



# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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## May Meeting

### Crossgates Golf Club

1 Crossland Pass  
Millersville, PA 17551

**May 16, 2017**

Speaker - 10:30 AM

Boxed Lunches available- 11:15 AM

Golf - 12:00 PM Shotgun

Dinner Buffet - Following Golf

*There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting  
at 8:30 AM.*

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## Superintendent Profile

Chris Martin resides in East Petersburg with his wife Joanne and son Chris Jr. He received a B.S degree from Millersville University in 1993 in Sociology/Secondary Education and graduated from the Rutgers 2 year Turf Program in 1997. Chris began working at Four Seasons Golf Course in 1991 and was the Assistant Superintendent from 1995-1997. He was Superintendent of Pine Meadows Golf Course from 1997-1998. Chris next worked at Iron Valley Golf Course as Assistant Superintendent from 1998-2000 and then Superintendent from 2000-2003. Chris has been at Crossgates Golf Club since March of 2004. and became General Manager/Superintendent in 2009 to present.

## Golf Club Profile

Crossgates Golf Club was designed for the Murry Companies by Fred Garbin and opened for play in 1994. The course is located adjacent to Millersville University and bordered by the Conestoga River and the Crossgates Residential Community.



## President's Message

By Chad Oxenreider

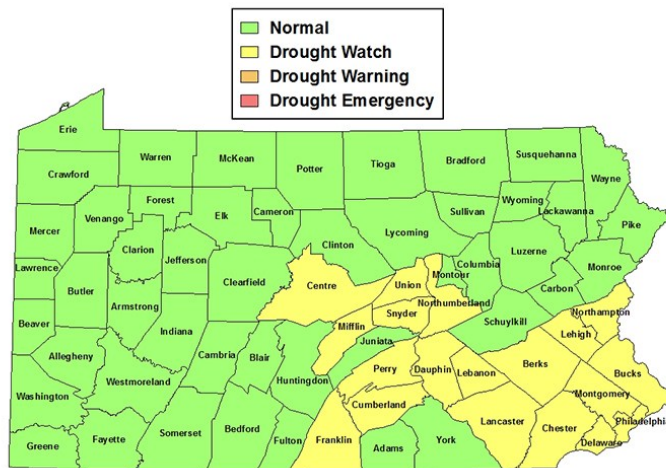
Whelp. Another golf season is officially upon us. The sight of a perfectly edged, perfectly groomed bunker that sat sad and stagnant all winter. The sound of greens mowers buzzing back and forth, and up and down, and side to side. And of course, who could forget the smell of fresh cut bentgrass? Now, close your eyes, and couple that smell with the wondrous odor of Dithiopyr. If that smell (that to me resembles perfect combination of Clorox and gasoline) covering your golf course doesn't get your juices flowing, well, nothing will. Man, do I love the smell of Dithiopyr in the morning.

A big thanks to those in attendance at our Past Presidents meeting in March! As always, insight from those in my shoes from years past is immensely helpful to the board as we move forward. We focused on a number of key issues that will help keep The Central moving forward more efficiently.

This season we will keep our streamlined meeting schedule of three golf meetings and our Penn State football bus trip social event. All of which should be a blast as always. I look forward to seeing you all out there this season!

## Drought Information Current Drought Declaration Status

May 9, 2017



### Drought Report

#### Summary: April 25 – May 2, 2017

Overall, the Commonwealth has been seeing gradual recovery of drought indicators. While some counties today could qualify for a change in drought declaration status back to "normal" level, there is a great potential with precipitation forecast for the end of this week for additional counties with indicators in a stable normal range to move over the next two weeks from the current "watch" status to "normal" status.

