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\*\*\*\*\* June Meeting Notice Enclosed. \*\*\*\*\*



## Valley Country Club Eric Reed, Golf Course Superintendent

Valley Country Club will again host a Pocono Turfgrass Association monthly meeting. This time the A.W. Tillinghast course will provide a test to golfers while our originally planned host, Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort cleans up and gets growing from the second major flood in less than 6 months. Shawnee, by the way, was Mr. Tillinghast's first design, done for the Worthington family on their farm at the time. Shawnee Inn and Golf resort Director of Golf and Grounds Steve Taggart, Lance Heil Golf Course Superintendent and the rest of the staff have had their hands full rebuilding bridges, washing silt from most of the golf course and preparing for a May reopening of the course. We look forward to another opportunity to return to the Delaware for a chance to play this gem as well. On a lighter note, the flooding wasn't as bad for Lance as he was leaving for his honeymoon prior to the Delaware cresting its banks. Congratulations to Lance on his wedding.

Eric Reed, our host this month, can be found manicuring the golf course and doing projects of his own to improve conditions both on and off the golf course. Having seen his new maintenance building grow from site work to its current finished state, I applaud Eric and his staff for their outstanding efforts and attention to detail. Make it a point to stop up early and get the grand tour, I am sure there will be some ideas to take back to your facility and Eric may want a couple fall and winter projects ideas from you.

Eric has been at Valley since 1998. Prior to this position, he assisted in building a new golf course and housing development in Stow, Ohio. Eric graduated from the Penn State two-year program in 1990, and also earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from the University of Akron in 1987. Eric has served the PTGA for the past four years serving in a variety of roles including his current stint as our president. Dave Tetlak has been at Valley as the Assistant Super since 2002. Dave is a Penn State University alumni, having graduated from the four-

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## President's Message.....

We were originally scheduled to have our June meeting at Shawnee Inn and Resort. While Steve Taggart felt that he could still accommodate the meeting, his preference would be to host a meeting next year under what he hopes will be more preferable conditions. We look forward to that opportunity Steve. Another note on PTGA meetings...The July meeting at Fiddler's Elbow will not be taking place, and we are already in the process of securing another site. Details should be available by the June meeting.

I also want to thank Carmen Magro and Vern Borger for gracing us with their presence at the May meeting. It's exciting to see a renewed vigor amongst all that has occurred recently with the Penn State Turfgrass program. The future looks bright with the current group of faculty and their willingness to extend themselves towards the PTGA and other golf course superintendents throughout the state. Thanks again to Pete Beblavy and the staff at Blue Ridge Country Club for a very enjoyable day. Thanks to all those who attended the May meeting. Hopefully, we are onto a nice participation streak that will continue throughout the summer.

*Eric Reed*

## Assistant Editor.....

Reading up on the history of A.W. Tillinghast courses, here is a totally useless fact that sticks in my mind; Geoffrey Cornish and Ronald Whitten, state in their book "The Architects of Golf" that Mr. Tillinghast coined the term Birdie, so you may thank "Tilly" for taking my skins money.

Also I didn't mention our meeting sponsors for the May meeting in last month's notice so a belated thank you to Harrell's Turf Specialty and Lawn and Golf. Thank you as well to Philadelphia Turf and Fisher & Son for sponsoring the April meeting at Brookside Country Club. And lastly, thanks to this month's meeting sponsors, Atlantic Irrigation and Steve Chirip of Grass Roots.

Mail has been slow to come in with your submissions for the newsletter, with the recent dry spell you will get a pass for the month of May but in the future we could use material to bolster our newsletter. Give it a thought, recommend a topic to a board member, write an article, remember your GCSAA status requires service points and writing an article qualifies for .25 service points. Chapter meetings are worth a .1 point, so at least get out, support our association, and have a great day with friends and colleagues.

