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October Meeting

Pro-Super-GM-Affiliate Better Ball

Regents Glen Country Club

Thursday, October 23, 2008

10:00 am Shotgun

During Golf -
Boxed Lunch, Golf, Cart, Refreshments

After Golf -
Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

There will be a Board of Directors meeting at 8:30 AM

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Getting Ready Start Planning Now For Fall And Winter

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director
October 14, 2008

Web site updates from the Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Region tend to cover a wide range of topics, and this update is no different. All of us, no matter what we do, need to plan ahead.

This is an incredibly complex and technical industry. That said, no one can ever forget *the basics*. No matter how complex soil tests become or the ever-expanding use of technical terms and strange scientific names for everything, the grass still needs the basics of sunlight, air, water, fertilizer, and, when necessary, plant protectant chemicals. Common sense also helps maintain turf. Don't mow too low or too often when the grass plant is under environmental stresses like heat, drought, excessive thatch, or saturated with water. Always remember, grass seldom dies by itself; it needs some help. As Professor Lawrence Dickinson of U. Mass once said, "Grass does not commit suicide." Keep this in mind as you begin planning for the next important phase of golf course turfgrass management, assuming your fall aeration, topdressing, interseeding, and weed and insect control programs have or are in the process of being completed.

Begin planning to improve your mind. The turfgrass seminar and conference season is not that far away.

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Superintendent Profile

Ryan Freed graduated from Penn State in 1997 with a degree in Turfgrass Science. In 1997, Ryan moved to Springfield Country Club, outside of Philadelphia. He spent 4 years as Assistant Superintendent before returning to his hometown in York County. In 2001, Ryan began at Regents Glen Country Club as Assistant and in 2002 he assumed the responsibilities of Superintendent.

Course Profile

Designed by the world-renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills, the course at Regents' Glen is extremely playable, with plenty of challenges that will test your best shot-making skills. The course begins simply enough, with a front side laid out on gently undulating meadows, perfect for those who might like to walk a leisurely nine. The back side, however, is a little more hilly, and a little more difficult, with strategically placed bunkers, lakes and a hidden brook that lies in wait for miss-hit shots.

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President's Message

Greetings to all from South Central Pennsylvania! Please join me in welcoming your new Board Members: Don Dodson from Turf Valley Golf Club (second term), & Alan FitzGerald from Ledgerock Golf Club, also Affiliate Members Jim Byrne and Tom Mahute. Thank you to the outgoing board members John Colo, Jed Vail, & Paul Wickey for serving the association, your contributions have helped us get the Central Penn Association back on solid ground and growing again. Our affiliate members continue to be key supporters at meetings, we even have a photographer! (Thanks Jim)

We are in some challenging times and it is important to keep the lines of communication open with your course officials. Though you may think you are boring them with the financial details of supplies and services that are needed to do your job, go ahead and bore them anyway, they will appreciate that you are conscious of what is going down, and proactive in looking for solutions. Turf conference season is just around the corner, make sure you attend a local, regional or national conference to keep abreast of what can be done to manage soils, equipment, staff and improve communication skills. Your continued education will add value to your management position. Use the USGA Greens Section and your Central Penn membership directory as a resource for the toils of your position.

The upcoming October 23rd meeting at Regents Glen will offer an opportunity to show your club officials your terrific golf game and listen to comments like "He works all the time and never gets a chance to play" So what, you have a captive audience out for a day to talk about the course and what you have on your plate, take advantage of the day, maybe you'll be able to show them a trick shot or two!! Remember if you can't complete a foursome, please sign up anyway we'll get you one!

It's a pleasure to serve as your President, it was a hard fought, low budget campaign. Thanks for your support and to the F.S. security detail to and from the meeting.

See you at Regents Glen.

