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## October Monthly Meeting and Election Results Glen Oak Country Club

Mr. Greg Boring, Superintendent of Glen Oak Country Club, provided a fantastic test for our annual championship. Lee Kozsey was the beneficiary of the conditions to win the Affiliate Championship with a score of 84. Bobby Brown, Superintendent of Eagle Rock Resort shot a 78 to win the Superintendent trophy.

Other results from the golf tournament were as follows: Ian Kunesch of Rolling Greens was Closest to the Pin on the 4th hole where Syngenta sponsored their Ace Golf Challenge. Brian Lafferty was Closest to the Pin on the 9th hole and Joe Kohut was Closest to the Pin on the 10th hole. The long drive on the 5th hole was won by Gary Phillips, Jr. Skins were won by Gary Phillips, Jr. on the 1st hole, Gary Phillips, Sr. on the 7th hole, Bill Owens on the 5th hole and Marty Lawler on the 14th hole.

Kurt Aaron of WNEP TV was our speaker this month. He spoke on the topic of lightning safety. He discussed the different types of strikes, positive strikes that occur in "Blue Sky" conditions away from the storm and negative strikes that occur from under the storm. Also an interesting fact was that more people have been killed by lightning than by hurricanes or tornados.

The elections resulted in Duane Schell as President for another year. Darrin Larkin, Vice President, John Downer, Treasurer, and Jeff Koch, Secretary also held their seats. The directors saw a change as Ray Waddell of Elmhurst was added to the Board. The remainder of the directors Steve Chirip, Rick Anglemeyer, and Matt Brown will serve another term as well.

Thanks again to Seeton Turf and Grass Roots for sponsoring the meeting. The Board is considering some sites for next year and would like anyone interested in hosting a tournament to contact a member of the Board to express your interest so that the schedule for next year can be secured as soon as possible.

Thanks again to Greg Boring, Gino Marchetti, and the fabulous staff at Glen Oak for making our final monthly meeting memorable as the cool breezes of fall bring to a close our 2006 golf season.



## President's Message.....

As the golf season comes to an end, I would like to thank all the golf clubs and their staffs for hosting meetings this past year. It was great to see such a good turnout of superintendents, assistants, affiliates and guests this year. At our Annual Meeting at Glen Oak in October we actually had enough superintendents for a quorum. Although a vote did not take place, this is the first time in a few years that enough were present to actually hold an election. I wish to thank Greg Boring for hosting our Annual Meeting, PTGA Championship, and for the outstanding greens.

The PTGA Board for the next year will remain unchanged except for the addition of Ray Waddell. He will be replacing Andy Jubinski. I would like to congratulate Ray and thank Andy for dedicating his time to the Association over the past years.

The PTGA Board has begun working on the golf meeting schedule for 2007, so if anyone is interested in hosting a meeting, please contact one of the board members. Plans are also in the works for our Annual Snow Meeting at Elk Mountain and also for the 2nd Annual Ski Trip to Vermont. More information will be available when dates are finalized.

I wish all the members of the PTGA and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Duane Schell*

## Editor's Notes.....

Thanksgiving is no longer a distant holiday and Christmas flyers have started to make their way into the Sunday papers. The leaves are falling, the Penn State Turf Conference is here already and hunting season is a few weeks old. This is the off-season? It seems each year that more and more days are tied up with things that need your attention.

Budgets are getting more involved, planning needs to be more detailed, expenses from labor to seed need to be scrutinized to squeeze each dollar to elicit its maximum benefit. Don't forget this time of year is a great time to seek education refreshers and other sources of knowledge to help make better decisions to make 2007 a positive experience. So time management becomes even more important. And don't forget this is a great time to catch up with those that didn't work with you at the golf course this past season.

Thanks to all those clubs that hosted our tournaments this year and to all the sponsors that helped defray the costs for our members. Enjoy your Turkey, be it a Butterball or one you got yourself (either by permit or motor vehicle). Happy Thanksgiving to all.

*Jim Gurzler*



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## 2006 Chapter Delegates Meeting Summary

### Chapter Delegates Look to the Future

Noting the association and its members have made significant gains on several fronts, the GCSAA Chapter Delegates meeting, October 13-14-15, took a strategic approach in discussing how GCSAA could sustain that momentum in achieving its mission, vision and goals.

