



The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

Educational Meeting Issue

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2019 CPGCSA Winter Educational Meeting

January 28, 2019

Country Club of Harrisburg
401 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

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| 7:15 - 7:50 | Registration |
| 7:50 - 8:00 | Introduction and Opening Remarks
Brian Ahrens, CPGCSA President |
| 8:00 - 8:30 | Innovative Drainage Solution
Willard Conklin, Capiphon USA |
| 8:30 - 9:30 | Drones – All You Need to Know About Drones and How It Could Be Useful on the Golf Course
Austin Brown, Global Air Media |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | Break |
| 9:45 - 10:15 | Review of 2018 Turf Pests and Management Options
Tanner Delvalle, Penn State Extension |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | How Well Do You Know Pesticide Safety & Regulations?
Tanner Delvalle, Penn State Extension |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | Year in Review
Chase Rogan, GCSAA |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30 -1:00 | DSL Presentation to Recipient William P. Ramsey
Bill Brooks, Faron Stoops |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Why Renovate? Practical and Trending Considerations
Ron Forse, Forse Design |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Break |
| 2:15 - 3:45 | Future Proof Your Career
Tim Moraghan, Aspire Golf |
| 3:45 - 4:00 | Closing Remarks and Adjourn
Brian Ahrens, CPGCSA President |

Credits

GCSAA Education - .5

PDA – Core 1 Credit, Category 7, 18, 23, PC – 1 Credit

2019 PGCSA Hospitality/Networking Event

Wednesday February 6, 2019
7:30-10:00 pm

Half Door Brewing Company
903 Island Avenue San Diego, CA 92101

As we get closer to the event, you will receive an email which will serve as your admission ticket.

Upcoming Events

- **2019 Northeastern Pennsylvania Golf, Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Conference**
The Woodlands Inn and Resort, 1073 Highway 315 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
January 31, 2019
- **GCSAA Golf Industry Show**
San Diego Convention Center
February 2-7, 2019
- **LCAP 28th Annual Winter Lawn Care Conference**
Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley
February 12, 2019
- **2019 Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh
February 26-27, 2019

Membership Corner

We would like to thank you for being a member and supporting CPGCSA over the past years. As we move into another year, we ask for your help in recruiting new members. Just like any other association or golf club we rely on the support of our current membership. If you know of someone that might not be involved or is new to the area, please invite them to become a member or attend a meeting.

We are also always looking for people to join our committees, be part of the Board of Directors, and golf facilities to host meetings. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please pass their name along to us.

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

Robert RosensteelClass B
Superintendent, Meadia Heights Golf Club

Our sympathies to the family of member Mike Benedict on the passing of his mother in law, Grace Buffington.

The deadline for Membership Dues and roster updates is February 15th. Please call or email if you need a new invoice.

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David Rafferty Dedication, Service & Leadership Award



The award honors the memory of Dave Rafferty. Dave was a Past President of our association as well as the Northwest PA GCSA and the Allied GCS of Pennsylvania. He was a forerunner in educating our elected and regulatory officials to the benefits of golf turf to the environment.

Dave was a mentor to literally dozens of superintendents, assistant superintendents and other members. He worked tirelessly to assist anyone who sought his council. We realize no one will fill Dave’s shoes but we are dedicating this award in his memory. We recognize members who have selflessly given themselves to benefit our association and its membership.

This award is designed to honor current and former superintendents attaining a minimum of 14 years association membership. This is the number of years Dave was a CPGCSA member. All classes of membership shall be eligible to receive the award although superintendent or retired superintendent nominees will receive favored consideration. The award is dedicated to a superintendent who worked hard for our association.

This year’s recipient of the David Rafferty Dedication, Service and Leadership Award is William “Pete” Ramsey. Pete has been a member of Central Penn GCSA since 1998 and actively served on the board through 2005.

Pete started playing golf at the age of 8, after his father joined Range End Country Club. They mowed down a green in their yard and Superintendent Whitey Krout gave him a cup and flag for his green. He later played in the York County Junior League in 1978. This lead to joining the Cedar Cliff High School Golf Team from 1986-1988.

Pete’s first experience working on a golf course was at Silver Spring Golf Club where he became the Assistant Superintendent because he consistently came to work on time. This lead Pete to attend University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture for a degree in Golf Course Management where he was awarded Outstanding Senior of the 1993 graduating class.

