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Enjoying the Clambake at Blue Ridge.....



Gene Evans holding Court.....
Something he does so well!



Fran - And the Due
Date is.....?



Presidenté



Final instructions, just prior
to Tee Off...



The Three Musketeers?
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President's Message.....

Autumn in the Poconos has always been a special time of year. After a brief lull in summer tourism, the anticipation of the fall foliage has many of us preparing for various festivals and golf outings. The colors are a way of signaling changes that are occurring in nature, preparing it for the winter season soon to come.



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We, as turf managers, also use the autumn months to prepare our courses for the coming winter. Getting air to the roots and relieving compaction from the summer's traffic seems to take precedence over the normal routines of keeping the course in playing condition. Soon leaves will be falling, fertilization programs will be instituted, construction projects will be started, and irrigation systems will be winterized. The change from "keeping it alive" to "getting it done" seems appropriate for the season.

Autumn is also a time of change for your Association. Election of officers and members to the Board of Directors are held at our annual meeting in October. This is your opportunity to have a say in the direction you feel your Association should be growing. I strongly urge all members to attend and to share their opinion.

Since I will be leaving office this October, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their support and cooperation the past two years. Without your participation this Association would be non-existent. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our product support people for their help in various events and projects.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve such a fine group of professionals. I truly enjoyed working closely with the other Officers and Directors. Their dedication to their committees has been extraordinary. A special thanks to Ron for providing an informative education format; to Mike for monitoring our finances and keeping the minutes; to Scott for increasing our newsletter to a bi-monthly publication; to Jim for extending our concerns to ailing members; to Jack for making the golf tournaments enjoyable for all who participate; to Steve for coordinating our fundraiser; to Kelly for his membership recruitment and new roster format; to Hal for his time re-writing our by-laws and for being our delegate to the GCSAA; and to Leile for getting our meeting notices out in a timely fashion. Well done! I am sure with the membership's support they will continue to keep our Association strong.

Good luck in all future endeavors.....

Jeffrey A. Peters, C.G.C.S.

From The Editor's Desk



On this month's cover we are featuring several scenes from the ever popular PTGA Annual Clambake. Blue Ridge Country Club hosted this year's event, and the general opinion seemed to be that it was a most enjoyable day. The weather was great, the scenery beautiful. The course was in excellent condition and the hospitality the best. Our thanks to Paul Weiss, Jr., and all the staff at Blue Ridge for a most successful event.

Also in this issue we have included numerous dates that will provide varied educational opportunities over the next several months.

Scott A. Schukraft, Editor

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For those of you who could not attend the Field Days this year, you missed a unique experience!

The new format allowed you to wander about at your own pace and peruse the particular plots that piqued your particular interests. They were marked as to products applied or not applied, and the results were there for you to ascertain in your own mind. If you wished to hear the presentation from the academic person in charge of the research at that particular plot, you could look at the schedule provided and plan your day so as to be present for the commentary.

As always, with the Field Days being every two years, there were new and exciting results from new products and various twists from the results of the last visit. Hopefully, with the new format, it might be possible to return to the annual field days.

Attendance seemed sparse, but with the option of being either at the Valentine Center or at the Landscape Management Center, it was hard to get a true handle on the voyeurs. With the format the way it was, it was possible to tour both facilities in one day. If time constraints did not allow two days away from the job, your edification could be satisfied in just one. Try it next time. You'll like it!

On to the social events: The PIG ROAST was reported to be EXCELLENT! The event was catered by people who cater for visiting VIPS at the University. Hence, we are considered VIPS! The food was great and the commingling was, as usual, in the best interests of the academic environment. Later, of course, the skull session (or lack thereof) was held at the Rathskellar with all leaving in a befuddled state.

Other thoughts:

It seems they are allowing female students to matriculate at a much younger age!

The Bryce Jordan Center is AWESOME!

Why did they ever close the "My O My"?

Will they ever clean the grill at the Penn State Diner?

Hope to see you next time.



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Golf, Meetings, Conferences & Shows

October 7, 1996 - **22nd Annual Western PA Turfgrass Tournament**, Diamond Run Golf Course, 140 McCrea Road, Sewickley, PA 15143
Contact: Michael Zedreck - 412-963-2398

October 22, 1996 - Pocono Turfgrass Association Meeting
Four Seasons Golf Club
Host: Jonathan Switch/Mark Sobeck
Speaker: Bill Landsdowne, CGCS,
Country Club of Scranton

October 14, 1996 - **20th Annual Joseph Valentine Memorial Golf Tournament**, Bent Creek Country Club, 2345 Quarry Road, Lititz, PA 17543
Contact: John Chassard - 610-967-4643

November 12-14, 1996 - **Penn State Golf Turf Conference**, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA 16801
Contact: Peter Landschoot - 814-863-1017

November 12-15 - **New York Turf and Grounds Expo**
Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY. For further information, call NYSTA 1-800-873-TURF or Scott A. Schukraft 717-675-3800.

