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



GCSAA Chapter Delegates Report

By Steve Ludwig, CPGCSA Chapter Delegate

The Chapter Delegates Meeting was held October 10 – 11 in Kansas City, Missouri. The two days were filled with information and there were plenty of opportunities to ask questions and address concerns from our chapter. There is a 21 page report that explains the entire meeting, but the following are the important topics discussed:

- Industry partners have tightened their belts and are not investing as many resources with GCSAA or Chapters.
- Membership growth is flat to slightly declining.
- Under the topic of Strategic Financial Management
 - ▣ Adjustments to control costs
 - Elimination of staff
 - Reduction in staff benefits
 - Eliminating low performing programs
 - * Chapter-hosted Regional Seminars
 - * Superintendent Leadership Series
 - Becoming more efficient (processes and technology)
 - ▣ Positives for GCSAA
 - No long-term debt
 - Solid financial reserves
 - * The reserve policy states that there is a \$5 million minimum, which must be protected
 - High membership retention rate
 - Loyal and high-performing staff
- It is the board's intention at this time not to raise dues
- Convention and Show in San Diego
 - ▣ Budgeted for 200,000 of trade show space. Contracts for 176,600 so far
 - ▣ Attendance expected to be 50% of all time high, set in Orlando 2007
- GCSAA's initiative towards sustainability. The proposed initiative will focus on a sustainable golf course industry with specific goals of water conservation, water quality protection, and energy conservation.
 - ▣ This will be an industry wide goal
 - ▣ Golf Course Environmental Profile will be used to provide a baseline
 - ▣ Sustainability is the foundation – to be defined and set as a long term goal
 - ▣ GCSAA will award and recognize performance and progress

Editors Note: The link to the entire 21 page report is available in the Members Section at www.cpgcsa.org or contact the CPGCSA office to obtain a copy.

Golf Results

Wow, what a great tournament at Bent Creek!!! Jim Loke and staff did a fantastic job at getting the course in perfect shape for us and mother nature did the rest. Thanks for all who attended this great event to make it such a success. We are getting more and more participants for this event each year!!!

Championship Flight

1st Place

Matt Turner
John Bryson
Robert Leeman
Brad Helcoski

2nd Place

Ben Ulevich
Ryan Freed
Jim Byrne
Dave Sanford
Mike Fidanza

1st Flight

1st Place

Tim Hill
Chip Kappesser
Andy Sheehan
Joe Sellers

2nd Place

Jim Loke
Darin Bevard
Rico Riciputi
Mark DelSantro

2nd Flight

1st Place

Todd Bidlespacher
Scott Irwin
Rick Gibson
Jon Cuny

2nd Place

Alan Fitzgerald
John Dale
Brian Virgillo
Pete Kowalinski

Low Gross Professional
Low Gross Amateur

Robert Leeman (66)
Brad Helcoski (73)

Long Drive (#1)
Long Drive (#10)

David van Leeuwen (294 yds)
Chris Grasmick (263 yds)

CTP (#2)
CTP (#6)
CTP (#13)
CTP (#15)

Mike Carricato (8'5")
Scott Hunter (2'10")
Paul Wickey (5'10 1/2")
Jesse Hartman (3'10 1/2")

There were also 7 team skins awarded.

Thanks to all our sponsors for helping to make the tournaments so successful this year and thanks to all of the CPGCSA members for making them so much fun!!! Have a great winter....we'll see you in 2010!!!

Brad Helcoski

Membership News

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

Chris Braun..... Class AF
Owner, Fredco Sports of PA

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Curt King (Moccasin Run Golf Course) at 610-593-2600.

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President's Message

Our final event for 2009 at Bent Creek Country Club was a great event. I did not stay for golf, but all the feedback I heard was that Jim and his crew did a wonderful job in preparing the golf course for our tournament. There was no shortage of great food and drinks, as everyone went home satisfied. We had many sponsors for the day. Thom Mahute and Reid Mitchell from Fisher & Son were the Event Sponsors. Mark DelSantoro from Pocono Turf along with Marney Dorsey from Dow, Karen Hartman from DuPont, and Dave Griscom from FMC all contributed to the prizes and the beverages during the reception after the event. Phil Easton from Agrium Advanced Technologies provided the beverage on the course. Without the help from our sponsors we could not provide the type of event we had that day.

I started working early to find venues and events for 2010. Below is our calendar of events which I am presently working on.

Preview of 2010 events:

January/February – Central Penn Nite, Hershey Bears Game
March – Winter Educational Meeting
April – Joint Meeting with Keystone, Dauphin Highlands
May – Greencastle Greens
June – Social Event
July – Joint Meeting with Philadelphia, Lancaster Country Club
August – Felicita Resort
September – Golf Championship / Annual Meeting, Country Club of York (tentative)
October – Super / Pro / GM / Affiliate Tournament

Sponsorships:

The executive committee and I have been working on sponsorship at events on two levels. One is for our monthly meetings and the second is for vendor educational events.

Last year was our first year for the sponsorship program for our monthly meetings. As we went through the summer, we encountered a few areas of improvement with the sponsorship program. There were areas on our side of the program as well as areas on the vendor's side of the program to address. We met for several hours to fine tune the program. We now have a program which we feel will work much better for everyone. Some of our industry partners are providing feedback on the program before it goes to the board for a vote for implementation. This revised program will allow our industry partners to support our association as well as provide opportunities for them to sponsor events, where the sponsorship monies will be used to reduce the cost of the event to the membership.

You may have heard of Central Penn sponsoring some of our industry partner's educational meetings. This has been something that we have done in the past. The sponsorship of meetings is for the CEU points so we can maintain our class A or SM standing within GCSAA. Previously all Central Penn had to do was sponsor the meeting and the industry partner would not have to pay the registration fee. National has implemented some new requirements, one of which is that the industry partner must put our logo on their literature. The National wants the Central Penn to be more involved with the set up of the meeting so we get the education that we need. Another issue deals with programs being "commercial in nature". In talking with GCSAA there are several degrees of "commercialism". At National events there are no products mentioned, only active ingredients. At our educational events, we could mention product names, but the speaker cannot talk bad about a competitor's product. If a specific product is mentioned, the positives and negatives must be given. This is considered education, and the event qualifies for education points. We are presently working on a procedure so we will have a documented program for our industry partners for the 2010 season. This procedure will define what Central Penn considers "commercialism" and any other requirements we may require from the industry partners for us to sponsor their event. I have been working with our industry partners on a one on one basis so we can all benefit from this program. I feel that it is vital for our association to support our industry partners as they have supported us so much in the past.

Scholarship:

I would like to congratulate Andrew Shuttlesworth on being awarded the Central Penn Scholarship for 2009. Andrew is attending Penn State University. Andrew is currently working at Felicita Resort under superintendent Rebecca Matis. He previously worked for Dave Frey at Country Club of Harrisburg. We will officially present Andrew with his scholarship at the Winter Educational Meeting in March.

Upcoming Events

January 12-14, 2010

2010 Eastern PA Turf Conference and Show
Valley Forge Convention Center

February 10-11, 2010

Golf Industry Show
San Diego, CA

February 23-25, 2010

2010 Western PA Turf Conference & Trade Show
Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North, 910 Sheraton Drive
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For Your Information

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