



The Green Sheet

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May Meeting

Flying Hills Golf Club

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Education - 9:00 AM

Golf/Boxed Lunch - 10:00 AM

Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages - Following Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 8:00 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Chad Oxenreider began his career in 1995, working for Tom Ocepek as a staff member at Heidelberg Country Club. After attending Penn State University, he accepted the Assistant's position at Heidelberg in May of 1999. After 14 grueling seasons, he finally left Mr. Ocepek to become the Golf Course Superintendent at Flying Hills Golf Club, in December of 2008. Chad is proud to have volunteered as grounds staff at numerous professional tournaments, including the U.S. Open, and PGA Championship. He resides in Newmstown with his wife Trista, whom he met during one of those grueling seasons at Heidelberg Country Club.

Golf Course Profile

Flying Hills Golf Club opened for play in 1971. Built on the site of the former Flying Hills Dairy, the property was the first "Planned Community" in Pennsylvania, and at the time considered revolutionary in the field of residential development. The property encompasses over 200 acres, and over 1100 residential units including single homes, town homes, and apartments. The golf course provides most of the "green space" that the township required to facilitate the density of housing. In addition to enjoying the scenic woodland style, the player will quickly be reminded to keep the ball in play, as the course is very tight in some areas.

Birdies and Bees: How Superintendents Can Help Native Pollinators

Pollinators are in decline across North America and golf courses can play a role in their conservation. These are two of the findings of the recently released National Academy of Sciences report *Status of Pollinators in North America*.

Pollinators—including butterflies, bees, beetles, flies, and hummingbirds—are arguably one of the most important groups of animals. The work they do in moving pollen from flower to flower results in successful seed set and fruit production for over 70 percent of flowering plants. We rely on these plants for much of our food, and wildlife rely on them for food and habitat. Imagine spring without flowering meadows, summer without berry picking, and fall without pumpkins and you get an idea of how the work of pollinators impact our lives.

What can a superintendent do? The NAS report identified habitat loss and fragmentation as one of the main causes of pollinator declines. Golf courses can help significantly with reversing this trend by providing flowers and egg-laying sites. Even on the most compact urban golf course, flowering plants can be part of the landscape. On more extensive courses, out-of-play areas offer great opportunities for creating prairie-type habitats rich in native flowers. For greatest benefit, the flowers should bloom throughout the growing season. Add in some wooden blocks drilled with holes or create patches of bare ground in which solitary bees can nest, include host plants for butterfly caterpillars, and your course can support healthy and diverse pollinator populations.

"As superintendents we can create and maintain habitat with little effort," said David Phipps, CGCS, superintendent at Stone Creek Golf Club, Ore., and president of the Oregon

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President's Message

We had an absolutely wonderful day for our joint meeting with Keystone at Dauphin Highlands. Jon and his crew did an excellent job with the golf course. We were provided boxed lunches and teed off at 10. The scramble format provided many of us the opportunity to find our swing as we had not had the opportunity to play golf this spring. I would like to thank our 2 event sponsors Marney Dorsey from Dow Agro Sciences and Quent Baria from Valent for helping keep our meeting cost very reasonable. Rich Gdovin from Andre & Sons sponsored the putting contest. Thank you Rich.

We have a new shipment of Central Penn Shirts and Hats. Shirts cost \$40 and hats are \$15. We have several different styles and colors available. Mike Benedict has helped me with the new merchandise. Thank you Mike.

We are looking forward to next months meeting at Flying Hills Country Club. Chad has been working really hard to keep costs reasonable so we can all enjoy a fun filled day. I hope you can take the opportunity to join us.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Ludwig, CGCS

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Golf Course Superintendents Association. "All we have to know is how to recognize these little critters and what their habitat looks like. When you get down on their level, you can surely see their beauty and the remarkable world in which they live."

Pollinator conservation is well-suited to golf courses because habitat can be small scale and broken into patches. Flowers or nesting sites can be scattered across the course and because pollinators can fly, they can piece together these resources into a habitat that works. For example, they may nest in a snag on one side of a fairway and forage in the flowers on the other. This mobility also means that on-course habitat will support pollinators that can visit flowers growing in adjacent gardens and farms.

