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August Meeting
Annual Business Meeting and Clambake
Water Gap Country Club
Host: Rick Anglemyer, GCS

August brings us to another historic Poconos club in Water Gap Country Club. In 1922 the course was completed by Robert White, one of the founders of the PGA and also the first President of the Association. Until the early 1940's, Water Gap C.C. was known as Wolf Hollow. From 1926 to 1928 Wolf Hollow hosted a nationally respected tournament known as the [Eastern Open](#). It was during this time that some of golf's greatest legends played on the course, including Gene Sarazen, Leo Diesel and Walter Hagen. In one of the last Eastern Open's, Walter Hagen shocked the world of golf by taking nine strokes to get his ball into hole number 12 at Wolf Hollow. The hole, now number 4 at Water Gap Country Club, was nicknamed "Hagen's Folly".

Wolf Hollow went bankrupt during World War II and was vacant for fifteen years. The golf course was divided and sold off in pieces. A local golf hero, Howard Knickman purchased all the parcels in 1957 and spent the next two years restoring the grounds. He changed the name to Water Gap Country Club and reopened the course.

Recently, Water Gap has undergone another ownership change, being purchased in 2013 by a Philadelphia business man and his wife (who has close ties to the Club from her youth). They have undertaken some major changes in the hotel and restaurant, including room upgrades, and have

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President's Message.....

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the honor of being president of this great Association. After the annual meeting in August, I will be Past President, and we will have a new president. Although my time as president was brief, it has been a privilege to serve, and I thank you.

As most of you know, our Annual Meeting and Elections is scheduled in conjunction with the Clambake during the August meeting at Water Gap Country Club. This meeting is always a great time, and we really would like as many members as possible to attend. Please make a special effort to join us. At the meeting we will be voting on the proposed bylaw changes. If you haven't had an opportunity to look them over, they are included in this newsletter.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving the Association, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Clambake!

Ray Waddell

Editor's Notes.....

Happy August Everyone....the days are starting to get a little shorter, the weather has been pretty cooperative, and nearly everyone is in great shape. So far, the year is shaping up to be a good one.

I hope everyone gets a chance to make it to Water Gap C.C. this month...not only will it be a great day of golf, but your attendance is critical to the success of the Association as it is our annual business meeting as well.

Please keep the pictures coming.....

Brian Bachman



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been featured on the TV show "Hotel Impossible" last fall. They've also updated the name to Historic Wolf Hollow Golf Course at Water Gap C.C. to blend the old and new.

Rick Anglemeyer is the long time superintendent (and past president of the PTGA) at Water Gap. He has seen the course through many highs and lows. Rick started here in 1996, and after a brief hiatus in 2000-01, he returned as superintendent. During some of the ownership change, Rick also acted as the G.M. of the facility in 2012, providing stability and helping to guide the facility through some uncertainty.

Rick is assisted by long term assistant Jeff Lesoine who has been with him for 14 years. Along with their 5 full time seasonal employees, Rick and Jeff manage this 160 acre property and consistently provide some of the quickest greens around. Recent improvements and renovations include tee box renovations last year and plans to build a pond on the property in the future.


Please make it a point to come out to our biggest annual meeting to enjoy the golf, food, and company of your peers. See you there!!



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In a recent CNN article, Golf Course Superintendent was listed as the 14th most stressful job in the Nation.

- **Median pay:** \$53,796
- **% who say their job is stressful:** 82.2%



COURTESY: BOB MCLEAN

From CNN Money:

Golf course superintendents have one main job: supervise the groundskeepers and other maintenance workers to make sure the grounds are in perfect condition.

"Golfers are a pretty demanding bunch, which causes a lot of the stress," said Scott Hollister, a spokesman for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

When you have 500 members of a club, you may have 500 opinions on how the course should look and how it should play, he said. Some think the rough is too long, others not long enough.

Keeping the grass healthy is the job's biggest challenge, according to Bob McClean, superintendent at the Indian Hills Country Club in Bowling Green, Ky. Sub-zero winter temperatures kill the Bermuda grass on the fairways and summer heat takes a toll on the greens.

"There's pressure to keep the course in pristine condition," he said.

McClean said he's well compensated for working a 40-hour week -- but most of the time he puts in 100 hours-plus. And while supervisors at top courses get paid well, supers at small municipal courses make a lot less, with an overall median of about \$54,000.



Cloudy with a Chance of Dollar Spot:

New model works on predicting dollar spot outbreaks

Posted on Turfdiseases.org



From a purely economic viewpoint, the rational golf course superintendent will spend only the minimum amount of money required to control disease on his or her golf course. Each additional dollar spent will not increase the level of control, hence those additional dollars are wasteful, hence those superintendents that spend above the minimum required for control are (economically) irrational. Before you get all defensive regarding how rational you are, note that nearly EVERY golf course superintendent is irrational with regards to fungicide applications. This is because of the uncertainty regarding WHEN disease will occur, and the desire of most superintendents to reduce that uncertainty by making more fungicide applications than are absolutely necessary. To increase the economic efficiency of turfgrass disease control, one needs an accurate prediction regarding when disease will occur so that fungicides can be applied only when necessary.