"I commend and appreciate the Delegates for the energy they displayed during the meeting," said Ricky Heine, CGCS meeting chairman and GCSAA vice-president. "They were focused and well-prepared in giving the board of directors and staff their perspectives on how we achieve our long-term vision. They took ownership of their association and in their responsibility as delegates. It is obvious they engaged their members in talks before the meeting."

The exchange of ideas and comments focused primarily on three items: a.) the development of long-term revenue streams to fund programs and services; b.) growing the GCSAA membership; c.) and positioning GCSAA and its membership classes in the marketplace (primarily to employers and influential golfers).

The financial conversations centered on the establishment of a long-term dues pricing strategy. At the request of the Delegates, the board and staff presented a proposal that would tie the establishment of membership dues to an index (such as the Consumer Price Index). Historically, the association has enacted a dues increase in larger increments on average every five to seven years. The result has been a loss of members. There was widespread agreement at the meeting that smaller dues increases would be more easily absorbed at the facility level and less likely to result in membership declines. Directors further discussed the issue at their fall meeting, October 20-21 in New Orleans.

Tied to the discussion of revenues was an examination of GCSAA membership numbers. From a high of more than 22,000 in 2001, the association's membership has declined approximately 10 percent to just over 20,000 today. There was agreement that the situation has been created in large part by a struggling golf economy and the implementation of member standards. Staff presented a seven-phased membership growth and recruitment campaign enacted late last year. Delegates supported the efforts, realizing such an initiative will take time to yield results and must be long-term in nature. They were especially supportive of the GCSAA field staff pilot program and encouraged strong consideration for expanding it in the near future.

The liveliest debate was on GCSAA's philosophy regarding the positioning of the association and its membership classes. Delegates shared a variety of opinions, but ultimately agreed that for membership standards to have value in the marketplace, then they must be promoted externally. There was unanimous support that greater resources be dedicated to marketing the association, with a focus on Class A as being the preferred membership class. It was noted, however, that promoting Class A does not mean that marketing other membership classes should not be part of the program.

Noting that chapters will be integral to the success of revenue generation, membership growth and retention, and marketing efforts, discussion also included an examination of chapter effectiveness. Specifically, the delegates were charged with providing the board and staff direction as to how the association could best invest resources to enhance chapter operations. The top three items were: a.) membership recruitment and retention; b.) chapter executive development and support; c.) chapter meeting effectiveness (attendance, timing, satisfaction, value, etc.). It was the consensus that many of the issues were interrelated and thus could be addressed if programs and services are developed and coordinated appropriately. Once again, support for expanding the field staff pilot program was communicated, and suggested as a means to implement effectiveness programs.

Delegates also expressed interest in providing support to GCSAA's advocacy efforts. They were briefed on the process the association follows for commenting to the EPA on product re-registration. The process includes an element for member input to GCSAA actions, plus the opportunity for chapters and members to become directly engaged as well.



**NEWS RELEASE****Date: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006****Contact: Gina Putnam, Bernhard and Company Ltd., [gina.putnam@bernhard.co.uk](mailto:gina.putnam@bernhard.co.uk),****Phone: (888) 474-6348****Fax: (800) 393-4841****Bernhard & Co. to send 10 GCSAA Class A members to England****Enroll today to win a free trip and see how it's done on the other side of the pond!**

