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May Meeting

Foxchase Golf Club

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Speaker - 12:00 Noon

Golf - 1:00 PM

Dinner - following Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 10:30 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Timothy Hill is the Golf Course Superintendent at Foxchase Golf Club in Stevens, PA. He started working at the course as a crew member in 2005. In 2007 he held the position of Assistant Superintendent to Daniel Achenbach, and in 2009 became the Superintendent. He holds a Turf Management degree from Rutgers University. Prior to entering the golf industry, Timothy was the owner of TH Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. Timothy resides in Mohnton, PA with his wife Stephanie, daughter Gabriella and dogs Sophie and Otis. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, golfing and spending time at the cabin.

Golf Course Profile

Foxchase is an exciting 18 hole regulation course located at the Foxchase Golf Club facility in Stevens, PA. From the longest tees it presents 6,710 yards of golf for a par of 72. The course was designed by John Thompson and opened in 1991. The course is accompanied by a chipping area along with a driving range to practice all fascists of the game.

The course rating is 72.2 with a slope rating of 124. Foxchase is a daily fee golf course with an 'Open To Public' guest policy. The golf course is owned and run by Douglas and Steve Graybill. The golf course Professional is Chip Kapesser. The golf course Superintendent is Timothy Hill, with David Mentz as Assistant Superintendent.

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update Ahead Of The Game In Every Regard!

By Keith A. Happ

Playability at most courses throughout the region has been and continues to be very good this spring. Recent weather patterns have been more typical of the season and we have experienced several frosts (some very heavy) even in the southern portions of our region where bermudagrass is grown.



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This has slowed growth of warm- and cool-season grasses which has also slowed recovery of turf following aeration. Mowing frequency has been reduced due to the turf's response to the lower temperatures. The region has also experienced dry weather and low humidity and this has prompted an early shift to irrigation needs for the turf. While heavy irrigation cycles are not needed, care has been taken to attend to those areas that exhibit early signs of localized dry spot (LDS).

Spring is a critical time to generate the root mass necessary for cool-season turfgrasses to survive hot summer conditions. Managing soil water now will help maximize root health and root mass, but managing water can be tricky. The warmer weather has allowed the turf to grow which has necessitated implementing mowing, fertilization, pest control and water management programs much earlier in the season. For those

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President's Message

Hello again Central Penn. Can you believe May is almost over already? Wow! It has been a very good spring for the most part so I am sure everyone has their club in pristine condition. I'm not letting my guard down though. I am prepared for but not looking forward to the 100 days of hell that are about to begin!

Take advantage of these beautiful days and attend a meeting. Hope to see everyone at Foxchase on the 23rd.

Barry L. Bollinger

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that need to purchase water, in most instances, this will be an unplanned yet essential expense. Budgets are guidelines and estimations of expenses for the season. Turf management is dynamic and there will be times when action must be taken to control disease, control insect populations and to rehydrate soils. It would be great if all of these issues would occur as scheduled on a spreadsheet but this is not the case. Early season water management to maximize plant health is an issue that must not be overlooked. One can and should dry the soil in the spring to generate root mass but not to the extreme of compromising turf health.

Recent Green Section visits have provided proof that *Hyperodes* weevils (ABW) are on the move. Adults have been captured in traps and soap drenches have been used to detect larvae in the more western and southern parts of the region. Perimeter applications of insecticides have been very productive, allowing for control of adult activity before egg lay occurs. However, the weather patterns have disrupted the movement of this insect which has reduced (in some areas) overall control. Examine the turf and don't assume that a disease is active because there has been damage from early insect activity. There is still plenty of time to control insect activity and allow the turf to recover.

Waitea Patch (or brown ring patch) has been active on several courses. This pest has been defined as a low fertility disease by plant pathologists. Treating with urea nitrogen has elicited a positive response, in many instances reducing and even eliminating the need for chemical control applications. Fertilize the grass to maximize plant health and use a nitrogen source that can be utilized efficiently by the turf. Air and soil temperatures are key issues regarding nitrogen utilization. Contact our offices if there are any questions.

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

May Speaker Profile



Our speaker for the May meeting is Mr. Paul Mchahon. Paul is the Vice President of Hydro Designs. Mr. McMahan joined the firm in 1996 after several years serving as the manager of the irrigation division of a large landscape irrigation and equipment distributor. Although Mr. McMahan's concentration is on golf course projects, he also frequently collaborates on other irrigation design challenges.

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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.

Michael P. Cauley..... Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Country Club of York

Dan FickClass AF
Sales Manager, Profile Products

Matthew Monaco..... Class SM
Superintendent, Colonial Golf & Tennis Club

Dallas Sledzik..... Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Country Club of York

Mark A. White..... Class SM
Superintendent, Great Cove Golf Club

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

Seth GreenwoodClass AF
Sales Representative, SynaTek

William Mast.....Class AF
Owner, Aer-Core

Stephen ThompsonClass AF
Owner, Aer-Core

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Don Dodson at 410-527-3307.

