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*Happy Holidays
to you and your family
from the
CPGCSA
Board of Directors*

Membership News

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

Matthew Brown Class AF
Sales Representative, Andre & Son

Tom Shearer Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Penn National Golf Club

Tina Stevens Class AF
Owner, Preserving Pathways

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.

CPGCSA Winter Educational Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Carlisle Country Club

1242 Harrisburg Pike
Carlisle, PA 17013

Speakers Include:

Dr. John Kaminski - Penn State University

Tyler Bloom - Sparrows Point Country Club

Tim Abbey - PDA

Chase Rogan - GCSAA

Schedule and presentation topics will be available soon.

Registration will begin at 7:15 AM

1 core credit will be awarded, GCSAA credits pending

President's Message

Greeting All,

This will be short and sweet. I promise!

I just want to take a minute to thank the entire board for their service this year. None of what we do is/ or can be done by one person and we have several board members that really stepped up to the plate. I have to thank Wanda Fry as well. I've said before and I'll say it again, without Wanda Fry there is no association. Lastly, thank you to our members. We hope that everyone has been able to find some benefit to belonging to the CPGCSA, and we continue to try to provide more benefits for belonging to a great association.

Two more board meetings and a Winter Ed meeting and my term as president will be over. It has been a good run, but all good things must come to an end. I have all the confidence that Kevin Mark and the next board of directors will continue all the good work we have been able to accomplish over the last couple of years. Please contact myself or Kevin Mark if you are interested in being a part of the board of directors.

Hope to see all of you at the Winter Ed meeting. Kevin has a great line up of speakers and some good ceu credits ready for us at the Carlisle Country Club.

Happy Holidays,

Jeff Green
President - CPGCSA



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Upcoming Events for 2020

- **January 13-16, 2020**
Sports Turf Managers Association Conference
West Palm Beach, FL
- **January 24, 2020**
Eastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference
Shady Maple Conference Center
East Earl, PA
- **January 25-30, 2020**
Golf Industry Show
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL
- **February 6, 2020**
Northeastern PA Turfgrass Conference & Tradeshow
Woodlands Inn
Wilkes-Barre, PA
- **February 11, 2020**
Lawn Care Association of PA Annual Conference
Holiday Inn - Lehigh Valley
Allentown, PA
- **February 26, 2020**
Western PA Turfgrass Conference & Tradeshow
Doubletree by Hilton
Mars, PA

Updates

- If you are interested in serving on the CPGCSA Board of Directors, please contact Jeff Green at
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- 2020 Membership updates/invoices have been mailed. Please review to make sure we have your current information for the membership directory.
- 2020 Sponsorship Packets have been mailed/emailed to our Affiliate Members. Please call with any questions.
- Membership information is available on the Central Penn website at:
www.cpgcsa.org
- Thanks to Golf Cart Services and Cushman for their donation to Central Penn for purchases made by :
 - ◆ Fairview Golf Course
 - ◆ Hidden Valley Golf Club
 - ◆ Willow Hollow Golf Club
 - ◆ Penn National Golf Club
 - ◆ Lancaster Country Club

2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting October 28-29, 2019 Kansas City, MO & Lawrence, KS

I would first like to thank the association for allowing me to attend this enlightening experience. Headquarters is a special place, and even more so are the wonderful people that work there. GCSAA employees in Lawrence are truly passionate about us and our industry. The amount of hard work they put in to ensure our stability and future as Golf Course Superintendents cannot be overstated.

Monday night began with a message from President Rafael Barajas as well as an association briefing by CEO Rhett Evans. State BMP progress was a big topic as the push to get all states completed is fast approaching. The GIS was touched on for the upcoming year in Orlando, with some slight modifications to floor plans, and future venues for the conference were discussed as well as some insight into where, why and how often. The third “new” location other than Orlando and San Diego will rotate and only duplicate every so often. A newer initiative is the GCSAA PAC (Political Action Committee). This committee is aimed at protecting a lot of our resources through government reform and education, including involvement in H2B visa annual allotments. PAC money is only donated from members themselves, not outside sourcing.

Tuesday shifted to headquarters in Lawrence, KS where the day began with a chapter outreach update. The Chapter Assessment Survey has been received and will be filled out and submitted. The affiliation agreement has been updated and is due by December 31, 2019. GCSAA has changed their logo, ever so slightly, and it is encouraged that all chapters recognize this adaptation to their individual logo.

The attendees were then split into two focus groups to evaluate separate groups of discussion points. One set included BMP’s, Government Affairs, First Green, and Rounds 4 Research. First Green events are becoming more popular and I know that a few of our members, including myself, have hosted one. Individual clubs now have the ability to adopt Facility BMP’s which can easily be created. Based on the state BMP for your club, information can be removed/edited as necessary for your particular situation, your club’s logo added to the manual and voila!

The second set of discussion points included Membership Growth, Assistant Superintendent Series, Equipment Managers and FFA/Students. Membership Growth conversation was centered on a new initiative, the Friends of GCS Program. This opportunity ranges from \$50-\$400 depending on the amount of members joining, and is aimed at your membership. This offers another avenue for communication and education to individuals that do not quite grasp what it is superintendents do. Friends of GCS members will not have the amount of freedoms that we do in terms of information and website access. Both the Assistant Superintendent Series as well as the Equipment Managers Series seem to be popular and will continue to evolve/expand. A good bit of time was spent on FFA and high school students as another source for recruitment.

The afternoon sessions focused on continued discussion from the morning talking points as well shining a light on what it is like to be on the GCSAA board of directors. A brief code of ethics update was provided and then it was on to candidate presentations and breakouts, where all of the candidates up for board positions had an opportunity to answer our questions regarding their potential obligations. Both Kevin Breen and Kevin Sunderman currently serve on the board and are running for Secretary Treasurer. Zachary Bauer, Doug Dykstra and Glenn Matthews are running for board of director’s positions, of which more than likely only one will be available. That concluded a long day of information and it was back to Kansas City for dinner and goodbyes.

GCSAA really does a great job at standing up for and supporting its members. I challenge you to go onto the website or reach out to someone from GCSAA to reinforce all of the amazing benefits your association offers.

Kevin Mark
CPGCSA Vice President



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Dear Colleagues:

The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council over the last fifty years has been committed to the financial support of turf research at Penn State University. Since its inception, the council has raised more than 3.5 million dollars for research at the Joseph Valentine Turf Research Facility. This funding has helped to develop better turf varieties, control measures for disease and insect resistance, cutting edge technology to produce the best playing surfaces possible. Turf managers and superintendents depend on Penn State to help develop the tools and solutions of tomorrow.

Rounds for Turfgrass is an initiative where clubs can partner with the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council to sell rounds of golf with the proceeds dedicated for research. These rounds will be bid on and sold at the Philadelphia Golf Show at Oaks, February 7th-9th 2020. Thousands of golf enthusiasts attend the show each year. These are the end users in the golf industry and potentially future customer or members for participants. Clubs can set the parameters including number of players, carts, amenities and the value of their donation. A letter explaining the details of the donation will be on display at the show for golf enthusiasts to bid on.

I thank you for your consideration of donating to the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and supporting your golf course superintendent.

Chase Rogan

PTC President

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Congratulations
to the 2019 David Rafferty
Distinguished Service & Leadership Award Recipient

Gregory Fantuzzi, CGCS

Greg will be honored at the Winter Educational Meeting



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