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October Meeting

Carlisle Country Club

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Annual Meeting - 10:30 AM

Boxed Lunch - 11:00 AM

Golf - 12:00 Noon Shotgun

Dinner - 5:30 PM

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors meeting at 9:00 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Greg Fantuzzi, CGCS has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Carlisle Country Club since February 1980. Prior to this he was Assistant Superintendent at the Lehigh Country Club in Allentown, PA.

Greg has been a member of the GCSAA and the Central PA GCSA since 1977. He has served on the Central Pa GCSA Board of Directors and was President in 1987.

Greg is currently serving his 4th three year term on the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council Board of Directors and has chaired the committee that implements the Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show.

Greg is married to Tracy and has a 22 year old son Sean.

Golf Course Profile

The Carlisle Country Club, founded in 1924, offering a complete package of facilities highlighted by a Par 71 Championship Golf Course. It exists on scenic rolling countryside along the Conodoguinet Creek. Its narrow fairways, relatively small greens and many elevation changes challenge the best of golfers.

The most recent improvement to the golf course has been the conversion of the fairways from perennial ryegrass to bentgrass. This four year project was completed this year.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

A Change In The Weather

By Stanley J. Zontek

October 5, 2011

Weather has a huge impact on all that we do out on the golf course, whether it involves growing grass or playing the game. There are always those days that you feel you know that *a change is in the air*.



This type of weather change occurred in the middle of August this year, when record-breaking summer heat finally broke. Temperatures moderated, and in most parts of the country it began to rain and cool down. As a side note, it kept raining and raining, and it still is raining in some areas.

You can always tell it is fall by the long shadows of the lower sun angle. The atmosphere is cooling, the leaves are starting to drop, and there is a chill in the air. It feels pretty good after the sweltering heat of the summer here in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The fall weather arrived this past weekend, and one forecaster even said, "There may be a few flakes of wet snow up in the mountains." The fall golf season has arrived. Pack those short-sleeved golf shirts and unpack your sweaters and windbreakers. It is a change for the better.

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President's Message

It's been some kind of tough year for Golf Course Superintendents. I was fortunate not to get the severe flooding as many of you have received. Although my year wasn't peachy, it definitely was not to the extreme as most of you have been through. Hang in there guys and gals. The end of this season is near.

As you know, Mother Nature rained on our parade and we had to cancel our September meeting at Hanover CC. The cancellation not only cancelled our Golf Championship for 2011, it also postponed our Annual Meeting and Elections until our October meeting at Carlisle CC. And it extended my stay in the Presidential seat. However, the October meeting WILL be my "exit, stage left". So come out to Carlisle and vote for your new leadership.

I had a lot of thanks to hand out during our Annual Meeting, but I guess I will have to do most of them through this message. Thanks go to our Board of Directors. We met even during the months we didn't have monthly meetings and shared thoughts and ideas and accomplished a few things along the way. It takes time and effort to run this organization and the Directors did a good job this past year.

We have several Directors leaving us after serving their terms. First is the Immediate Past President, Steve Ludwig. He "changed" careers and used personal and vacation time to still serve on the Board! That to me shows he's dedicated to the Central Penn. Phil Easton from Agrium Turf Technologies will be parting ways with our Board. Phil kept us posted as the fertilizer legislation was being developed. He also was very persuasive in acquiring sponsorship for meetings as well as being Mr. Beverage Cart. Bob Beyer came onto the Board but has to leave us early due to family reasons. Bob provided us with a lot of "past president" knowledge and wisdom. He also was a beverage cart contributor. I wish he and his wife all the best.

I thank all of our host members, who were gracious enough to allow us to be their guests at our monthly meetings. From the Superintendents and their staffs, to the Pro shop staffs, to the General Managers and Clubhouse staffs, we were treated with the utmost hospitality. I had a very enjoyable time at each and every meeting.