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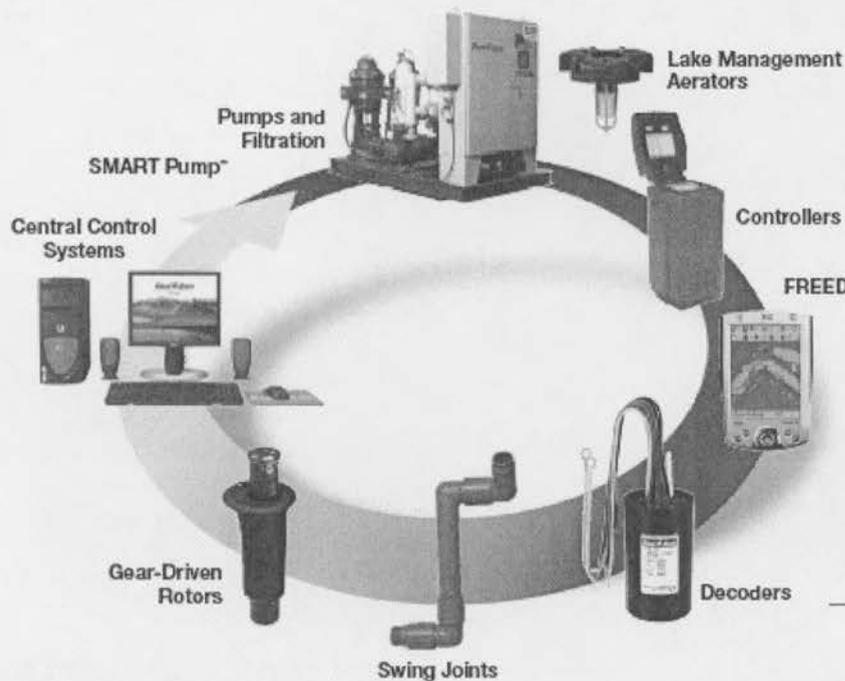
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EPA is required to provide stakeholders with a comment period where individuals can submit comments to the federal docket as part of the process to re-register a chemical. GCSAA will submit comments to EPA in support of the continued registration and use of PCNB and MSMA on golf courses. GCSAA members are urged to submit comments to the federal docket to let EPA know how important PCNB and MSMA are as tools for golf course management.

Two action alerts are posted on GCSAA Online to help members submit comments. The action alerts include background information, a link to EPA's decisions, talking points and instructions for submitting comments. Sample letters, which can be personalized, are available to help members quickly and easily submit comments to the docket. You can use the links below to submit your comments.

### Important comment deadlines:

PCNB - December 4 - <http://www.gcsaa.org/resources/advocacy/pcnb.asp>

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at Fisher Island

## Met Team Championship

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The Met Team Championship netted a profit of over \$2000 that will once again be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation.

The Pocono team was made up of Greg Boring, Tom Height, Jim Rattigan, Paul Brandon, John Downer, Steve Chirip, Duane Schell, and Jeff Koch.

**2006 MET Area Team Championships**  
**Fishers Island Club – Par 70**  
**October 3, 2006**

<u>Team Scores</u>	Par 280	<u>Score</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	GCSA of New Jersey	282
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Philadelphia AGCS	286
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Connecticut AGCS	290
4 <sup>th</sup>	GCMA of Cape Cod	291
5 <sup>th</sup>	Central New York GCSA	294
6 <sup>th</sup>	MET GCSA	300
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hudson Valley GCSA	304
8 <sup>th</sup>	AGCS Pocono TGA	307
9 <sup>th</sup>	Finger Lakes AGCS	309
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Atlantic AGCS	315
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern Shore AGCS	322
12 <sup>th</sup>	Northeastern GCSA	323
13 <sup>th</sup>	Long Island GCSA	DQ

**Skill Events**

CTP #2, sponsored by Syngenta	Dan Wilber – Hudson Valley GCSA	6' 5"
CTP #5, sponsored by Bayer	Jim Rattigan – Pocono TGA	14' 0"
CTP #11, sponsored by BASF	Eric Destefano – Connecticut AGCS	10' 0"
CTP #16, sponsored by Toro	John Bradley – Long Island GCSA	4' 9"

Long Drive, sponsored by Polyon fertilizers on hole #17

Net Division	Sean Flynn – Connecticut AGCS
Gross Division	Mike Dukette – Connecticut AGCS

Putting Contest, sponsored by Aquatrols      Mark Millet – MET GCSA

**Individual Gross**

Andy Drohen – Philadelphia GCSA      Score of 77

**Sponsorship Team Winner**

John Dryowitz and Matt Kowal      Score of 65

**Skins**

Net: Joe Felicetti #5 and #15	Gross: Ken Siebolt #2
\$84e. John Wiblishauser #8 and #18	\$130e. Greg Morac #4
Steve Chirp #9	Scott Nickerson #9
Greg Boring #13	Mike Dukette #15
Glen Smickley #16	

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### December 5-7, 2006

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### December 7, 2006 GCSAA Webcast

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### February 19-24, 2007

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