Precipitation during the last seven days was below normal in the Susquehanna River Basin and the Middle and Upper Delaware River Basin with the remainder of the state ranging from normal to above normal. Groundwater and surface water recovery during the last seven days was limited to those areas with above normal precipitation. The 30-day streamflow plots remained in the "Normal" range during the last week except for one county which moved to drought "Watch" (Philadelphia); also, the status of the 30-day groundwater plots did not change during the last week except for one county which moved from drought "Warning" to drought "Watch" (Centre). Groundwater levels in the southcentral and southeast have been fluctuating as vegetation and evaporation begins to affect the ability of water to percolate into the ground, however during heavy rainfall events groundwater levels have begun to respond in a positive way.

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We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association

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Assistant Superintendent, Quail Valley Golf Club

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Wanda at 717-279-0368 or [cpgcsa@hotmail.com](mailto:cpgcsa@hotmail.com).

**Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:**  
[www.cpgcsa.org](http://www.cpgcsa.org)

## Upcoming Events

- **Turf Innovation & Discovery Expo at “Valentine East”**  
Penn State Berks  
Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Register: [www.paturfshow.com](http://www.paturfshow.com)
- **2017 Penn State Golf Turf Conference**  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College  
November 14-16, 2017
- **2018 Eastern PA Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show**  
Shady Maple Conference Center in East Earl, PA.  
January 10, 2018
- **Northeastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**  
The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes-Barre,  
January 25 , 2018
- **GCSAA Golf Industry Show**  
Henry B. Gonzalez *Convention* Center., San Antonio, Texas  
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## Project EverGreen In Need of Volunteers

If you've got the volunteer bug, you may want to consider helping military families and disabled veterans through a charity within your own industry. Two Project EverGreen programs (GCFT and SCFT) pair green industry volunteers with families of deployed military personnel to provide basic lawn and landscaping services, as well as snow removal services. The 10-year-old program has volunteers in all 50 states and helps thousands of military families annually.





When you register for one or both programs, volunteers can choose the number of families you're able to help, how far you're able to travel and the specific services that you can offer from a list that appears during registration.

<http://projectevergreen.org>


## May Education Murray Wingate - Lebanon Turf

Murray Wingate is the Turf Grass Marketing and Sales Manager at Lebanon Turf products, the professional products division of Lebanon Seaboard Corp. He has been involved with Turfgrass sales, marketing, and production for over 25 years. Murray grew up on a dairy farm in the Finger Lakes region of New York and has worked in agriculture or horticulture his whole life. He holds a degree in Agronomy for SUNY Cobleskill and is a Certified Turfgrass Professional from the PLCAA/University of Georgia program.

He also stays involved in supporting the Green Industry. He was President of the Atlantic Seed Association in 2016. He is a member of the board of Project Evergreen, a national non-profit promoting the benefits of Turfgrass and other plants to help benefit the environment. He is the current President of A - List (the Alliance for Low- Input Sustainable Turf) a non-profit industry initiative that promotes the benefits of Sustainable Turfgrass varieties.


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## Advocacy Initiatives Abound Throughout The Region

Chase Rogan, GCSAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative

May 3, 2017

Spring is a beautiful time. It's an exciting time, and a busy time. Superintendents through the region are working diligently to prepare their venues for a successful golf season as we usher in the month of May. And while the demands of the job this time of a year require a big time commitment, I've been thoroughly impressed with our members' dedication to participate in numerous advocacy initiatives that aim to advance our game and our profession.

Just last week superintendents from across the country joined forces with our allied bodies to gather in our Nation's Capital for National Golf Day. This was the 10-year anniversary of this event. New this year, attendees participated in a robust community service project, helping to polish up the National Mall. The event was a huge success as golf's leaders sacrificed their time to serve in an arena unrelated to golf.

Then, for the official National Golf Day event on April 26, we took to Capitol Hill to share with Congressional leaders the benefits of golf. We shared with them the economic impact of golf - almost 70 billion dollars across the U.S. Likewise, we promoted the charitable impact of golf - almost 4 billion dollars annually, mostly to charities outside of golf, and more than all other major spectator sports combined. And the environmental and physical benefits our courses provide. Furthermore, we discussed our position on legislation that affects our ability to do business - namely WOTUS, H-2B, and more.

