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NEW FERTILIZER REGULATIONS PROPOSED FOR PA

In a 49-1 vote, the PA Senate has passed SB915, which aims to regulate fertilizer applications and create a certification program that aligns with the current PA Pesticide license requirements. The leadership of the PAGCS spoke with Secretary Redding, PA Department of Agriculture, and his team last week to get clarity on the Bill's impact on the industry.

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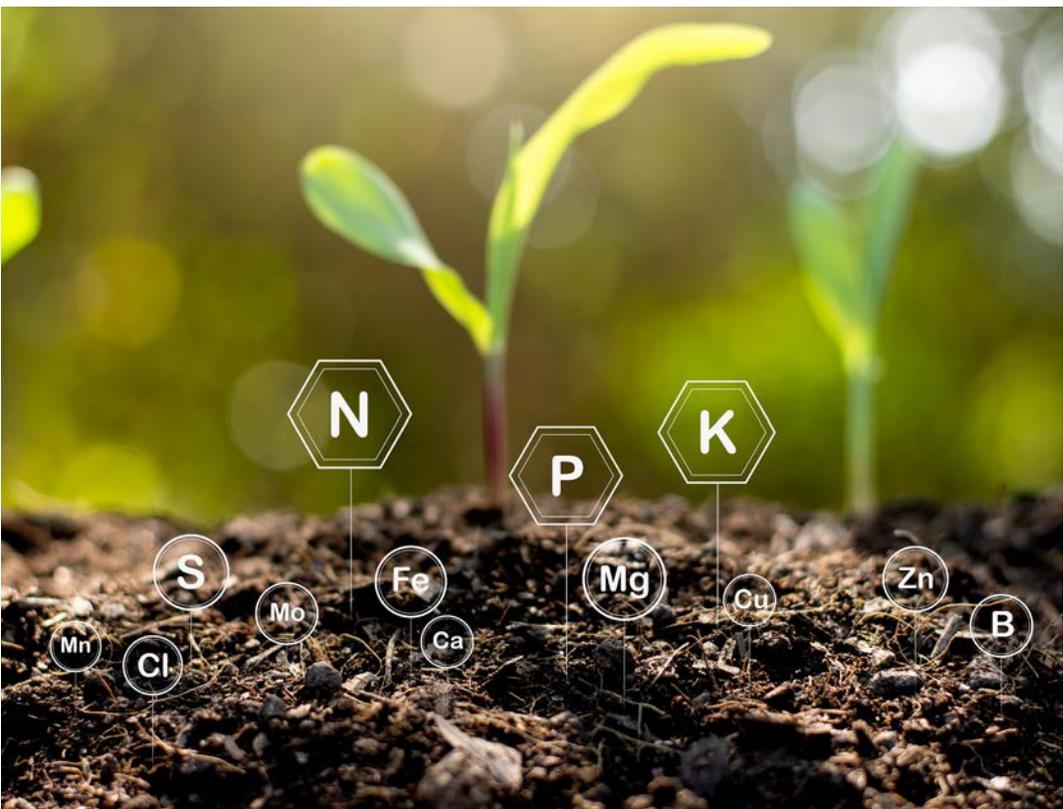
SB915, for the most part, is based on SB1149. That bill, dating back to the 2013-2014 legislative season saw much input and review by the statewide group: PGCSA in concert with all chapter liaisons, including representatives of the PAGCS. The most important sections regarding application and certification are identical. What is in this new Bill is a result of favorable changes resulting from input provided by the golf turf industry.

In the conversation with Secretary Redding, he stated that the current Bill is directly linked to fertilizer reduction

credits related to the Chesapeake Bay Program ([Click here to read](#)). Without the data submitted by applicators/end users, there is no ability to correlate any real reduction in fertilizer use without the information submitted by regulated parties. It's only through this data that the state can realize those nutrient reduction credits.

