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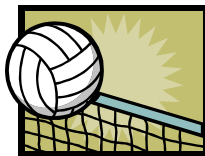
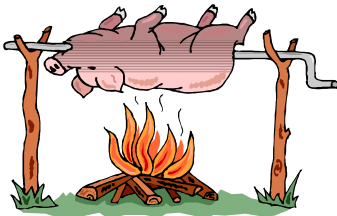
“Pig Roast” Picnic

at

Felicita Golf Resort

Saturday, August 13, 2011

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Superintendent Profile

Rebecca Matis began her career in 1996, working as a staff member of the Penn State Blue and White Courses in State College, PA. In 1999 Rebecca moved to the Harrisburg area and worked under Bill Wall at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course, first as a crew member, then became an Assistant in 2002. While attending Penn State Rebecca remained at Dauphin Highlands as well as helped Bill with the grow-in phase at Deer Valley. After graduating Penn State in 2005, Rebecca took the Assistant position at Blue Ridge Country Club under Scott Fischer. Then in 2006, Rebecca became the Superintendent at Mayapple Golf Links in Carlisle until the spring of 2008. Since then Rebecca has been the Superintendent at Felicita Golf Resort in Harrisburg.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Is The Worst Over?

By Stanley J. Zontek, director, Mid-Atlantic Region
August 3, 2011

It's official, July, 2011 was the hottest month for the number of days above 90 degrees F in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Seemingly everyone in the country is dealing with oppressive heat and humidity and it has taken a toll on golf course turf.

The following update will pass on a few agronomic points that worked or didn't work this summer (in no special order):



Location, Location, Location. The worst damaged greens were generally located in areas of shade or pockets of poor air circulation. Grass growing in the shade is always weaker than grass growing in full sunlight.

With prolonged heat stress, weaker greens suffered. The solution is simple, clear underbrush, selectively remove trees, or install a fan.

Water Management. Over-watered greens suffered more than carefully irrigated, hand watered greens. At the risk of causing a controversy, it is difficult to lightly syringe a green with the perimeter irrigation system. Better water control is achieved with hand watering/hand syringing.

Most often this is a budget item, but when it is as hot as it has been, too much water is worse than too little water. Grass recovers better from dry wilt than it will from wet wilt.

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July soil temperatures from a course in Richmond, Virginia shows just how hot soil temperatures became along with the air temperatures. With the elevated levels, the roots of cool-season grasses become less functional.

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President's Message

Central wins The Cup! Central wins The Cup! Central wins The Cup!

It wasn't like the "shot heard 'round the world", but it felt as good. We brought the Super's Cup back to Central! It was quite a relief, since the first time I was President, we lost it and have been unsuccessful in trying to regain it back. That being said, it was a lot of fun playing the "Philly" guys.

Even if we hadn't won The Cup, we were winners. The day was fabulous. Doug Rae and his staff had the golf course looking and playing awesome. The food was plentiful and delicious. It was a great time for socializing with our friends from the Philadelphia Association. I thank all the sponsors who make our events much more affordable and successful.

Our upcoming schedule for Central includes a Pig Roast at Felicita GC on August 13. Bring the family out for some good food and fun. Our September meeting will be held on the 29th at Hanover CC. The meeting will be our Association Championships as well as the Annual Elections. So come out and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship.

It has been another grueling year. From oceans of rain early, turning into desert-like conditions, have taken a toll on both the turf as well as us, the turf managers. However, remember this, you can only do what you can do. It is not life or death. Aerifiers and other renovation tools and machinery will begin to roar into action and the turf that didn't survive (it was the weak link any way and you're better off without it) will be replaced with new improved varieties of turf.

Something to ponder as you complete the summer survival, if a baseball player bats 300, i.e. gets a hit 3 times out of every 10 at bats and a quarterback completes 60 percent of his passes; they are considered successful. They make millions of dollars every year "playing" a game. So how much turf should we have to keep alive, making a significant amount less per year than they do, and still be considered successful? I doubt that your Boards or owners see the humor in that!

Hang in there! We are on the downward side of the summer. The roses that I wanted you to smell earlier this year are now brown and dead, so smell the _____ (insert favorite chemical here, as I don't want to tramp on any manufacturers toes) and enjoy. Attend the monthly meetings and see how everyone is doing. You are not in the boat alone.

Take care and see you soon!

Faron Stoops



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2011 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The September 29th meeting at Hanover Country Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2012 meeting year. We are currently accepting nominations for positions on the Board of Directors.

If interested in running for a board position, please contact Don Dodson at 410-527-3307 or ddodson392@aol.com.

Membership News

There were no new membership applications this month.

