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## June Meeting **Honesdale Country Club**

Host: Chris Moran, GCS  
Speaker: Dr. Peter Landschoot, PSU

July takes us to Honesdale CC, yet another historic club in Northeast PA. Chartered in 1900 it is one of the oldest golf clubs in PA. The course design, encompassing a total of 5,487 yards, offers players challenging holes utilizing various tee locations and what many consider some of the most challenging greens in the region.

The course, a nine hole tract, is set up to play as a Par 70, utilizing different tee locations to make the front and back nines play nearly 200 yards differently. The course record is held by one of the most famous golf names in our area and former member of the Club, Art Wall Jr., the 1959 Masters Champion, who had an amazing round of 27/31 in 1942 for the record of 58.

There is no mention in the historical records of a designer, which makes the course unique and most likely was designed and constructed by its founders using their knowledge of the sport.

The 125 acre property consisting of 1 acre of Bent/Poa Greens, 1 acre of tees, and 10 acres of fairways and is maintained by a crew of 4 supervised by long time superintendent and Honesdale native Chris Moran. Chris and his crew have overseen several major capital infrastructure improvement projects since 2006.

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## President's Message.....

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

*John Downer*

## Editor's Notes.....

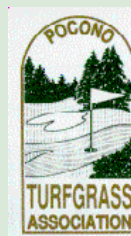
Another month, another newsletter. My thanks go out to those who have provided pictures and articles for these monthly updates to our Association.

This month there will be no "Vendor's View" section of the newsletter due to a lack of response from requested vendors. We'll keep trying to reach out and allow members to contribute to their Association and newsletter.

Thanks to Shane Miller at Iron Lakes for providing such a great picture this month.

As always, contributions for the newsletter are welcomed and appreciated. To those who weren't able to attend the meeting at Terra Greens, you missed out on a gem of a course. I hope everyone has a chance to make it to Honesdale. See you there.....

*Brian Bachman*



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# OPPORTUNITY

The PTGA is looking for members who are willing to donate rounds of golf to assist in raising money for research. Check out the following article for details and contact PTGA if you are able and interested in donating.

## *Guide to Rounds 4 Research*

Rounds 4 Research is a novel fundraising program conducted by the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) whereby rounds of golf (defined as a tee time for two or four, generally with carts) are auctioned to the public through an online auction. Through this program, participating organizations can solicit donated rounds with a minimum 80 percent of the proceeds being directed back to the organization.

The EIFG's Rounds 4 Research is an expansion of the innovative program that was introduced by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association. The scope had grown beyond what the Carolinas GCSA could administer and therefore offered the program to GCSAA. As GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the EIFG is now administering the program.

The Rounds 4 Research auction will take advantage of the BiddingForGood.com online auction platform. Bidding for Good is a leading auction site whose sole purpose is to support charitable giving by linking buyers with nonprofit organizations. The service is a natural fit, with more than 650,000 registered bidders, and rounds of golf as its top-selling item. National communications efforts and grassroots efforts from the participating organizations will also drive golfers to the bidding platform. These efforts will provide a nationwide marketing opportunity for the golf facility.

The first auction is slated to begin in fall 2012, with additional auctions being held on a rolling basis, depending on the number and timing of the rounds donated.

### **Who can participate?**

GCSAA-affiliated chapters, golf course superintendent associations (state, national or international) or their foundations can participate in the program.

Other turfgrass- and research-related foundations and not-for-profit organizations are free to inquire, but GCSAA-affiliated chapters will generally have precedence in their respective state or region. The EIFG will review the circumstances in regard to the precedence of chapter participation.

### **How your organization can participate:**

Although the EIFG is administering the Rounds 4 Research program, it is actually a local "franchised" fundraising program that enables participating organizations to raise revenue. In fact, participating organizations should consider the Rounds 4 Research program their own fundraising program that is supported by the EIFG.

### **Key responsibilities:**

There are three primary responsibilities for all participating organizations:

1. Solicit for and obtain donated rounds to be sent to the EIFG for the auction.
2. Promote the program to golfers, allied associations, golf associations, media and members of your organization to supplement the national efforts being made by the EIFG.
3. Provide an annual summary of distributions received from the EIFG that indicates how the monies were used.

### **How the donation process works**

Once your organization has committed to Rounds 4 Research, you will receive information and tools to begin your campaign. In the meantime, here are some guidelines that apply specifically to organizations:



# PTGA Membership Drives

Thinking of becoming a PTGA Member??

Know someone who would like to be a PTGA Member??



The Pocono Turfgrass Association has revived some old initiatives to make your membership even more valuable than it already is by introducing two new membership drives:

### Drive #1:

Any Class A superintendent member who joins the Association (with their paid dues and approved application, of course) will be able to attend the monthly meeting immediately following their membership for FREE!!!

Please Note: Free meeting excludes the clambake in August

### Drive #2:

Any existing member who signs up 3 new members (with their paid dues and approved application, of course) will be able to attend the monthly meeting of their choice (excluding the clambake) for FREE!!!

Talk to any Board Member for additional details.

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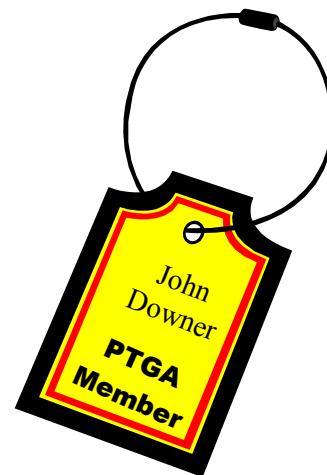
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The majority of the bunkers have been replaced and improved, new tee construction, all greens have undergone extensive restoration, and a new Rainbird IC irrigation system with fertigation was installed, bringing the combined improvements to just over \$1 million.

