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## September Meeting **Woodstone CC**

Host: Jason Barndt, GCS

Speaker: Dr. Koppenhoffer, Rutgers University

September brings us the opportunity to visit a previous stop from a few years ago in Woodstone C.C. Woodstone is a private club which opened in May 2000. It is a par 72 course playing at over 7,000 yards from the tips. With 3.5 acres of greens, 3.5 acres of tees, and 22 acres fairways, all bentgrass, this Ault and Clark designed course winds its way over the rolling terrain and through the trees of Northeastern PA. Woodstone is a challenging course with a nice combination of elevation changes, water features, and native Pennsylvania woodland.

Jason Barndt, our host this month, has been at Woodstone as the superintendent since 2006. A 1995 Rutgers graduate, Jason has spent time at several other courses in the area. Pervious to Woodstone, Jason was the Superintendent at Mahoning Valley C.C. for 2 years. Before that he was the superintendent at Berwick C.C. for 7 years. He also spent some time as the assistant at Woodstone and working at Brookside C.C.

With an in season staff of 25 and a full time staff of 5, Jason is assisted by long time Woodstone assistant

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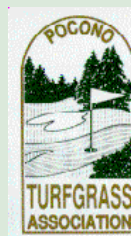
The biggest news at the time of this newsletter is the unfortunate and untimely death of a larger than life icon to our world, Stanley Zontek. I have included the brief article sent out by the USGA about Stanley in this issue. Stanley has made so many contributions to our industry over the years, and he will be missed by many.

The season is quickly winding down, the days are getting shorter, and we've already had some nights in the 40's!!! Aeration has already happened at many courses, and the downhill slide to colder weather and a more relaxing work environment is in full swing.

What a great day for golf that we had at the C.C. of Scranton. A big thanks to Greg and all his staff. We couldn't have asked for a better day or event. It was truly a treat for many of our members and guests, and the question that I kept hearing was: "How many times a week does someone dump a walk behind mower in those greenside bunkers?" A beautiful and challenging feature....

As always, I'm looking for pictures or contributions from anyone interested.

*Brian Bachman*



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## In Memoriam Stanley J. Zontek



On the morning of August 28, 2012, the USGA lost one of our own with the passing of Stanley J. Zontek. Stanley's loss will be felt by many more than his USGA family. His life was devoted to the game of golf and the improvement of golf courses throughout the world. He was tireless in his efforts to help golf course superintendents make the most of the resources at hand, whether it was the small, family golf course or the greatest of championship venues. It is impossible to calculate the impact Stanley had through his 41 years of visiting courses, writing articles, speaking at conferences and making friends all over the world.



Stanley's introduction to his chosen profession was through his father who was a golf course superintendent. In the late 1950's, Dr. Burt Musser, Penn State University, visited Stan's father while he was installing the first 'Penncross' bentgrass putting green in West Virginia. This visit piqued Stan's interest in turfgrass science. He started his golf course career raking bunkers for \$1.10 per hour. After high school, he enrolled at Penn State where he developed a love for agronomy that only grew stronger throughout his professional career.

**Stanley joined the USGA in 1971. At the time of his death he was the USGA's most tenured employee with 41 years of service.**

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Stanley joined the USGA in 1971 and quickly found his calling. Stan and the USGA Green Section soon proved to be a perfect match with the shared goal of serving the game of golf through the dissemination of sound agronomic advice. Stan never wavered in his commitment to this goal or in his efforts to help others be successful.

He started his USGA career as an agronomist in the Northeastern Region and he was named director of the region in 1976. He moved to the North Central Region in 1980 before becoming the director of the Mid-Atlantic Region in 1985. He trained many USGA agronomists and it was always an experience to spend a week or two "traveling with Stanley." The topics went well beyond agronomy, but you came away from your time with a much better appreciation of the industry.



**International travel was one of Stanley's hobbies. He was a favorite speaker at international turfgrass conferences. His love for the finer things in life made it easy for him to make friends all over the world.**



**Proud of his Penn State degree, Stanley was honored to be recognized by the Crop and Soil Sciences Department as an "Outstanding Alumni" in 2007.**

Many organizations have recognized Stanley's contributions through various well-deserved awards, including the 1997 GCBAA Don A. Rossi Award, the 2006 GCSAA Distinguished Service Award, and the 2007 Penn State University Crop and Soil Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award. Stan was extremely proud of his degree from Penn State and was one of the university's greatest ambassadors. Although he went out of his way to help all young turf professionals, he had a special place in his heart for "Penn Staters."

