



# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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## July Meeting

### Lancaster Country Club

**Monday, July 19, 2010**

**Education - 10:00 AM**

**Lunch - 11:00 AM**

**Golf - 12:00 PM Shotgun**

**Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages - Following Golf**

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

## Superintendent Profile

Todd Bidlespacher grew up in Hershey, PA and began golf course work at the Hershey Country Club during summers while attending West Virginia University. After graduation, Todd began working full time for Matt Shaffer at Hershey and in 1993 became Assistant at Hershey Parkview, while attending the Penn State 2-year program. In 1994 he moved to Cleveland, OH and was the Assistant at The Country Club and then later the Assistant and Superintendent at the Kirtland Country Club. In 2003, Todd accepted the Superintendent position at Lancaster Country Club. Todd has been married to Kelly (also a Penn State Grad) for the past 15 years and they have 2 daughters Julia, age 11 and Alea, age 9.

## Golf Course Profile

Lancaster Country Club is a private 33 hole golf course, with the original course designed by William Flynn. Recently, the club completed a course restoration, working with Flynn specialists: Ron Forse and Jim Nagle. While the paramount concern was maintaining the integrity of Flynn's design, they also strove to enhance playability and improve course infrastructure.

Lancaster Country Club is slated to host the 2015 U.S. Women's Open.

## Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

### Adjust And Adapt

By Keith Happ, Senior Agronomist  
July 8, 2010

Managing golf course turf is about managing soil moisture. It is far better to be dry and have total control over the amount of water applied to maintain turf health. Conversely, if it is wet, it is about soil drainage or just trying to dry the profile so the turf can survive the other elements that occur during the summer. In the Mid-Atlantic Region we have experienced conditions ranging from too much rain to a full-blown drought.



For example, this is advance week for the USGA Women's Open Championship at Oakmont CC. Over a seven-week period prior to the event, 10.5 inches of rain has fallen. Although Oakmont has had an abundance of rain, just east of Pittsburgh, down to and including most of the eastern half of this region, it has been very, very dry. In the central and eastern portions of the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, dry conditions required intense water application to maintain turf growth. To maintain turf health, it is important to use water only where needed, and this often requires hand-held irrigation rather than indiscriminant application that affects playability and wastes water.

There are several strategies to dry moist soil profiles in greens. For the most part, it is about air and evaporation. At Oakmont this week, the greens were aerated six days before the first practice round. This decision was made by golf

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## President's Message

What a difference a month makes in how everything changes so drastically. Since last month's newsletter our weather has changed from receiving some rain to having very little rain and going through a 100 degree heat wave. Central Pa has not seen such a heat wave in almost a decade. Many of us received some much needed rain last night, once again it varied so much across our region from just over 0.10" to over 1.0". Hopefully this week is calling for some scattered showers and each of us will get the rains we are looking for. The July meeting at Lancaster Country Club is now full. It has been a very long time since Central Penn has been able to fill a meeting. I am very excited to spend the day at Lancaster Country Club. If you were able to secure a reservation and cannot attend, please be courteous, and call to cancel your reservation, as we have a waiting list.

The August meeting is set for Wednesday, August 18, at Leisure Lanes in Lancaster. We have reserved the Deck at Leisure Lanes for our FREE Family Social. Beginning at 6 pm we will be grilling burgers and dogs, enjoying cool beverages, and enjoying a round of mini golf on either the natural grass or artificial grass course. This event is sponsored by our Board Affiliates Phil Easton and Jim Byrne. Thank you to Jim and Phil for hosting this event. Leisure Lanes is on the west side of Lancaster right near the intersection of Rt. 462 and Centerville Road.

Did you change your email and mailing address for Central Penn? We recently changed our mailing and email address as Ms. Wanda moved south. Wanda has been committed to Central Penn for many years and she will continue to "take care" of our association even though it may be from a different location.

I must admit that the June meeting was disappointing. I'm not talking about the golf course. I mean the lack of participation from the membership. One week prior to the event we had 2 reservations. 4 days before the event the number grew to 12. I found it very embarrassing to have to call Scott and ask Scott what he would like us to do as we only had 12 people signed up. Scott wanted to have us down and kept tee times available for those who wanted to play. I am very grateful that Scott was understanding and was able to keep our dedicated members in mind. Please consider your fellow superintendents for these monthly meetings. It is very disappointing to the association and to the host superintendent to cancel a meeting.

Remember to bring your A game to Lancaster Country Club. The Super's cup – 60 of Central Penn's finest vs. Philly's best. Let's bring home the cup. It belongs in Central Pa, and has spent too many years in Philly!!!!