November 22-23, 1996 - **New York State Turfgrass Association Service School**, SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, NY. For further info about this equipment maintenance course for golf course mechanics. Contact NYSTA at 1-800-873-TURF, or Larry Van DeValk at 518-234-5572.

December 10-12 - **New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '96**
Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
Contact: NJTA - 609-853-5973

January 7-9, 1997 - **Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show**
Valley Forge Convention Center, 1200 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA
Contact: Michael Smith - 610-828-0253 or
P.T.C. - 814-863-3475

January 30, 1997 - **Northeastern PA Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School**, Mountain Laurel Resort
Contact: P.T.C. - 814-863-3475

February 6 - 12, 1997 - **GCSAA Conference and Show**, Las Vegas, NV
Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
Contact: GCSAA - 800-472-7878

Announcing the candidates nominated thus far for the upcoming election.....

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Steve Stranzl	Tony Grieco
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Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor at the October Meeting at Four Seasons Golf Club. Please plan to attend this all important meeting.



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GOOSE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED....

Damage to vegetation and habitat by our Canada Goose population is a serious concern to individuals responsible for design and management of golf courses, parks, commercial campuses, or other open spaces. An all day symposium is being held at Rutgers University on November 12, 1996. The program will include speakers from Federal, State, and Commercial organizations. Emphasis will be placed on migratory and non-migratory geese, and the development of effective strategies to reduce the conflict of geese, property, and people. Special emphasis will be placed on practical solutions.

The symposium is being jointly sponsored by the American Society of Landscape Architects (New Jersey Chapter), United States Department of Agriculture; Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Animal Damage Control (USDA; APHIS: ADC), and Rutgers University. Following is a copy of the Agenda:

CANADA GOOSE DAMAGE PRACTICAL EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1996
DOUGLAS STUDENT CENTER
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NEW BRUNSWICK

AGENDA

- 8:00 - 8:45 Registration, coffee and continental breakfast
- 8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and introductions
- 9:00 - 9:35 Paul Castelli, NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife
...the status of population biology, specifically the status of migratory and resident populations. He will also review current management practices and strategies.
- 9:35 - 10:10 George Hass, US Department of Fish and Wildlife
...Federal perspective on protection and goals, the criteria for the permitting process
- 10:10 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 - 11:05 Janet Bucknall, Animal Damage Control, US Dept. of Agriculture
...will address current control techniques and Community Based Goose Management
- 11:05 - 11:45 Industry Experiences:
Don Knezick & Murray McHugh, Pinelands Nursery
...Waterfowl and wetland plants - initial results of a feeding preference study (other)
- 11:45 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:35 Jeff Keller, PhD. Habitat by Design
...effective landscape designs to reduce nuisance population of geese
- 1:35 - 2:10 Helen Heinrich, CLA, Helen Heinrich and Associates
...planting designs for prevention and protection as well as specific plants to be used in the landscape
- 2:10 - 2:30 Break
- 2:30 - 4:00 Panel discussion - moderated by Janet Bucknall, Paul Castelli, George Hass, Helen Heinrich, Jeff Keller and Don Knezick
...present an overview of current thinking. Audience participation is strongly encouraged. The speakers would like to discuss the current issues with everyone in attendance.

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NOTE: THE SEMINAR WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 6 AND 13.



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Milorganite Announces Turfgrass Research Donation Program....

Golf course superintendents can help support turfgrass research when they buy natural organic Milorganite fertilizer this fall, says Larry Lennert, Manager of Research and Product Development. For each ton of Milorganite purchased and delivered between August 1 and November 30, 1996, Milorganite will donate \$10.00 to the superintendent's favorite turfgrass research organization.

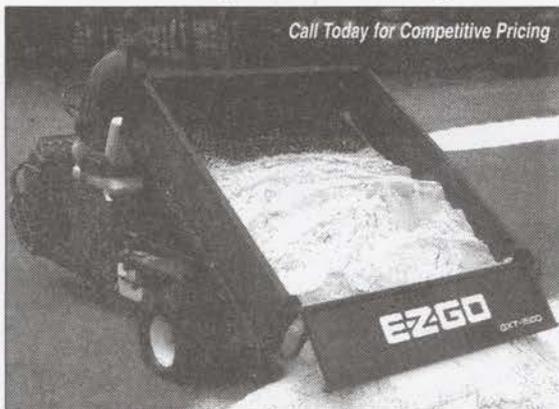
"Milorganite and its distributors have long supported turfgrass research at the national level through the O. J. Noer Research Foundation," Lennert says. "This program enables Milorganite customers to support turfgrass research at the local level."

This is the second year that Milorganite has sponsored its Turfgrass Research Donation Program. Last year, Milorganite donated more than \$17,000 to turfgrass research organizations across the U.S. and Canada.

Pesticide Credits.....