Senate Bill 915 [[Click here to read](#)] would amend the Fertilizer Act to include a yearly certification program for applicators. The program would be designed to align with the current pesticide license applicator certification program that uses Sept. 30 as its deadline. Fees associated with the program include a \$100 license fee "per company" and a \$10 test fee per licensee, Fees also increase for product inspection.

The team representing the PAGCS, PGCSA and GCSAA continue to monitor the Bill and continue to insert some influence on certain points, including application rates and licensing requirements. ♦



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I am not sure how to start this President's Message, but I can say the Summer of 2020 will always be fresh in the back of our minds as one crazy summer. This is where we have come 40 years after Caddyshack...Gunga Gulunga! There is obviously the COVID-19 disruption, but let's look at all the other factors.

July was another record tying month with 21 days over 90 degrees. I cannot quite figure it out: even at those temperatures, the same group of grumpy old men came out to play every day and then have a tailgate in the parking at lunch. It seems as though these temperature extremes are becoming the new norm, I blame Putin.

Nothing like trying to grow turfgrass and deal with excessive rainfall and extreme heat. The heat just was not the only thing messing around with our livelihoods. This summer has brought many storms with straight-line winds causing extreme damage in the region. Not only did these storms damage golf courses, they also affected us at home. I, for one, have lost power for multiple days at a time this summer, and it's just another added stress.

Then comes August, and the Hurricane that everyone had a hard time pronouncing, ISAIAS (ees-ah-EE-ahs). Again, I do not think you will forgot ISAIAS and the flooding and tree damage we received. Like it's not bad enough we already have the global pandemic to deal with, let's throw in the heat, storms, rainfall, flooding, and, do not forget, double the amount of cart traffic from single cart usage. I got home from work that day during ISAIAS to find water spewing up from the basement floor and there was no way to stop it. Well, actually there was the old 20 gal shop vac that we emptied four times until the winds came and we lost power for yet another time this summer. I am sure many of you have much worse stories of what occurred at your facilities and homes. Applecross only had five inches of rainfall while many others had over eight or more that day.

So August of 2020 was not so great either. Now, if you are a fan of blistering heat like my fiancé and can work virtually poolside, then it was a great summer. The pools have been packed, and, from what I hear, the members loved the fact that the pool has reservations and is not packed like it usually is throughout the summer. So, for pool people that do not like crowds, I guess thumbs up for COVID-19.

This strange COVID time we are living is not helping the Food and Beverage/Banquet Industry. I know that many courses are taking it on the chin and experiencing very large financial losses due to limited dining, cancelled banquets and weddings, etc. Thank goodness that rounds are up about 15-20% for most courses. If you are a public golf course, you are killing it. This Pandemic might actually be the revitalization of golf. But for other facilities, the weddings and banquets are what help courses stay afloat and keep assessments down. We all have become quite the "outside dining designers," from creating more deck space to eat and adding outdoor tents to accommodate more people outside for outings. Projects are slowly starting back up after they came to a screeching halt in March. There is a definite light at the end of the tunnel!

Of course last but not least is the 2020-21 school year. For some, if you do not have school aged children in your lives, you do not have much to worry about, but, for many of us, this is a huge hurdle. Most of the schools have started virtually with the plan to return in person later in the year. Schooling from home can affect our jobs and is forcing much planning: who is going to make sure our kids are doing the work, for example. Particularly hard hit can be families with a little ones in elementary school. It makes me think of past president Derrick Wozinak and his family of 4! Hats off to him and his wife managing their jobs and family at the same time!

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Many people I talk to are creating learning pods in their homes, with parents taking turns watching and helping numerous students. It is tough to rely on grandparents to help when you put them in jeopardy of catching COVID from our little petri dishes. Other families are relying on aunts and uncles and other family members to chip in and help. It should be an interesting fall and winter to see where this all goes.

As for PAGCS outings, I am happy to say that our first three outings of the season happened and had great attendance. We have found that virtual scoring has helped us out tremendously, and we even can run a 50/50 and skins online, if necessary. We seem to get better each time we have an outing. Next up, we will test how tee times work at the Golf Champs on Oct 5 at Rolling Green.

