



# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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## Central Penn - Wee One Oktoberfest Golf Outing

*In Honor of Luke Szekeres  
Benefitting the Szekeres Family*

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

**1:00 PM Shotgun**

**4-Man Scramble**

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## Penn State Football Bus Trip



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## Wee One Foundation

The Wee One Foundation was founded in 2004 when friends of Wayne Otto, CGCS banned together to financially assist him in his battle with cancer. Wayne was a pioneer in the turf industry always searching for new and better ways to produce a finer playing surface. As Wayne learned more about his disease, he applied those same pioneering principles to overcome his illness.

Those that knew Wayne, knew a man small in stature and a man that placed more effort and enthusiasm into his friendships and care for his fellow man. As passionate as Wayne was about turf, his love for life could not measure. Wayne died in the fall of 2004 but his passion for life and his willingness to help still live on because of the work of the Wee One Foundation.



Through the perseverance and hard work of several friends of Wayne, the group developed its mission of helping those in need. Founded on the principle of assisting golf course management professionals (or their dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources, the Foundation has evolved into a cause that goes way beyond its initial reason for existence.

The Wee One Foundation was aptly named to honor Wayne. Nicknames are rarely chosen by their owner as in this case. On a golfing trip to Scotland with some friends, one of the group's caddies decided to place his wager on the "wee one". A small action (as legend has it) that turned out to be a sound decision by the caddie that day and a small gesture that has helped many other individuals through economic hardships due to overwhelming medical expenses. Simply, that is what the Wee One Foundation accomplishes today.

Since its inception in 2004 the Wee One Foundation has gifted over \$1,000,000 to those in need. The Foundation raises money through its membership, golf outings and sponsorships.

## GCSAA Disaster Relief Fund

In 2006, in reaction to Hurricane Katrina, the association established the GCSAA Disaster Relief Fund to assist GCSAA members who suffered personal loss or medical hardship. The fund raised more than \$190,000 to help those affected by storms in 2006, and has continued to be a resource for members who face tragedy caused by natural disasters.

Those who are affected and may be eligible for financial assistance and resources from the fund can contact 800-472-7878 or email [mbrhelp@gcsaa.org](mailto:mbrhelp@gcsaa.org).

Donations made to the fund are an opportunity for those in the golf industry to directly assist their peers. The fund is administered through GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf. The EIFG is a 501(c)3 organization and gifts are tax-deductible. Your tax adviser can provide you with information specific to your gift. Be assured that 100 percent of your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund goes to impacted members. [Click here](#) to make a donation to the fund.

## Hurricane Disaster Relief

In light of the historic tragedy caused by Hurricane Harvey, GCSAA and the Environmental Institute for Golf have established a relief effort for victims. This effort will focus on providing support directly to the GCSAA members who suffer personal loss or medical hardship due to this disaster. GCSAA's deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of Houston, southeast Texas, and Louisiana, as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

If you are a member who has been personally impacted by Hurricane Harvey, please call 800-472-7878 or email [mbrhelp@gcsaa.org](mailto:mbrhelp@gcsaa.org). If you need information on recovering from flooding, visit the [flooding resources page](#). The GCSAA Disaster Relief Fund was established to provide support for GCSAA members who suffer personal loss or medical hardship due to a natural disaster. 100% of your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund goes to impacted members. The fund is administered through GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf. The EIFG is a 501(c)3 organization and gifts are tax-deductible.



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<https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/gcsaa-disaster-relief-fund>

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## President's Message

By Chad Oxenreider

Greetings Everyone!

As I am writing this, we are being drenched by another rain event, which is the most recent of so many for us this season. Is this a familiar scenario to many of you?

Adequate rainfall and moderate temperatures have indeed kept the hoses in the shop and with the exception of some dollar spot and algae, kept disease pressure to a minimum here. We have had more complements on the condition of the course this season than any other that I've experienced. Yes, the rough is lush and green, and there is not a single crispy fairway edge to be seen. But every day there are newly clogged drains, fresh tire ruts, and more bunker washouts. Which, to me, seem more bothersome than a dry spot here or there. This season has proven to me that the "brown is the new green" movement is going to be a tough sell to our customers.

And it doesn't stop there. Friends, relatives, and anyone else I know that is aware of my occupation always has the same thing to say. It goes something like this: "Wow, this must've been a good year for you." Does that sound familiar?

The first few times that I've heard that comment, I was admittedly miffed that my profession was being simplified to the point where excessive rainfall made my job easier. But when you dig a little deeper into that innocent little comment there is an underlying perception that may be much harder to overcome. That perception is that properly maintaining a golf course requires a shipload of water, and not only that, but the more the better.

The fact is that golfer expectations, along with public and administrative perceptions have to change in a big way before the real movement toward water conservation takes place. I, like most Superintendents are "all in" when it comes to conserving water. I'm sold. The problem lies in the fact that clogged drains, tire ruts and bunker washouts are more invisible to golfers than a brown spot on the edge of a fairway.

Our meeting this month is our PSU Football bus trip. It is always a fun time, and with all of this rain, I expect everyone to be able to take the day off and go!

Cheers!