Matt Strader

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For the Mid-Atlantic Region, the upcoming seminars are:

- **West Virginia Turf Conf** — Nov. 3-5 - Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV
- **Penn State Golf Turf Conf** — Nov. 11-13 - State College, Univ. Park, PA

Near our region,

- **New Jersey Green Expo** — Dec. 9-11 - Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ

Another basic element of golf course turfgrass management is EDUCATION. Consider taking your green chairman, course official, golf professional or general manager (or one of their assistants) to one of these conferences. These meetings are a learning experience for everyone. It is a good time to meet, mingle, learn, and, yet, relax. Expand education for you, your staff, and those you work for as well as those you work with at the golf course. Just maybe in this era of tight operating budgets and a sour economy, a better understanding of what it takes to maintain a golf course could benefit everyone. Maybe those new carpets scheduled for the clubhouse can last another year so the money needed to maintain the golf course remains in the operating budget. After all, no matter what the economic environment may be, *golfers still want to play on a well-maintained and conditioned golf course*. That will be all of our challenges for the remainder of 2008 and for the 2009 golf and grass growing season.

Always remember, the agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic Region are part of your agronomic support team. If you have a question or concern, especially now, give us a call or send us an e-mail. You may contact the agronomists of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.

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Our Sympathies to the families of:

Dan Fick—on the loss of his father

Mark Jacobs—on the loss of his son, Curt

Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible for a hole in one.

~Martha Beckman

Directions to Regents Glen Country Club

From The South

Take I-83 north to Exit 15 (S. George St. - Business 83). Turn left at first traffic light. Follow Country Club Rd. to the second light at Richland Avenue, make right. Make second left onto Indian Rock Dam Rd. (Drover's Bank on corner). Follow to gated entrance on right for Regents' Glen Country Club, go through entrance and follow to building and parking area on right hand side.

From The North

Take I-83 south to Exit 16B (West Queen St.). Follow Queen St. to third traffic light (Rathton Rd.) and make a left. Go straight through light at S. George St. (road becomes Country Club). Follow Country Club Rd. to second light at Richland Avenue, make right. Follow underlined directions above to golf course.

From The East

Take Rte. 30 west to 83 south. Take I-83 south to Exit 16B (West Queen St.). Follow Queen St. to third traffic light (Rathton Rd.) and make a left. Go straight through light at S. George St. (road becomes Country Club). Follow Country Club Rd. to second light at Richland Avenue, make right. Follow underlined directions above to golf course.

From The West

Take Rte. 462 (W. Market St.) from Rte. 30. Turn right on Richland Ave. and make the first right after the underpass onto Indian Rock Dam Rd. Follow underlined directions above to golf course.

2008 Golf Winners



(L-R) Don Benner, Thed Fraleigh, Thom Mahute, Bob Wert, Chris Martin, Curt King, Josh Wakefield, Mike Benedict

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Heather and Gorse

By Mark DelSantro

"I am a rich man, as long as I don't have to pay my creditors!" – Plautus, Curculio, 377

Welcome to autumn! Congrats on making it through another up and down summer in the Mid Atlantic region. And as for this wonderful region with which we are so blessed, it is always something that is lying in wait to drive you crazy. This past summer was relatively light on the overall disease pressure, which is always nice as a grass farmer, but then again, the summer was by far the worst insect year most of us have ever experienced, which pretty much added more stress and frustration to the masses than even the worst hazy, hot, and humid disease-laden stretch. At least with disease you pretty much know it is there and/or on its way. With insects, many of us are taking a bath, which is not necessarily a good thing. While we've previously mentioned the "evil weevil," which had everyone on alert throughout the entire summer, it was many of the others over the past month or so that had many ready to jump off a rather tall bridge and call it quits. Numerous Billsbugs, European Crane Flies (which my kids think are simply large mosquitoes), as well as Sod Webworm and numerous high protein white grubs have people seriously questioning their IPM practices. And yet, many of the common critters, such as cutworms, seemed non-existent throughout the entire region. Once again, it is always something!

