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Stonehedge Golf Club

Hosts Tony Kenia & Mark Brown

Stone Hedge Golf Course was built from 1990 to 1992 by Tony Kenia, Dan Kenia, and Dan Kenia, Jr. They worked with architect Jim Blaukovich and Dennis Watkins on the design of the course that winds it ways through the hill sides of the Endless Mountains in Wyoming County.

The site was originally home to a family dairy farm before deciding that golf would be a better use of the land. The property is 289 acres and features the golf course, home lots, and town homes. A new clubhouse is planned for later this year to further enhance the amenities offered by this fine course. In addition to the clubhouse project,

a bunker renovation project is also on the books for Stonehedge.

The golf course is 6600 yards and plays to Par 71. The course has a slope rating of 72.3 and a course rating of 127 for those using the GHIN system this year. Mark Brown is in his fourth season as superintendent of Stonehedge Golf Club. Prior to working at Stonehedge, Mark worked at Glen Oak Country Club and Berwick Country Club. He is a graduate of Penn State University.

The course is operated out of a small maintenance facility that is centrally located on the property. There are plans for a new facility that may begin before we have our golf meeting there. There are plans to add a couple tees to some of the par 3 holes in coming months. as well. Mark has a summer staff of 8 and a winter crew of 2 for course maintenance.

The course has 3 acres of greens, 2 acres of tees and 22 acres of fairways. There are some 60 bunkers around the property, as well as open rolling hills and tight tree lined fairways on some holes.

This month John Vojick of Andre & Son and Steve Chirip of Grass Roots have agreed to sponsor the meeting. Try to make the trek north of Scranton to enjoy a fine golf course and the beautiful Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania.





President's Message.....

Ok, somebody pinch me! June has been here for awhile and no major catastrophes, low humidity, only small irrigation breaks and most of my new help is still showing up for work. Alright, I know most of you are saying, just wait, but I'll take this as a sign from the gods we are finally making the turn. From my point of view the golf business is in fairly good shape and even the General Manager smiles once in a while. Maybe I'm just an optimist at heart (my wife says that I am), but a positive outlook has gotten me through a rough spot now and again. Try to keep yourself and those around you motivated. There is a long way to go still in the season. A smile and a laugh are priceless.

Thanks to Corey and the whole staff at the Manor. What a great day. Every meeting seems to bring new people out, and that's what we are hoping for. I encourage each and every one of you to take a day to have fun and relax with some of your own kind; even a few hours away can make a difference. They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Maybe in our case just a little more tolerable.

Rick Anglemyer

Editor's Notes.....

Wow!!!! What a great day you missed if you didn't take the time out of your schedule to come to The Inn at Pocono Manor. Corey and the crew had the place in shape and the pro shop and banquet staff did everything right for the PTGA. Thanks to everyone at the Inn for making us feel so welcome.

This month you will see the scholarship information in here as well as an update on the website. I ask you to make use of both, as both are member benefits of the PTGA.

Also, this month our meeting goes to a new venue. Make the trip to Stonehedge and enjoy a day in the Endless Mountains of PA. Tony and Mark should make this a fun filled day.

Got some pictures, some project you want to show off? Send them in to the newsletter for publication. As always, I am looking for newsletter articles, as well. So help out and send some along. Enough with the groveling for materials. Enjoy the nice weather and have a great 4th of July.

To Gino: I used spell check this month :P Sorry about that .

Jim Gurzler



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What's new on PTGA.org?

By Patrick Knelly

A buzz word I have been hearing in many conversations lately is "value". Private clubs are striving to providing members "value", public courses have begun offering additional amenities in an effort to provide their players more "value", and it's something we all consider with every purchase we make. It's interesting how important providing more "value" can be for anyone and everyone, especially as we continue to struggle in this flat golf economy. This past winter during the PTGA's annual winter session of board meetings we discussed a number of improvements and changes we hoped to make to our webpage in an effort to provide our members more "value". So, if you haven't stopped by www.ptga.org lately, let me take a minute to run down what is new and improved and how it can help you!

What's new? Well, for starters after years of dedicated work on the website our Past President Darrin Larkin has willingly (and eagerly!) handed over the reins of the website to me. While Darrin and I are by no means professional web designers, I am very thankful to take over a site that is as well built and organized as the one Darrin created for the PTGA! I would like to offer many thanks to you, Darrin, for all your hard work and dedication to the construction and maintenance of www.ptga.org over the years. We also have worked together to make the transition as smooth as possible, and we have collaborated on the addition of a handful of new features that we really hope will be valuable additions to the website.

Where's the value? To make the website more useful and functional to our members we felt that all new features of the site should be FREE! All PTGA members have access to these features and the Board of Directors would like to encourage every member to take advantage of these features now that we are up and running. We have added a "Jobs" section to the site. You can post any position you have available for potential applicants to view, or we can list your professional resume if you are looking for employment. The second new feature we are providing is an "Equipment Swap." In this section PTGA members can list any used equipment they would like to sell for other PTGA members to view! Again, this is provided free of charge and we would like to encourage all Superintendents and Affiliates alike to take advantage of this feature.

