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## October Meeting

Super-Pro-GM-Affiliate Better Ball

### Bent Creek Country Club

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Lunch ..... 11:00 AM  
Golf ..... 12:30 PM  
Hors d'oeuvres/Cash Bar .... Following Golf

## Superintendent Profile

H. Jim Loke, CGCS has been superintendent at Bent Creek Country Club since 1992. Jim holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy specializing in turfgrass management from Ohio State University, and has been a certified golf course superintendent since 1986. Prior to Bent Creek, he was superintendent of Quail Hollow Resort and Firestone Country Club in Ohio. Jim is a former secretary/treasurer, vice president, and president of CPGCSA. Jim is married to Karen, who also works with him at Bent Creek.

## Golf Course Profile

On October 6, 1990, six gentlemen from Lancaster hosted a party on the site of Erb's Nursery in Manheim Township, PA. They had selected the site as the location for Bent Creek Country Club, an idea that had been in the formulative stages for years. The response was positive and applications were accepted two days later.

In order to make their dreams come true, the developers enlisted Jay Morrish to design the golf course. Bent Creek Country Club was constructed in 1991 and 1992.

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## President's Message

We had a wonderful day at Penn National for our Association Championship and Annual Meeting. Ray and his crew did a great job setting up the Founders Course to test our golf game and see who the Association Champion would be. There was a great steak dinner after golf with your choice of apple or cherry pie for dessert. The annual meeting followed dinner with the presentation of Golf Championship trophies and elections of officers. I would like to congratulate Matt Turner, Conestoga Country Club and Chad Oxenreider, Flying Hills Golf Club in becoming directors on the Board. I am happy to appoint Rebecca Matis, Felicita Resort and Phil Easton, CPS to fill vacancies on the Board. I would like to thank Brad Helcoski, Atlantic Irrigation and Dan Brickley, Lebanon Country Club for their dedication and service to the board. A special thank you to our outgoing President Matt Strader is in order for all the hard work he put in over such a long distance.

Our outlook to the future holds some challenges and changes to prepare for. This was our first year with our sponsorship package. The program was a success, but with most new programs we will be working to make the program easier to use by the association, the vendors and the members. We have to work on developing Standard Operating Procedures in the event we must find a new executive director. We must also work on the events we offer to members. Many of our events suffer from poor attendance. Is this due to lack of interest, cost of the event, location of the event, time of the event, and no member benefit from the event? I think that it is a shame for most of our meetings to draw 40 or less attendees and only 12 are supers or assistants. Our membership is near 250 members and we only get 15% participating in events. If you have a strong reason why you don't attend meeting, please let your board know, so we can address the issue. Do you have ideas to get more members to meetings? Please pass them on. I'm sure if we had a \$25 meeting with free beverages, we would be able to fill the tee sheet. Granted, this is almost impossible, but it is a stepping stone for ideas. We are working on building a stronger and better association. Look for a social event over the winter months to include a Hershey Bears Hockey game.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and concerns.

Thank you,

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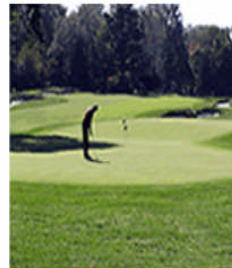
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November 10-12, 2009

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Penn State and the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council would like to invite you to attend the 2009 Penn State Golf Turf Conference located on the University Park Campus. This conference is designed to provide practical information on golf course management to practitioners, industry reps, and students. The 2009 program will feature presentations by USGA agronomists, golf course superintendents, consultants, and university faculty; and will cover topics ranging from pest management to bunker construction to golf course design. Additional events include a job fair and a luncheon sponsored by the Penn State Turf Club. We are looking forward to seeing you in November!

**Where** Nittany Lion Inn  
200 Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803

[Learn More About the Conference or Register](#)

**RSVP** Tuesday, October 27, 2009

## Membership News

There were no new membership applications this month.

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

Brian Pardoe ..... Class AF  
Commercial Territory Manager,  
Turf Equipment & Supply Company

Zane Raudenbush ..... Class C  
Assistant Superintendent, West Shore Country Club

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.

### Our Sympathies to:

Dan Davis and family on the passing of his father, Donald D. 'Dud' Davis, on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009.

"Budget so tight this season we had to mow fairways & water sod at the same time"



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## Golf Results

Thanks for all who attended our 2009 Annual Meeting at Penn National. What a great meeting!!! Great competition, great camaraderie and delicious food!!! Thanks to Ray, Dave and their staff for getting the course in pristine condition for us and for making the meeting such a great success!!

### Championship Flight

1st place - Faron Stoops - 80  
2nd place - Brad Helcoski - 82

### 1st Flight

1st place - Paul Wickey - 85  
2nd place - Josh Wakefield - 89

### 2nd Flight

1st place - Jim Byrne - 90  
2nd place - Ryan Freed - 92

### 3rd Flight

1st place - Greg Borzok - 91  
2nd place - Ray Farber - 107

### Closest to Pin

#3 - Matt Strader  
#9 - Greg Borzok  
#13 - Joe Barton  
#17 - David van Leeuwen

### Long Drive

Josh Wakefield

Please check the next Green Sheet for our next event at Bent Creek Country Club on Tuesday Oct 6th. This will be the Super, GM, Affiliate, Pro tournament full of great prizes and great competition. Spaces are limited so get you reservation in early.

