



# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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## September Meeting

Association Golf Championship/  
Annual Meeting

### Penn National Golf Club

**Thursday, September 3, 2009**

Boxed Lunch/Golf ..... 11:00 AM  
Cocktails/Cash Bar ..... 4:00 PM  
Dinner ..... 5:00 PM  
Annual Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

*There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors  
Meeting at 9:30 AM.*

## Superintendent Profile

Raymond Farber started hand mowing greens at a little six hole course. He attended the two year short course at Texas A&M and then returned to Altoona, PA at Sylvan Hills as Superintendent for 18 years. Ray also worked at South Point Golf Course and Glenn Oak Golf Course. In 2003, Ray started at Penn National Golf Course as Assistant Superintendent. After 7 years, Ray is now Superintendent of the Founders Course.

Dave DeWitt is superintendent of the Iron Forge Course at Penn National. Dave attended the 4 year program at Penn State University. After an internship at Congressional Country Club, Dave was employed at the Williamsport Country Club until 2001. Dave is in his 9th year at Penn National.

## Golf Course Profile

### The Founders Course

During the 1800s, iron ore was mined from the land that is now Penn National. When that ore ran out, the land was farmed until the 1960s, when agriculture gave way to golf course development.

In 1966, Edmund Ault came to Penn National from Washington and laid out the original course, a classic, Northeastern-style masterpiece with large contoured greens and tree-lined fairways. And although his work was meant to provide public golf for local residents, its highly-prized design attracts golfers from across the nation...and U.S. presidents from nearby Camp David. The Founders Course was opened in 1968 and remains an old-fashioned traditional test of golf. And as with all well-laid-out traditional courses, Ault has turned up the heat at the end, saving the best and the toughest for the 5-hole stretch starting at the par-5 14th!

**Penn National Golf Club  
3720 Clubhouse Drive  
Fayetteville, PA 17222**



This month's tournament is our  
2009 Association Championship. Sign up now,  
and please remember to include your golf handicap.  
Thanks!

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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.

### President:

Stephen J. Ludwig, CGCS – Quail Valley Golf Club

### Vice President:

Ryan Freed – Regents Glen Country Club

### Secretary/Treasurer:

Barry L. Bollinger – Rich Valley Golf Club

Rebecca J. Matis – Golf Club at Felicita

### Directors:

Grant Huffman – Heritage Hills Golf Resort

Chad R. Oxenreider – Flying Hills Golf Course

Matthew S. Turner – Conestoga Country Club

## Bylaw Change –

### Original -

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.

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

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

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

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

David Schell ..... Class AF  
Turf & Ornamental Specialist, BASF

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.

### Our Sympathies to:

Ron Difenthaler and children. Ron's wife Tracy passed away on August 10, 2009

## For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the October newsletter, please fax information to Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to [cpgcsa@comcast.net](mailto:cpgcsa@comcast.net) by September 21, 2009.



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## August Golf Results

Thanks to all who attended the GREAT tournament at the beautiful Country Club of Harrisburg. Dave and his hardworking staff did a superb job at getting the course in great shape for us. Thanks also to Jim Byrne for all of his hard work in getting some memorable prizes for us. Congrats Jim on that Hole in One!!!!

We look forward to seeing all of you again next month when we have our Golf Championship at Penn National. This will be another fun and competitive tournament for all to enjoy. See you all on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!

**1<sup>st</sup> Gross** Paul Wickey  
Barry Bollinger  
Brad Helcoski  
Tom Snow

**1<sup>st</sup> Net** Al Phillips  
Ryan Freed  
Don Dobson  
Curt Geron

**2<sup>nd</sup> Net** Scott Keener  
Chris Martin  
Mark DelSantra  
Andy Zook

**3<sup>rd</sup> Net** Dave DeWitt  
Ray Farber  
Doug Fleming  
Brian Pardoe

### Closest to Pin

#2 - Paul Wickey  
#6 - Dave Frey  
#12 - Jim Byrne – ACE!!!!!!!

### Long Drive

Reid Mitchell

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## Directions to Penn National Golf Club

**From Lancaster/York/Gettysburg:**

Route 30 West approximately 18 miles past Gettysburg. Turn left on 997 South. Penn National Golf Club & Inn “Main Entrance” is 3 miles on the right.

**From Harrisburg/Carlisle:**

I-81 South to exit 20 (Scotland). Turn left on Route 997 South. Approx 5 miles cross Route 30 and continue on 997 South. Penn National Golf Club & Inn “Main Entrance” is 3 miles on the right.