Turf pathologists have been trying to shed light on when disease will appear through the use of predictive modeling for decades. Predictive models have been developed with various levels of success for anthracnose, brown patch, and Pythium blight. As the primary bentgrass disease for much of the world and one that develops over a wide temperature range, dollar spot is seemingly ideal for predictive modeling. However, in the past most dollar spot models have been ineffective at accurately predicting disease outbreaks.

Recently, a new dollar spot model has been developed that at least in early trials has more accurately predicted dollar spot outbreaks. Developed by Dr. Damon Smith (formerly at Oklahoma State University, now field crops pathologist at Wisconsin) and Dr. Jim Kerns (formerly at Wisconsin, now at North Carolina State), the Smith-Kerns model uses a complex algorithm that takes into account various environmental factors to develop a 'probability' that dollar spot

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will occur on that given day. The model is relatively new and we're still field-testing it, but so far the model has accurately determined the dollar spot outbreaks of 2014 at our research station in Madison. Following further field-testing this summer, we hope to expand the use of the model to more areas of the country in 2015.

While the entire algorithm is complex, one interesting thing Dr. Smith and Dr. Kerns realized is that in the northern U.S., the primary factor driving dollar spot development was relative humidity. When the 5-day moving average of relative humidity was at 70% or higher the risk for dollar spot development was elevated, and when the 5-day moving average of relative humidity was at 75% or higher the risk for dollar spot was high. If you're a superintendent in the northern half of the country looking to experiment with the model at your facility, consider only spraying for dollar spot once the 5-day moving average of relative humidity equals 70% or greater. This simplification of the model won't work in the transition zone or the southern U.S. because the warmer temperatures suppressed dollar spot development despite high humidity, leading to over-predictions of disease.

Please note that this model is still being tested in the field and alterations will likely be made to further increase accuracy in the future. But for now the model appears to be a promising tool for any superintendent looking to make more timely fungicide applications targeting dollar spot. In the future, I even envision the day where we wake up, turn on the morning news and hear 'High temperatures today should hit 75°F with a 20% chance for showers and 40% chance of dollar spot.' At least the dollar spot part would be accurate.



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Proposed changes to the By-Laws for the PTGA

As required in the by-laws, any changes made by the board must be presented to the membership for review over a 3 month period and must then be voted on by the membership. What follows, while not an exciting read, are the proposed changes (**highlighted in red**) and the explanation for those changes. They will be presented in the newsletter for the next three months and will be voted on at the annual clambake meeting in August (which is our best attended event). Below is a link to the current by-laws on the PTGA website. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Ray Waddell, president, or any board member.

<http://www2.cybergolf.com/sites/images/1270/BYLAWS.pdf>

Class C - Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

To qualify for Class C membership, an applicant shall be, at the time of application for membership, an Assistant to a Golf Course Superintendent, and shall be presently employed in such capacity. Class C Members shall have all the privileges of the Association, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 1 hereof. *Sentence moved to Article V, Section 2.*

Class D – Golf Course Employee

To qualify for Class D membership, an applicant shall be any person of good character who at the time of application for membership is employed at a golf course (*phrase omitted*). Class D members shall have such privileges of the Association as the Board of Directors may specify by Standing Rules, except those of voting or holding office.

SECTION 2 – QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Class A, Class SM, Class C and Class AF members are eligible to serve as Directors of this Association. Assistant Superintendent (C) Members and Affiliate (AF) Members can hold positions on the Board of Directors as long as their numbers are in a minority to the Class A and Class SM Board Member summation. The Directors of this Association shall hold office for a period of two (2) years and an election shall be held each year for those Director positions whose terms are to expire in order to maintain a total of ten (10) Directors. These will include the following named Officers who shall serve on the Board of Directors: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall perform the duties hereinafter prescribed for each of such offices. The Board of Directors will also include one (1) Assistant Superintendent (C) Member who will serve as a “C Liaison” on the Board of Directors as voted on by the membership. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall continue to serve as a Director until he is succeeded by the presiding president. The Officers of the Association, as hereinabove provided for, together with the Directors as above constituted, shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Association. Each member of such Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at the meetings thereof and a quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be not less than a majority of said Board of Directors. The majority of a quorum must be made up of Class A and Class SM Board Members. In the event a Class A, Class SM or Class C member of the Board of Directors becomes unemployed, he/she has six (6) months to become employed again as a Class A, Class SM or Class C Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent before having to resign his/her seat on the Board of Directors. In the case of an Affiliate Member, a vacancy shall occur, and a replacement found under the guidelines of Section 3 of this Article.



