



# The Green Sheet

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## July Meeting

### Quail Valley Golf Club

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Golf Shotgun..... 10:00 AM  
Lunch .....2:30 PM

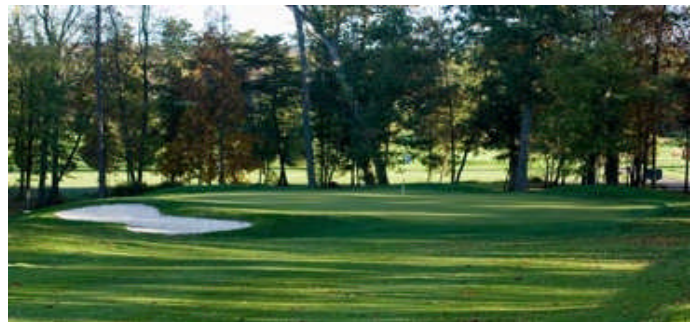
*There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 8:30 AM .*

## Golf Course Profile

Since Opening in 1993, Quail Valley has been a favorite choice for locals and visiting golfers, alike. The Course was recently purchased by Scott and Colyn Keller, grandsons of the late Yankee great, Charlie Keller. Quail Valley offers an outstanding challenge with two distinctly different nines.

The front plays through mature stand of trees. The back is more open with water lurking on seven of the nine holes. Five sets of tees guarantee golfers of all abilities the opportunity to take advantage of demanding risk/reward par 5's, a beautiful signature par 3, and the courses trademark fast greens. Golfers will find all the holes at Quail Valley to be enjoyable and imaginative, the stakes are raised the highest at No. 13, the layouts signature par 3 island green. The tee shot provides a psychological challenge for golfers of all abilities. Playing roughly 150 yards, the green is actually a lot larger than it appears from the tee box. Bunkers to the left and right will collect shots hit a little off line and there is more room up front than you might think. Still, any shot that lands on the island green is reason for celebration.

Quail Valley does a great job of mixing in both short and long holes, your final score will depend a lot on how well you position yourself on the tee. Most of the greens are small and well bunkered, thus demanding pinpoint approach shots.



## Superintendent Profile

Stephen Ludwig grew up in Gettysburg. While working at the Valentine Center at Penn State, Steve decided to add Turfgrass as a second degree. He began his golf career in 1994 at the Bridges Golf Club in Abbottstown during construction as his internship. Upon graduating in 1995, he became the Assistant at the Bridges. In March of 1996 Steve became the Superintendent at Gettysburg Country Club. While working at Gettysburg, Steve pursued becoming a Certified Superintendent. He completed his Certification in 2003. May of 2008 brought Steve to Quail Valley Golf Club in Littlestown. Steve and Leslie were married in September of 2004. They have a daughter, Brooke born in January. Steve's hobbies include skiing, rock crawling, jet skiing and home improvement projects.

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## New Handbook Will Help Make Golf Courses More “Green”

Golf Course Superintendents can now take advantage of a new Water Resources Best Management Practices Handbook to help make their courses truly green.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), in partnership with LandStudies, Inc., published the new Best Management Practices Handbook with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Growing Greener Grant Program.

“Pennsylvania has over 800 public and private golf courses covering thousands of acres of open space, streams and ponds” said Don Welsh, President & CEO Pennsylvania Environmental Council. “With this Handbook, superintendents can improve water quality and watershed habitat at their courses using proven best management practices that in many cases will also lower maintenance costs.”

The Handbook includes a detailed description of each recommended Practice, its environmental benefit, and a local example with contact information so that superintendents can learn first-hand how to install the Practice. The Handbook also includes hyperlinks to additional online resources for each Practice.

PEC and LandStudies were assisted by John Chassard, Director of Grounds at Lehigh Country Club, and Jeff Broadbelt, President, Agrostis Golf Management. Mr. Chassard and Mr. Broadbelt and LandStudies collected information about state of the art Practices from golf course superintendents across the Commonwealth as part of the development of the Handbook.

