Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

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July "Social" Meeting

Lebanon Country Club

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Beverages/Practice - 3:00 PM

Red Neck Horseshoes - 4:00 PM

Dinner - 5:00 PM

Superintendent Profile

Dan Brickley began his golf course career working for Jeff Fry as a summer employee while attending Lebanon Valley College. Soon after graduation, Dan was accepted to Penn State's two year program. Jeff sent Dan to Bent Creek to work for Jim Loke where he spent two seasons and did a split internship with Jim and Dave Spak. Upon graduation, Dan returned to Lebanon Country Club as Jeff's assistant. In spring of 2002, Jeff was promoted to General Manager and Dan to Superintendent.

Golf Course Profile

Lebanon Country Club was built in 1920 by golf course architect Alexander Findlay. The course was opened as a 9 hole course, which is currently the back nine holes. Several years later the front 9 holes were built. Over the past several years, much renovation has been done to the front 9 holes to blend with the same design characteristics as the back. Lebanon Country Club is a typical example of a course built in the 1920's with small poa/bent greens, tees that are a mix of many cool season grasses, and ryegrass fairways.

Lebanon Country Club 3375 West Oak Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

THE HEAT IS ON.... By Stanley J. Zontek, Director June 13, 2008

Clearly, summer has arrived in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Typically, the Fourth of July weekend is when this type of weather occurs. It is not even the first day of summer (June 20^{th}) and heat indexes have been more than 100 degrees for three days in a row. This is the definition for a heat wave.

The temperatures have moderated below the official heat wave status, but consider this a wake-up call for the summer. While it is true that we cannot do very much about the weather stresses our golf courses receive, we can do something about other forms of stress that can have a negative effect on the grass plant.

A quick review may be in order.

- *Mower Stress.* If the grass is under temperature and humidity stress, MOW LESS OFTEN. Maintain putting green speeds by rolling the turf. Be sure to tell the golfers what you are doing so they can understand that when hot weather comes adjustments to the golf course maintenance and management programs also need to change.
- *Raise Mowing Heights.* In addition to mowing less it is amazing how a few thousands of an inch can reduce soil temperatures and generally be good for the grass. Remember, most average players cannot tell the difference between putting on an 11' green, as measured by the Stimpmeter, and a 10' green. Golfers can tell the difference between a green with grass on it and a green without grass. An old adage says, "slow grass is better than no grass."

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<u>June 2008</u>

President's Message

A "BIG" thank you to Jeff Green and staff for hosting the June meeting. We beat the weather and got in all 18 holes. To no one's surprise, Colo won again. The next meeting we will be trying something new. Since July is a busy time for everyone, the board wants to try a social event. This event allows everyone to get a full day of work in, yet still make a meeting to blow off some steam. We are going to clean-up Lebanon's shop, pull out the grill, and turn on the radio. We have a redneck horseshoe tournament scheduled and plenty of time to talk to your peers about the season so far. Please feel free to bring your assistant or mechanic. The shop opens at 3 o'clock for those of you who want to learn about redneck horseshoes and the games start at 4pm. The grilling starts at 5. I hope to see everyone there.

> Dan Brickley Lebanon Country Club

2008 Annual Meeting and Elections

The September meeting at Conestoga Country Club will be the Annual Meeting with election of officers and directors for the 2009 meeting year. Listed below are the nominations to date.

President:

Matt Strader - Penn National Golf Club

Vice President:

Steve Ludwig, CGCS - Quail Valley Golf Club

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Ryan Freed - Regents Glen Country Club

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Donald G. Dodson, CGCS - Hunt Valley Golf Club Alan FitzGerald - LedgeRock Golf Club Chris K. Martin - Crossgates Golf Course

Bylaw Change

Remove "Section 4.02 Number 5" which states: "Retiring directors may not serve again as directors until the expiration of one (1) year from their last term of office."