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

Vincent Anastasi.....Class AF
Sales Rep, Lawn and Golf Supply

Mike HueyClass AF
Territory Manager, Turf Equipment & Supply Co.

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Tim Hill at 717-336-3847.

Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:

www.cpgcsa.org

Directions to Felicity Golf Resort

2201 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

(Route 443) Fishing Creek Valley Road exit is marked on Route 322 heading West, or can be accessed off of Front Street. Travel east approximately 4 miles up the valley to the Felicity Signs.

From Harrisburg:

Proceed west on Second Street to Division Street, then left one block to Front Street. Turn right and proceed about 4 miles north on Front Street, past Route 39 intersection. Proceed through Fort Hunter area; turn right onto Route 443 and go approximately 4 miles to FELICITA.

From Lancaster:

Follow 283 West and take the last exit before the Turnpike. Follow I-83 North (middle ramp) to I-81 South to Exit 67B. Take Exit 67B (Lewistown); proceed to second exit (Fishing Creek Valley Road - Route 443). At the stop sign at the top of the exit ramp, turn right. FELICITA is located 3.8 miles east on Fishing Creek Valley Road. Look for the large FELICITA directional sign on the right.

From Carlisle:

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Central Penn Wins Super's Cup



Jon Urbanski , PAGCS golf chairman (right), hands over the Superintendents Cup to Central Penn president, Faron Stoops.

Special thanks to PAGCS for hosting the meeting and sharing pictures from the event!

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Soil Moisture Meters. These devices have proved to be an effective way to monitor soil moisture and to carefully irrigate greens. They also have helped to train staff to know when and how much to hand water an area as well as when to skip an area and recheck it later as greens dry through the day. While expensive, they are a good investment. Bad grass is much more expensive.

Conservative Turfgrass Management. While every golf course reacts differently in the heat, following a conservative putting green management program saved grass.

- Mowing and rolling programs, i.e., mow greens one day, roll the next, Consider skipping a day of mowing and rolling altogether to help reduce turf stress.
- Switching to solid rollers and slightly raising mowing heights helped the grass survive. Did the greens putt a bit slower? Yes, however the old agronomic adage is worth repeating, "slow grass is better than no grass."
- Compressed spray schedules, spoonfeeding and light growth regulator applications all have worked well.
- Surface aeration and venting helped the turf.

Disease problems would have been worse if we had a hot, humid and wet summer.

This summer, turfgrass management in many parts of the United States is an absolute challenge, and we still have more days of weather stress to get through. Hopefully, some of these points will help everyone appreciate that maintenance work does not stop in the heat, but it changes to a much more careful management program.

The golfers can help by understanding and expecting less in terms of green speed and many details of golf course manicuring, which have to be deferred with so much handwork needed to keep the greens alive.

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. You can reach Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) and Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.

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Golf Results

AppleCross Country Club

Gross:

1st Place	Steve Randall	76
2nd Place	Sean Remington	78
3rd Place	Charlie McGill	79

Net:

1st Place	Faron Stoops	69
2nd Place	Pat Hartman	70*
3rd Place	Brian Ahrens	70

*Match of cards; first handicap hole

Closest to the pin:

#3	Kevin Voss	14'3"
#6	Bill Holloway	6'2"
#11	Greg Hufner	8'11"
#14	Derrick Hudson	4'5"

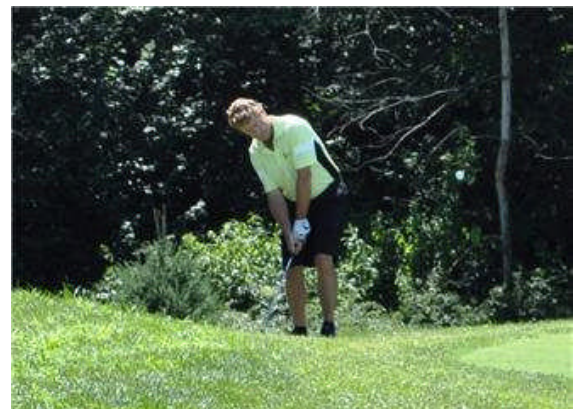
Longest Drive:

#5	Brett Neiman
#15	Chris Ward
#9	Brad Helcoski
#18	Brad Helcoski

KAGCS Scholarship Fund Tournament

The Keystone Association of Golf Course Superintendents is holding their 14th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on Monday, September 26, 2011. This year's tournament is being held at Bucknell Golf Club. Central Penn GCSAA sends a team each year to support the Keystone Association. If you would like to play on the Central Team this year, please contact Wanda. If we receive an overwhelming response, we will do a raffle to pick the team.