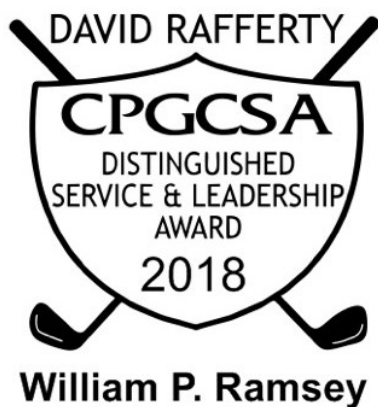
Pete interned at West Shore Country Club in 1992 and continued there as 2nd Assistant Superintendent after graduation. In 1997, he became Superintendent at Range End Golf Club. In 2014, Pete became the Grounds Manager at Messiah College. Currently, Pete is the Director of Landscape and Land Management for Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.



Pete has been active with the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, serving as President from 2017-2018; Pennsylvania GCSA, Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association, volunteering countless hours with these organizations. Pete also remains very active as a Past President of Central Penn.

Pete is married to Chrystal and father to Mitchell and Paige.

Congratulations Pete!



- Previous Recipients**
- 2003 - James MacLaren
 - 2004 - Charles Cadiz
 - 2005 - Terry Wueschinski
 - 2006 - Gregory Borzok
 - 2007 - Kenneth Dietrich
 - 2008 - Jeffrey Fry
 - 2009 - Samuel Snyder
 - 2014 - Faron Stoops

Willard Conklin
Capiphon USA

Willard Conklin Jr., is a product of the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1984 with a degree in civil engineering. He began his service in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY and later served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. After fulfilling his commitment to the U.S. Army, he became employed with International Paper, first in the Corporate Engineering Group and then at the Mobile Mill in Mobile, Alabama. Chip left International Paper to take a position with Champion International as the Project Engineer for a 60 million dollar Greenfield Sawmill Project in Pensacola, Florida. Chip was asked by Jerry to become involved in his company in the Fall of 2000. He is responsible for developing the company's business direction and maximizing profitability from company operations Willard works with the other owner's to focus future employee development to meeting the companies long term goals. He holds professional engineer licenses in the state of Alabama and commonwealth of Virginia.

Austin Brown
Co-Founder of Global Air Media, LLC

Austin Brown is an FAA licensed Pilot and Co-Founder of Global Air Media with years of experience both piloting and building drones. Since founding Global Air Media alongside business partner Eno Umoh, the organization has grown to become a leader in the Drone Industry. The company offers services that cover a wide range of industries, serving project managers in turf analysis, industrial inspection, and more. Global Air Media has gained commercial acclaim for innovation in the Drone Industry being named one of the Baltimore Business Journals Tech 10 companies in 2018, as well as the Bridging the Gap Award presented by the Greater Baltimore Committee.

Global Air Media is an FAA licensed Drone Services Provider offering premium services in Cinema, Mapping, & Training. Learn how drones are being used in the Golf industry to increase efficiency in maintenance and construction, and enjoyment for members. Whether marketing your course through breathtaking aerial views, checking the health of vegetation on the course, or chasing birds away during big events, drones are changing the game.



Tanner Delvalle
Penn State Extension

Tanner Delvalle is currently a Commercial Horticulture Educator with Penn State Cooperative Extension based in Schuylkill and Berks Counties. Tanner has been with Penn State Extension since 2013. His areas of responsibility are turfgrass management, vegetable, small fruit, Christmas tree, and hops production. Tanner received his B.S. in Turfgrass Science and his M.S. in Agronomy from the Pennsylvania State University.

Chase Rogan
GCSAA

Chase has been serving as Field Staff with GCSAA for 5 years and lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Taylor, son, Fitz, and daughter, Palmer. He has worked as Assistant Super at several Pittsburgh-area clubs, and completed a Masters degree in Agronomy at Penn State. He enjoys all sports but in particular golf and is especially interested in grow-the-game initiatives.



**Ron Forse, President
Forse Design, Inc.**



Ron Forse, president of Forse Design, Inc. has been practicing golf course architecture for 30 years. His firm has performed over 90 restoration of Classic golf courses and has been involved in dozens of renovations and improvements to private and daily-fee golf courses. Forse Design has also crafted new golf course projects. Mr. Forse's background includes work in civil engineering and city planning firms. After receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture from West Virginia University in 1979, he instructed part-time at a branch campus for Penn State University. He has been an instructor for two seminars for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He is a member of the Donald Ross Society, the Tillinghast Association and the Seth Raynor Society.