Thanks go to all of our contributing sponsors. These Affiliate members sponsor the Green Sheet, monthly meetings and donate monies for golf prizes and beverage carts. We are fortunate to have such generous AF members that allow us to have The C.P.G.C.S.A. and have monthly meetings that were more affordable during these tough economic times.

A special thank you goes to our glue, Wanda Fry. She makes our lives on the Board so much easier. She never wants credit and goes beyond the call of duty for us. She does all of this, while still balancing a lot of other things on her plate. Wanda is THE most important part of Central Penn. We cannot thank her enough.

I hope that we provided you with a very good year with education, golf and camaraderie. It has truly been a wild and challenging year. But the only way this organization can survive is through you, the member. Attend as many meetings as you are able. Give feedback to the Board. We do listen and we try to accommodate your needs and desires.

My year of jumping back onto the Board and into the President's seat has run the full range of emotions: from excitement to anxious to fear to panic to bittersweet. However the year has been very enjoyable. I had the pleasure of working with a number of people who made it memorable. I still have my year as Immediate Past President to serve and look forward to our new President Barry Bollinger running the show. He will do a terrific job for us.

With all that being said, my ramblings have come to an end. I will be seeing you at our meetings well after my time on the Board has lapsed. I wish everyone and their families good health and happiness.

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From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

Take exit #226 to Route 11 North. Carlisle Country Club is 3/4 mile on the left.

From Route 81:

Take Exit # 52 if traveling South or #52B if traveling North, to Route 11 South. Carlisle Country Club is 1/4 mile on the right.

Carlisle Country Club

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Carlisle, PA 17013

www.carlislecountryclub.org

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Selected Topics:

- THE YEAR IN REVIEW
- DETAILING YOUR COURSE FOR A FINE LOOK
- WHAT'S NEW WITH FAIRY RING CONTROL?
- WHY SO MANY ANNUAL BLUEGRASS WEEVIL CONTROL FAILURES?
- PUTTING GREEN TURF UNDER STRESS: WHAT TO DO NEXT?
- GOLF COURSE STAFFING, HIRING, AND TRAINING
- WINTER INJURY 101: CAUSES AND MITIGATION
- STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND TURF PERFORMANCE
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Golf course superintendents will also feel the change in weather. For one thing, the leaves will begin to fall, creating one of the great challenges of the fall -- leaf removal, leaf mulching, and leaf disposing. You might even begin to hear about implementing the "leaf rule."

The grass plant also begins to change the way it grows, starting the hardening process in preparation for the winter. On putting greens, some patches of bentgrass begin to darken and take on a purple-green look. It is not a disease, it is just the turfgrass response to cooler weather.

The fall is a good time to rebuild the turf rooting system that no doubt was compromised this summer from the high soil temperatures and excessive soil moisture caused by extensive rainfall. Aerate -- whether it is with coring or solid tines -- and fertilize the grass. Nitrogen and potassium are water-soluble. Keep this in mind as you plan your fertility program for the fall, and you may have to use more fertilizer to compensate for what had been leached. This will also improve root development going through the fall and into the winter, something every golf course superintendent likes to see.

Welcome to Autumn! After this year, most of us in the Mid-Atlantic Region could use a more "normal" weather pattern that we actually enjoy.

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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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.

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Barry L. Bollinger – Rich Valley Golf Club

Vice President:

Rebecca J. Matis – Felicita Golf Resort

Secretary/Treasurer:

Donald Dodson – Hunt Valley Golf Club
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Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:
www.cpgcsa.org

Congratulations to:

Deron and Stacy Zendt on the birth of their daughter Tegan on August 21, 2011.

Barry and Angel Bollinger on their October 15th wedding.

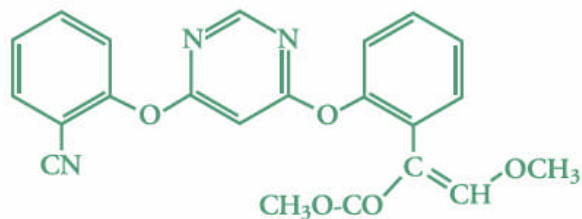
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