We will continue to social distance, mask up, and have a blast at these last outings: Rolling Green Golf Club and the Annual meeting at Whitmarsh Valley Country Club. After reading through my collection of The Bonnie Greensward for inspiration to write, I came across the March-April 2004 issue where Warren Savini writes:

“One final thought: as the year progresses, I know how hard it is to pull ourselves away from our jobs. But it is our job to learn to delegate our authority to our assistants or foremen. This is why we spend time teaching and training them-so we can take a short break and network with our peers. It is very easy to fall in to that trap of working 12 hour days, seven days a week. Heck, if President Bush can go to Camp David in the middle of the Iraq war, we can surely take a half day and enjoy ourselves too. Make time ... for family and friends, remember, life is to short.”

So, yes please, take the time to come out and enjoy a round of golf and catch up with the vendors that take care of us. Again, I would like to thank all our sponsors for their support in this difficult and ever changing year. I hope to see many of you at one or both of the next two outings. If you have any questions or comments about your experience with the Association, please feel free to contact me or any other PAGCS board member. Stay Safe, Everyone! A Vaccine is Coming...I hope!



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MODERN HOME OF AMERICAN GOLF

by Nick Sujkowski, PAGCS Assistant Representative to the Board

For this edition of the Assistant's Corner, I spoke with Jordan Roberts, East Course Superintendent at the new PGA Frisco project. I spoke with Jordan about his background in turf and how he came to be involved in this massive new construction.

Please give our readers some insight into your personal background and how you got into this business:

"I grew up in the small town of Walpole, New Hampshire. I got my first start on a golf course at the age of 14 working in the pro shop and around the clubhouse grounds. After that, I started mowing grass and maintaining properties for a landscape company. In my senior year of high school, I visited Penn State to learn more about the Turfgrass Management program. I visited with Dr. John Kaminski which led to my first internship at Baltusrol Golf Club prior to starting my schooling that fall. Once at Baltusrol, I realized I had found my love for the game of golf and maintaining high-end golf courses. After my internship was completed, I fully immersed myself in the curriculum of the Penn State two-year Turfgrass program."

Where have you worked since your internship at Baltusrol?

"After my first year at Penn State, I traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for my official internship at Valhalla Golf Club, working alongside Roger Meier and his team. During my internship, I had the privilege of being a part of the 2014 PGA Championship, which was an incredible experience. I then went back to Penn State to finish my second year. After graduation, I knew that I wanted to broaden my experience and pursued opportunities out west. That brought me to work as an intern at Gozzer Ranch Golf & Lake Club in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where I spent the next eight months. I then returned to Louisville, Kentucky to work as an Assistant Superintendent for Ric Kehres at Louisville Country Club, where I spent another eight months before returning to Valhalla Golf Club. After hosting the Boys Junior PGA Championship at Valhalla, I then accepted the job as Lead Assistant Superintendent at Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington, Kentucky. During my time at Idle Hour, I caught wind of the project planned for the new PGA Headquarters in Frisco, Texas. This opportunity piqued my interest so I applied for the position of Golf Course Superintendent on the East Course of PGA Frisco and was awarded the position in April of this year."



PGA Frisco Before and After

Leaving a solid position at Idle Hour CC to move to North Texas must have been a big decision to make. What influenced you to make the move and join the PGA Frisco project?

"My involvement began with talking to my prior boss, Roger Meier, who was previously the Golf Course Superintendent at Valhalla Golf Club. Roger is now the Senior Director of Golf Course Operations for the PGA of America, working closely on the project at PGA Frisco. We had some discussion on what the PGA of America, along with Omni Hotels & Resorts, was going to bring to the city of Frisco, Texas. Together, they are building what will be the modern home for American golf. I applied for this position not only for the career advancement but for the growth of the game and a brand new golf course facility to set new trends and visions for golf course maintenance."