A frequent conference speaker, Ron makes presentations at regional, state and USGA sessions. He has contributed to published books and articles covering Classic and General Golf Architecture

**Jim Nagle, Design Associate
Forse Design, Inc.**

Jim Nagle, Design Associate, joined Forse Design in early 1998 after nearly five years with Derck& Edson Associates –Landscape Architects, Land Planners and Civil Engineers (D&E). During his time with D&E, Jim was involved with a variety of projects both of small and large scale from project designer to project manager. Jim has been practicing golf course design for 21 years.

Prior to graduating from West Virginia University in 1993 with Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture, Jim spent time as a design team member with the golf design firm of Dye Design International in Denver, CO.

Jim has been involved with all aspects of the golf design and construction process. Jim will provide support for Ron on numerous projects but also manages many projects from the interview stage through to construction completion. He often coordinates larger multi-disciplinary projects for Forse Design. He also speaks at various conferences and regularly speaks to Landscape Architecture and Turfgrass students at various Colleges and Universities.



Forse Design –Our Practice

- Established May 1989.
 - Consulted for over 170 golf courses.
 - From Maine to Miami, Connecticut to California and Canada.
 - Numerous new golf courses.
 - All scopes of projects.
 - Adapted to the styles of over 27 separate golf architects from every design era, from Bendelow and Findlay to RTJ and Wilson.
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Tim Moraghan **Aspire Golf Consulting**

For more than 35 years, Tim Moraghan has been one of the most sought-after experts in the golf industry. From grounds crew to new-course construction, Moraghan's experience encompasses a wide range of talents and skills, including more than two decades as Director of Championship Agronomy for the United States Golf Association (USGA). In that position, he was responsible for the set-up and maintenance of more than 110 golf courses in preparation for national championships, from the U.S. Open to U.S. Girls Junior.

Growing up in Connecticut, Moraghan gravitated to golf under the watchful eye of his father, Tom, a talented amateur player. His competitive juices were further fueled by participation in swimming and hockey, but in 1978, upon graduation from Niagara University in upstate New York, he headed south to pursue a career in golf.

After acquiring ground-level experience in Myrtle Beach, Moraghan became a course superintendent for Pinehurst Resorts. In 1979 and 1980, he oversaw the course conditioning of Pinehurst #3 and #5. He then headed further south, joining the construction/maintenance team for the PGA TOUR's Tournament Players Course (TPC) at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Florida, where he was introduced to Florida open space and first worked with golf course architect Pete Dye.

When another opportunity opened up within the TPC network in 1982, Moraghan moved to Dallas to oversee the reconstruction of The Las Colinas Sports Club. While there, he began a long friendship with the legendary Byron Nelson. He also had his first taste of tournament management, leading the set-up team and serving as lead superintendent for the inaugural 1983 Byron Nelson Classic at The Las Colinas Sports Club.

In 1985, Moraghan was hired by American Golf Corporation as Regional Golf Course Superintendent, responsible for five golf courses in and around Miami Beach. Overseeing a maintenance staff of nearly 100 workers, Moraghan significantly upgraded conditions while working within narrow budget parameters during his tenure in municipal course maintenance.

Moraghan's talents came to the attention of the USGA, where he worked from 1986 until 2007 preparing courses for national championships. Over two decades, he worked with countless superintendents, club boards, and all levels of management to provide optimal playing conditions. He also honed an ability to prepare detailed, long-range plans for executing superior conditions in high-profile situations.

While at the USGA, Moraghan was a regular attendee at Rules of Golf workshops and officiated at numerous championships. He worked closely with the USGA's Green Section, attending research seminars and workshops. Maintaining his vast industry resources, Moraghan keeps abreast of trends and developments in the field and is constantly being sought for his expertise and experience. To the thousands of people he has worked with over the years, Moraghan has served as a friend, mentor, confidant, and motivator.

A popular and knowledgeable speaker, Moraghan regularly addresses industry groups and club boards on a wide array of topics, from tournament preparation and challenges to everyday course conditioning. His candid nature and refreshing outlook make him a frequent resource for the media, as well as a regular contributor to industry periodicals: He writes a monthly column for *Golf Course Industry* and served as a member of the GCSAA's strategic communications committee.

Since forming ASPIRE Golf in 2007, Moraghan has assembled an impressive roster of clients, including private clubs, public courses, municipalities, and resorts.

Moraghan and his wife, Karen, founder and president of Hunter Public Relations • Special Events, a golf and hospitality industry marketing consultancy, reside in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.



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