Not surprisingly, during his four decades of working in golf, Stan authored an extraordinary number of Turf Advisory Service visit reports, presentations, and [articles on every aspect of golf course maintenance.](#)

Dr. Kimberly Erusha, managing director of the USGA Green Section, captured Stan's approach to life and his work. "Stanley often said that this was a people business and it was about building relationships. He lived by that sentiment, and did it very well. He willingly shared his passion, expertise and experience with people from around the world. For that, all of us who love the game are better for it."

To read more about Stanley's career, visit the [USGA website.](#)

The family has chosen a private burial in Cape May, New Jersey. Donations in Stanley's memory may be made to the following organizations:

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Member??



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John Sell, who's been at the club since 1999. Recently, Jason, John, and the crew have embarked on some course improvement projects, including the removal of over 80 trees this year and the rebuilding/renovation of several bunkers.

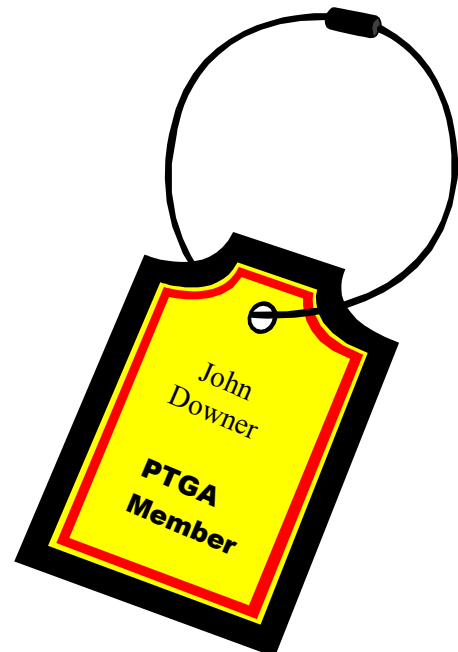
Also, in 2010, the club opened a 19 room Lodge to accommodate guests for their wedding facilities, visitors to local Blue Mountain Ski area, and created in house stay and play programs, among other things. It is a beautiful facility that overlooks the course. Jason and his staff have also worked extensively on some clubhouse renovations over this past winter by working on a new members area.

We look forward to another great event at this beautiful facility. Hope to see you all there.



**As a service to our members and a way to say thank you.....all PTGA members will receive their own bag tag to proudly display.**

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We all see interesting things every day....wildlife (like bald eagles and bears), strange turf problems (like a lightning strike), an employee who stayed out too late the night before, etc. So if you have a great photo, send it to me (bbachman@genesisturfgrassinc.com) and share it for everyone to enjoy (or laugh at).



### August Photo of the Month

I didn't get a submission this month, so I dove into the archives for this one.

The Christmas season is just around the corner.....

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## August Meeting Wrap Up C.C. of Scranton

A big thanks goes out to Greg Boring and his staff for opening up this beautiful golf course to our Association. It was an absolutely perfect day to play golf and the course was in phenomenal condition. A great time was had by all. It was a day we won't soon forget.

### **1st place in the team with a round of 60:**

Greg Boring                      Michael Lynch  
Jay Boring                        Brian Gjelsvik

### **2nd place with a round of 61 (on a match of cards):**

Duane Schell                    Matt Kachurak  
Tony Barletta                    Josh Popowycz

### **3rd place with a round of 61:**

John Downer                    John Maglio  
George Cobb                    Matt Fronczek

**Longest Drive (PTGA members):**            Chris Butler

**Longest Drive (non-members):**            Jay Boring

### **Closest to the hole (PTGA members):**

#3	Barry Goodhart	5'3"
#5	Lee Kozsey	9'3"
#11	Bob Seltzer	3'7.5"
#17	Tom Collum	29'

### **Closest to the hole (non-members):**

#3	Jay Boring	7'8"
#11	Josh Popowycz	2'

### **There were 2 skins won:**

#8      Downer, Cobb, Maglio, Fronczek

#14    Kunesch, Kunesch, Boyle

As always, a special thanks to all of our sponsors for this meeting:

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## POCONO ROUNDUP

### Congratulations!

Congratulations **Patrick and Michele Knelly** on the birth of their second child. Grace Elizabeth Knelly was born August 12th at 7 lbs 10 oz and 18.5 inches long.

Welcome to **Brian Cross**, the new superintendent at Mahoning Valley C.C. who joins us from the Pittsburg area.

Congratulations to **Tom Stem**, who has taken over as Superintendent at Wild Pines C.C.

### PTGA SCHEDULE

**Sept 25th** PTGA mtg @ Woodstone CC  
Speaker: Dr. Koppenhoffer,  
Rutgers University

**Oct 15th** PTGA mtg @ Glen Oak CC  
Speaker: Darin Bevard  
USGA year in review

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