What does the project entail and what is your involvement day to day?

"The PGA Frisco project sits atop a 600 acre property just outside of Dallas, Texas. Along with the new Headquarters for the PGA of America, there will be a state of the art conference center located inside the 500 room Omni Hotel that they are planning to build on site. There will be two championship golf courses (East and West Course) along with a lighted ten-hole short course and a 100,000 square foot putting course. The East Course, designed

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by Gil Hanse, is going to play host to 23 championships scheduled over the next 13 years, including the 2027 & 2034 PGA Championships. This course is designed to challenge even the best golfers in the world. The West Course, designed by Beau Welling, is meant to be a much more light-hearted and welcoming golf experience."

Prior to shaping the golf features we had to address the fact that the land the courses would occupy was in a floodplain. In order to raise the golfing grounds out of the floodplain, 1.5 million cubic yards of soil was excavated to create wetland areas that will retain water in times of flood. The fill created from the wetlands was then used to raise the courses up above the floodplain. In addition, we have installed 75 miles of subsurface drainage over both courses to ensure quick drying of playing surfaces after a heavy rain event. Currently, the majority of the shaping on both courses is completed and we are wrapping up the grassing soon as well. On the East Course, we have begun to condition 15 of the holes and will soon be grassing the last three. Greens will be grassed with TifEagle Bermuda and fairways, tees and rough will be Northbridge Bermuda. Thankfully, the turf has some time to mature as the golf courses will not be open to play until June of 2022.

"Day to day I am in charge of managing the crew and operation of the East Course. My current goal is to build a team that will work well together and create an atmosphere that will draw potential employees in the future. During the construction of the golf course, I have built great



PGA Frisco Fairway Drainage

relationships with the contractors as well as Cavemen Construction, who work for Hanse Golf Course Design. Understanding how they work as a team to accomplish one goal while meeting deadlines and keeping quality at the forefront has been a great learning experience for me."

What do you feel this project will teach you that will help you in your future career?

"Obtaining this job has been a huge accomplishment for me. I continue to push myself to break out of my comfort zone in order to grow as a turfgrass professional. This project has helped me gain a lot of valuable experience with financial management as well as course construction, but my biggest takeaway from this project is the sense of teamwork we have built here. We are all working together to accomplish the goal that the PGA of America and Omni Hotels & Resorts have set forth for us. This position is teaching me something new every day and it has further reinforced my passion for this industry."

I want to give a special thank you to Jordan for taking the time out of his busy schedule to speak with me about this incredible work being done in Texas. I think the only question now is how soon can we get the Golf Industry Show to Frisco???

Other parties involved:

Roger Meier - Senior Director of PGA of America Golf Course Operations

Bryce Yates - Managing Superintendent of Golf Course & Grounds

Jordan Roberts - East Course Superintendent

Kyle Bunney - West Course Superintendent

Matt Smeenk - West Course Assistant Superintendent

Will Bowling - Chemical Application Foreman

Nick Zickefoose: Intern

Hanse Golf Design

Caveman Construction

Heritage Links



PGA Frisco Billy Bunker Before



PGA Frisco Billy Bunker After

ASSISTANT'S CORNER

Anyone who would like to be featured in the next edition of the Assistant's Corner, please contact Nick at nicksuj@gmail.com

STRESS SOLUTION

The American Medical Association has noted that stress is the basic cause for more than 60% of all human illnesses and diseases. And it's entirely possible, if you're reading this, plant stress may be causing you to be stressed!

It sure seems like managed turf creates a lot of stress by its own nature. In the abundant toolbox of ideas about managing stress, one ingredient has been overlooked for a very simple reason. The ingredient is silica and it has been overlooked because plants will grow to maturity without it and plants grown in benign situations have little need for it.

But plants under stress need silica in order to allocate resources in the right sequence. Plants under stress send their carbohydrates predominantly to the leaf to survive. Very little sugars are being exuded into the soil to promote and sustain root growth. The plant is basically on life support.