But that isn't all that is going on in the spirit of advocacy. This week, I will be participating in the 2nd First Green field trip hosted by the Mid-Atlantic AGCS. Our initial field trip was hosted last fall at Westminster National Golf Course in Westminster, Maryland. That event was such a success that the MAAGCS board of directors almost immediately got the ball rolling on hosting another field trip this spring. Not only does this program promote STEM learning in the context of golf course management, it also allows us to showcase our profession and the game of golf to young inquisitive minds who may find their interests piqued by participating in such an event.

Later this month, MAAGCS is at it again with their second First Tee STEM field trip, hosted at Waverly Woods Golf Course. First Tee STEM is also a program that aims to leverage golf course management to teach students about STEM education and introduce them to the game.

All these initiatives highlight our commitment to growing the game and managing our government affairs. I am also working with chapters through the region to continue our development of BMP programs for each state as we strive to reach the goal of 50 states with BMP programs in place by the year 2020.

Thank you to leaders throughout the region and industry who see the value in advocacy and sacrifice their time for the benefit of not only our industry, but also the benefit for others outside the industry that these initiatives help serve. If you would like to get more involved in these projects, please give me a call or reach out to your local chapter.

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## Send Us Your Dollar Spot Samples

Dollar spot is probably the most important or chronic disease of turfgrass on golf courses. As a turfgrass manager, you understand how detrimental dollar spot can be both to the turf and to your budget. Dr. Kaminski's lab at Penn State is currently conducting research experiments focusing on pertinent issues relating to the turfgrass disease dollar spot and the causal agent. This new project, headed by Master of Science student Cameron Stephens, will focus on fungicide resistance management and seasonal variation in disease severity.

During his travels and discussions with turf managers, Dr. Kaminski has found that many superintendents are having trouble managing the disease at different times of the year. Previous research has shown that early season fungicide applications can help to reduce *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa* populations and therefore delay the onset of symptoms. The development of severe dollar spot epidemics during the autumn months, however, remains somewhat of a mystery. The goal of the research is to better understand the influence of chemical application on the development of resistance as well as on the seasonal variation in dollar spot populations throughout the year. In particular, we are also focusing on identifying potential field resistance of the pathogen to the SDHI class of fungicides.

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Mr. Stephens will evaluate the scope of fungicide insensitivity/resistance across different chemical classes for isolates collected during this study. Collected isolates will be subjected to resistance screening as well as molecular analyses. ***We are therefore, looking for golf course superintendents interested in participating in this study.***

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MAY 8 - 14



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- *It's Thank A Golf Course Superintendent Week! We are driving awareness this week of the great contributions Golf Course Superintendents make to the game of golf.*
- *Superintendents skillfully manage the largest and most valuable asset of every golf facility – the golf course.*
- *Most golfers say well-maintained greens and bunkers are the most important aspect to their enjoyment and satisfaction in playing the game of golf.*
- *Thanks to the efforts of superintendents, we now have turf that needs less water, is more sustainable, and offers natural wildlife habitats on our courses.*
- *We are proud of the role they play in providing excellent playing conditions for this great game.*

## Talk to us about what a superintendent does and why that role is so valuable.

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- *Superintendents strive to keep the environment safe while keeping their courses healthy and beautiful.*
- *Golf course superintendents are also environmental stewards. They guide courses to adopt water conservation practices, reduce irrigated acreage and use innovative technologies, such as targeted irrigation systems and ground moisture measurement tools, along with weather monitoring systems, providing the science to water only when and where it is needed.*



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**2017 CPGCSA Meeting Locations**

**May 16**  
Crossgates Golf Club

**June 19**  
Country Club of York

**September**  
Penn State Football Game

**October 2**  
Golden Oaks Golf Course



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