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## **June Meeting**

### **Greencastle Greens Golf Club**

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Education - 10:00 AM

Lunch - 11:00 AM

Golf - 12:00 PM Shotgun

Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages - Following Golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 AM.

### **Superintendent Profile**

Scott Giles attended the 2 year turf program at Horry-Georgetown Tech in 1991-1992. He has been with Greencastle Greens Golf Club since October of 2005. Scott is married to Pam and they have a 5-year old son, Jordon. Scott enjoys golf, coaching his son's tee ball team, and just relaxing with his family.

### **Golf Course Profile**

Greencastle Greens Golf Club was built in 1991 by Robert Elder & Sons Golf Construction Company. It was originally built for himself, however financial problems caused the property to be sold at a Sheriffs sale shortly after opening. The property was purchased by the Jawarski Management Company and then later purchased by the Gotham Golf Management Company. In October of 2005 the golf course was sold to Ging Real Estate Development Company and is currently managed by Pure Golf Management.

Greencastle Greens offers 18 holes of the finest championship quality golf available in an affordable public, daily-fee facility. The course utilizes four different tee boxes to ensure a good experience for all skill levels. The length of the course ranges from 6,892 yards for the championship tees to 5,000 yards for the ladies.

### Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

# **Spring Rough Is Rough!**By Darin S. Bevard, Senior Agronomist

Right on cue, complaints about thick, difficult rough come with spring weather. Overall, spring growing conditions have been excellent for the turfgrass. The golfers are playing, and, for the most part, they are happy until they hit the ball into the rough. Conversations about the difficulty of the rough have come up in nearly every Turf Advisory Service visit. The good news is if the rough is the biggest complaint, everything else must be going very well. The bad news is aggressive spring growth in cool-season rough generally has to run its course.

Most superintendents are maintaining rough at two to three inches, with the most common height of cut being 2.5 inches for cool-season grasses. As suggested by most golfers, the solution for challenging rough conditions is to lower the height or mow more frequently, but this is easier said than done. The frequency of rough mowing is usually dictated by available equipment and manpower. At this time of year, somebody is mowing rough at the golf course Monday through Friday. There just may not be enough "somebodys" at your golf course to mow the rough frequently enough to keep up with growth rate. If rough is mowed at 2.5 inches on Monday, the same rough may be 3.5 or 4 inches in a couple of days. Height of cut is not the problem, but frequency of cut is.

The bottom line is that rough grows aggressively in the spring, even in the absence of fertilizer applications. The result is difficult playing conditions, and this occurs every year. The only solution is to hit the ball in the fairway, play hard when it is in the rough, and know that the growth rate of the grass will slow down as spring progresses into summer. Be

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### President's Message

Good day to everyone. I am amazed at the differences in rainfall across our region over the past month. Certain places like Franklin and Lancaster counties have had storms with 3-6 inches of rain in a couple of hours. Some other places have had very little rain at all. The heat and humidity have been consistent across the region keeping everyone actively treating the turf. Our last month's meeting at Flying Hills Country Club was a success. I was unable to attend the meeting, but everyone I talked with had a very enjoyable time and said that Chad and his crew did an excellent job with the event. Thank you Chad for hosting the May meeting. Our next meeting takes us to the southwestern corner of our territory to visit with Scott Giles at Greencastle Greens. We have a great speaker for the educational part of the event of Dr. Frank Wong. I want to remind everyone to put July 19 on your calendar for the Super's Cup, Central Penn vs. Philly at Lancaster Country Club. This will be a match play event, so keep working on your game as we need to bring home the cup this year. Philly has won the last 2 years! Let's bring it home!!