Enter plant available silica and damage control begins. Photosynthesis becomes more efficient, more chlorophyll is produced, secondary metabolites are produced depending upon the abiotic or biotic stress the plant is dealing with. In addition to all the signaling, silica will deposit itself in the plant in the form of phytoliths that are similar to minute grains of sand. Phytoliths deter chewing insects while strengthening the plant structure to reduce lodging.

More efficient photosynthesis means more sugars are being exuded through the roots to feed the biota that the plant depends on for life. In short, the key ingredient to combat stress is plant available silica.

Unfortunately, silica in plant available form (monomeric silicic acid) is very unstable in nature. It tends to polymerize or bind to itself and thus become unavailable to plants. Natural weathering can break it down again but that process takes time and plants under stress are on borrowed time.

Stabilized silicic acid is leaf applied and is immediately assimilated into the plant. The really interesting point is that once plant available silica is on the job, all other nutrients will perform more efficiently and can be reduced by 10 - 15%. The addition of stabilized silicic acid can be funded by savings while turf performance improves through good health.

Plants show no signs of stress and lo and behold, the turf manager is no longer showing signs of stress. Win, win. ♦

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Ninety five years ago this September, the first official meeting of the PAGCS took place at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. The golf turf leaders in 1925 committed themselves to foster a network of camaraderie, education, networking, professionalism.

The PAGCS Bylaws state the following in ARTICLE II: Section 1. Statement of Purpose

The purposes of this Association are to promote the interchange of scientific and practical knowledge relating to the construction and maintenance of golf courses, to promote cooperation of golf courses through more efficient operations, and to promote the profession of the

Golf Course Superintendent.

Few pictures capture this more. On the left, John Segui, retired CGCS from Waynesborough Country Club, with Bob Oeschle, founder of Montco Products/Surfside and career long sponsor and friend of the PAGCS and the superintendent.

Bob passed away in 2018 at the age of 91 and was fondly remembered by many at the time: "He helped create a turf management category that didn't exist before. He was a true pioneer, and the many advances in soil surfactant chemistry would not have happened unless there was Surfside 37 first." -Dr. Mike Fidanza, PSU Berks

John Segui, during his long career, served both the PAGCS and the GCSAA as president, was awarded the prestigious Eb Steinigier Award in 2000, and served as the PAGCS certification attester to GCSAA for many years. ♦



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The PAGCS turned 95 this September and we are working on plans for the 100th celebration. Please share your photos, memories and thoughts.

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- Positive attitude
- Reliability
- Professionalism
- Initiative
- Respect
- Integrity
- Gratitude

Developing "employability skills" [soft skills] requires consistent reinforcement, coaching and sometimes multiple voices from your management team. Being a leader and manager of people is no easy task, especially when dealing with uncertain variables of a pandemic and Mother Nature.

Employees require competitive compensation, alignment to job, manager, team and organization, growth opportunities, recognition, autonomy and transparent communication. We could group all of these into workplace culture.

If any of those factors are missing,

rest assured that disengagement will creep in and they will be keeping their options open.

Golf course superintendents want to know what is the magical starting wage to get people in the door? Based on my research with roughly 60 golf facilities, spread across the country - \$13 to \$15.

Regardless, money isn't going to make up for a lack of vision, teamwork, respect, along with growth in new skills, advancement, and being informed and actively listened to.

More importantly, employees want a rewarding experience and to be a respected person, whose personal and professional advancement is valued. Employees seek a high level of flexibility and accommodation, and that goes further than pay wages.

Example: I had an entry level employee looking for part-time work at minimum wage. The gentleman lived across the street, and needed some accommodation to attend to a family situation. In the end, what started as a part-time job, led to a long-term relationship.

Frequently, the individual would take it upon himself to learn new skills to the point of repairing string trimmers, back pack blowers and small engine equipment. I gave him the freedom to take on additional projects, and he asked for more hours. When our local equipment distributor representatives came to service equipment or bring parts, he requested to inquire information.

