



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

Winter Update

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President's Message

Greetings!

So while my term runs until the Winter Education meeting, with the majority of my term now passed I figured I'd have a quick reflection over the last year. So what does joining an association mean and why do it? For me it was to meet people and get to know them better by interacting. As I've mentioned in the past, social media has changed the way we operate but I am still a believer in getting out and actually getting to know someone. I think most board members will agree that it is to give something back to the industry that employs us and while it's certainly not rocket science or working on world peace, it gives us the opportunity to help Superintendents work together and work out their problems together.

I know we get a lot of what "does the GCSAA do for us besides a magazine" and to a point we get that with CPGCSA also. The GCSAA does a lot behind the scenes and which is difficult to see. I know I was in that camp at one time but after having a number of visits to the headquarters in Kansas it quickly changed. To see how much value they provide is amazing but it is getting that across is difficult. Even after my numerous visits I can't remember everything but to know that they are there is worthwhile. As times change, superintendents, as guardians of the environment, need protection and a single voice to fight for them and the GCSAA is that voice. Again it is an unseen entity for most of us but the voice has helped us out greatly over the years; with two of the big ones in 2014 being still allowed to use Namacure and the stopping of the federal water act, which would have caused massive problems for superintendents throughout the country.

One way to see this is to join the board and in time become the chapter delegate. Each year the secretary of the board is also the delegate so that every year the up-coming executive committee could see how much the GCSAA actually does and everyone has nothing but positive comments upon their return. The one other thing that rings through is that CPGCSA is in good shape considering other chapters out there. The problems we face are echoed throughout the country but by increasing involvement, even if it is only making one meeting a year then it can become even stronger.

With the Winter Education Meeting coming up next month, we want anyone who is interested in running for the board to let themselves known as it is a valuable experience.

I look forward to seeing everyone in March.

Alan

CPGCSA 2015 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers March 10, 2015

The March 10th meeting at LedgeRock Golf Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2015 meeting year.

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Jeff Green at jgreen@valleygreengolfcourse.com

Member Updates

- Winter Educational Meeting is scheduled for March 10th at LedgeRock Golf Club
- 2015 Membership Dues are now due. Overdue statements will be mailed this week.
- Sponsorship Opportunities are still available for the upcoming meeting year. Please call or email Wanda if you have any questions.
- If you are interested in hosting a meeting this year, please contact Chad Oxenreider grnmower@aol.com

2015 PGCSA Hospitality/ Networking Room

Wednesday February 25, 2015
7:30-10:30 pm

Grand Hyatt San Antonio
Texas Room 1/2