Stephen J. Ludwig, CGCS

## Important Contact Information.....

Well, we made the move to South Carolina! So now, odd as it may seem Central Penn GCSA is now fully operational in the deep South. (Ok, maybe not quite fully, I am still searching for a few boxes!!)

Please make sure to update your files and the files at your club offices with the new address. I am using a mailing service to forward the mail, as to keep a PA address. The phone number remains the same, but we not longer have a fax line. The new contact information is:

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## Membership News

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

Jeff Shoemaker ..... Class AF  
Account Manager, Finch Services, Inc.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Chad Oxenreider (610) 775-1903 or Phil Easton (717) 464-3740.

Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:  
[www.cpgcsa.org](http://www.cpgcsa.org)

## Congratulations to:

Mike and Krista Bair on the birth of their baby girl,  
Kora Noel

Mark and Kim McGreevy on the birth of their first child  
Claire Jean on June 10th.

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course superintendent John Zimmers and supported by the Green Section staff. Small diameter (3 mm) solid tines were used, and the machine was adjusted to achieve a 3-inch depth. A tight spacing pattern was used to create as many holes as possible. The goal was to vent the soil to stimulate evaporation of excess soil moisture. Research has demonstrated that as little as a 3 mph breeze passing over the surface of the turf will produce an evaporative effect. Stimulating this effect and reducing soil moisture could mean the difference between minor turf stress and turf loss! This is a fine line, and at times there is little margin for error during harsh environmental conditions. (Note: Who said putting greens are never aerated prior to a tournament/championship?)

That's our final message. As the near record-breaking temperatures return next week, **BE CAREFUL** with water, close mowing, double cutting, heavy maintenance, and top-dressings. Don't stress the turf mechanically when it is already under environmental stress.

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

## Directions to Lancaster Country Club

### From the PA Turnpike

Take Reading-Lancaster exit to Route 222 South. Follow 222 South to Route 30 East. Exit at New Holland Pike (Route 23 East). At the traffic light at the top of the exit ramp, turn left. Travel East on New Holland Pike (Route 23) for 1/4 mile. The Lancaster Country Club entrance is on the right hand side.

### From the West

Take Route 30 East to the New Holland Pike (Route 23 East) exit. Turn left at the top of the exit ramp. Travel East on New Holland Pike (Route 23) for 1/4 mile. The Lancaster Country Club entrance is on the right hand side.

### From the East

Take Route 30 West to the New Holland Pike (Route 23 East) exit. Turn right at the traffic light, which is located at the top of the exit ramp. Travel East on New Holland Pike (Route 23) for 1/4 mile. The Lancaster Country Club entrance is on the right hand side.

**Lancaster Country Club**  
**1466 New Holland Pike**  
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## Speaker Profile

For six years, Steve McDonald has owned Turfgrass Disease Solutions, which conducts research trials and serves as an agronomic resource for turf managers in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Steve holds degrees from Delaware Valley College and the University of Maryland, where he served as a research assistant to Dr. Peter Dernoeden.

Steve's experiences also include an internship at the USGA Green Section, as well as serving as Assistant Superintendent at Philadelphia Country Club. He and his wife Beth have on daughter, Nola.

Steve's presentation is titled "Insects, Weeds, and Diseases that are Hitting Now and in the Future."

*Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.*

Thomas Jefferson

## 2010 Penn State Turfgrass Field Day

August 11, 2010 08:00 AM to August 12, 2010 12:00 PM

Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center and Landscape Management Research Center

*Dedicated to the memory of our long-time colleague and friend Dr. Paul Heller*






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- Athletic field research
- Infill systems research
- Low maintenance turf

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## We would like to thank our sponsors for the July Meeting.



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Douglas Mottin

Mottin Golf Course Renovations was incorrectly listed on the CPGCSA Website. Mottin Golf Course Renovations has been focusing on golf course renovation projects throughout the northeastern part of the country. They offer a wide range of renovation services, and use the newest and most golf course friendly equipment on the market for completing projects. For additional information go to [www.mottingolf.com](http://www.mottingolf.com)

## Upcoming Events

### August 11-12, 2010

PSU Field Days  
Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center and Landscape Management Research Center

### January 11-13, 2011

Eastern Turfgrass Conference & Tradeshow  
Crown Plaza Valley Forge, Valley Forge PA

### February 7-11, 2011

Golf Industry Show  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, FL

### February 22-24, 2011

Western Turfgrass Council & Tradeshow  
Four Points by Sheraton North Pittsburgh, Mars, PA

## For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the August newsletter, please call Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to [cpgcsa@hotmail.com](mailto:cpgcsa@hotmail.com) by July 30, 2010.