On behalf of the golf committee we look forward to seeing you all again next month!!!

Brad Helcoski, Barry Bollinger  
Golf Chairmen

*"Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three."*

~Anonymous~

## For Your Information

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-ins                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Party lines    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howdy Doody                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Peashooters    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Studebakers                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Butch wax      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roller skate keys                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cork popguns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Cigarettes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hi-Fi's        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P. F. Flyers                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Packards       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S&H Green Stamps                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 RPM records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mimeograph paper                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Studbakers     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackjack chewing gum                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washtub Wringers                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal ice trays with lever                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soda Machines that dispensed in glass bottles |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home milk delivery in glass bottles           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diners with tableside juke boxes              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsreels before the movie                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word prefix phone numbers (Olive-6933)        |   |

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### From Allentown:

- Take Northeast Extension to PA Turnpike West. Get off at Exit 21. Take Rt. 222 South to Rt. 30 West. Staying right, immediately exit Rt. 30 (at Oregon Pike). Go through first light (at Lititz Pike Rt. 501). Turn right at second light onto Fruitville Pike North. Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on the left.

### From Reading:

- Take Rt. 222 South to Oregon Pike Exit. At stop, turn left onto 272 South (Oregon Pike) Continue approximately 2 miles to first light, at Landis Valley Road. Turn right onto Landis Valley Road. Continue approximately 1.5 miles, to the first light, at Lititz Pike (Rt. 501). Go through light, following 722 West. Continue approximately 1.5 miles to light at Fruitville Pike. Turn right onto Fruitville Pike. Bent Creek is approximately 1 mile on the left.

### From York:

- Take Rt. 30 East to Fruitville Pike North. Exit Rt. 30, (following Rt. 283 West) to Fruitville Pike North. Turn left at light, onto Fruitville Pike North. Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on the left.

### From Philadelphia:

- Take PA Turnpike West to Exit 21 to Rt. 222 South to Rt. 30 West. Exit Rt. 30 (at Oregon Pike). Go through first light (at Lititz Pike, Rt. 501). Turn right at second light onto Fruitville Pike North. Bent Creek is approximately 3.5 miles on the left.

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## Fall Colors

By Stanley J. Zontek, Director  
September 23, 2009

The first frost advisory was issued this week for the northern counties of Pennsylvania. While the calendar just finished saying summer, the fall weather pattern is settling into place. For many individuals in the golf and turfgrass management industry, this change in the weather brings a huge sigh of relief.

There were many uncertainties as the golf and turf industry entered the spring growing season. While there still remain many unknowns with the economy, most golf courses I have visited expressed every attitude from, "the worst may be over" to "so far, so good, we're still here as a golf course."

In terms of golf course agronomy, currently the most important condition that needs concentration is the re-growth of the grass root system. While making Turf Advisory Service (TAS) visits, many course officials were surprised how shallow most of the grass root systems were in the greens. The playing surface looks good, but roots were shallow. This root loss was the result of all the heavy rains that most, but not all, parts of this region experienced the second half of the summer, primarily in August. What happened?

As water soaks into the soil it replaces air. Grass roots grow primarily in the large air spaces between soil and sand particles. When these air spaces are full of water, roots do not thrive. They suffer even more when the saturated water gets hot due to high daytime and nighttime temperatures. Warm water has little oxygen, and as the grass grows, the roots can literally collapse. Therefore, while the surfaces of the greens look good, the root systems are shallow and weak. A large number of golf courses in this region traditionally schedule major putting green renovation, aeration, and topdressing for late August. There is so little time for this work to be done that turf managers feel obligated to complete the work in spite of weather that can, and did, cause mechanical damage to the grass.

If your course was one of those that were forced to aerate and topdress on a few reserved dates in mid to late August, now is a good time, in anticipation of the 2010 season, to have a second contingency date set aside. In this way, if it is hot, humid and wet during the time of the next August renovation, there will be a second date, later in the fall, for the work to be done. The health of the grass is the important point here, as well as getting the necessary fall renovation work completed while minimizing golfer inconvenience. The fall is a good time to punch some extra holes (solid tines, quad tines, etc.) and apply a little bit more fertilizer to re-grow the grasses root systems that were damaged this summer. The re-growth occurs naturally, but the more air spaces you have in the soil, the better.

Finally, gray leaf spot is active on golf courses affecting perennial ryegrass. The disease is most active in the roughs, intermediate cuts, and now on fairways. Be forewarned.

In summary, if you need to rebuild your grass rooting system, control broadleaf weeds, or install drains, now is the time to start planning for that work.

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

### Matt Strader's Rough Sod Project at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston VA





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