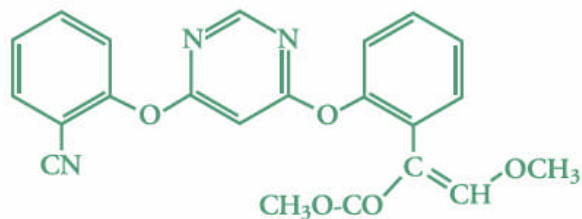
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DEP Declares Drought Watches, Warnings Around Commonwealth

Below-Normal Rainfall Leads to Water Deficits

08/5/2011

HARRISBURG -- The Department of Environmental Protection today issued a drought warning for four Pennsylvania counties and a drought watch for 40 counties.

“With the hot, dry summer, our statewide monitoring network indicates a need to take this first step, which is aimed at alerting the public and water suppliers that it makes sense to take some voluntary common sense steps to conserve,” DEP Secretary Mike Krancer said. “We recommended this to Pennsylvania’s Drought Task Force, and the members agreed.”

A drought watch declaration is the first and least severe level of the state’s three drought classifications. It calls for a voluntary five-percent reduction in non-essential water use and puts large water consumers on notice to begin planning for the possibility of reduced water supplies. A drought warning asks residents to voluntarily reduce water use by 10 to 15 percent.

Precipitation deficits over the past 90 days are as great as 4.1 inches below normal in Elk County and 4.4 inches below normal in Chester County. DEP is sending letters to all water suppliers in the affected areas, notifying them of the need to monitor their supplies and update their drought contingency plans as necessary.

The agency monitors a network of groundwater wells and stream gauges across the state that provides comprehensive data to the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator. In addition to precipitation, groundwater and stream flow levels, DEP monitors soil moisture and water supply storage and shares this data with other state and federal agencies.

Individuals can take a number of measures around the home to conserve water, including:

- Install low-flow plumbing fixtures and aerators on faucets.
- Check for household leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water each day.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Replace older appliances with high-efficiency, front-loading models that use about 30 percent less water and 40 to 50 percent less energy.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Keep water in the refrigerator to avoid running water from a faucet until it is cold.

On its website, DEP also offers water conservation recommendations and water audit procedures for commercial and industrial users, such as food processors, hotels and educational institutions. Water conservation tips and drought information can be found online at www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: drought.

Editor’s note: The four counties under a Drought Warning are Cameron, Elk, McKean and Potter. The 40 counties under a Drought Watch are Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Forest, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mercer, Mifflin, Montgomery, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Tioga, Venango, Warren and Wyoming.

David Rafferty Dedication, Leadership and Service Award

The Board of Directors is again seeking nominations for the 8th Rafferty Award. This award recognizes dedication, leadership and service to CPGCSA and its members.

The award will honor the memory of Dave Rafferty. Dave was a Past President of our association as well as the Northwest PA GCSA and the Allied GCS of Pennsylvania. He was a forerunner in educating our elected and regulatory officials to the benefits of golf turf to the environment.

Dave was a mentor to literally dozens of superintendents, assistant superintendents and other members. He worked tirelessly to assist anyone who sought his council. We realize no one will fill Dave’s shoes but we are dedicating this award in his memory. We will recognize members who have selflessly given themselves to benefit our association and its membership.

This award is designed to honor current and former superintendents attaining a minimum of 14 years association membership. This is the number of years Dave was a CPGCSA member. All classes of membership shall be eligible to receive the award although superintendent or retired superintendent nominees will receive favored consideration. The award is dedicated to a superintendent who worked hard for our association. Other classes of membership will not be ignored but must show outstanding dedication, leadership and service.

The award will be presented at Central Penn Night. The location and date will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

We have many deserving members. Please return nominations by August 31, 2011.

~~David Rafferty DSL Application on page 8~~

Central Pennsylvania GCSA David Rafferty DSL Award Nomination Form

I nominate the following individual for CPGCSA's 2012 David Rafferty Dedication, Service and Leadership Award for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of the golf course superintendent.

Nominee Information (please type or print):

Nominee: _____

Club/Company/Association: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

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CPGCSA Membership Class: _____

Nominator Information (please type or print):

Nominator: _____

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CPGCSA Membership Class: _____ Date submitted: _____

Signature: _____

Please provide information regarding the nominee's contributions to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession and the nominee's involvement in activities within the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendent Association and/or other associations with local, state, regional or national influence plus community service.

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Use a different form for each nomination. Additional forms may be photo copied or requested from CPGCSA from the address listed below.

All nominations must be received by August 31, 2011.
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September 29	Hanover Country Club Annual Meeting/Golf Championship
October 20	Carlisle Country Club Super/Pro/GM/AF Tournament



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