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## A Word to Superintendents from the Membership Committee

Is your Assistant or other employee a member of CPGCSA? If not we have an offer for him or her. During the months of June, July and August the application fee of \$50.00 will be waived for all new applications.

As a growing organization we need new members with new ideas. We need new people to get involved to keep the association fresh. They are the future of golf in our area. You are the best person to promote CPGCSA to your Assistant or other employee because they value your opinion.

We ask you to reach out and help us gain new members. The same goes for any Superintendent that you may know who is not a current member.

Thanks for the help, please call one of us with any questions.

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## PGCSA Update

Good Morning Everyone!

As we all get prepared for the “dog days of summer”, I wanted to update all of you on a few items related to the PGCSA.

First off, as you may recall back in November we agreed as a board to support the PGO and their lobbyist efforts. At that meeting, we agreed to run our fiscal budget lean and use the majority of the incoming dues to pay for the lobbyist. Since that decision, we have had tremendous representation in Harrisburg. I am not sure if you are all aware of the issues surrounding the Chesapeake Bay Water Shed and President Obama’s mandate to clean up the Bay in rather rapid time. Here is some info on the bay clean-up effort:

“President Obama signed an EO last May mandating quicker progress and putting into place aggressive nutrient and sediment reduction milestones for states around the CB. The EPA is currently developing a TMDL for the entire CB which should be completed by December. All of these actions/efforts will impact golf in the future.

Officials from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation have reached out to the turfgrass industry in Virginia. They want to know what the turfgrass industry can do to help speed up cleanup and recovery. And I suspect they will be reaching out to the turfgrass industry in your state as well. Golf will be lumped in with the Urban/Suburban sector which has been targeted as a significant source of pollution.

Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts will be the model for future cleanup efforts across the US. At our meeting, we hope to get everyone up to speed on the issue and start to develop a coordinated golf industry response.”

Since the GIS in San Diego, I have participated in several meeting in Harrisburg along with Scott Bishop our lobbyist and Jeff Broadbelt to defend our industry and profession. We have met with PA Senator Brubaker at his office, we have participated in the formation of the PA work group and we have met with the DEP specifically dealing with our sub-group to this effort, the Urban/Suburban work group. I can tell you that the efforts of Scott on our behalf has been amazing! To make a long story short, we are now in a position to help assist the DEP in writing the model for Pennsylvania when it comes to the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) inputs by golf courses. With Scotts help, Jeff and I have stood in front of PA senators and the DEP to explain we are already stewards of the environment and not polluters. We are here to help and become leaders for this effort.

I know most of the state is not in the Chesapeake Bay Water Shed, but after sitting in these meetings, I can tell you these mandates by President Obama and the DEP will be state wide and affect all of us and how we manage our facilities. Our efforts are not going unnoticed, but we are against some “big hitters” such as AG and Landscapers. Thus far, we are in the front of the pack.

Next, I would ask all of you to start looking at your own facility and members of your local associations. We need everyone’s BMP’s (Best Management Practices) or nutrient management programs. We are at a stage with the DEP that they need front line practices we are all doing to manage our facilities. You may not realize it, but you are probably already doing these practices, they are just not documented. For example, how many of you have steams and buffer strips on your property? How many of you utilize slow release products to minimize loss? How many of you use 100% organics? Are there any of you that have no mow areas that reduce the amount of product applied to your facility? Does anyone utilize Reclaimed water? These are just a few of the items among a large list of others we need documentation for the DEP to make our case.

Have a great summer! Thanks!

***Rick***

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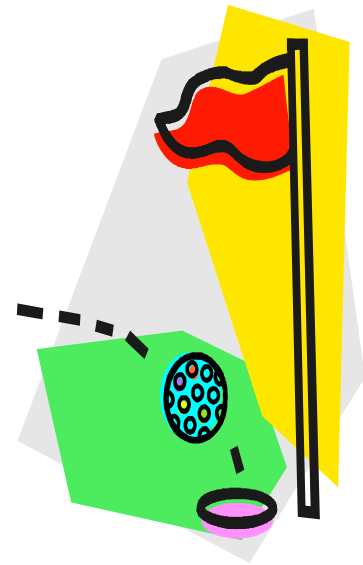
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### 2010 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

September 20	Country Club of York Golf Championship/Annual Meeting
October 5	Felicita Golf Course Super/Pro/GM/AF Tournament



*Family Social at Leisure Lanes*  
*Miniature Golf and Cook out*  
*August 18, 2010*  
*6:00 PM*



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