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2023 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

May 10

Pine Meadows Golf Club

Host – Tom Kintzer

June 22

Range End Golf Club

Host – Pete Ramsey

September 14

Schuylkill Country Club

Host – Will Schneider

October 18

Country Club of York

Host – Chuck Zaranec



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USGA NORTHEAST REGIONAL UPDATE

How Much Damage Can Winter Play on Greens Cause?

January 20, 2023

Adam Moeller, director, Green Section Education

A mild winter day can be a great opportunity for golfers to get outside and play a few holes. For golf courses, winter play is a nice boost to the revenue stream and can improve customer satisfaction. When these conditions develop though, the age-old question, “How much damage can winter play on greens cause?” is sure to come up. Research is limited on the extent of turf injury that is possible from winter play, but it’s clear there are risks when certain conditions exist – e.g., frost, saturated soil or thawing conditions. Even a handful of golfers walking on the greens in these conditions could cause some damage.



Temporary greens reduce the potential for turf damage on the primary greens while providing golfers a chance to play during winter.

Spirited debates about the risks associated with allowing golfers to play on the greens during winter have occurred for decades and are likely to continue for years to come. When determining if the greens should be closed for play during winter, focusing on the agronomic reasons is crucial, but it’s also important to consider the key reasons why golfers want to play during the offseason.

Golfers love to get on the course during winter because it gives them an opportunity to work on their swing, get outdoors and exercise. Most recognize that courses aren’t going to be in peak shape in winter, so expectations for playability are lower. Basically, winter golfers are just happy to be able to play some golf and hit shots.

Most courses can accommodate winter golfers without taking on much risk by using temporary greens when conditions warrant. Temporary greens virtually eliminate the potential for traffic stress on greens, which means they should be in good shape for the peak season when conditions matter most.

When the greens are dry and firm under foot during winter, some superintendents feel that the potential for turf damage is low and open them for play. Every course is different and must decide for themselves what’s the best approach to managing winter play on the greens. The risks might be minimal but allowing play on greens during winter certainly won’t improve playing conditions in spring and summer.

If you allow play on greens during winter, closely monitor turf conditions throughout winter and early spring. Note the play volume, weather conditions and soil moisture levels regularly. Take pictures of the greens often to help document the impact of winter play and compare that information with spring and summer performance. We may never be able to answer the question, “How much damage can winter play on greens cause?” but with course-specific information you’ll be better equipped to decide when play should be restricted to temporary greens.

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[Information on the USGA’s Course Consulting Service](#)

[How Much Damage Can Winter Play on Greens Cause? \(usga.org\)](#)

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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.

Braden L. Byers.....Class C
Assistant Superintendent, Penn National Golf Club

Kole Martin.....Class B
Superintendent, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club

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.

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Dear Fellow Penn State Graduate,

For many years, I have been troubled by the fact that those of us in the turfgrass profession have not had our history recorded. Professional athletes in golf, football, baseball, tennis, bowling etc. have their accomplishments recorded in detail by the media. But no one is recording the history of superintendents and their contributions to the game of golf.

In 2005, I created a format that could be used by anyone to record their own history as it occurred. In 2008, I introduced this format to the Northern Ohio GCSA to record the history of each superintendent in our Chapter. They gave me the go ahead to start gathering individual histories.

So far we have over 80 Biographical Resumes of members of NOGCSA in various stages of completion. I volunteered to be the historian and archive the resumes with backup copies with our Chapter administrator. I have also reached out to supers in other Chapters for their bios. This is slow going so I thought it would be more practical to have other Chapters follow our lead and use the same format to capture their member's histories.

Although our Alumni Association isn't a GCSAA chapter, we have more than 1,000 graduates across the golf world with careers that should be recorded. Therefore, I am offering you a means to begin recording your history.

My proposal: I will send a blank Biographical Resume form for you to fill out at your leisure. Since it is your history, the entries would only be made by you and/or your historian. Each time you make a new entry you should change the entry date at the top of the form. Filling out the entire form all at once would be overwhelming, so I suggest that you do a little at a time.

Every person's bio is important to our overall history no matter what your age or accomplishments. It is easy to record things as they occur so capturing your history is an ongoing process. Recalling events of the past may be difficult but not impossible. I recommend inserting digital photos that can help tell your story. ie: yourself, mentors, events, inventions, innovations, procedures,

interns etc.

You need only to enter information that you want others to see. At the bottom of the form are boxes to check for those organizations that you wish to share your bio.

You can designate a historian on the form as a person you wish to assist you and/or store your entries in a backup folder. If you want me to have a copy of your bio, I have established a "Penn State Turfgrass Alumni Historical" folder on my computer. Your bio in that folder can be updated periodically by you and/or your historian by sending me your updated version.

If you would like to begin recording your history in the format I have developed, I will email you the form. fdobie7@gmail.com

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Golf Course Superintendents Association

David Rafferty Dedication, Leadership, & Service Award

Dear Fellow Central Penn Members:

The Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the 2022 Rafferty Award. This award recognizes dedication, leadership and service to CPGCSA and its members.

The award will honor 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 will 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. Other classes of membership will not be ignored but must show outstanding dedication, leadership and service.

We have many deserving members. Please return nominations by April 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Rafferty Award Committee Chairman

Central Pennsylvania GCSA David Rafferty DSL Award Nomination Form

I nominate the following individual for CPGCSA's 2022 David Rafferty Dedication, Service and Leadership Award for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of the golf course superintendent.

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Please provide information regarding the nominee's contributions to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession and the nominee's involvement in activities within the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendent Association and/or other associations with local, state, regional or national influence plus community service.

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Use a different form for each nomination. Additional forms may be photo copied or requested from CPGCSA from the address listed below.

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