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August Meeting

Country Club of Harrisburg

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Speaker..... 11:00 AM
 Lunch 11:45 AM
 Golf Shotgun..... 12:30 PM
 Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages After Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 AM.

Golf Course Profile

The Country Club of Harrisburg, founded in 1896, was originally a tennis club located on Front Street in Harrisburg. However, it would be twenty years later until golf was played on the current course. Designed by the famous Philadelphia School golf architect, William S. Flynn in 1916, the course gains its character by playing over, around and through the rather undulating topography of the site that is bordered by Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River. While the golf course is not extremely long, golfers are still faced with the full gamut of challenges.

The course the members enjoy today is nearly identical to the original layout. However, sometime shortly after 1932, the course was reworked with some routing changes by Herbert Strong. The Club is in the process of completing a multi-phase Master Plan prepared by Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd. Improvements made to date include the installation of a double row irrigation system in 2004 as well as irrigation ponds, a new pump station and a new #15 green complex in 2005.

Country Club of Harrisburg
401 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

The Speaker for this meeting is Scott Diffenderfer from Good's Tree Care. Scott will talk about inventory, catalog and prioritizing trees on your golf course.

Superintendent Profile

Dave Frey began his golf course career in 1976 at the age of 15 when he was employed at Red Lion Country Club. In 1985 he was accepted into the two year program at Penn State University. Upon graduation, Dave worked as 1st Assistant at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT. In 1990 he accepted the superintendent's position at the Elks Club in State College, PA where he remained for ten years. Dave accepted his current position at The Country Club of Harrisburg in 2000. In his spare time, Dave enjoys hunting, fishing and most other outdoor activities.

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2009 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September 3, 2009 meeting at Penn National Golf Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2010 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations.

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Stephen J. Ludwig, CGCS – Quail Valley Golf Club

Vice President:

Ryan Freed – Regents Glen Country Club

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Barry L. Bollinger – Rich Valley Golf Club

Rebecca J. Matis – Golf Club at Felicita

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Bylaw Change –

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Section 6.10. **Class R - Retired Members.** Any Class A, SM, AS, AF, or M member reaching age sixty (60), who is retired and no longer seeking employment within the scope of activities of any membership class of the association, may apply to the Executive Committee in writing for Class R membership, the annual dues for which shall be seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per year only. A retired member shall have all the privileges of this association offered the member of his or her immediate previous classification, with the exception of holding office. He or she shall pay fees, dues or assessments.

Proposed -

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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.

Douglas Fleming..... Class AF
Territory Manager, Turf Equipment & Supply Co

David Schell Class AF
Turf & Ornamental Specialist, BASF

We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

Brendon Clark Class SM
Superintendent, West Shore Country Club

Steve Himmelberger Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Heidelberg Country Club

Seth A. Knaper Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Country Club of York

Matt Wimer Class AF
Director of Field Operations, Sporting Valley Turf

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Craig Esben-shade (Lancaster Host Inn) at 717-397-8928 or Curt King (Moccasin Run Golf Course) at 610-593-2600.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the September newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at **(717) 279-0368** or e-mail to cpgcsa@comcast.net by **August 24, 2009.**



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July Golf Results

Thanks to all that attended the great meeting at Quail Valley on July 22nd. Thank you so much to Steve and his staff for making it such an enjoyable day!!!

Gross:
Barry Bollinger, Paul Wickey 74
Rick Rhinehart, Ray Paris 77

Net:
Manny Scalia, Barry Goodhart 58
John Long, Mike Darr 61

Long Drive – Tom Kintzer

Closest to Pin
#2 – Jon Cuny
#7 – Rick Rhinehart
#13 – Dave Schell
#17 – Rick Rhinehart

Thanks to our sponsors Atlantic Irrigation, Lawn and Golf Supply and to Phil Easton for beverage cart service!!! We look forward to seeing everyone at the next outing at Harrisburg Country Club.

Directions to Country Club of Harrisburg

From Cameron Street in Harrisburg:

Take Cameron Street N onto #322 W. Follow #322 W to Fishing Creek Exit (Rt. 443) Turn right onto Fishing Creek Valley Road (Rt. #443) Proceed to the Club entrance, approximately 1/4 mi. on the right.

From Camp Hill and points West:

Follow Rt. 81 N across the Wade Bridge to the Front Street exit. Follow Front Street N to the end of Fort Hunter. Turn right onto Fishing Creek Valley Road (Rt. 443). Proceed to the Club entrance, approximately 1/4 mi. on the right.

From Colonial Park and points East:

Follow Rt. 81 S to Rt. 322 W. Follow Rt. 322 W to Fishing Creek Exit (Rt. 443). Turn right and proceed to the Club entrance, approximately 300 yards on the right.

