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## Elmhurst Country Club Ray Waddell, Golf Course Superintendent

September will bring us north to Elmhurst CC for the monthly meeting. Ray Waddell, superintendent at Elmhurst, has outlined a plan to improve conditions beginning with course conditioning. This year, attention to detail and playability are paramount for the staff of 17 at Elmhurst Country Club. The course, built in 1929 as a 9-hole course, was later expanded to 18-holes in 1931. "Doc" Gardner generously donated the land for the club of 325 members. Go figure that the entrance is on Gardner road!

Ray is a 2005 graduate of Rutgers University Professional Golf Turf Management program. He has been at Elmhurst since the spring of 2004 starting as assistant superintendent. Prior to Elmhurst, Ray's experience in golf was gathered while working at Glen Oak CC from 1998 to 2004. His current Assistant in Training is Dave Weber and his Irrigation tech is Chet Zelazny. Chet's knowledge of the Elmhurst Country Club's irrigation system has proven invaluable this year.

One of the projects Ray completed this year was a base map of the golf course's final layout. This map will serve many functions, one of which is as a diagram of the course on the new scorecard. I have been told that over the 13 years of construction, the scorecard has undergone numerous changes as the course layout has changed to facilitate the various phases of construction. Tree removal, drainage work, bunker renovation, and restoring the greens to their original size are some of the other projects currently underway at the course.



## President's Message.....

Dare I "hex moi" myself and say this summer is finally over, but we got the first overnight temp in the fifties since probably early June. The ten day forecast features a plethora of them, so I am feeling a little more optimistic.

Thanks to all who attended this year's clambake at Water Gap. Rick Anglemyer and staff have done an amazing job this summer despite what little irrigation they have to work with. Thanks again to Lee Kozsey for donating our long drive and proximity prizes. Thanks to all our tee sign supporters who helped make this year's fund drive another success.

*Eric Reed*

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Moscow. North. September. These words all bring to mind the long awaited cooler temperatures of fall. It will be nice to sleep without the hum of the air conditioner, although by the time you read this, my life will be full with another small item that makes much bigger noises, but that is an unrelated topic. The clambake was a resounding success. Thanks to Rick Anglemyer and the staff of Water Gap Country Club for hosting us and for helping make our annual fundraiser a winner.

This month's meeting at Elmhurst will be held on Thursday September 8, 2205. Dr. Schlossberg will be our speaker this month and will talk on the topic of nutrients. He prefers a question and answer setting, so bring your questions on nutrients and make the day productive.

Thanks again to all the Tee Sign sponsors for their help in making the clambake a success. This year over \$2000.00 was raised.

Hopefully, your aeration and seeding will be done and everyone's schedule will allow for another large outing. I hope to see you all at the September meeting.

Jim Gurzler



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#### PTGA MEETING SCHEDULE

September 8 Elmhurst Country Club  
October 5 Irem Temple C.C.  
November Whitford C.C. w/Philadelphia

#### July Meeting Results from River View

**1st Place**

Brian Bachman, Brett LaBar

**2nd Place**

John Downer, Matt Froncek

**3rd Place**

Mark Brown, Jason Brown

**Longest Drive:** Tom Height

**Closest to the Pin:** Jeff Lipics

**Skins:**

John Downer, Matt Froncek - #1

Rich & Laura Anglemeyer - #13

Ron Garrison, Kelly Kressler - #18

#### August Meeting Results from Water Gap C.C.

**1st Place Team**

John Downer, Matt Froncek  
Ken B., John T.

**2nd Place Team**

Ron Garrison, Bob Brown  
Tom Height, Mr. McLure

Winner of the skills prizes, with donations of GCSAA Gift Certificates from Lee Koszey and Syngenta were:

**Longest Drive:** Matt Froncek (#3)  
John Downer (#16)

**Closest to the Pin #4:** Lee Koszey, 4'3"  
**#12:** Tom Height, 2'4"

**Skins:**

Chris Moran, Joe Harvey

Chris Moran's team from Honesdale had the only skin to hold up which led to a productive day away from the course for Chris. Hopefully Steve wasn't able to pry all the money from Chris' wallet once the crew headed inside the clubhouse.



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