The Handbook provides information about how the Practices, such as created or restored wetlands and natural floodplains, can generate additional value environmental service credits; including nutrient reduction, wetland mitigation and habitat credits.

The Handbook also includes techniques for capturing and mitigating storm water runoff and increasing groundwater recharge at golf courses. These storm water management practices can be integrated with local watershed management strategies in cooperation with local municipalities.

The Handbook can be downloaded free at [www.pecpa.org/gchandbook](http://www.pecpa.org/gchandbook). Information about LandStudies, Inc. is available at [www.landstudies.com](http://www.landstudies.com).

For additional information about the Handbook  
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### About Pennsylvania Environmental Council

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council promotes the protection and restoration of the natural and built environments through innovation, collaboration, education and advocacy with the private sector, government, individuals and communities as partners to improve the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians.”

One of the most fascinating things about golf is how it reflects the cycle of life. No matter what you shoot - the next day you have to go back to the first tee and begin all over again and make yourself into something.

~Peter Jacobsen

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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.

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

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

Andy Zook ..... Class C  
Assistant Superintendent, Crossgates Golf Club

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.

## 2009 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September meeting at Penn National Golf Course will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2010 meeting year. We are currently accepting nominations for positions on the Board of Directors.

If interested in running for a board position, please contact Matt Strader at 703.437.4222.



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## June Golf Results

The following are the golf results from the June Meeting at LedgeRock Golf Club.

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1st</b>	Dave Visocan Andy Zook	71

<b>2nd</b>	Sumner Cross John Gosselin	73
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	<b>Net</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1st</b>	Justin Harte Warren Savini	62

<b>2nd</b>	Dave Milore Brad Helcoski	63
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	<b>Closest to Pins</b>	
#2	Ron Gorniak	6' 8"
#10	Don Benner	4' 2"
#14	Lance Ernst	7' 1"

	<b>Longest Drive</b>	
#15	Curt King	Long!!

## Directions to Quail Valley Golf Club

**From Harrisburg:**

Rt. 15 South, exit onto Rt. 97 South, Go 4.9 miles and take a right on Gettysburg Road. Right onto Teeter Road. Golf course on the right.

**From Hanover:**

Rt. 194 South through Square of Littlestown. Go 1.6 miles and make a right on Gettysburg Rd. Make a left on Teeter. Rd. Golf course on the right

**From York:**

Rt. 30 West to Cross Keys. Left on PA 94 to square of Hanover. Right on 194, Frederick St., through Square of Littlestown. Go 1.6 miles and make a right on Gettysburg Rd. Make a left on Teeter. Rd. Golf course on the right

**From Baltimore:**

Rt. 140 West to RT. 97 North. Left on Rt. 194 at the Square in Littlestown. Go 1.6 miles and turn right on Gettysburg Rd. Then take a Left turn onto Teeter Road.

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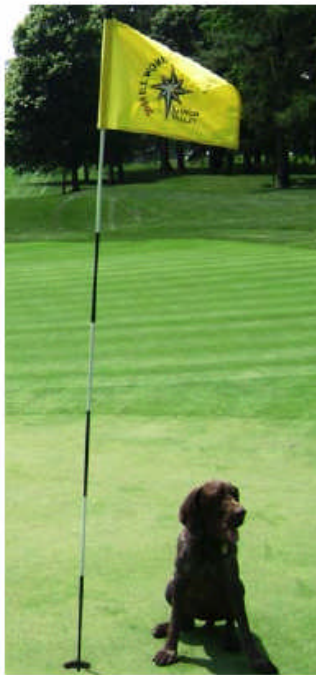
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## German Shorthaired Pointer, Max, Joins Saucon Valley Country Club Just in Time for 2009 U.S. Women's Open!