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Barry Bollinger at 717-507-4185 or Paul Wickey at 717-697-1013. Nominations may also be made from the floor by a voting member in good standing at the annual meeting. President/Bylaws/Social Daniel Brickley Lebanon Country Club 717- 273-1944 djb301@yahoo.com

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Membership News

There were no new membership applications to review this month.

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

Jonathan Bennett.....Class C Assistant, Phoenix Links Golf Course

Thomas BettleClass AF Territory Manager, Harrell's

Robert Cooper.....Class SM Superintendent, Phoenix Links Golf Course

Timothy JeffcoatClass SM Superintendent, Carroll Valley Resort

Robert WaldeckClass AF Manufacturer Rep

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Jed Vail (Heritage Hills Golf Resort) at 717-755-1919 or Steve Ludwig (Gettysburg Country Club) at 717-334-0441.

Our Sympathy to the families of :

Charles Berger, on the loss of his father

John Farrell - previously with Lebanon Turf

Our Congratulations to:

Joe and Monique Herkalo welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their family.

Website Update

We are in the process of developing a website for Central Penn. We are in need of great golf hole pictures from our Central Pennsylvania courses.

If you would like to see your course featured on our website, please forward pictures to Wanda at <u>cpgcsa@comcast.net</u>.

For Your Information

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Golf Winners



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From PA Turnpike:

Route 72 North to 322 West towards Hershey. Approximately 5 miles make a right onto Route 934 North. Make second right onto Church Road. Church Road will end at stop sign and Oak Street begins. Go straight to Y, stay left of Y. Club is ½ mile on left on Oak Street.

From I-81:

Take 934 South through Annville. Make a left onto Royal Road. At the second stop sign make a left onto Oak Street. Club entrance is ¹/₂ mile on left.

From Harrisburg via Route 322:

Route 322 East through Hershey. Make a left onto Route 934 North. Make right onto Church Road (second road). At the stop sign go straight to Y, stay to left of Y. Oak Street begins, the club entrance is ½ mile on the left.

From Reading via Route 422:

Take Route 422 West to Lebanon till 16th Street. Make a left onto 16th Street. Three blocks to Oak Street. Make right onto Oak Street. The club entrance is on the right (2 miles).

From Lancaster via Route 72:

Route 72 North to Route 322 West towards Hershey. Approximately 5 miles make right onto Route 934 North. Make the second right onto Church Road, go to stop sign. Go straight to Y, stay to left of Y. Oak Street begins and the club entrance is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the left on Oak Street.

The Maintenance Facility is directly across the street from the Country Club.



Heather and Gorse By Mark DelSantro

"To play well you must feel tranquil and at peace. I have never been troubled by nerves in golf because I felt I had nothing to lose and everything to gain." -- Harry Vardon

Critters, critters everywhere and not a drop to drink! What in the world is going on here? Funny it is how it all works (funny ha-ha, not funny queer!) with the weather. Not more than three weeks ago I was catching up with an ex-co-worker and telling them how benign the weather had been this spring and how I was repeatedly hearing everyone talk about how easy and pleasant it had been the past few months. Then suddenly, it was like, who in the world upset Mother Nature?!!? I mean prestochango and in the span of just under two weeks it seems we've made up for lost time. First, there were record setting hazy, hot and humid temperatures that brought on Pythium for some. Then this was followed by warm, sunny, breezy, and extremely dry days. The reality is that I think many got caught off guard given the time of year.

By the way, did I fail to mention the insects? I've got to give props to the peeps at Rutgers U! About a month ago, I sent out a pest alert from them talking about this being predicted as a banner year for insects, given the warmer winter not knocking back populations. The annual bluegrass weevil damage has been really unbelievable. And at this point, they are only getting started, considering we can experience four or five generations throughout a season. Of course, they haven't been partying by themselves. Gypsy Moth larva, cutworms, ants, bagworms, and a few BTAs all crashed the party over the past month or so. All we need now is a few mole cricket outbreaks and I'd say the year would be complete! This is setting up to be the type of summer that Entomologists like Dr. Heller seem to get awfully excited about!

