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September Meeting

Hanover Country Club

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Cancelled Due to Flooding

Lunch - 11:30 AM

Golf - 12:30 PM Shotgun

Dinner - 5:30 PM

Annual Meeting - 6:30 PM

Superintendent Profile

Bill Brooks graduated from Penn State with a BS in Agronomy in May, 1988. Immediately upon graduation, he began working as Assistant at Lehigh Country Club in Allentown. In 1991, Bill was hired as Superintendent at Corning Country Club in NY had the experience of hosting the LPGA Corning Classic for 2 years. Bill was then hired as Superintendent at Hanover Country Club in 1993 and has been there ever since.

Golf Course Profile

The golf course was designed by JW Gitt and constructed in 1923. Gil Hanse was called on to do revisions to the course in 1996 and most recently, a Master Plan was completed by course architect, Mark Fine. In addition to a great Master Plan, Mark was able to convince the members at Hanover the need to remove several trees throughout the property. Approximately 300 trees have been removed with several more to go. Members have seen some new beautiful views and the difference in turf quality and have responded positively!

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Necessary Weed Control Measures This Fall

By Darin S. Bevard, senior agronomist, Mid-Atlantic Region
September 21, 2011

The first real cold front of the fall season swept through the area in the past week, bringing in much cooler temperatures. This is welcome relief for the grass in what has been a long, and for much of the time, hot growing season. Fall offers the opportunity for some of the best golf course conditions of the season.



During the heat of the summer, bermudagrass populations will expand into areas of weak turf or bare ground. Control of bermudagrass in cool-season fairways is extremely challenging.

With shorter days and cooler temperatures, turf growth is slowing rapidly. Unfortunately, rainy weather patterns have limited opportunities to consistently groom fairways and greens for optimum playability. Temperatures are more favorable for cool-season grasses, but under wet conditions, mechanical damage can occur. Thus, with wet weather, it may be necessary to suspend mowing until turfgrass areas dry out. These delays in mowing can be difficult to implement, but this will prevent rutting of turfgrass areas and other damage. Be patient, and don't inflict damage on yourself.

One area of difficulty in 2011 has been weed control. Oftentimes, weed control is an afterthought. In the past, preemergence herbicides in the spring, along with one or two broadleaf applications, were made per growing season and the golf course was reasonably well weed free. This has been changing in recent years, with increasing populations of more difficult-to-control weeds that have proven to be far more challenging to control.

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President's Message

As I write this, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee are passing through. If not for "him", I'd be putting the finishing touches to our fall greens aerification. The seasons are a changing and it appears to be wet, to dry, back to wet again. Although I am not complaining as we did not get as much rainfall as people in the eastern side of the Central and some others surrounding me. It however is enough to mess up the renovation game plan. I saw where the government is retracting the global warming thing and calling it just a cyclic event. Imagine that! How much money and wasted resources were, oh never mind! Don't go there! But we've had yet another wild ride on the "Mother Nature" roller coaster. Does anybody know what normal is any more?

We had a wonderful evening for the Pig Roast at Felicita. A few showers did fall, but spending time with our brothers and sister, and their families was special. Seeing the children that's been too long in between visits as well as the new additions was really cool. Thanks go to Rebecca Matis for hosting and arranging the event, as well as the staff at Felicita; Fisher and Sons for their generous sponsorship to offset a lot of the costs; and Phil Easton and Bob Beyer for supplying beverages. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held at Hanover CC. It's been a while since we've visited Bill Brooks and I look forward to playing his golf course. This event will be our Association Championship, The Founders Cup, as well as the elections. With another generous donation from a sponsor, we were able to keep the cost very reasonable. Mark the date on your calendars and come out for some relaxation and fun. And there's no excuse for not attending because of paying with a credit card, as our web site is now set up to accept payment via your plastic. You asked for it, you got it!

The next time you read my column, I will be a "has been"; not that I ever was an "ever was". It certainly has been (no pun intended) a very quick year. It seems like you blink and a week has passed, blink again and it's a month. Does time really go by at the same speed from when you were a young rug rat versus being a very-experienced-in-life person? It truly doesn't seem as such.

As I conclude my ramblings of the lunatic mind, I look forward to seeing you at Hanover CC on September 29th. I wish everyone the best with their fall renovation projects. Have good health and enjoy life!

Faron Stoops

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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Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member in good standing at the annual meeting.

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From York:

Travel approx. 14 miles out of York on route 30 west. Hanover Country Club is on route 30 on the right, make a right turn at the white lamp post onto Country Club Road. (If you reach the Abbottstown square, the intersection of routes 30 & 194, then you have gone too far. Turn around and the Club is 1/4 mile from the square.)

From Hanover:

Take route 194 north to route 30 east, travel on route 30 for 1/4 mile to the bottom of the hill and take a left at the white lamp post (Country Club Road) into the Club's entrance.

From Gettysburg:

Travel approx. 15 miles on route 30 east, after you reach the intersection of route 30 & 194 continue on route 30 1/4 mile to the bottom of the hill and take a left at the white lamp post (Country Club Road) into the Club's entrance.

From Harrisburg:

Take interstate 83 South to N. George St. exit, follow signs to route 30 west. Follow directions from York the rest of the way.

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If you have any information that you would like included in the October newsletter, please e-mail information to Wanda at

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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*
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Events:

Job Fair (Nov. 15)

Reception for Dr. Al Turgeon (Nov. 16)

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Of greater concern are the increasing populations of nuisance weeds that have proven difficult to control. Bull paspalum (not to be confused with Seashore Paspalum) and kyllinga are becoming more widespread. Control in cool-season grasses is especially difficult, and herbicides often cause temporary thinning and/or discoloration of cool-season grasses. Remember, these weeds are perennial in nature. If control programs are not implemented, they will return next year and populations will increase over time. Bermudagrass populations have also increased on many cool-season golf courses in the past two growing seasons with the extreme hot weather. Bermudagrass populations take advantage of thinning of cool-season turf and often expand into voids that occur during the summer.

In cool-season fairways, eradicating bermudagrass is time consuming and costly. This is especially true in creeping bentgrass fairways. "What are we going to do about bermudagrass?" is a common question. We see instances where bermudagrass is not killed with multiple applications of non-selective herbicides in fairways. This has even been the case when the treated area is stripped and resodded with creeping bentgrass. Maybe there is a message there. However, anybody reading this update needs to realize that if controlling bermudagrass in cool-season grass was easy, the problem would not exist!

The bottom line is that weed control is becoming more difficult in many respects, especially in cool-season grasses. Golfers should expect more discoloration from herbicides to control these emerging weed problems, or expect these problems to expand. Often, multiple herbicide applications will be needed. In the case of rogue bermudagrass in fairways, eradication has proven very difficult without significant disruption to the appearance and playability of the golf course. Weed control may require increased focus going forward. Keep in mind the fall is a good time for traditional broadleaf and clover weed control programs.

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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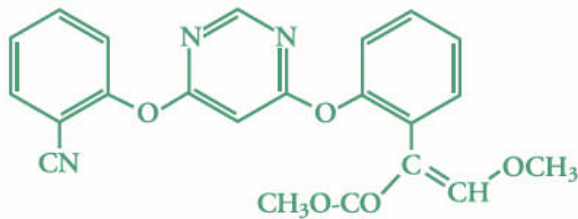
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October 20 Carlisle Country Club
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