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, based in Portland, Ore., can offer information and practical advice about pollinator conservation on golf courses. To learn more about the NAS report and download detailed guidelines on creating habitat on golf courses, visit the Society's web site, [http://www.xerces.org/Pollinator Insect Conservation](http://www.xerces.org/Pollinator_Insect_Conservation). Or contact Matthew Shepherd, pollinator program director, at mdshepherd@xerces.org or 503-323-6639.

In general, there is a greater emphasis being placed on wildlife conservation on private lands across the United State. Golf courses, and the superintendents who manage them, are playing an increasingly important role in environmental stewardship. Providing habitat for pollinators is one of the most valuable ways golf can benefit a healthy environment. An acre of habitat for butterflies and other pollinators on each course will add up to far more than 10,000 acres nationwide, a significant contribution to conserving these beautiful—and essential—creatures.

May Speaker Profile

Dr. Michael Fidanza is an Associate Professor of Horticulture at Penn State Berks. Fidanza's research focus is turfgrass ecology, specifically turfgrass IPM and the evaluation of plant protection products (i.e., fungicides, herbicides, plant growth regulators) and cultural practices in turfgrass ecosystems, and the biology and ecology of fairy ring disease in turfgrass. Fidanza also investigates the benefits and uses of spent mushroom substrate for the lawn and landscape, crop production, and the environment. All research involves collaborations with scientists from many other academic institutions as well as industry. Fidanza also conducts pedagogical research, and teaches undergraduate courses in Biology 20A (Plants, Places, and People), Turf 235 (The Turfgrasses), and Soils 101 (Introduction to Soils), and has responsibilities with student advising. Dr. Fidanza was named by Golfweek's SuperNews as one of the "Top 40 Green Industry Professionals Under the Age of 40", and received the Howard O. Beaver Outstanding Community Service Award for the Penn State Berks Campus.

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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.

Shaun Feidt..... Class SM
Superintendent, Hershey Country Club

Barry Goodhart..... Class AF
Sales Rep, Eastern PA Floratine

Brandon Maunz Class AF
Sales Rep, Fisher & Son

Mike Susshine Class AF
Sales Rep, Helena

Aaron Snyder..... Class SM
Superintendent, Spring Creek Golf Course

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

Tyson E. Cain Class C
Assistant Superintendent, West Shore Country Club

Andrew Shuttlesworth Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Felicita Golf Resort

George Skawski..... Class AF
Irrigation Sales, Turf Equipment & Supply

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

Upcoming Events

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

Golf Results

By Matt Turner, Golf Chair

We had a blast at Dauphin Highlands, the weather was absolutely gorgeous. I want to thank Jon Szekeres for having a joint Central Penn GCSA and Keystone Association tournament at Dauphin Highlands. The course is in excellent shape and we enjoyed every aspect of the course. Many thanks to Jon Szekeres and his wonderful staff for their efforts and hospitality.

The format was 4-man scramble and it was split into two groups depending on their score:

“A” Flight

1st place **59 (tiebreak – lowest back 9 score)**
Doug Rider
David van Leeuwen

2nd place **59**
Mike Benedict
Brad “the hack” Helcoski
Andy Sheehan

“B” Flight: (4 way tie at 68)

1st place **68 (tiebreak – lowest back 9 score)**
Greg Bingeman
Chuck Bingeman
Greg Borzok
Ted Zabrenski

2nd place **68 (tiebreak – birdie on 18th hole)**
Rich Eschbach
Larry Hoff
Don Benner
Bob Beyer

The putting contest was a huge success. Many thanks to Rich Gdovin and Andre and Son for donating the prizes. It was a long downhill and big breaking putt to the right.

The winners:

1st place
Steve Ludwig (Almost drained it)

2nd place
Jon Szekeres (Go figure! He knows his greens!!)

3rd place
Mike Benedict

The next tournament will be hosted at Flying Hills Golf Club. This format will be a 4-man shamble (best drive and then play your own ball until holed out). The best two scores gross and net out of the foursome will be counted as a team score. Be sure to sign up and please be sure to include your handicap. If you do not have a 4-some, I will arrange one for you. Better bring your A game because Flying Hills is an extremely tight golf course where accuracy is an absolute necessity! Practice your irons only, tight fairways and tiny greens.