Speaking of something to get your blood boiling, how about this whole \$700 billion economic bail out? It's obvious to me that Trish and I should have purchased a much larger house and much more expensive luxury cars that we could never have realistically afforded so that when we couldn't pay creditors, our government (aka our big brother) could swoop down to help us out. There are so many things wrong with this picture I don't even know where to begin. Maybe the large commercial banks that give away credit regardless of the credit risk should be penalized just a little bit??? And as for the people who have over extended themselves, well, this is much like our welfare system in that those who are legitimately in need, I'm OK with assisting, but for those who foolishly lived beyond their means, I have little or no sympathy. You make your own bed in this world and just because you aren't sleeping well doesn't mean you should count on others to come read you a bedtime story, complete with a complimentary glass of warm milk! Once again, the angry white man seems to move forward without a voice!

Oh, but don't worry, we have our politicians who always have our best interests in mind. That is as long as our best interests have to do with the politician's best interests (wink, wink). The problem with politics and politicians, especially in an election year, is that they care about three things... First and foremost, keeping their own job; Second, getting rewarded for voting one direction over another (aka ear mark, bridge to nowhere greasing); Third, getting their party's candidate elected as president. I'm waiting for the politician who is willing to step in front of the camera and tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Unfortunately, I believe I'll be much older and much grayer before that day is to arrive! The fact is that regardless of what these windbags preach in front of the cameras; these clowns are too busy arguing with themselves to settle on anything fast and in the best interest of the people. I have two words, which I believe we've discussed before. Can you say "term limits"!!!! In my feeble mind, there is something to be said for a slow and constant infusion of new ideas and personalities into any old and slow moving group dynamic.

Alright, enough already! All I'm saying is that maybe the government could take a page from the U. S. Ryder Cup team. In keeping with this new ideas and personalities concept, how about those young guns on the Redneck, White and Blue, United States of America Ryder Cup team? I got to say that I too was a non-believer going into this event, which had been essentially owned by the Europeans for the past decade. Could anyone serious think that Anthony Kim and Hunter Mahan, along with guys named J. B. and Boo could fairly compete with the likes of Sergio Garcia, Pdraig Harrington, and Lee Westwood? Yeah right, and the next thing you're going to tell me is that Clay Aiken is straight??? Lord, I apologize! Seriously, in the end, the Euros got a good, old fashion Kentucky ass-whipping, 16 ½ to 11 ½. As for the scene that will go down in the annals of golf history, and maybe even Kentucky folklore, I have to believe that would be Boo Weekley pretending to gallop a horse down the first fairway, with his driver between his legs (aka Happy Gilmore), following his tee shot on #1 Sunday afternoon. Oh, by the way, he went on to destroy Oliver Wilson 4 and 2 on that day and cap off a 2-0-1 record for the week. Unbelievable! Can I get a collective U-S-A?!?!?

The bottom line, whether it is politics or Ryder Cup golf, call me stupid, for the lord knows, I've been called that before. My problem is that I tend to be an eternal optimist, as well as a minimalist, when it comes to things like this. I truly believe that if you let things run their course without interference, that things ultimately have a way of working themselves out in the end. Remember it is always darkest before the dawn. Of course, it is always darkest before it gets pitch black as well! When in doubt, there is always prayer and Guinness to keep your hopes alive inside. That's my critter infested, happy to be in October, honest, angry and confused, politically unrepresented, politically challenged, often bailing, but never out, Redneck, White, and Blue, underdog loving, Happy Gilmore-esque, drowning in prayer and Guinness point of view from the heather and gorse.

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We look forward to seeing you at our next event at Regents Glen on Oct 23rd. Be sure to get your team in soon for this great venue and format!!!!

Flight 1		
1 st Place	Mike Benedict	76 (match #9)
2 nd Place	Bob Wert	76
Flight 2		
1 st Place	Chris Martin	81
2 nd Place	Don Benner	83
Flight 3		
1 st Place	Curt King	84
2 nd Place	Josh Wakefield	85
Flight 4		
1 st Place	Theod Fraleigh	102
2 nd Place	Thom Mahute	103
Closest to Pin - #2 Matt Turner		
Closest to Pin - #5 Matt Rayman		
Closest to Pin - #11 Jon Cuny		
Closest to Pin - #15 Thom Mahute		
Longest Drive Bill Brooks		

See you in a month!!!