Lo and behold as I had been

through my third equipment technician within the first year and a half, this gentleman rose to the occasion. What I didn't know was that he had spent over thirty years as working with HVAC. His passion was automotive and mentoring.

Over the course of our time together, he became instrumental in helping us create our apprenticeship program that generated multiple talent pipelines, state and national recognition.

The point being, our equipment manager and I cultivated a long-term relationship that started with some basic accommodations for part-time employment and consistent engagement.

This may give employers posting for less wages reason to actively engage with their employees improving every day, week, month and years. We get what we give: the result is employees who will exceed expectations, demonstrate increased energy, productivity, motivation, creativity and performance.

We can't force staff members to adopt an overachieving attitude, or to be positive, reliable, professional, or honest. The key is to be flexible, agile and receptive to building these soft skills. The hard skills of mowing greens, raking bunkers and hand-watering are typically easier to develop. ♦

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– TGJ Asst. Editor Casey Bannon

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FACILITY: Cedarbrook Country Club

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Oscar, far right, is an Australian cattle dog and lab mix, seven months old. After a full day of chasing geese and other creatures, this adored member of the grounds maintenance crew goes home with Tim Kelly, GCS at Cedarbrook.

Not to be out done on the job is Calvin, far left. This beloved brown and white Border Collie is the senior of the pair at nine months, and he, too, loves chasing ALL.THE.THINGS. His partner Vince Hill, assistant GCS, makes sure he is well rewarded.



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Meanwhile, the chances that it made the news and events coverage at all were nearly nixed by a perfect storm. And it all started in the Philadelphia region.

Philly area sculptor Zenos Frudakis [who created the statues of former Phillies Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Richie Ashburn, and Robin Roberts that stand outside Citizens Bank Park.] was commissioned in 2018 to put together the concept that both honors the memory of the USGA's former president Sandy Tatum and pays tribute to the First Tee and its core values.



Zenos Frudakis

The pandemic arrived, which not only delayed the PGA Championship, but shut down the Chester based foundry where the sculptures were being cast. By July, the statues now complete, the race was on to get them from Philly

to San Fran in four days. Off they went via a private trucking company.

And eventually ended up inside an overturned truck in a field in Hannibal, MO. With a few days, hours to go, the head of the First Tee of San Francisco Dan Burke persevered to get the statues to SF, arranged repairs, and in the 11th hour they were installed at PGA Harding Park.



The Sculptures

The statue of Sandy Tatum is flanked by statues of two youths representing First Tee, a program that provides educational programs and teaches values to young people through golf. The younger child is approaching a stairway with the nine core values of First Tee, and the other figure is an older version of himself. ♦

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PSU STUDENTS WIN GCSAA 2020 SCHOLARS COMPETITION

The GCSAA Scholars Competition is primarily funded by the Robert Trent Jones Endowment and administered by the Environmental Institute for Golf, GCSAA's philanthropic organization. It was developed to recognize outstanding students planning careers in golf course management.

Among the winners is **Billy Covert**, winner of the **Frank I Shuman Scholarship** awarded by the **PAGCS** each year.

Mendenhall Award winner, \$6,000

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PAGCS member Dave Renk, GCS at Lookaway Golf Club, and his family were recently featured in GCSAA's GCM magazine. The article, "Remembering a son, brother through golf," delves into a family that is truly bound by a love of golf and turf. Here are a few highlights.

Background: Dave's son Matt passed away in 2010 from brain cancer and the family created the Matthew Renk Foundation to help other families—the PAGCS toy drive supports one of the Foundation's efforts, Toys for CHOP, each year.

Matt, along with twin brother Tom and younger brother Andrew, grew up on the golf course at Lookaway. "He loved golf course work; He was going to be a golf course superintendent from the time he was 5 years old." —Matt's dad, Dave Renk

Meanwhile: Twin brother Tom didn't give a rip about golf course maintenance and spent his early childhood obsessing over dinosaurs and animals and pictured himself a marine biologist or veterinarian when he grew up.

