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American Society of Agronomy Honors Penn State's Fidanza

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Mike Fidanza, Ph.D., professor of plant and soil sciences at Penn State Berks, recently was named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. No more than 0.3 percent of the society's active and emeritus members may achieve such an honor.

Fidanza teaches undergraduate courses in turfgrass science, soil science, botany and pesticide education for Penn State Berks, as well as a graduate course in turfgrass physiology for Penn State World Campus. He also advises undergraduate students in agricultural science majors.



His research involves turfgrass ecology, turfgrass integrated pest management with an emphasis on diseases and weeds, plant health and soil ecology, seed germination biology and ecology, evaluation of mushroom compost for agricultural crops and ornamental horticulture, the biology and management of fairy rings in turfgrass ecosystems, and teaching and learning technology.

At Penn State Berks, he has developed and serves as director of a 30-acre research and education facility, the Center for the Agricultural Sciences and a Sustainable Environment.

In addition, Fidanza has served as president of Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America since 2013.

ASA Fellow is the highest recognition bestowed by the American Society of Agronomy. Members of the society nominate colleagues based on their professional achievements and meritorious service.

Fidanza will be formally recognized at the ASA Awards Ceremony on Oct. 25, in Tampa.

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

**Deer Valley Golf Club
Hummelstown, PA**

SRBC Update

After two rounds of legislative hearings, it is clear the representatives have a good understanding of how the commission works and that they are guilty of overreach. The committees next step is to meet privately and decide what they can do about the commission. They know the SRBC is not going away any time soon but want to pull some of their authority away such as groundwater withdrawals. Municipal water suppliers are some of the most abused consumptive users in the basin whom often rely on groundwater to supply taxpayers with drinking water. This is one of the first areas I think they will look at which doesn't help us much but it's a start. I will continue to argue we produce an agricultural product just like farmers and should not require dockets and only fall under DEP.

Thank you to everyone who has called or emailed and attended the hearings.

Questions please email me at pramsey@messiah.edu.

Pete Ramsey
PTC President

President's Message

By Chad Oxenreider

Hello everyone!

Well, June has officially passed and one month of our typically rough spell is behind us. Over in our neck of the woods, Mother Nature has been pretty kind to us. Hopefully she doesn't become agitated and make us pay for it later.

We had a great meeting at Country Club of York. The thunderstorms drastically shortened the golf portion of the event, but the rains were welcomed with open arms. We all regrouped in the clubhouse, and judging by the level of laughter heard, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Patrick and all of the staff at Country Club of York for a great day!

It was great to see so many of the meeting attendees inside participating in the educational portion of the meeting. Lately it seems we have had a hard time getting corralled to hear the speaker. In some cases, the number of guys inside was pretty embarrassing, and of course we want to show as much respect to our speakers as possible. So let's keep it up!

One of the speakers we had last month was Pete Ramsey. He gave us an update on the SRBC investigation, and led the bylaw update voting. Pete has worked tirelessly to protect our industry from what amounts to extremely unfair regulation and fees. He has led the fight to get legislators to take a closer look at what's really happening. I have personally thanked him for the work he is doing, and I encourage everyone reading this to do the same.

Our next meeting will be the PSU football bus trip in September. We all have a busy summer (mostly) ahead of us. Let's use that football game as an excuse to get together and tell each other how it all went!

GCSAA Happenings

By Chase Rogan

Summer is a busy time for our members for obvious reasons. During this busy time, gcsaa.org is a great website to keep up to date with current news and initiatives around the industry. For example, we have our Advocacy Hub, that keeps you current on issues affecting our industry, and issues that we need you to engage in. Our "Take Action" tool is great for raising your voice, and takes you through necessary steps to send a note to your Congressman or Congresswoman, and all you need to do is click a couple buttons and fill in some pertinent information.

Our refurbished mobile app is littered with resources, all at the tip of your fingers. Included in the app is current news, job postings, twitter and Facebook feeds, the GCSAA directory, GCM Magazine, and the GCSAA Calculator. With the calculator, members can perform cost calculations such as cost of mowing, cost per nutrient, cost of topdressing, and more. It also has other great features that help determine and calculate seeding and sprigging rates, compare products on a cost per active ingredient or cost per nutrient basis, and much more. The app can be downloaded from the app store by searching "GCSAA+."

The Can Am Cup is coming to Baltusrol and Canoe Brook Country Club on October 23 and 24. Registration is limited, and will include great education and networking opportunities, as well as competitive golf at world-class venues. Sign up to help U.S. superintendents take the crown against our Canadian friends at this inaugural event.

If you are a Class A or B GCSAA member and have not been to GIS in 5 years or more, consider applying for the Melrose Leadership Academy this fall. This is a great program that supports the professional development of GCSAA members by providing individuals the opportunity to attend the Golf Industry Show. The program is set up to provide up to 20 scholarships every year. While at the education conference, class members will attend sessions hosted by golf's industry leaders. Attendees will also have extensive networking opportunities at various receptions and events. I've heard nothing but positive remarks from those who have attended, so look for the application process to open later this year.

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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.

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.

Our Condolences to:

The family of Thomas Mahute on the loss of his father,
Walter Mahute.

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

Upcoming Events

- **Turf Innovation & Discovery Expo at “Valentine East”**
Penn State Berks
Thursday, September 21, 2017
Register: 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

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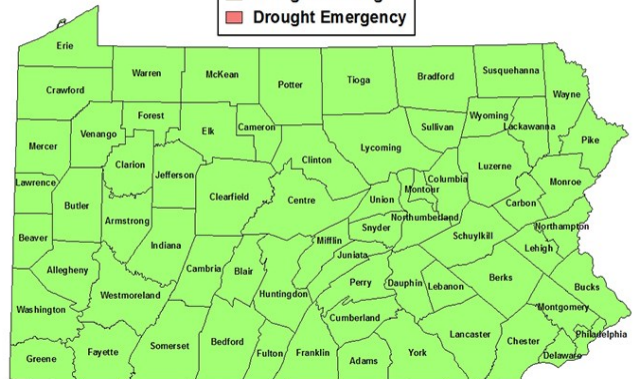
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Drought Information Current Drought Declaration Status

July 16, 2017

- Normal
- Drought Watch
- Drought Warning
- Drought Emergency



CPGCSA Bylaw Approved Class SM Changes to Class B

Section 6.07. **Class B - Golf Course Superintendent Members.** A Golf Course Superintendent is one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and related equipment. To qualify for a Class B membership, an applicant shall have, at the time of application for membership, less than three (3) years experience as a Golf Course Superintendent and be currently employed in such capacity. Effective July 1, 1997, all Class B membership applicants must submit an application for membership or evidence of membership, with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and **must maintain that membership thereafter.** Class B members shall have all the privileges of the association subject to the provisions of Article II. Section II, and shall pay such Initiation fees, annual dues and assessments as established by the board.



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