I recently started working for the USDA-NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) in Lancaster County. The NRCS works with the Conservation District in implementing conservation practices to protect the environment. Much of the focus is preventing soil erosion and improving water quality. I have been training the last couple of weeks and have learned about several resources that may be available to the golf course industry. There are many web based mapping systems which will help you in planning projects on your facility. These include soil surveys, watersheds, plant identification. I plan to put together a list of the addresses for you to access this information. I was reading an article related to the initiative for the Chesapeake Bay. Of course much of the beginning has to do with agriculture, but there was a section devoted to Turf. I have not finished the article, but I was happy to see they had benefits of turf and golf in the portion that I have read thus far. The address for the article is <a href="http://www.epa.gov/nps/chesbay\_502/pdf/chesbay\_chap03.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/nps/chesbay\_502/pdf/chesbay\_chap03.pdf</a>

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Ludwig, CGCS

### Important Contact Information.....

As some of you may be aware, I will be relocating to Columbia, SC at the end of this month. Jeff has been working as the General Manager at Sunset Country Club in Sumter, SC since September. We will be moving to join him on June 30. At this point, with the wonders of technology, I will continue to work as your Executive Director of CPGCSA. I have committed to the board to continue through the end of the year and at that point we will evaluate how well things are operating long distance.

I will be using a mailing service to forward the mail, as to keep a PA address, the email has changed (Comcast is not available in the South), we will not have a fax line, but the phone number will remain the same. Please update your files and the files at your club offices as soon as possible. The old contact information will expire on June 30th. The new contact information is:

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Thanks! Wanda

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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.

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

If you know of anyone who is interested in membership into the association, please have them contact Chad Oxenreider (610) 775-1903 or Phil Easton (717) 464-3740.

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

www.cpgcsa.org

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patient and be aware that your superintendent is probably doing everything he or she can to keep up with the growth.

Annual bluegrass weevil damage in the region has been modest this spring compared to past years. Awareness of this insect pest as well as better understanding of control options are probably the biggest factors that have reduced problems experienced with this insect pest. Continue to scout for annual bluegrass weevil if it has been a problem in the past.

The Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists are part of your agronomic support team. If you have a question or concern, give us a call or send an e-mail. Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) and Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/558-9066 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/341-5922.

### **Golf Results**

By Matt Turner, Golf Chair

Another perfect day for golfing at Flying Hills Golf Club, I want to thank Chad Oxenreider for having us at his course. The course is a beautiful shape and so much fun to play there, it is a very tight course with a breathtaking view on #15<sup>th</sup> tee. Thank you again Chad, and your staff for your hard work and effort to make this tournament possible.

Here are the results for the Shamble format:

#### 2 Best-ball Gross Winners:

(two-way tie, the lowest back 9 score was the tiebreaker)

Andy "the pro" Zook 131 (9 under par) Chris Martin Brandon Maunz Matt Turner

Note: Brad Helcoski's team was the other team that was tied with us; thank heavens that somebody else finally BEAT him!!

#### 2 Best-ball Net Winners:

Alan Fitzgerald 85 (55 under par!!!!)
John Dale
Mark DelSantro
Dr. Mike Fidanza
Joe Sellers

Note: Bunch of Sandbaggers!! Racking up the handicaps!

#### Closest to the Pin #18:

Greg Borzok (about 3 feet!)

#### Longest Drive on #5:

Chris Martin (he crushed the living crap out of the ball!)

#### **Most Lost Balls:**

The proud members of the Ledgerock Team: Alan Fitzgerald and John Dale (They both lost 7 balls each!)

The next tournament will be held at the Greencastle Greens on June 16th. Be sure to sign up! The format will be 2-man scramble with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place gross and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place net along with longest drive and closest to the pin. Please be sure to include your handicap when you sign in. If you do not have a partner, I will pair you up with someone.

See you there!

Happiness isn't where you live, but how you live. It isn't what you have, but enjoying what you have.

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### **Golf Winners at Flying Hills Golf Club**

### 2 Best-Ball Gross Winners:

#### 2 Best-Ball Net Winners



Andy Zook, Chris Martin, Brandon Maunz, Matt Turner

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Mike Fidanza, Alan FitzGerald, Mark DelSantro, Joe Sellers, John Dale

The Chemical Company



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### A Word to Superintendents from the Membership Committee

Is your Assistant or other employee a member of CPGCSA? If not we have an offer for him or her. During the months of June, July and August the application fee of \$50.00 will be waved for all new applications.