Speaking of something to get excited about! Yogi Berra once said that baseball was 90% mental, while the other half was physical! Many over the years have changed this quote to golf. Well, letmetellyaman, it is quite possible that never have us younger folks ever experienced a better example of this than this weekend at Torrey Pines during the United States Open Championship. If golf is 90% mental and the other half is physical, then it is a good thing for Tiger Woods that he has two legs.

Through the first 72 holes of this event, he winced in pain from his recently surgically repaired knee, scattered an array of shots literally all over the golf course, and limped his way all 24 miles around the scenic venue in southern California. In the end, his strongest weapon was neither his physical strength, nor his ability to shape golf shots right, left, high and low that put him into a playoff today with Rocco Mediate. Quite frankly, through the first four rounds, putting aside, he was well below average from tee to green. But what differentiated him from the rest of the best, including my Greensburg, PA brother from a different mother, Rocco Mediate, were simply his heart, his nerve, his sinew, and ultimately his mind!

No where else was this illustrated more than on the final hole at Torrey Pines, a reachable Par 5 that Tiger had eagled on Saturday to take the lead going into the final round on Sunday. Trailing by one shot to Rocco and needing an eagle to win and a birdie to tie, he pulled his tee shot into a fairway bunker, flared his second shot into the deep rough, and hit a Tiger-esque type approach to about maybe 15 feet. It was there where the legend continues to live on. Is there anyone one in the universe that is better in the clutch than this guy? The putt he hit was bouncing from the start, but somehow caught enough of the edge of the cup that the rest, as they say, is history.

Hold the phone! Not quite just yet. On Monday, to say the battle between Rocco and Tiger was epic is a major understatement. They battled back and forth before Rocco birdied three in a row to take the lead, only to have Tiger, once again, hit the shots when he needed to with a birdie on the eighteenth to tie and a par on the nineteenth for his fourteenth major championship.

Think about how this man, who is so good that our expectations of him every time he steps onto the first tee, are so unrealistic and yet, more times than not, he seems to rarely if ever disappoint. And yet today, two days later, the story goes on. This morning he announced that his year is over??? Say it ain't so, Joe! Apparently he has a stress fracture of some sort and will require another round of knee surgery to repair the damage?!!?

I guess maybe, just maybe, I owe him an apology. For I was one of those doubters who questioned the melodrama tied to his tees shots during the first 3 ½ rounds, that miraculously seemed to disappear on the back nine on Sunday. OK, dear Mr. Tiger, if you happen to be listening, or reading, or whatever, please accept my most humble and sincerest apology for ever doubting the extent of your injury. Thank you for taking the rest of the year off so that the rest of the PGA tour players have a legitimate chance to win and for freeing up time for all the golf fans to actually spend time with our spouses and children for the rest of the summer. You will be missed! P.S. - You are truly the best!

Sincerely yours! That's my Petri dish, mostly munched on, too early in the season, always mental, only half physical, gimpy, hobbling, sometimes differentiated, pressure induced, prime-time playing, often imitated, but never equaled, point of view from the heather and gorse.

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(Contact Wanda at 717-279-0368 or cpgcsa@comcast.net for further information and registration forms.)

Low Handicap Winners



Dan Achenbach and John Colo

Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies.

Bobby Jones



Golf Course Superintendents Association

Dear CPGCSA Member:

The CPGCSA Board of Directors has developed a scholarship for students pursuing a career in Golf Course Management. This scholarship is open to any college student who is currently a member of CPGCSA, employed by a member of CPGCSA or is the child of a member of CPGCSA. The deadline for applications is July 31 to insure there is a recipient for the upcoming school year. The scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at Central Penn Night.

Listed below are the CPGCSA Scholarship Guidelines:

Eligible Candidates:

Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- a. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution who are employed at least part time by a CPGCSA member.
- b. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are currently a member of CPGCSA in good standing.
- c. Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are the child of a CPGCSA member in good standing.