*Jim Gurzler*



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## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Location: Valley Country Club  
79 Country Club Lane  
Sugarloaf, PA 18249

Host: Eric Reed, Golf Course Superintendent

Meeting Officials: Matt Brown, Darrin Larkin, Steve Chirip



10:30 am Registration

11:00 am Lunch Buffet: Deli meats and cheeses, Cole Slaw and Potato Salad, Cookies, Beer, and Soda

11:30 am Speaker: Darin Bevard, USGA Regional Agronomist, "Update from the Spring and What's in Store for the Summer."

12:30 pm Golf: Shotgun Start, 4-man teams, "15-24-33": One net score per par five, Two net scores per par four, Three net scores per par three, Full Handicap, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Pink Lady Challenge".

5:00 pm Draft Beer, Cash Bar, and Hors d'oeuvres: Oriental Pork Dumplings with Duck Sauce, Potato Pancakes, Italian Meatballs, Skewered Pork Tenderloins with Plum Sauce, Barbecued Ribs, Nachos and Salsa.

Meeting Cost:

\$2.50	Lunch
\$15.00	Cart Fee
\$2.50	Speaker Fee
\$6.00	Prizes
<u>\$16.00</u>	Hors d'oeuvres

Total Cost: \$42.00 \$20.00 Hors d'oeuvres only

Directions:

**From the North:** 81 South to exit 145. Stay left at fork in exit, come to immediate stop sign. Turn right and advance to traffic light at Rte 93. Cross 93 into Hampton Inn entrance, turn left between brick pillars and follow road road to clubhouse.

**From the South:** 81 North to exit 145. Turn left at exit traffic light. Cross bridge over 81 and turn right into Hampton Inn entrance. take left fork in entrance as though you were leaving hotel. Proceed thru brick pillars and follow road to clubhouse.

**From the East:** 80 West to 81 South, Follow above directions "From the North".

**From the West:** 80 East to Rte 93- Conyngham/ Nescopeck Exit. Follow 93 South. Turn left onto Main Street after the Covered Wagon Nursery (You'll see a John Deere Store on the right). Follow Main Street to Stop Sign. Advance thru Stop Sign to Walnut Avenue and turn left. Walnut Avenue goes thru the golf course, continue past course and look for the Stone Pillars (NOT brick) on right. Proceed thru stone pillars to clubhouse.

Pocono Turfgrass Association June 2005 Meeting

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## POCONO ROUNDUP

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year program in 2001.

For those of you that have not had the pleasure of playing Valley Country Club, it is an A. W. Tillinghast course that was built in 1928. The relatively short course will test your game and your temperament with its difficulty. Do not let the 6148 yards fool you, the undulations on the greens, variety of lies, and the rolling terrain will prove worthy adversaries. Also, I know Eric likes to hand water greens and with the recent dry weather, firm and fast greens could make this months meeting even more of a test.

Darin Bevard, USGA Mid-Atlantic region Agronomist will speak this month on the year to date and what the upcoming summer may bring. Darin a graduate of Penn State University, holding a Master of Science in Agronomy, has been with the USGA for 9 seasons, starting in 1996.

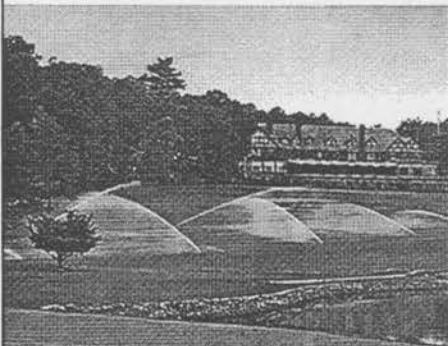
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July	
August 15	Water Gap C. C. (Clambake)
September 8	Elmhurst Country Club
October 5	Irem Temple C.C.
November	Whitford C.C. w/Philadelphia

### Golf Results from Blue Ridge C.C. May Meeting


1st Team Low Net	Jeff Lipics, Rob Schipper 66
	Match of Cards
2nd Team Low Net	Ryan Fogel, John Chassard 66
Longest Drive	Rick Anglemyer
Closest to Pin	Paul Brandon
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