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Winter Protection, Projects and Peace of Mind

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(L) Pruning to manage tree growth is integral to efficient, effective turf maintenance programs. Winter is a great time to take action and manage the trees. (R) Topdressing heavily during the late fall and early winter is a great way to insulate the turf prior to cold temperature stress. Greens are still playable if weather allows and topdressing will provide long lasting benefit.

One of the questions posed recently is, "Can I apply too much topdressing on the greens prior to winter weather?"

Answer: Yes, there is a point of limited returns. Burying the grass (completely) is not the strategy to pursue but applying 1/16th to 1/8th inch of sand is not uncommon. It takes 17 cubic yards of sand to cover an acre to a depth of 1/8th inch. This is about 23 tons of sand! It provides insulation, protects the crown of the plant, offers a smoothing effect and will help to create a firmer surface on which to play. These are good benefits for both the short and long term. More and more superintendents are topdressing aggressively prior to winter.

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President's Message

Greetings Central Penn!

I trust this message finds everyone doing well! Hopefully everyone is finished spraying, fertilizing, and wrapping things up for the season. Now we can all find some time to spend with our families and enjoy the Holiday Season.

The October meeting at West Shore Country Club was a great success in our fund raising efforts benefiting Matt Strader! Thanks to all for coming out and enjoying the day, fun was had by everyone, and Matt came out to join us for the event. Special Thanks go to Brendon Clark and his staff for providing us with an extremely well conditioned and very challenging golf course. I think we were all impressed from the lunch to the course and back for more food and prizes. This event was the first time we gave prizes that was a 50/50 split between cash and Pro Shop credit. Thank-you to all the winning groups for giving the cash directly back to Matt! It is a great example of the type of membership we have in helping others in our industry when they are in need. I would also like to Thank Jim Byrne for helping us pull together the Hole in One prizes so quickly, and for sponsoring the day!

Our next meeting scheduled is the Winter Educational Meeting at LedgeRock on February 18th. I know Alan FitzGerald is working on a great agenda to provide us with a vast day of education. The rest of the meeting schedule is almost complete for 2013; we are just finalizing the dates of the venues. We need all of you to join us at the meetings in 2013!

I hope to see you all at the Winter Educational Meeting!

Thanks,

Rebecca Matis

Pennsylvania Turfgrass Research, Inc. and Penn State Create Stanley J. Zontek Turfgrass Endowment

On August 28, the USGA, the golf turf industry, and the Penn State Turf Program lost a dear friend and colleague, Stanley Zontek. In an effort to honor his contributions to the golf turf industry and his love for Penn State, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Research, Inc. (PTRI) and Penn State faculty decided to name a new endowment the **Stanley J. Zontek Turfgrass Endowment**. In 2004, a dedicated group of volunteer turf professionals formed PTRI and launched a campaign to raise funds for turfgrass research at Penn State. This campaign culminated with the creation of a \$300,000 endowment at Penn State. Following the death of Stanley Zontek in August, the board of PTRI and Penn State faculty asked Penn State to name the new endowment the **Stanley J. Zontek Turfgrass Endowment**. Jerred Golden, Chair of PTRI, provided the following statement on the board's action: "No graduate from the Penn State turf program had a bigger impact on our industry and no one has been a better ambassador for the program around the world than Stanley Zontek. We have all felt his loss, but honoring him through the naming of the endowment will keep his name forever associated with the school he loved".

This endowment provides critical financial support for faculty and students to perform research and provide solutions to turf problems in Pennsylvania and other areas in the U.S. Naming the endowment after Stanley will ensure that all of his contributions to the industry will live on through continued research and discovery.

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Naturally, the sand is brushed or lightly dragged into the canopy with the knowledge that winter rain or snow will work the sand down into the profile. It may require some degree of experimentation at your course but topdressing to protect the turf this winter is a great strategy.

Portions of the Mid-Atlantic Region have been dry this fall and this has resulted in development of Type II fairy ring. While this is a superficial problem, it can lead to more severe problems particularly, if we experience extended dry winter and spring conditions. As the organic matter decays (this results in a nitrogen effect that stimulates the development of the green ring) the thatch can become more difficult to wet. The thatch could repel water rather than hold it for plant use. Treating this fall with surfactants, combined with sight specific venting of the problem area will help a great deal. Fall applications of a surfactant could help maintain a more consistent level of soil moisture resulting in fewer problems next season.

Many courses have elected to conduct a survey of their trees and determine a long range plan of action. Managing the trees will help to manage turf health and its performance. The fall and the winter is a great time to act by selectively removing unnecessary trees that compromise growing conditions. Pruning trees helps to maintain the critical balance between trees and turf. Knowing that growing environments are being maintained for the benefit of the grass offers peace of mind.

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

Membership News

The following individual has applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, he will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

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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

**Super/GM/Pro/Affiliate
Tournament Results**

West Shore Country Club

1st Place Gross Team

Faron Stoops
Danny Davis
Ryan Kell
Rob Bostic

2nd Place Gross Team

Tim Hill
Chad Oxenreider
Greg Hostetter
Chip Kappesser

1st Place Net Team

Hodges Rash
Aaron Schroeder
Brendan Clark
Jim Byrne

2nd Place Net Team

Thom Mahute
Chris Martin
Andy Zook
Frankie Bianco

Closest to the Pins

3 – Jeff Austin
#9 – Andy Zook
#13 – Tim Hill
#18 – Ryan Kell

Longest Drive

#17 – John Brown

October Fundraising Event

We would like to thank the members and guests who participated in the October Golf Event at West Shore Country Club. Through participation and donations, we were able to raise \$2,500.00 to assist Matt Strader with his medical bills. Matt was also able to attend the event, greeting all golfers on the course. It was inspiring to see him riding around the course.

Thanks again the support!

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Eastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass and Ornamentals Conference and Trade Show

January 8th (Tuesday) and 9th (Wednesday), 2013

Crowne Plaza Hotel • King of Prussia, PA

www.paturf.org

Keynote Speaker:

Bernie Parent

NHL Hall of Fame and goaltender for the Stanley Cup-winning Philadelphia Flyers



Expert Speakers:

- Dr. Frank Rossi (Cornell Univ.)
- Dr. Michael Richardson (Univ. Arkansas)
- Dr. Tom Turner (Univ. Maryland)
- Dr. Rick Brandenburg (NC State University)
- ...and many more!*

- Golf Sessions
- Lawn & Landscape Sessions
- Arborists Session
- Sports Turf Session
- Aquatics Session

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February 18th - Winter Educational Meeting
LedgeRock Golf Club

May 6th - Joint Meeting with Pocono TGA
Lehigh Country Club

July - Social
TBD

August - Social
TBD

September - Golf Championship
TBD

October - Oktoberfest Open
Berkshire Country Club



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