Membership information is also available on the Central Penn website at:
www.cpgcsa.org

2011 CPGCSA Scholarship Winner



Barry Bollinger congratulates Jeremy Schwenck

Directions to Foxchase Golf Club

From PA Turnpike - Exit 286 Reading/Lancaster

Go straight past 222 North and South entrances. Turn left at traffic light which is 272 South. Go 1 mile and turn right at traffic light at Sunoco Gas Station. Go 1/2 mile and turn left at Stevens Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn into Foxchase Golf Club.

From Route 322:

Traveling East - Follow 322 East to Route 272 N. Follow 272 N approximately 3.5 miles to Sunoco Gas Station. Take left at light (Church Street. Go 1/2 mile and turn left at Stevens Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn right into Foxchase Golf Club.

Traveling West - Follow 322 West to Route 222 North. Follow to Denver, PA Turnpike Exit. Follow directions from PA Turnpike.

From 222:

From either North or South - Follow to Denver, PA Turnpike Exit. Follow directions from PA Turnpike.

Golf Results

Thanks to Mike Benedict and the staff at Manada Golf Club for the hospitality and excellent conditions during the April 18th combined meeting with the Keystoneers.

The format was changed from the standard scramble to a Two-Ball Shamble format.

Congratulations to the following participants:

First Place: Score of 133

Dan Davis , Eric Kline, Faron Stoops, Brad Helcoski

Second Place: Score 137

John Chassard, Ryan Fogel, Bill Brooks, Pete Ramsey

Closest to pin #3: Lee Kozsey

Closest to pin #17: Faron Stoops

Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you May 23rd at Fox Chase.

For Your Information

If you have any information that you would like included in the June newsletter, please call Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@hotmail.com by June 1, 2012

Going for the Cycle: The Harrisburg Cycle

Happy 73rd Anniversary to the CPGCSA. I am proud to have been part of this professional organization for 36 of my 48 years in the Central Pa. golf community.

I had the privilege of knowing a few of our founding fathers. And last month's article on our founding did spur some fond memories.

I worked for Riley Heckert at the West Shore Country Club from 1964 to 1973. He was very "old school" but fair. All I did my first year was push a rotary mower around the property and trim with a hand sickle under the trees. By the end of the summer I got to rake sand traps by hand. I did this for \$1.25 per hour and all the hours you could work during the mandatory seven days a week.

The next summer, I had to prove that I could hold a straight line with a hand-putting greens mower to get a 10 cent an hour raise. Each and every morning I grabbed my 22" PGM and a bamboo pole and walked to seven of my greens. Only upon return did I find out my second job. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I got to walk-mow the Tees, aprons and approaches with a 26" Estate mower. No wonder I was in shape for football! No riding equipment was allowed on the putting greens. We walk-mowed, top-dressed by hand, and worked the top dressing in manually.

Spraying was an adventure. We used a 200 gallon spray tank pulled behind a tractor. We had 100 feet of hose with a four nozzle spray wand. Riley had numbered 21 coffee cans for each green. Years later I had the job of weighing out the spray chemicals for each green - Kromad, Cadminate, Tersan products etc. The next day I was dragging hose for the spray foreman. We only put enough water in the spray tank for the green. When it was empty, we again filled up only enough water for the next green, added the coffee can of chemicals, and off we went.

The big changes came in the late 60's when we demo'd a sand pro and a riding greens mower. Soon they were purchased. Life was good.

In the spring of 1973 Riley retired and a young superintendent, Mike Liska, was hired. Mike helped me get into Maryland's turf grass program.

Man, did he bring the changes - a sprayer on a truckster for the greens, an F-10 for mowing fairways, riding mowers for tees and approaches. A bentgrass conversion began for the Fairways in the late summer.

By the Fall of 1974, I was hired as the Superintendent at Colonial Country Club. They were still doing things in the old fashioned way. We had a long transition because of budget restraints. But we kept moving forward.

At Colonial, I met George Morris. While setting up for the tournament named for George (now the Bankert), I spent an afternoon driving around the course with Riley and him. We had a great conversation about the changes in the industry and the future of CPGCSA.

Riley and George were probably still in shock about the changes of the late 60's and early 70's. After all, Riley was hired by WSCC because he dared to mow his greens at 3/16 of an inch. And now we were beginning to push the envelope on that.

Fourteen years later it was time to move on from Colonial. I made a career change and was fortunate to land a sales position with Lawn and Golf Supply. Thanks to the Holman's and Jim Carville I had a successful stint in sales.

And talk about changes in the industry from the late 80's to the present; light weight fairway mowers, double and triple row irrigation, and a plethora of new chemistries for fighting diseases and insects.

Now I am retired and I've gone back to the beginning. Last summer I worked part-time for Scott Fischer at Blue Ridge Country Club. Yep, the "Old Guy" is back to mowing rough, mowing greens etc. At least I get to ride rather than walk! This season I followed Scott up to the Country Club of Harrisburg. Just staying part of the business, it's been fun and it's been a good run.

Two men who had a big part in CPGCSA and I didn't mention were Dr. Jack Harper and Harold Stewart. It would be nice to hear some history about these fellows.

See you on the Links,

GregB



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June 18

Moselem Springs Golf Club
Joint Meeting with PAGCS

July 19

Chambersburg Country Club

August - TBD

September 27

Hanover Country Club
Association Championship/Annual Meeting

October 15

West Shore Country Club
Super/GM/Pro/AF Tournament



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