To begin posting, simply visit www.ptga.org and follow the links to submit your listing. We will review your posing and insert the description and/or pictures that you provide us, all while filtering out any spam we may receive. We look at this as a way to provide you with more "value" for your PTGA membership dues, and we hope this becomes an active section of the site.

As always, the other services that were always provided on www.ptga.org are still available. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, I would be glad to listen to your thoughts.



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The Patterson Scholarship for Turfgrass Related Studies

The Pocono Turfgrass Association is now accepting scholarship applications for the Patterson Scholarship. The deadline for application is October 31, 2010. 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, 2010. 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.

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May Meeting Wrap Up

Corey Pries and the staff at the Inn at Pocono Manor were fabulous hosts for the May monthly meeting. We had a great turnout, and the weather was bright and sunny. An educational talk provided by Matt Brown of Turf Equipment & Supply was held prior to golf. The subject of the talk concerned the benefits of purchasing or leasing of equipment and when each would be beneficial to the club. Turf Equipment was also our meeting sponsor for this month.

We had an After the Round Blind Draw to form 4 man teams, which was won by Patrick Knelly of Sugarloaf, Jerry Decker of Fern Hall, Lisa of the Inn and Jerry Hurst with a combined score of 340. In second place with a 355 were Brian Bachman of Genesis Turf, Rick Anglemeyer of Water Gap CC, and guests Pete Tortetti and Tony Razinski.

Skill prizes were awarded for Closet to the Pin on Hole number 7 (Sal Scalzo) and Hole number 18 (Jerry Hurst) and Longest Drive on Hole number 1 (Patrick Knelly). What a bomb that was, It even made Chris Butler look like a normal ball striker.



There were 4 skins awarded in the Skins Tournament; Frank Marten had one on the 4th hole, Jim Gurzler had one on the 7th Hole, Barry Goodhart had an eagle for a skin on the 9th hole and Paul Brandon had a skin on the 13th hole.

We had 47 golfers for the day which was great and a couple more for dinner, which was a great meal provided by the club. Thanks again to The Inn at Pocono Manor for doing such a great job with

the meeting for us. Thanks also to the meeting sponsor Turf Equipment Supply who was a full sponsor for this month's meeting. Thanks also to Matt Brown for his presentation on Golf Strategies for purchasing. There were GCSAA ceu available for this meeting, so if you didn't get the number and were present for the talk, please give me a call. Jim Gurzler



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What Month is it anyway?

By David Oatis, Director
May 11, 2010

The weather always seems to jump around some in the spring, and it certainly is doing that this year! Long Johns have been traded for sun block and vice versa a couple of times already this year, and that always makes for an interesting start to the season. Golfers have been out in droves on many courses, and their early start has made it challenging to get the last of the spring cleanup accomplished. Despite the unseasonably

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warm temperatures we have experienced at times, there have been plenty of cold snaps, and some areas still are experiencing some frost. Playing conditions in the

Northeast Region probably won't round into peak form for a few more weeks.

When golfers experience a few warm days, they start to expect better playing conditions. A few warm days followed by cold weather, and possibly frost, gives golfers the perception that things should be growing, but the annual bluegrass and the bentgrasses won't grow consistently under these conditions. Here are a few things you can expect for the next couple of weeks:

- Bentgrass is very prone to mechanical injury during the spring season, and even normal mowing and rolling operations may cause visible injury to bentgrass while temperatures remain cool.

- With sporadic cool periods and even a few frosts, certain bentgrass cultivars become severely discolored. It may look like a disease, but more often than not, the discoloration is just a result of the cool temperatures, possibly combined with some mechanical injury.
- Poa/bent putting greens will remain somewhat bumpy until the growth of the two species evens out, and this won't happen until we experience consistently warm temperatures. For warmer, more southerly areas, this may be occurring right now. For cooler areas, this may not occur for another month.
- Regardless of how effective your seed head suppression program worked, a few seed heads, (maybe quite a few) often pop up, and these will contribute to the bumpy conditions.
- We haven't seen any ABW damage yet, but it is just around the corner. Plan on the first weevil damage to begin appearing in the next two weeks or so.
- Cool season brown patch and brown ring patch both may be active now, but as conditions continue to warm (especially if it is dry) cool season brown patch will fade away. The two are difficult to distinguish between, and since the conditions that favor each are similar and overlap, be sure to get a laboratory diagnosis.

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Oooooops! My apologies to **Gino Marchetti** of Glen Oak C.C. on the misspelling of his name in last month's newsletter.

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July 19	Glenbrook CC Host Jeff Feick
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