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## Upcoming Events

- **Turf Innovation & Discovery Expo at "Valentine East"**  
Penn State Berks  
Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Register: [www.paturfshow.com](http://www.paturfshow.com)
- **2017 Penn State Golf Turf Conference**  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College  
November 14-16, 2017
- **2018 Eastern PA Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show**  
Shady Maple Conference Center in East Earl, PA.  
January 10, 2018
- **Northeastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**  
The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes-Barre,  
January 25, 2018
- **GCSAA Golf Industry Show**  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center., San Antonio, Texas  
February 3-8, 2018
- **2018 Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh  
February 27 -28, 2018

## Membership News

We would like to welcome the following individual into our association

Benjamin Rudy ..... Class FM  
Superintendent, Lykens Valley Golf Course & Resort

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Wanda at 717-279-0368 or [cpgcsa@hotmail.com](mailto:cpgcsa@hotmail.com).

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

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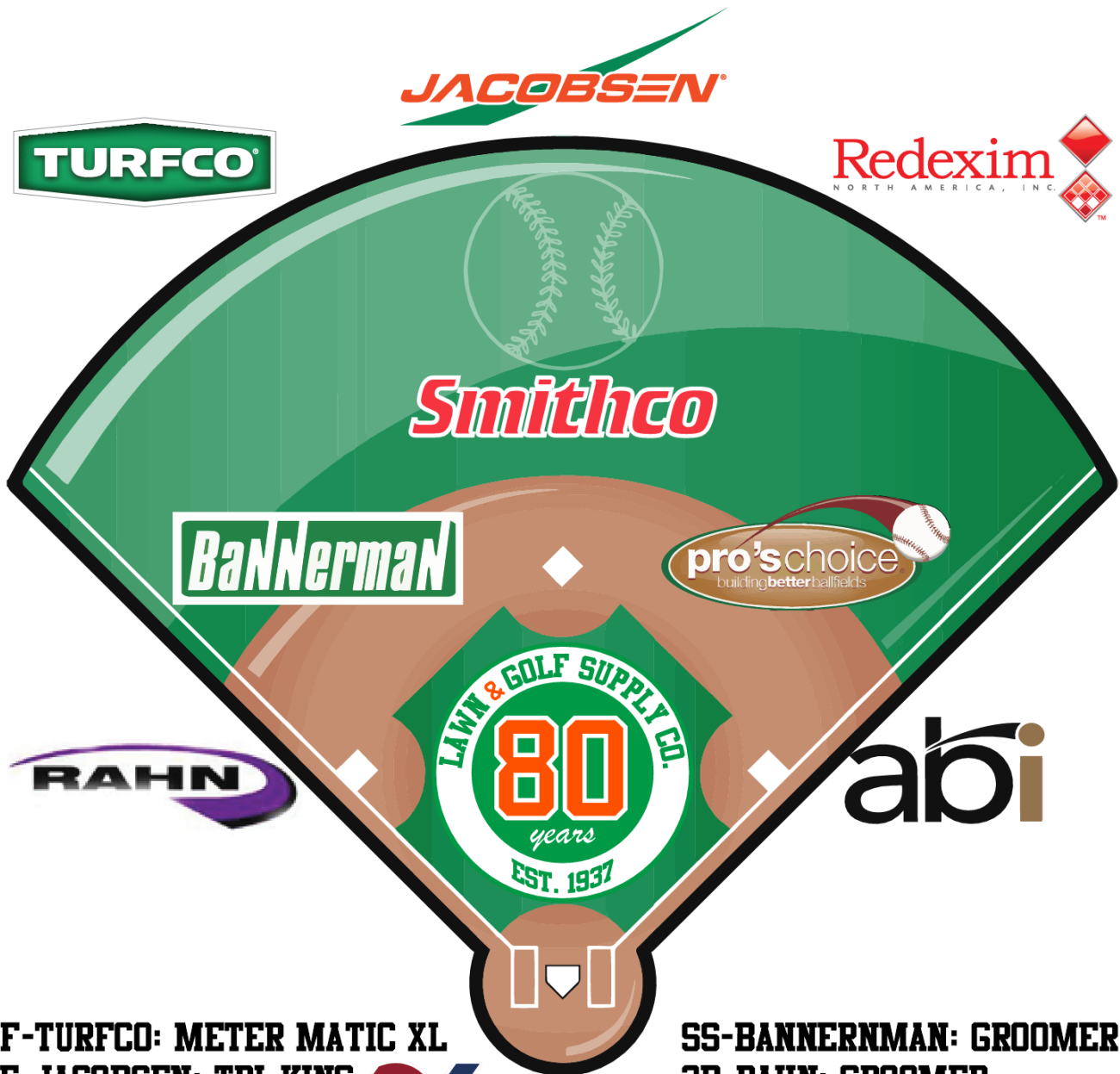
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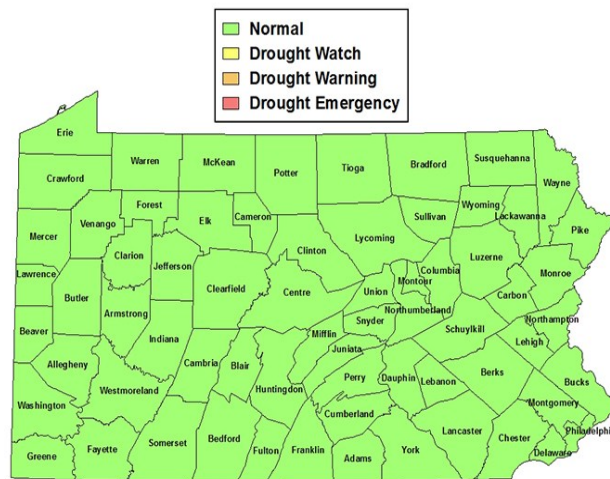


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