We invite you to welcome Saucon Valley Country Club's newest member, Max. Having been with the Club for a month, he's made himself right at home. Rather than playing a round, he's patrolling the course, ridding Saucon's 800 acres of the perennial pest, the goose. Adopted by Gabe Wochley, Saucon's Grace Course Superintendent, Max represents his German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP) breed well. He was quick to learn his new job, desires to please and at the end of the day nothing makes him happier than settling in with his new owner.



Max is ready for the 2009 US Women's Open at Saucon

Surrendered to German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue PA by his former owner, who was to be deployed, Max's journey to his new home started when Gabe submitted an application through the GSP Rescue PA website. When asked why he chose a GSP and a rescue, Gabe said, "Having had a Weimaraner as a child, I knew the pointer breed was high energy and loved the outdoors and there are so many dogs in rescue that need

a home. So, I decided to give finding a rescue with the right fit a chance."

Deb Orpen, one of the founding volunteers of GSP Rescue PA (active since the mid-1990s) is committed to pairing dogs and owners. "Volunteers, particularly those who foster, work very hard to assess each GSP and home

in order to make placements that offer a good fit for the dog and their new family." Another active GSP volunteer, Jessi Wyke believes GSPs and golf courses are made for each other, "GSPs have high prey drive but are able to be called off easily. They would consider chasing geese great fun."

Max's goose chasing training started with



Max seems to be asking Gabe, "Is it time to chase more geese?"

Ron Burda of Vogel Hund Kennels and Training Academy who noted, "Training GSPs for goose chasing is like training a flushing breed without the need to retrieve. The GSP is a great fit for this job. I hope to see more golf courses using them."

At 5 AM each morning, Max rushes through breakfast to wait anxiously at the door for the 6AM start to his workday. He loves his new home and new job. Friendly and focused, he draws the attention of Saucon's members who, as one member observed, may wish to be reincarnated as the next Max, spending their day on the course.

German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue PA is a nonprofit organization that has re-homed hundreds of GSPs over the last 14 years. All dogs that come through the program are evaluated by experienced volunteers, brought up to date on vaccinations and spayed/neutered before being placed into their new, loving homes. For more information and to view available dogs,



please visit [www.gsprescuepa.com](http://www.gsprescuepa.com).

## GCSAA Update

Good Afternoon! The 2009 Chapter Relations Committee met on Thursday, May 28. One of the items they discussed was the Chapter Delegates Meeting. You may recall that each year we solicit topics from the chapters to be discussed during the Chapter Delegates Meeting. Usually staff would place an announcement requesting these items on the chapter delegates list serve. This year, the committee decided to put a more personal touch to this request. In order to ensure that every chapter has the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions of the GCSAA Board of Directors, the committee members will be placing phone calls to all affiliated chapter presidents between June 1 – August 15. The committee will be gathering your chapter's concerns/issues and sharing them with the GCSAA BOD. These items will be addressed during the new Town Hall session at the Delegates Meeting.

Please be prepared for the phone call – gather ideas at your next chapter or board meeting! The Chapter Relations Committee members are: Michael Aaron, CGCS, Trey Anderson, Don Ferreri, Thomas Height, William Irving, Timothy Kreger, Phil Lagao, CGCS, Mark Langner, CGCS, Warren Muller, Gary Myers, CGCS, David Rogers, CGCS and Brian Roth, CGCS. This committee is chaired by Jim Fitzroy, CGCS, and Robert Randquist, CGCS is the vice-chair.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions.

### David W. Fearis, CGCS - retired

Director of Membership

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*(Editors Note: Please feel free to contact Central Penn President Matt Strader at 703.437.4222 with any concerns or questions that you would like to have addressed when the committee contacts him. And as always, please contact any Central Penn Board Member at any time with any concerns or issues.)*

## For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the August newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at  
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### 2009 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

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August 11	Country Club of Harrisburg
September	Penn National Golf Course Golf Championship/Annual Meeting



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