Chris, a Penn State and Rutgers graduate, has also worked at Woodloch Springs CC and Sand Ridge CC as a second assistant, and was the assistant superintendent at Paupack Hills CC before taking over Honesdale CC. He has worked several major tournaments including the U.S. Open at Oakmont and the U.S. Women's Open hosted at Saucon Valley CC.

I hope everyone gets a chance to make it to Honesdale to enjoy a historic golf club and reap the benefits of all the recent improvements that Chris and his staff have overseen.

*As a service to our members and a way to say thank you.....all PTGA members will receive their own bag tag to proudly display.*



## Photo of the Month

We all see interesting things every day....wildlife (like bald eagles and bears), strange turf problems (like a lightning strike), an employee who stayed out too late the night before, etc. So if you have a great photo, send it to me ([bbachman@genesisturfgrassinc.com](mailto:bbachman@genesisturfgrassinc.com)) and share it for everyone to enjoy (or laugh at).



## June Photo of the Month

This photo was submitted by Shane Miller, Superintendent at Iron Lakes CC in Allentown, PA.

All of us have experienced interesting interactions with wildlife on the course, but we rarely get a photo of it.

This red tail hawk decided the rope that Shane was gathering up looked enough like a snake so it caught it for its next meal.

# *Chips & Putts*

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- Participating organizations can submit donated rounds from any golf facility regardless of geographic location. However, you are encouraged to be aware of and respect similar fundraising efforts already being conducted in states and locations outside of your own local and regional boundaries. That said, donors may help more than one program at their discretion.
- A donating facility can direct the proceeds to any participating organization or the EIFG. In the event there is no local participating organization, the facility can still designate its local affiliated chapter, and the EIFG will notify the chapter about the available monies. The affiliated chapter can then either elect to participate in the program or donate the monies to the EIFG. The EIFG will follow up with donors as necessary to clarify donations and directions regarding beneficiaries.

When soliciting donations, you are encouraged to ask for two donations per year from each facility. However, we sincerely appreciate every donation and recognize that some facilities may not be able to give at this level.

**How the proceeds will be distributed**

As a participating organization, you will receive a minimum of 80 percent of the proceeds (amount of sale per round, excluding any fees or surcharges) from each donation that has been designated for your organization. The EIFG will retain 20 percent, plus any fees and surcharges collected, to offset programmatic costs, including expenses related to the auction platform, advertising and marketing costs, administrative overhead, and other fees associated with managing the program on a national scale.

The EIFG will process revenues received and distribute payments to the participating organizations within 90 days of the close of an auction period. The amount of revenue received will depend on the number of rounds sold and when they are sold during the auction period. Organizations accustomed to lump sum distributions from annual auctions should adjust for this change in distribution.

**Example:**

A donated round for four has sold for \$150 plus \$15 for fees. The donating facility specified that the proceeds are to benefit the Carolinas GCSA. The EIFG will pay the Carolinas GCSA \$120 for the round and retain \$30 in addition to the \$15 fee.

## June Meeting Wrap Up Terra Greens Golf Club

It was a great day for golf and turned out to be the last day before all the heat and drought hit. Bryan Zukawski and his right hand man, Jack, had the course in great shape for us. The devilish pin locations on many holes had us all scratching our heads on how to putt, and when the winning score in a 2-man scramble on this 9-hole tract was even par, you know it was no pushover.

Thanks go out to our sponsor, Golf Cars, Inc. and Chuck DeAngelo, as well as all the gents involved in getting the food together and setting up the grill. Also, a big thanks to Bryan's wife for doing the cooking on the grill and providing the homemade potato salad...it was delicious.

The results from the AM 2-man scramble were:

- First Place: Barry Goodhart and Greg Kozar
- Second Place: Pat Healy and Ankenbrand

Closest to the Pin:

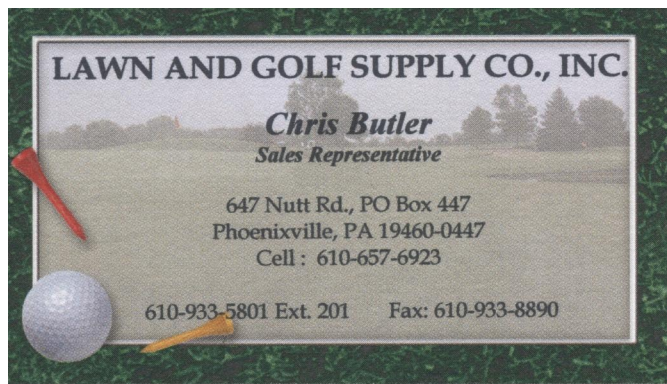
- #5 John Vojick
- #7 Barry Goodhart

Longest Drive:

- #2 Sal Scalzo

There were 3 team skins won:

- John Downer and Steve Chirip on #3
- Paul Brandon and Brian Bachman on #7
- Chuck Deangelo and Barry Goodhart on #4



# POCONO ROUNDUP

Congratulations to Todd Krauss (Green Pond CC) and his wife Crystal on the birth of their daughter, Hanna. She was born on June 25th weighing 7 lbs 11 oz.

PTGA SCHEDULE	
July 16th	PTGA Meeting @ Honesdale Speaker: Dr. Landschoot PSU
July 31st	Rutgers Golf and Fine Turf Field Day
Aug 9-10	PSU Turf Field Days
Aug 13th	PTGA Clambake @ Scranton CC
Sept 18th	PTGA Meeting @ Woodstone CC Speaker: Dr. Koppenhoffer, Rutgers University

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