From Philadelphia:

Take Exit 19 from the PA Turnpike. Follow Rt. 283 N to Rt. 83 N. Follow Rt. 83 N to Rt. 81 S. Follow Rt. 81 S to Rt. 322 W. Follow Rt. 322 W to Fishing Creek Exit (Rt. 443) Turn right and proceed to the Club entrance, approximately 300 yards on right.

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Summer Has Arrived!

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director

July 30, 2009

The Mid-Atlantic Region's moderate summer came in like a lamb, but now is morphing into a lion. Just how mean this lion will be or how long the lion will be around we don't know. That said, now that oppressive heat and humidity, punctuated by periodic thunderstorms, are here remember some basic precautions to help the golf course survive the summer with good grass.

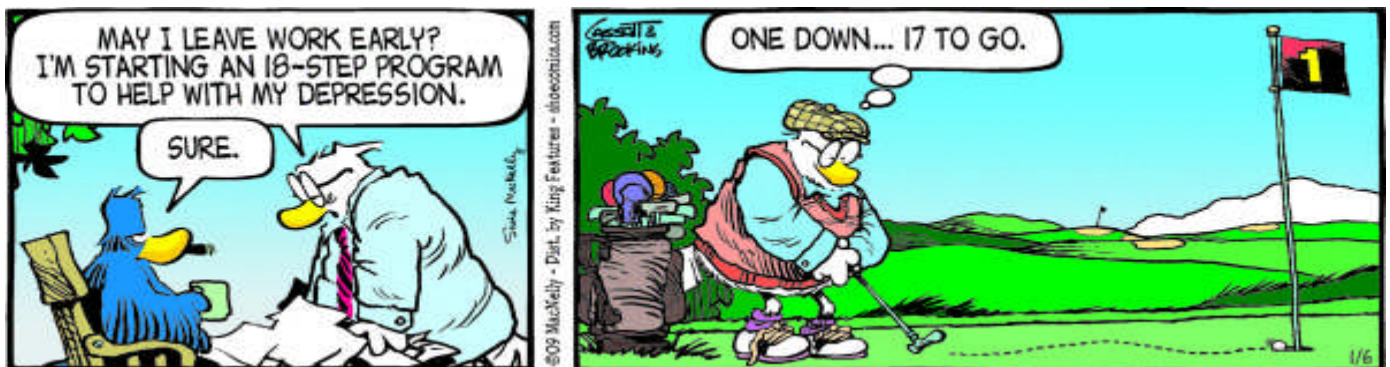
1. **Disease Pressure.** Even with a tight budget, consider compressing spray intervals, especially for those damaging summer diseases like brown patch and *Pythium*. There are two basic rates for most fungicides, a preventative and a curative rate. If you see a disease, spray it with a higher curative rate. Controlling a disease that is damaging the grass should be your first priority, while saving money follows as a second priority in this case. After all, it takes time and money to regrow grass damaged by disease or insects.
2. **Mechanical Damage.** When the grass plant is under environmental stress, which we cannot control, reducing the stress factors that can be controlled should help grass survival. The principal source of mechanical damage on putting greens is mowing. Ask yourself, "Do I need to mow greens every day?" With many superintendents using plant growth regulators (PGRs), if the greens are mowed one day and rolled the next, good putting green speeds are maintained with acceptable smoothness and overall quality, while reducing mechanical stress to the turf. In addition, defer heavy topdressings, vertical mowings, etc. as well. If the greens do show signs of decline, surface aerate using solid tines to minimize mechanical damage.
3. **Irrigation.** Do not over water. You always can add more, but once too much water is applied, either via irrigation or thunderstorms, it is hard to remove from the soil. The bottom line - exercise good water management and use your best and most knowledgeable people to water greens.
4. **Communication.** There's no better time to be a good communicator. Explain why the greens have to be lightly syringed with water during the day; why it is important to pamper the grass when it is hot and humid; and why being conservative with mowing heights, frequency of cut, and chemical applications can help manage the grass through the rest of the summer.

Check and then double check all chemical application rates. There is no room for a mistake at this time of the year. Remember the old adage, "Slow grass is better than no grass."

Finally, if something on a green or fairway just doesn't look right, ask for help. There is a support system out there to help diagnose problems and recommend the best solution. This is the function of the USGA Green Section agronomists as well as state university extension personnel and plant diagnostic labs. A proper diagnosis saves time and money versus the other options of either doing nothing while watching the grass decline or spraying out your inventory in hopes that something works.

Golf course maintenance and management is a complex operation and no one knows all the answers. When you have a question or a concern, that is when you need your support system. Use us - we are here to help.

Give us a call or send an e-mail; Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) and Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.





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