. Lehigh's two par fives are two of the best holes on the course. Both offer risk reward options and tempt the bold golfer to reach the green in two. The 11th is the more dramatic of the two with an 80 foot drop from an elevated fairway to the tiny green below tucked just beyond the Lehigh stream. The par fours offer great variety in shot options and design. The shortish ones in particular, are all a thrill to play and loaded with character.

Huge specimen trees frame holes and fairways but rarely interfere with well-struck golf shots. It's hard to find a much better walk anywhere! Sling your clubs over your shoulder or take a caddy and Lehigh is as good as parkland golf gets.

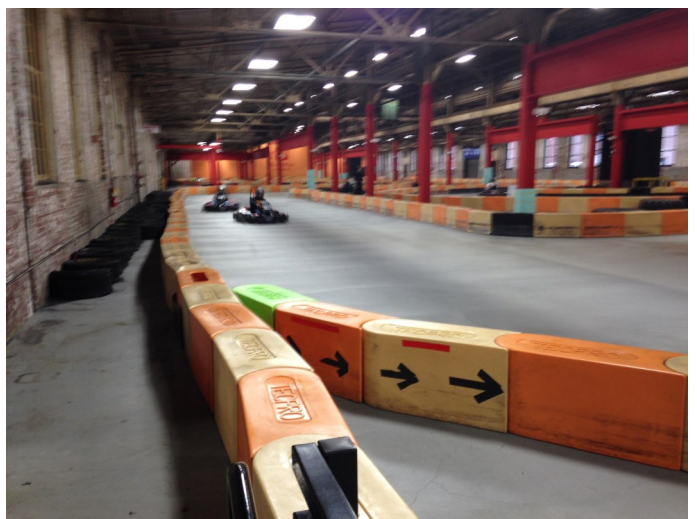
Social Event at "The Works"

Our 1st Social Event of the year was held on March 30th at The Works/Slick Willys Carts.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the day:

Thom Mahute/Fisher & Son
Phil Easton/Direct Solutions

A good time was had by all!



Welcome to New Board Members

Stuart Hartman



Stuart has been married to Cheryl 27 years. They have 3 girls: Amanda, Erica and Rachel. Stuart started working on a 9 hole course at the age of 15. He then attended college at SUNY at Cobleskill and graduated with an A.A.S. degree in turfgrass and recreational land management. He was the Assistant Superintendent at Aronimink Golf Club. His first superintendents job was at the Reading Country Club for 6 years, he was the construction super at Golden Oak Golf Course and remained there for 12 years. During this time Stu worked for a management company and oversaw maintenance operations of 14 course in PA, NY, NJ and CT. His current employment is at Lederach Golf Club, working for Billy Casper Golf in Harleysville PA. He was hired to finish the grow in and was asked to stay on as superintendent. Stuart has been at Lederach for 9 years.

Justin Morey



Justin grew up in Fleetwood, PA and worked at a few golf courses around Berks County. After graduating from The Pennsylvania State University he was an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Brae Burn Country Club in White Plains, NY. Currently Justin is an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Berkshire Country Club located in Reading, PA. Justin's interests include hunting, fly fishing, golf, and skiing. He looks forward to working with CPGCSA in order to help grow our chapter and our industry.

Welcome to both of you. We will feature John and Brendon in future issues.



Bill Mast

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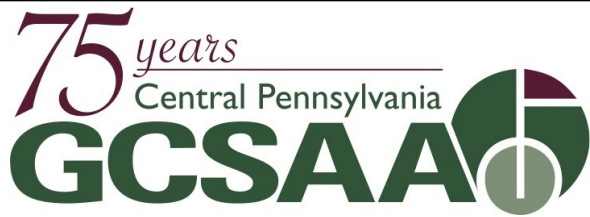
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Happy 75th Anniversary CPGCSA!!!!

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, **75 years later.**

Mark Your Calendars.....

On October 3, 2014 we are going to celebrate this milestone at a special "Central Penn Night! In honor of this special occasion, this event will be held at Colonial Country Club, where it all began!

Please plan to join us to celebrate this event as well as to celebrate and honor Faron Stoops, 2014 Recipient of the Rafferty DSL Award.

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 contact Wanda at cpgcsa@hotmail.com or Greg Borzok, Chairman at zok1@aol.com or 717-652-8409.

Thanks to Past President Rebecca Clark!



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2014 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

May 12

Lehigh Country Club – Joint Meeting with Pocono TGA

June 24

Bent Creek Country Club

July

Social

September 29

Golf Championship
Outdoor Country Club

October

Oktoberfest Open
LedgeRock Golf Club



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