Fast Forward: Now, at 25 and with a short but impressive résumé that lists stops as an intern at Pine Valley and Augusta National, Tom is the one following in dad's footsteps as an assistant superintendent at Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier, Pa.

A DREAM LIVES ON

It's no coincidence that Tom suddenly took an interest in golf course maintenance just after Matt passed.

"Growing up, my brother wanted to be a superintendent," I had no interest in it at all.... Once my brother



A recent photo of the Renk family – (from left) Jackie, Tom, Andrew and Dave – on the grounds at Augusta National.

passed away, I kind of wanted to keep his memory alive. And it helped me cope with it. When I was 15, I told my dad I wanted to take the steps to becoming a golf course superintendent."

Tom didn't take the plunge right away. First, he dipped a toe, spending a couple of years working for Dave at Lookaway as he pondered his next step – enrolling at his father's alma mater, Rutgers, and its two-year certification program.

"I wanted to figure out first if this was something I really wanted to do," Tom says.

After "doing the basics" with Dave at Lookaway, Tom headed off to Pine Valley for an unofficial internship, then he joined the volunteer crew – alongside his dad – raking front-nine bunkers at the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club. Then it was back to Lookaway to work for dad

and a short stint with a golf course construction company.

He started at Rutgers in January 2016 and did his nine-month interim internship at Merion.

Two days after his graduation in March 2017, Tom started an internship at Augusta, just in time for the Masters, and he eventually was promoted to "turf graduate" – Augusta's term for an assistant-in-training. He wanted a taste of the West Coast, so he spent five months as a second assistant superintendent at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, and then returned East. He's now an assistant at Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier, Pa.

Asked about his ultimate goal, where he hopes to end up one day, Tom gives an answer that has an eerie yet comforting echo.

"I'd like to take over for dad," Tom says, "when he retires."

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CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

It wasn't until well after the fact that Dave Renk realized the motivation behind his son Matt's Make-A-Wish request.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes from terminally ill children between the ages of 2½ and 17, and Matt – undergoing treatments for brain cancer, specifically pediatric medulloblastoma – qualified. A fixture around the Lookaway Golf Club in Buckingham, Pa., where Dave Renk had been golf course superintendent since it opened in 1999, Matt had a fondness for golf course maintenance, so it came as little surprise when he made his wish.

While other youngsters often opt for a trip to a Disney property, or a meet-and-greet with a celebrity – John Cena is said to be the most requested – Matt went green. His ask? A John Deere ProGator utility vehicle. The only trouble was, the ProGator exceeded the Make-A-Wish Foundation's \$10,000 limit. Eventually, a deal was made with a local vendor who was able to find a good, used vehicle that somehow managed to come in just under the limit.

Matt was given the ProGator at a party attended by the Make-A-Wish folks.



Matt Renk behind the wheel of the John Deere ProGator utility vehicle he received from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The Make-A-Wish people were floored," Dave Renk says. "Normally, they never get to see the kids get their wishes. Usually the kids are at Disney, or they go to see John Cena, so the people running the Make-A-Wish program never get to be there."

Though it made sense in the context of Matt's love for golf course maintenance, something about the request nagged Dave.

"I thought, why are you picking that? He was 15 years old," Dave recalls. "It took me a while, but I finally figured it out. I think he knew he'd have a short period of time. You couldn't just ask for the cash. I think he figured out he could get



Right: Tom and Dave Renk.

that, then, when he turned 16, he could go sell it and go buy the truck he wanted." ♦



Matt and Dave

Andrew Hartsock is GCM's managing editor.

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GCSAA awarded 20 college scholarships as part of its Legacy Awards program.

To be eligible, applicants must be a child or grandchild of a GCSAA member. The program is funded by GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the [Environmental Institute for Golf](#) (EIFG), in partnership with [Syngenta](#). Each grant is for \$1,500.

