



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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Happy 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, **83 years later.**



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May 25

Overlook Golf Course

June 23

Royal Manchester Golf Links

September 20

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October 4

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KEY FACTS ABOUT GOLF FOR EARTH DAY 2022

by Apr 19, 2022 | Mike Strauss

*Golf course superintendents engage in sustainable
management practices*

Lawrence, Kan. (April 19, 2022) – Professionally managed golf courses can demonstrate environmental stewardship, while also providing health, social and economic benefits. Members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) are focused on providing quality playing surfaces, while also protecting the environment by efficiently using water and other inputs.

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, below are a few ways golf courses are more sustainable than many people may realize.

Golf facilities in the U.S. provide significant green space, with more than 90 percent of its overall 2-million-acre footprint contributing to that green space. An average 18-hole golf course is 151 acres with just 15 acres of bunkers, buildings and parking lots. The rest consists of native areas, roughs, turfgrass, water features and other healthy landscapes.

Golf course superintendents and their staff use science-based best management practices to provide healthy and quality playing surfaces while protecting the environment, including air, surface water and ground water. The golf course exists within and relies upon healthy soils and water.

Scientists say managed turfgrass is good for the environment in that it filters pollutants, provides cooler temperatures, prevents erosion and improves air quality. Golf courses create a habitat for wildlife, particularly in non-play areas. Meanwhile, healthy turf helps reduce pests, while limiting weed growth.

The environmental benefits are in addition to the creation of 2 million jobs, a \$192-billion economic impact in America, \$4 billion raised for charitable causes and recreational contributions that golf courses provide.

Much of this data came from GCSAA's Golf Course Environmental Profile. The Golf Course Environmental Profile is a groundbreaking project launched in 2006 to develop a comprehensive environmental profile of golf courses in the United States. The GCEP is currently in its third phase, and this year GCSAA is seeking the most up-to-date data by conducting surveys on Water Use and Conservation Practices, Nutrient Use and Pest Management Practices, and Property Profile and Environmental Stewardship. The information from Phase Three will be compared against Phases One and Two to help track improvement.

For more information about golf and the environment, visit www.gcsaa.org.



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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.

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The Wee One Foundation was founded in 2004 when friends of Wayne Otto, CGCS banded together to financially assist him in his battle with cancer. Wayne was a pioneer in the turf industry always searching for new and better ways to produce a finer playing surface. As Wayne learned more about his disease, he applied those same pioneering principles to overcome his illness.

Those that knew Wayne, knew a man small in stature and a man that placed more effort and enthusiasm into his friendships and care for his fellow man. As passionate as Wayne was about turf, his love for life could not measure. Wayne died in the fall of 2004 but his passion for life and his willingness to help still live on because of the work of the Wee One Foundation.

Through the perseverance and hard work of several friends of Wayne, the group developed its mission of helping those in need. Founded on the principle of assisting golf course management professionals (or their dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources, the Foundation has evolved into a cause that goes way beyond its initial reason for existence.

The Wee One Foundation was aptly named to honor Wayne. Nicknames are rarely chosen by their owner as in this case. On a golfing trip to Scotland with some friends, one of the group's caddies decided to place his wager on the "wee one". A small action (as legend has it) that turned out to be a sound decision by the caddie that day and a small gesture that has helped many other individuals through economic hardships due to overwhelming medical expenses. Simply, that is what the Wee One Foundation accomplishes today.

Since its inception in 2004 the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$1,800,000 to those in need. The Foundation raises money through its membership, golf outings and sponsorships.

The members of the Wee One Foundation Benevolence Committee reviews all applicants and makes recommendations to the Wee One Foundation Board of Directors for financial support.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a golf course superintendent, assistant golf course superintendent or an individual employed by a company or organization that services the golf course management industry or a dependent of named applicant and who has suffered a catastrophic medical hardship.

Criteria for Selection

All applicants for assistance will be required to provide a written explanation of the medical hardship and indicate how the funds will be spent. The Wee One Foundation reserves the right to verify any information received.

Assistance

The amount of assistance provided to each approved applicant differs by each situation. All requests shall be processed by the Benevolence Committee and legitimate claims shall be presented to the Wee One Foundation Board of Directors. Legitimate claims are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The Wee One Foundation from time to time may conduct a fundraiser from which all funds may be directed towards one individual.

One for the Wee One

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USGA NORTHEAST REGIONAL UPDATE
Winter Injury on Putting Greens

April 01, 2022

Adam Moeller, Director, Green Section Education

Spring is an exciting time of year as maintenance activities ramp up to get golf courses ready for the busy season ahead. Unfortunately, unfavorable weather this winter has resulted in winter injury at a significant number of courses in the Northeast. The worst damage has occurred on *Poa annua* putting surfaces, but fairways and tees have also been affected.