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SECTION 4 - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have general charge and management of the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors shall, at each annual meeting, make a full report of its activities during the preceding fiscal year. A financial audit shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the end of each fiscal year and a reconciliation thereof shall be presented to the membership at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 7 - DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be an officer of this Association and be present at all meetings of members of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for and keep a record of all the transactions at the meetings in a book, belonging to the Association, kept for such purposes. The Secretary will maintain a record of election results and terms of office for all Directors of the Association and will within ninety (90) days of the Annual Meeting inform the Nominating Committee of any Directors whose terms are expiring. The Secretary shall read the minutes from the previous Association meeting and all appropriate correspondence of the Association. The Secretary shall ascertain that due and proper notice, as provided by the Bylaws, has been given of all the meetings of the members of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall be the custodian of the corporate seal, and shall perform all other duties usually performed by the Secretary of a like corporation and such other additional duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. The books of the Secretary shall be open at all times for inspection by the members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8 - DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies, bills, notes, bonds and similar property belonging to the Association and the safekeeping of the same in the name of the Association. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget and submit it for approval to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep such financial records and accounts as may be required of them by the Board of Directors and in accordance with standard accounting and bookkeeping procedures and shall make a monthly report of all Association transactions. The books of the Treasurer shall be open at all times for inspection by the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors shall meet prior to monthly meeting preferably the same day as the monthly general meeting of the Association members. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, providing the request is made fourteen (14) days in advance of such meeting. President's request may be in writing or verbal communication. There must be a majority of members present at said meeting. A majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any Board of Directors meeting, provided that the majority of the quorum is made up of Class A and Class SM Directors. The general meeting of the Association's members shall be held on the third Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise specified in advance. General meetings shall be held each and every third Tuesday, provided a quorum is indicated by the return attendance card provided by the Association Secretary. The Association's annual meeting shall be held in the month of August on the third Tuesday as provided by Standing Rules or as designated by the Board of Directors. Any valid Association business may be conducted at this time. The annual election of Officers and

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Directors will be held at this time with the Nominating Committee Chair acting as elections Director. The ballot of such elections shall be by secret written ballot and shall be provided for by the Association Secretary. A simple majority vote shall be required to be elected. All standard and proper election procedures shall rule at all elections. A quorum at any annual or general Association meeting shall be fifteen (15) voting members.

SECTION 2 - ANNUAL REPORT

The Association Board of Directors, or specially appointed committee by the Board of Directors, shall prepare an annual chapter financial statement in accordance with general accepted accounting principles and a summary thereof shall be filed with the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America. The Association shall submit an annual report to GCSAA which shall contain an outline of Chapter activities for the year, current Bylaws, current Officers, a current membership roster, a certificate of good standing from the state the Association is incorporated in, a certificate of insurance, summary of the annual financial statement and a copy of the Association's annual tax return. This report will be submitted to GCSAA within sixty (60) days following the Association's annual meeting.

SECTION 5 – INSURANCE

The Association shall procure Insurance coverage for its operation, activities and conduct to include, but not limited to, premises, operations, property, personal injury, special events, and Directors and Officers Liability. A Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the GCSAA with the annual report confirming that **the minimum requirements for General Liability and Directors and Officers coverage are met.**

Your Help and Input Is Needed!

As you know, the Association has nine expectations for you as a Member. These can be found in the back of your Membership Directory. One of those expectations is to attend monthly meetings, and another is to be willing to serve on committees and hold office as a director or officer.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting. We will be electing officers and voting on the Bylaws changes. Your attendance and participation is important.

This is not only our Annual Meeting and Elections, it is also our Annual Clambake. Enjoy a day of golf, good food and camaraderie!



July Meeting Results Elkview Country Club

1st Place

Ron Garrison, John Polak, Adam Schoonover

2nd Place

Russell Hauenstein, Jerry Decker
Don Peters, Jeff MacAndrew

Skins

Chris Butler #8
Jerry Decker #17
Joe Kar #13
Jim Green #12

Closest to Pin Members #9

Lee Kozsey - 22'

Closest to the Pin All #12

Jim Green - 2'3"

Longest Drive #10

Adam Schoonover



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) and share it for everyone to enjoy (or laugh at).



August Photo of the Month

Via our meeting host for this month, Rick Anglemyer and Water Gap C.C.

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Please note the address at the bottom right of this page.

Thank you!

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Aug 6	PSU Field Days
Aug 15	PTGA Annual Clambake and Meeting Water Gap C.C.
Sept 16	PTGA Golf Meeting Mt. Laurel Golf Club
Oct	PTGA Golf Meeting Great Bear C.C.

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