Brad Helcoski, Golf Chair

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The response was so great, we added a second flight starting at 7:30 am. The weather was perfect and golfers thoroughly enjoyed themselves and eagerly participated in various skill contests. Although no one got the Hole-in-One, we awarded team prizes and distributed a variety of door prizes received from our many sponsors.

We had plenty of food for breakfast, and lunch ending the day with a delicious dinner prepared by Carrabba's.

We want to thank all of our hole sponsors, participants, prize sponsors, employees, and all the volunteers who contributed to make this tournament happen. It is a remarkable tribute to Alby.

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The work days will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

All volunteers will be placed in teams of 15 to work on homes within a particular area. The Golf Industry Show will provide transportation from the New Orleans Morial Convention Center, lunch at the work sites, and plenty of outdoor necessities such as water and sunscreen. Project t-shirts will be provided to show your team spirit and build camaraderie with your peers.

If you'd like to participate in this first-ever volunteer project, you can sign up through any of the education conferences presented by GCSAA, NGCOA or CMAA. Participation requires a \$25 registration fee.

Board Member Spotlight

New Director -
Alan FitzGerald



Alan was born in Kilkenny, Ireland. He took a summer job in 1991 at Mount Juliet Golf and Country Club that turned into a full time position in '93. While working there he attended the turf program at the National Botanical Gardens in Dublin, graduating in spring of 1996. He was accepted to Penn State's 2-year program that fall and interned at Loch Lomond Golf Club in Scotland in the summer of 1997. Upon graduating from PSU in 1998, Alan accepted an Assistant Superintendent position at Pine Valley in NJ where he managed the Short Course. Alan started at LedgeRock in May 2004 prior to the start of construction. Alan and Jamie were married at home in Ireland last September.

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- Mike Seabrook



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Penn State Hires New Director of Certificate Program in Golf Course Turfgrass Management

John E. Kaminski, Ph.D., has been hired as the newest member of the Pennsylvania State University's turfgrass faculty. He will assume the role of Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science and Director of the Penn State Certificate Program in Golf Course Turfgrass Management.

Dr. Kaminski received his undergraduate degrees in Turfgrass Science and Landscape Contracting from Penn State in 1998. Following graduation, he attended the University of Maryland and received his MS and PhD under the direction of Dr. Peter H. Dernoeden. While at Maryland, Dr. Kaminski's USGA-funded graduate research involved an in-depth investigation into bentgrass dead spot, a relatively new disease of golf course putting greens. Following graduation, he was hired as Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Pathology by the University of Connecticut. Dr. Kaminski's research efforts are focused on various agronomic, disease and weed related issues pertaining to the management of fine turf. He has authored over 180 publications including scientific, trade and extension articles, and has presented numerous talks in the United States and abroad.

Established in 1957, the Certificate Program in Golf Course Turfgrass Management provides education for those interested in the agronomics and business of golf course management. Students enrolled in this two-year program attend classes on the University Park campus for two eight-week terms per year and must complete six months of on-the-job training. According to the program's Interim Director, Dr. Thomas Watschke, "John brings a strong background in golf course management and applied research and I envision that he will play a large role in the future direction of turfgrass at Penn State".

John is the recipient of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation's 2005 Award of Excellence. The annual award was created in honor of Professor H. B. Musser, whose career in turfgrass at Penn State spanned four decades. The Musser Award of Excellence acknowledges the most outstanding of these scholars seeking a Ph.D. in the turfgrass sciences and encourages their continued pursuit of excellence. "I am excited to have the opportunity to work with and train future golf course superintendents and continue my applied research program at one of the most respected turfgrass programs in the country," said Kaminski.

For Your Information

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Upcoming Events

- **Eastern PA Turf Conference and Show**
Valley Forge Convention Plaza
January 6-9, 2009
- **2009 Golf Industry Show**
New Orleans Morial Convention Center
February 5-7, 2009
- **NEW DATE AND LOCATION!**
Western PA Turf Conference and Show
Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree
March 3-5, 2009



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