Guidelines for Applicants:

- a. Applicants must have completed at least one year at an accredited institution.
- b. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- c. Applicants must submit a typed essay of no more than 300 words outlining his or her career goals and why they feel they are deserving of the CPGCSA Scholarship.
- d. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation: one from an instructor and one from a CPGCSA member.

Timeline

- a. June Scholarship applications will be accepted.
- b. July 31 Deadline for submission of applications.
- c. August 5 Board will review applicant's information, approve and notify recipient.
- d. Central Penn Night ceremonial presentation of the award.

Enclosed please find a scholarship application. Additional applications can be obtained by contacting CPGCSA office at (717) 279-0368 or cpgcsa@comcast.net. If you know of a deserving student, Central Penn GCSA can help.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brully

Daniel Brickley, President

(Scholarship application is printed on Page 8)

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION Scholarship Application

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Golf Results

Thanks to all that attended the second Central Penn meeting at Green Valley. Thankfully the rain waited until after we finished!!

Winners of the Low Handicap division were John Colo and Dan Achenbach with a 69. Good shooting guys!! Winning the High Handicap division on a match of cards was the team of Knarr/Goodhart. Well done fellas.

You had to be named Matt to win the closest to the pins this month. Matt Routh on hole #3 and Matt Rayman and hole #6. You had to be long baller Rebecca Matis to win long drive AGAIN. Nice shots everyone!!

Thanks to our host Jeff Green for providing us great playing conditions and who can forget those chicken wings!!! We raised \$100 for the scholarship too. Thanks again for all that attended.

Although we will be taking a break from golf in July (social at Lebanon) keep practicing. The next tournament is the joint meeting vs. the Philly chapter!! Make sure you get your partner and your handicap in early. We will also be having the first annual putting contest against the Philly chapter as well. Stay tuned for details...

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- *Water Stress.* Grass needs to be maintained, especially during hot weather, between the two extremes of dry wilt and wet wilt. If there is an aspect of the turf management industry that is more 'art' and local knowledge than any other operation it is how much to water the golf course in general, individual greens, and even areas on individual greens in particular. Be sure to use your best people to water.
- *Disease and Insect Activity*. All things being equal, be a good scout. Look for the first signs of disease and insect activity and then react appropriately. There are two basic rates, especially for fungicides; a preventative rate and curative rate. If you have disease activity, use the curative rate.
- *Keep the Grass Healthy.* This entails lots of different things. If you have a fan...turn it on. Is it at the best angle? Are you spoonfeeding the grass? If not, then you should study the research at Rutgers University on weekly spoonfeeding and the effect this has on Anthracnose and keeping grass healthy.
- Don't Hurt the Grass You Are Trying to Grow by Over Reacting to a Situation. Sometimes, "doing nothing" is better than "doing something." Knee jerk reactions whereby chemicals are dumped onto the grass, tank mixes of everything on the shelves in your chemical storage building, may cause more harm than good. It can also get expensive. WHEN IN DOUBT...ASK SOMEONE. Assistance to turf managers is why the USGA Green Section exists, why there is a university cooperative extensive service, and why there are so many plant diagnostic laboratories. It may even be a good idea to visit a neighboring superintendent and talk with your trusted salesman. They see a lot. No, we all see a lot. Never hesitate to ask a question, make a phone call, send an e-mail or have a grass sample sent to a lab. Remember, the heat is on....

As always, if the Mid-Atlantic regional agronomists can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek (<u>szontek@usga.org</u>) or Darin Bevard (<u>dbevard@usga.org</u>) at 610/ 558-9066 or Keith Happ (<u>khapp@usga.org</u>) at 412/ 341-5922.



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2008 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule (Dates subject to change)			
July 10	Lebanon Country Club Social Event		
August 5	Moccasin Run Golf Course Joint Meeting with Philadelphia AGCS		
September 11	Conestoga Country Club Golf Championship/Annual Meeting		
October 7	Regents Glen Country Club Super/GM/Pro/AF Tournament		



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