Jim Garrahan has informed the PTGA that anyone who has not attained all the necessary credits to renew their Pesticide License by October 1, has one year from the expiration date to accumulate the necessary credits prior to re-testing. Although the license is invalid until the credits are attained, re-testing is not required unless the credits are not accumulated. Once credit accumulation is complete, a new license, dated at the time of the original expiration, will be issued.

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GOLF AT SCRANTON MUNI.....

The 1996 Olympics brought some great competition to Atlanta, Georgia. We had our own competition at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course. Host, Ed Cimoch, showed us how to win the gold, along with Mike Tellip, by scoring a 76. Winning the silver was Ron Garrison, the bronze Greg Phillips. They both shot 78, with Ron winning by a photo finish of score cards.

Winning the gold in the net division was Gene Huelster with a 69. Winning silver was Tom Rodden, and bronze winner was Fran Berdine with 70's. Again, a photo finish of cards.

Racing around the course to win gold in the second flight was Tom Wilchak; silver was John Bodock. Both stroked a 94. Jogging around the course to win gold in the Third Flight was John Downer; silver was Rick Patterson. Once again, the photo finish was used in both flights. Running the marathon, hitting the hurdles (not to mention other obstacles), and finally finishing with a ? was Jody Savitz. He won the coveted White-top Weed Spray Award donated by Scott's Company.

The shot-put (closest to the pin) winners were Mike Tellip and John Farrell. The javelin (long drive) gave John Farrell his second gold of the day.

Dr. Paul Heller, the guest speaker, had his own "Guess the Bug" competition. The gold winner was Dr. Paul Heller. The silver winner was rookie Jeff Coccodrilli. Our hats are off to Dr. Heller for a great "hands on" insect identification lecture.

Everyone who attended won gold. Thanks again to Ed Cimoch for a great day!

AND FROM BLUE RIDGE C.C.....

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

1ST FLIGHT:	1ST J. Phillips G. Phillips A. Cosklo W. Whitney	3RD J. Chassard T. Grieco R. Garrison K. Kressler
	2ND J. Stofko B. Kaufman P. Linkchorst J. Owens	Last John Walton M. Best Guest Guest
2ND FLIGHT:	1ST J. Carville Jacobs W. Milsop J. Purcell	3RD Monka O'Neil Gosser Saba
	2ND P. Biery M. Biery M. Tellip W. Zimich	LAST Vojick Beson Trifelitti Vail
3RD FLIGHT:	1ST G. Huelster D. Weaver B. Nuss D. Davis	3RD C. LaBar Guest Guest Guest
	2ND D. Reinert B. Susanin J. Dogmanits P. Weiss	LAST R. Pany T. Stranzl S. Stranzl M. Stranzl

Closest to the Pin on #8 - Fran Davitt (5'10")

Closest to the Pin on #18 - Montarsi (7'1/2")

Closest to the Sprinkler #9 - John Walton

Shortest Drive #9 - Mary "Wow" Gottschall

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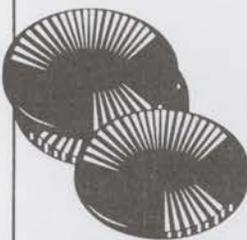
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE POCONO
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Michael Stranzl, Class A, Hickory Valley Golf; **Theodore Bandru, Jr.**, Class B, Elkview C.C.; **Peter M. Beblavy**, Class B, Blue Ridge C.C.; **Robert B. Harned**, Class B, The Hideout G. C.; **Chris Judd**, Class B; **Robert Kaufman**, Class B, Mt. Valley G. C.; **Gregory Phillips**, Class B, Lake Lorain G. C.; **Jody J. Savitz**, Class B, The Hideout G. C.; **Neil Cleveland, Jr.**, Class C, Bayer Corporation; **R. Lee Maurer**, Class C, Philadelphia Turf Co.; **Thomas Weinert, Jr.**, Class C, Growth Products.

Congratulations... To Andrew Jubinski who was recently promoted to the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Glenmaura National in Moosic, PA. Also promoted was Andy Friesz. Andy will be assuming the responsibilities of Assistant Golf Course Superintendent.

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to John Bodock who suffered a heart attack, and to Bill Smith who is currently in General Hospital and expected to be there for some time.

Minor Inconvenience: Golf Journal reported recently on a bulletin posted in 1940 by the Richmond Golf Club in Sudbrook, England. Some temporary wartime rules were listed. A sampling:

- ◆ Players are asked to collect the bomb and shrapnel splinters to avoid damage to the grass-cutting machines.
- ◆ In competition, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take shelter without penalty for ceasing play.

From the Education Committee of Ron Garrison, CGCS..

For our October meeting, Bill Lansdowne from the Country Club of Scranton will be featured as our speaker. Mr. Lansdowne will be informing us on his new state of the art equipment wash area/pesticide storage facility.

The education committee is currently welcoming any new suggestions for next year's agenda. Please give us your feedback.



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