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July Meeting **Elkview Country Club** Host: Russell Hauenstein, GCS

July takes us to scenic Elkview Country Club. Nestled between Crystal and Newton Lakes, Elkview Country Club was founded in 1919. James Johnson of the Johnson & Johnson family donated the land and the Hemleright and Niles families financed the clubhouse and course.

Legendary Scottish architect Donald Ross designed the course, and the first 9 holes opened in 1923. By the 1950's Robert Trent Jones designed the other 9 holes, completing Elkview as an 18-hole golf course. The course has 3 acres of poa greens and 20 acres of bentgrass and poa mix fairways.

An effort has been made in recent years to return the course to the original Ross design with tree removal and bunker design. Currently, the course is in the second of three phases to improve bunkers, as well as, installation of drainage on all greens. The last 12 greens are scheduled to be completed this fall.

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President's Message.....

Ray Waddell

Editor's Notes.....

And the grind continues on....thankfully the weather has been pretty cooperative so far. Most everyone is in great shape and the golfers are rolling through.

Thanks to everyone who donates pictures and info for the newsletter....it is greatly appreciated and keep them coming!!

I hope everyone has a chance to get out and attend some meetings this year. Seeing other places and meeting others in this profession is extremely beneficial to your own success.

Brian Bachman



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Our host this month is Russell Hauenstein who has been at Elkview for 12 years and acting as superintendent since 2013. Previously Russell spent three years at last month's host, Honesdale C.C. Assisted by Jerry Decker, Russell enjoys his time away from the course with his wife Chrissy and two children Lance (4) and Keira (2). And like most superintendents in the Poconos, he can't resist some hunting and fishing.

I hope you take the time to get away and enjoy this classic gem of the Poconos. See you there.

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Pocono Turfgrass Association 2014 Scholarships

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 June 30, 2014. 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 June 30, 2014. The following is a list of guidelines for all individuals interested in applying for the scholarship:

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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:

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The Importance of Calcium

Written by a Ken Quandt, Retired Turf Professional

During the spring months, superintendents and groundskeepers aerate their turf in spring to develop the turf's root system before the hot and dry summer begins. Most turf managers focus on nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. All of these elements are important and cannot be discounted. However, summer heat can deprive turf of calcium, which many times is overlooked. What's important about calcium?

Calcium is the second highest element percentage wise found in plant tissues. Calcium provides our bodies with stronger bones to maintain our structure. It does the same for plant structure. Root and cell wall development, proper cell division, strong cell membranes, cell bonding and cell integrity are all dependent on calcium. Calcium deficiencies can also disrupt cell respiration and starch conversion within the plant. If the root or cell wall development is affected, water and nutrient uptake can be significantly reduced creating either a very weak, disease-prone plant or causing death. If cell integrity is affected, the plant will not be able to fight off diseases.



Calcium plays an essential role in the structure of the soil as well. Maintaining a balance between calcium and other nutrients, especially magnesium, potassium, and sodium, is critical. Calcium will improve Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) and soil structure by reducing compaction. CEC is defined as the amount of exchangeable, positively charged ions per unit of dry weight of soil. When the calcium level is not in balance, soils will become restrictive and tighter, cutting off the flow of water and air. Beneficial microbe levels will be reduced. Even if a soil is calcium rich, with abundant beneficial microbes, calcium is not very soluble or mobile. The important thing is to keep calcium readily available for the plant to uptake.

Summer can make this task difficult. Heat tends to intensify the plant's use of calcium. Greens are under stress due to heavy traffic regardless of the time of year. Newer bentgrass varieties cut at shorter mowing heights are requiring more calcium.

Limestone, gypsum, dolomite, etc. are all products that can add a large amount of calcium to handle a serious imbalance quickly. Over time healthier, well developed plants, with excellent rooting will be your most important benefit of all. Don't overlook the calcium, it could be the edge you need to get turf through the summer.



From the Archives



"LET'S GO!"

Says Jacobsen Salesman

HERE is Mr. Einer Brown, representative of the Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, of Racine, Wis., starting out in his new territory through West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia.

Greenkeepers and Green committee chairmen in states named can see how Jacobsen power mowers operate before grass has started to grow this spring, for he has with him a special moving picture projector showing these mowers in action.

This picture, taken in February of 1928, shows the life of a traveling salesman at the time. Notice in the write-up that he has a "special moving picture projector" to aid him in his efforts, but apparently no side window.

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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).



July Photo of the Month

Anyone miss these days yet?

Thanks to Carl Jaeger of Indian Mt. for submitting this photo.

There was more than one superintendent out there who was clearing snow and ice off their greens not so long ago.....

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Please keep us updated!

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