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Huntsville Golf Club

Shavertown, PA

Mark McCormick, GCS

September is special as this month our regular meeting brings us to a new destination, Huntsville Golf Club in Shavertown, PA. Mark McCormick, Golf Course Superintendent, along with Scott Schukraft, General Manager, will open the doors and welcome the Pocono Turfgrass Association to their facility. This Rees Jones course was constructed back in 1992 and has grown into a course that will challenge your skills.

Additionally, this month, our speaker will be Mark Kuhns, CGCS, and the current GCSAA president. Mark will be up to speak to our Association on the state of the national association and golf in general. This should be a great opportunity to hear about those topics and what you can expect to see from the Association going forward.

Huntsville Golf Club not only puts golf foremost for their members, but also keeps the environment in the forefront as well. Huntsville was established as a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in the fall of 1996 and has continued to be recognized every two years for maintaining those ideals.

Huntsville was built by Rees Jones on 473 acres of rolling terrain with many scenic vistas of the Back Mountain area. The course has ample tee grounds that can stretch the course to 7402 yards. Hopefully, Mark will be feeling generous and forget where those black tees are when we come to enjoy the facility.

Huntsville has been afforded many accolades since it opened. Some awards include: #2 Best New Private Golf Course in America in 1995, *Golf Digest*, Dec. 1995 issue: #6 in the USA in the category of "Design Variety" in 1997, *Golf Digest*, May 1997 issue: #6 Best Course in Pennsylvania in 1997, *Golf Digest*, May 1997 issue: #23 in America's Top 100 Best Modern Courses/1997, *Golfweek* and in 1997 the Mid-Atlantic Regional Environmental Steward Award given by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Mark McCormick has been at Huntsville since construction began in 1992. He is a Penn State graduate with previous experience at the PSU golf courses, Castle Pines Golf Club in Colorado, and Settlebrook Creek Golf Club in

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President's Message.....

There are just a few points I want to bring up this month.....

First, our election meeting will soon be here. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact any of the current Board members.

Secondly, anyone interested in applying for one of our scholarships should start the process soon.

And last, John Downer is looking to organize a Wine Tour to the Finger Lakes region. Anyone interested in that should contact him for more information. The trip would be open for wives and significant others."

Darrin Larkin

Editor's Notes.....

Well, football season is here. Favre is back, no, wait, yes, no...yes, he is back. The weather is great for grass growing and many are longing for the days when the grass will slow down. That will be soon enough. Hopefully, you made it through to Labor Day without many incidents in this tough economic year. The weather will soon be filled with reports of frost warnings and then the snow will be coming down on Saturdays and you will long for the summer just ended.

Thanks again to all the Clambake sign sponsors for their support. You will see the Scholarship application in this issue. The deadline is October 31, 2009. Please contact Rick Anglemyer with your application. Remember, there are two scholarships, one in a turf major and one in a non-turf area.

The meetings have been well attended, and this is a great thing. Do not forget to include those meetings in your GCSAA records. Even though our talks haven't qualified for education points, those meetings do count toward the required service points.

On the topic of meetings and education, would anyone be interested in a half day seminar the night before the Woodlands? If parties are interested, the PTGA can put together a program with Penn State's blessing. Send along ideas for topics or speakers and we can get started on this seminar. Enjoy the cooler weather.

Jim Gurzler



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Georgia. Assisting Mark with the course are William Misson and Casey Sheehan. Both are Penn State graduates who have been at the club since 2004 and 2008, respectively. They manage a summer staff of 21 and a winter crew of just 3. They are charged with maintaining the 3½ acres of greens, 2½ acres of tees, 25 acres of fairways and the 50 acres of maintained rough.

From those back tees previously mentioned, the course has a slope rating of 141 and a course rating of 75.3, so it will be a great venue to have our MET Tournament Qualifier, which will be a Stableford scoring system. Be sure to bring your handicap card as those without it won't be eligible for the MET team selection process. A quote from Rees Jones, "This course will reward excellent shot making, yet it will not overly penalize a poorly played shot." I plan to put this to the test!

Thanks also to Brent Wood of John Deere Golf and Paul Brandon of Finch Services for sponsoring this month's meeting. It is sure to be a good one, so keep the date open.



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The Pocono Turfgrass Association is now accepting scholarship applications for the Patterson Scholarship. The deadline for application is October 31, 2009. The following is a list of guidelines for all individuals interested in applying for the scholarship:

1. Applicant must be in his or her final year of study or a recent graduate of a two- or four-year turf related program.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Pocono Turfgrass Association, employed by a member of PTGA, or an immediate family member of a member of PTGA.
3. The applicant must submit, in writing, why he or she would like to be considered for the scholarship. The essay should include what he or she feels their contribution to the turfgrass field will be.
4. Applicants must include a letter of endorsement from their PTGA relation with their application.

The Pocono Turfgrass Association Scholarship for Non-Turf Related Studies

The Pocono Turfgrass Association is now accepting applications for a non-turfgrass related field of study scholarship. The deadline for application is October 31, 2009. The following is a list of guidelines for all individuals interested in applying for the scholarship:

1. Applicant must be in his or her final year of study or a recent graduate of a two- or four-year non-turf related program.
2. The applicant must be a member of the Pocono Turfgrass Association, employed by a member of PTGA, or an immediate family member of a member of PTGA.
3. The applicant must submit, in writing, why he or she would like to be considered for the scholarship. The essay should include information pertaining to field of study, educational achievement, and future goals with respect to utilization of his or her education.
4. Applicants must include a letter of endorsement from their PTGA relation with their application.

Applications should be submitted to:

Rick Anglemyer
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Clambake Round Up

Once again our Annual Clambake was hosted by Ray Waddell and Elmhurst Country Club. The event, as popular as ever, was well attended by golfers looking forward to great food and a fine golf course. This year the clambake took place the week prior to the Nationwide Tour Northeast PA Tournament, so we got a sampling of what the pros had in store for them.

The golf was competitive, and on a match of cards the group of Mike Zellner, Joe Sellers, and Bob Seltzer beat out the group of Matt Fronzak, Jack Sudlesky and Gary Phillips, Sr and Gary Phillips,



Jr from Elmhurst. The low score was a remarkable 59. Placing in a respectable 3rd place was the group of Chris Butler, Ted Zabrisky, Dave Huttie, and Tom Huttie representing Allentown Muni.

Skill prizes were awarded to John Downer for Closest to the Pin on the 9th hole, Joe Barrett was

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Congratulations to Mike Darby, superintendent at Eagle Rock Resort in Hazleton. Mike takes over for Bobby Brown who has gone on to start his own business.

A job well done to Ray Waddell for hosting his second Nationwide Tour Event. The course looked great and the players enjoyed the course as well.

Quotes of the Month

"Happiness comes when your work and words are of benefit to yourself and others." Buddha

Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five. ~John Updike

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Sept 15	Huntsville Golf Club Speaker: Mark Kuhns, CGCS
Oct 5	Lehigh Country Club Ed Zimmerman Benefit Tournament
Oct 15	Glen Maura National PTGA Championship
Nov 10-12	Penn State Turf Conference State College, PA
Nov 10-12	GCSANJ Crystal Conference Crystal Springs Resort, Hamburg NJ
Dec 8-10	NJTA Expo Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ
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