April Meeting at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course

“A” Flight - 1st Place



David van Leeuwen, Doug Rider



Putting Contest

“B” Flight - 1st Place



Greg Borzok, Ted Zabrenski

“A” Flight - 2nd Place



Brad Helcoski, Mike Benedict,
Andy Sheehan



“B” Flight 2nd Place



Don Benner, Rick Eschbach,
Larry Hoff, Bob Beyer

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Directions to Flying Hills Golf Club

From Turnpike

Take Exit 22 from the PA Turnpike to Route 176 North. Follow 176 to the Green Hills Exit - turning onto Route 10 North (left turn). Continue on Rt. 10 for approximately 1.5 miles and you will see the Flying Hills Village Center on your right. Our office is located in the Village Center.

From 422 East

Take 422 East to Route 176 South. Continue on 176 South to Green Hills Exit (Route 10). Turn right onto Rt. 10 (North). Continue on Rt. 10 North for approximately .5 mile and you will see the Flying Hills Village Center on your right. Our office is located in the Village Center.

10 Village Center Drive, Reading, PA 19607

Penn State 2-Year Turfgrass Program

Dear Members of the Turfgrass Industry:

The Penn State Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program is in full swing for student recruitment for the Fall 2010 semester.

As in the past, your efforts in helping recruit qualified students continues to keep the standards of the Penn State 2-Year Program high. We appreciate these efforts and ask that you take this time to recommend the Penn State 2-Year Program to any of your employees who you think have the potential to be successful within the golf course turfgrass industry.

Please feel free to visit our new website at www.turf.psu.edu/certificate or email/call me personally with any questions you have about the program. I appreciate your continued efforts in making the Penn State 2-Year Turfgrass Program the best in the country!

Sincerely,

John

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2010 Membership Dues are Now Overdue.

Please contact Wanda as soon as possible to arrange payment and update employment or address changes.

Sponsorship/Advertising

We continue to have available opportunities for advertising and sponsorship for this meeting season. Please contact Wanda for further information

*You must work very hard to become
a natural golfer.*

- Gary Player

Paul R. Heller Memorial Award

Colleagues,

We have approval for initiating the Paul Heller Memorial Award. I encourage you to consider making a gift to this Award. The Award will provide support for student travel to professional meetings. Paul had a heart for helping students and this award will help honor his memory.

Details are now posted on our website. Please share this with your colleagues and friends who knew Paul.

<http://ento.psu.edu/alumni/giving-to-the-department>

Paul R. Heller Memorial Award

Dr. Paul Heller joined the Department of Entomology at Penn State in September 1976, as an Assistant Professor of Entomology with primary responsibilities in Christmas tree and turfgrass pest management. He advanced to Professor of Entomology in 1989, serving the University for 33 years until his death on January 19, 2010. Paul is remembered as a caring and humble man who was dedicated to students and their education. This award will help provide support for student travel to professional meetings.

If you would like to contribute to the Paul R. Heller Memorial Award, you may write a check made payable to The Pennsylvania State University. Please place this notation in the memo area: "Allocation Code: SCAH5".

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*Golf combines two favorite American pastimes:
taking long walks and hitting things with a stick.*

- P. J. O'Rourke

The Turf Management Hierarchy....

Who's On Top!

1. **The Green Chairman**
Leaps tall buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water
Gives policy to God
2. **The Club Manager**
Leaps short buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks to God
3. **The Superintendent**
Leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine
Is faster than a speeding BB
Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool
Talks with God if special permission is granted
4. **Assistant Superintendent**
Barely clears a Quonset hut
Loses tug of war with locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by God
5. **The Extension Turf Specialist**
Makes high marks on the walls when trying to leap tall buildings
Is run over by locomotives
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self injury
Talks to animals
6. **Golf Pro**
Runs into buildings
Recognizes locomotives two out of three times
Is not issued ammunition
Can stay afloat with a life jacket
Talks to walls
7. **Turf Salesman**
Falls over doorstep when trying to enter building
Says, "Look at the choo-choo!"
Wets self with a water pistol
Plays in mud puddles
Mumbles to himself
8. **Superintendents Wife**
Lifts building and walks under them
Kicks locomotives off the tracks
Catches speeding bullets in teeth and eats them
Freezes water with a single glance
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- Bill Smart

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2010 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

June 16	Greencastle Greens GC
July 19	Lancaster Country Club Joint meeting with PAGCS
August	Family Social Event
September 20	Country Club of York Golf Championship/Annual Meeting
October	Felicita Golf Course Super/Pro/GM/AF Tournament



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May 2010 Meeting Information