As a growing organization we need new members with new ideas. We need new people to get involved to keep the association fresh. They are the future of golf in our area. You are the best person to promote CPGCSA to your Assistant or other employee because they value your opinion.

We ask you to reach out and help us gain new members. The same goes for any Superintendent that you may know who is not a current member.

Thanks for the help, please call one of us with any questions.

#### **Membership Committee**

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### Directions to Greencastle Greens Golf Club

2000 Castlegreen Drive Greencastle, PA 17225

#### From Baltimore:

Take I-70 West to I-81 North in Hagerstown. Stay on I-81 North until Passing the Pennsylvania State Line then taking Exit 3 (Molly Pitcher) Rt. 11. Make a left onto Rt.11 North taking it for approximately 3 ½ miles. Make a left onto Williamson Ave. just after Sunnyway Diner. Course is 2 miles back on left. Make a left onto Castlegreen Drive and then a right at stop sign.

#### From Washington:

I-270 North toI-70 West to I-81 North in Hagerstown. Stay on I-81 North until Passing the Pennsylvania State Line then taking Exit 3 (Molly Pitcher) Rt. 11. Make a left onto Rt.11 North taking it for approximately 3 ½ miles. Make a left onto Williamson Ave. just after Sunnyway Diner. Course is 2 miles back on left. Make a left onto Castlegreen Drive and then a right at stop sign.

#### From Harrisburg:

I-81 South to Exit 10 (Marion). At end of exit, turn right. Go to first and only Stop Sign and turn left heading South on Rt. 11. Proceed 5.2 miles and turn right onto Williamson Ave. Course is 2 miles back on left. Make a left onto Castlegreen Drive and then a right at stop sign.

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#### February 7-11, 2011

Golf Industry Show Orange County Convention Center Orlando, Fl

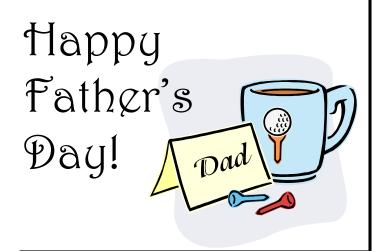
#### February 22-24, 2011

Western Turfgrass Council & Tradeshow Four Points by Sheraton North Pittsburgh, Mars, PA

### **For Your Information**

If you have any information that you would like included in the July newsletter, please call Wanda at (717) 279-0368 or e-mail to cpgcsa@hotmail.com by July 2, 2010.

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### My Resignation

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8-year old. I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's the best restaurant there is.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks. I want to think M&M's are better than money because you can eat them. I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day. I want to return to a time when life was simple; When all you knew were colors, multiplications tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care.

All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.

I want to think the world is fair. That everyone is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible. I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.

I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and making angels in the snow.

So....here's my checkbook and my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood.

And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, cause......"Tag! You're it."

### Flying Hills Golf Club -

May 20, 2010





And they're off.....

### June Speaker Profile

Our speaker for this meeting is Dr. Frank Wong. Frank is a statewide cooperative extension specialist at the University of California, Riverside whose program focuses on the management of turf and landscape diseases. He's a native of Fresno, California and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry at UC Davis and Doctorate in Plant Pathology at Cornell University. Frank started at the University of California in 2001 where his program has focused on emergent diseases of turf and landscape and fungicide resistance issues. His topic for the meeting is "Chemical and Cultural Management of Brown Ring Patch".



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### 2010 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

July 19 Lancaster Country Club

Joint meeting with PAGCS

August Family Social Event

September 20 Country Club of York

Golf Championship/Annual Meeting

October 5 Felicita Golf Course

Super/Pro/GM/AF Tournament

The main trouble with common sense is that it is so uncommon....



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