**From Philadelphia:**

Route 76 West - (PA turnpike) to exit 226 ( Carlisle ). Follow signs to I-81 South. Follow I-81 South to exit 20 (Scotland). Turn left on Route 997 South. Approx 5 miles cross Route 30 and continue on 997 South. Penn National Golf Club & Inn “Main Entrance” is 3 miles on the right.

**From Pittsburgh:**

Route 76 East (PA Turnpike) to Blue Mountain exit 201. Follow signs to 997 South. Take 997 South, cross over I-81 at exit 20 (Scotland). Approx 5 miles cross Route 30 and continue on 997 South. Penn National Golf Club & Inn “Main Entrance” is 3 miles on the right.

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## Summer Always Comes Eventually, Doesn't It?

By Darin S. Bevard, Senior Agronomist

August 19, 2009

One of the common comments heard from members and golfers during our late July and early August visits was "summer is just about over, there should not be much to worry about." During these conversations, we always point out that it does not take two or three weeks for problems to occur. With the right weather conditions, rapid turfgrass decline can happen in three or four days. Mind you, there have not been many recent catastrophes, but there has been much more stress on the grass in our recent travels, especially in the areas that received ample rainfall in conjunction with the arrival of high temperatures.

Anthrachnose has been more of a problem in recent weeks than it has been in quite some time. Nuisance disease levels have been replaced with noticeable turfgrass thinning in several instances. Summer patch and bacterial wilt have added to problems with *Poa annua* populations on greens. Make sure that frequent, light applications of nitrogen are made to keep the grass growing and healthy both to resist and recover from these diseases. Spoonfeeding through the sprayer is still a very good way to deliver approximately 1/10 lb. of actual N per 1,000 sq. ft. on a 7-10 day interval. Stress-related diseases generally are worse under low nitrogen fertility.

The other major problem persisting throughout the summer is dollar spot disease, especially in fairways. With budgets tight, efforts to use reduced fungicide rates and extended spray intervals on fairways has led to difficult-to-control dollar spot outbreaks. In each instance where the disease has been a serious problem, nitrogen fertility was low. While excessive nitrogen applications can create turfgrass problems, the grass needs to be fed to keep it healthy.

The other challenge of summer resurgence has been aeration. Many courses scheduled mid-August aeration with the thought that the weather would be breaking at this point in time rather than having the peak of summer temperatures. Be cautious during aeration. At this point in the growing season abrasive dragging or other grooming practices may create problems. Err on the conservative side of maintenance. Use smaller tines, especially if the turfgrass is already weak. Self-inflicted stress can ruin a good growing season.

The weather will break soon enough, but, until that time, be wary of the problems that can still occur during this late summer heat wave. Although it's been a mild summer, it only takes a few days of summer stress to forget the mild July weather.

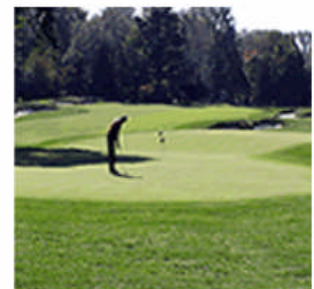
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## The 2009 Penn State Golf Turf Conference

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

### Turfing the 'Net

A new [Web site](#) is up and running to help superintendents manage turf disease.

John Kaminski, an assistant professor of turfgrass science at Pennsylvania State University, has gathered together five young turfgrass plant pathologists from universities in five different areas of the country to post a blog every day of the week about an issue affecting a different region of the country.

Kaminski covers the northeastern region, while Megan Kennelly, an assistant professor of plant pathology at Kansas State University, reports on the south-central region. Lane Tredway, an associate professor and Extension specialist in the department of plant pathology at North Carolina State University, takes care of the Southeast, and Jim Kerns, an assistant professor of turfgrass pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is responsible for the Midwest. The West is covered by Frank Wong, an associate professor of turfgrass pathology at the University of California at Riverside.

As disease pressure increases, the turfgrass disease blog (<http://turf-diseases.blogspot.com>) will highlight diseases that are being seen in each region and provide tips about control and management. Twitter users (<http://twitter.com/turf-diseases>) can follow the blog and receive updates about new posts. Over time, Kaminski hopes to improve the blog by providing disease photos from the field and occasionally bringing in guest bloggers.

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October 6 Bent Creek Country Club  
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