Multiple freezing and thawing events, ice cover and slushy snowstorms seemed to be the primary cause of damage. The turf injury observed does not seem to correlate to any maintenance practices performed in fall or snow/ice removal during winter. However, shade and poor drainage always increase the risk of winter injury and have played a role in causing the damage.

The extent of the winter injury varies by location, but the most damage seems to have occurred in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. If you have damage, your facility is not alone. The spotty nature of winter injury can be perplexing and hard to explain. Greens located just a few hundred yards apart fared completely different this year, despite being in a similar growing environment. Many superintendents have also reported that the greens with winter injury this year haven't had issues in the past.

The focus now should shift to a recovery program. This will involve the use of covers and darkening agents to elevate soil temperatures, maintaining adequate soil moisture and aggressive seeding programs. Plugging and sod may be needed for large areas



Winter injury can be unpredictable, but with a good recovery program, a few weeks of warm weather and temporary greens, superintendents will get the damaged surfaces repaired.

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that would take too long to recover from seed. However, it's important to understand the full extent of the damage before getting too aggressive with seed or sod. Placing a few turf samples from damaged areas in a windowsill will accelerate greenup and help you plan for an appropriate recovery program.

Pressure will be felt to open severely damaged greens to play, but this should be avoided. Traffic from play will set back the recovery efforts and prolong the period needed to restore surfaces to their normal condition. The upcoming weather forecast isn't favorable for promoting recovery, so try to be patient. I suspect greens with moderate damage will not be ready for play in April, and severely damaged greens might not be healed until the beginning of June.

To help plan an effective recovery program and learn strategies to prevent winter injury, [contact](#) your USGA agronomist.

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[Learn more](#)

USGA - NORTHEAST REGIONAL UPDATE

Covers and Patience - Two Things Golf Courses Need Right Now

April 15, 2022

John Daniels, Agronomist, Northeast Region

As soil temperatures continue to warm, the extent of winter injury is becoming more apparent. The contrast in color between healthy green turf and that which is damaged or completely dead has become quite stark on putting greens throughout the Northeast. Golf courses that deployed covers early have realized the full extent of damage for some time now and have already implemented recovery programs.



Using covers can help you determine what is alive and well, versus what is damaged and slow to recover.

The use of permeable covers is not only important for early detection of winter injury, but also a valuable tool in helping to warm the soil and get a jump on turf recovery. Most well-equipped golf courses have some large covers available that can be used to cover an entire green or large tee surface. However, there are a surprising number of golf courses that do not have covers, which has left them scrambling to borrow them from generous neighbors. Covers have traveled all the way from Rhode Island to New York this spring. If there's one thing to learn from this year, it is that every golf course should have a few covers on hand in the unfortunate event that it is a tough winter.

While the amount of golf courses still dealing with winter injury is sizeable, it has been nice to hear some reports of damaged putting greens making significant improvements after installing covers. A lot can happen in just seven days and areas that seemed to have no hope have, to the surprise of some seasoned superintendents, made considerable recovery. Don't underestimate the power covers and patience can have on turf recovery. Keeping greens out of play a little bit longer could save you from having to sod as much as you might have originally thought necessary.

If you are continuing to struggle with winter injury at your golf course, please [reach out](#) to one of us listed below. We are just a quick phone call or email away and would be happy to assist during this frustrating time.

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2022 CPGCSA Superintendent Survey

A link has been sent to all Class A and Class B Superintendent members.

Please take the time to complete -- this online survey will require minimal time (usually less than 10 minutes) but provide valuable information.

We are hoping for 90% participation as this is a valuable tool for fellow Superintendents to use when negotiating budgets and contracts.

All information is confidential. If you have any questions, please contact a Director or contact Wanda if you need the link sent again.

Please complete this survey by **May 15, 2022**.



Golf Course Superintendents Association

Dear CPGCSA Member:

The CPGCSA Board of Directors has developed a scholarship for students pursuing a career in Golf Course Management and/or for children of a member of CPGCSA seeking any type of higher education. The deadline for applications is July 31st.

Listed below are the CPGCSA Scholarship Guidelines:

Eligible Candidates:

Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution who are employed at least part time by a CPGCSA member.
- Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are currently a member of CPGCSA in good standing.
- Students attending an accredited institution and are the child of a CPGCSA member in good standing.

Guidelines for Applicants:

- Applicants must have completed at least one year at an accredited institution.
- Applicants must submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words outlining his or her career goals and why they feel they are deserving of the CPGCSA Scholarship.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. (One from an instructor and one from a CPGCSA member)
- Applicants are eligible to receive this award one time.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university.

Timeline

- July 31 - Deadline for submission of applications.
- August - Board will review applicant's information, approve and notify recipient.
- Annual Scholarship Tournament – ceremonial presentation of the award.

Attached please find a scholarship application. Additional applications can be obtained by contacting CPGCSA office at (717) 279-0368 or cpgcsa@hotmail.com. If you know of a deserving student, Central Penn GCSA can help.

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[2022 Scholarship Application](#)



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