The awards are based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities and leadership skills. Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or, for high school seniors, accepted at such an institution for the next academic year.

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Carson Crow

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Parent: Rodney Crow, CGCS, GameDay Sports Turf Management, West Columbia, S.C.

Caroline Daly

Boston College

Parent: Patrick Daly, CGCS, Framingham (Mass.) Country Club

Emily DiFonzo

University of Pittsburgh

Parent: Thomas DiFonzo, GCSAA Class A member, deceased

Emily Jotzat

Grand Valley State University

Parent: Steve Jotzat, CGCS, Lost Dunes Golf Club, Bridgman, Mich.

Grant Kresina

Ohio State University

Parent: Keith Kresina, director of grounds, The Golf Club, New Albany, Ohio

Ryan Lynagh

Penn State University

Parent: James Lynagh, superintendent, Bluestone Country Club, Blue Bell, Pa.

Mack Morris

University of Georgia

Stepparent: Tim Busek, superintendent, St. Ives Country Club, Johns Creek, Ga.

Reagan Olli

Northern Michigan University

Parent: James Olli, superintendent, Michaywe Pines Golf Course, Gaylord, Mich.

Abigail Tykwinski

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Grandparent: Michael Tykwinski, superintendent, Pipestone (Minn.) Country Club

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Lindsey Adams

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Parent: Jason Adams, superintendent, Blue Hill Country Club, Canton, Mass.

Maggie Cincotta

Baylor University

Parent: Sean Cincotta, CGCS, Laguna Woods Village, Laguna Woods, Calif.

Anna Disselkamp

University of Louisville

Parent: Aaron Disselkamp, CGCS, Standard Country Club, Louisville, Ky.

Lauren Greene

Clemson University

Parent: David Greene, superintendent, Legacy Pines Golf Club, Mauldin, S.C.

Nicole Nelson

College of St. Scholastica

Parent: Troy Nelson, assistant superintendent, Tianna Country Club, Walker, Minn.

Madisen Prasek

University of South Dakota

Parent: Gordon Prasek, superintendent, Jamestown (N.D.) Country Club

Meghan Roznowski

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Parent: Jason Roznowski, superintendent, Red Hawk Golf Club, East Tawas, Mich.

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Mikayla Santjer

Northland College

Parent: Ross Santjer, superintendent, Moccasin Creek Country Club, Aberdeen, S.D.

Brandon Seliga

Berklee College of Music

Parent: Gordon Seliga, CGCS, Lake View Country Club, North East, Pa.

>>MEMBER & INDUSTRY NEWS

Total Turf Golf Services, Inc., a Pennsylvania-based Certified Golf Course Builder, is pleased to announce the addition of Shellene Elmore as its newest Golf Operations Manager. Shellene will be based out of the Corporate Office in Huntingdon Valley, PA and will oversee and manage golf restoration, renovation and construction projects throughout the country.

Shellene brings over 25 years of golf course construction experience to the TTGS team. Having previously worked as a Shaper, Project Manager, and VP/Partner throughout his career, Shellene has traveled extensively throughout the United States and the Caribbean building and renovating some of the most prolific golf course for some of the game's most notable

designers and architects. "Shellene will look to foster and build upon existing relationships with both Superintendents and Architects alike as well as garner new opportunities for growth in emerging golf markets as we continue to expand our footprint," states TTGS Vice President, Greg Hufner.

"The addition of Elmore will further allow us to better service our clients' expectations and needs throughout the US," adds Hufner. ♦

For company information and updates on current projects visit TTGS website at www.totalturf golfservices.com. Shellene can be reached via email at shellene@totalturf services.com or via cell phone at (508) 272-0744.



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MONDAY, JULY 13 AT HUNTINGDON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

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- 2nd: Steve Stephens, Jon Walsh
- 3rd: Chris Freeman, Jeff Weld

GROSS

- 1st: Brad Helcoski, Bill Hyndman
- 2nd: Chet Walsh, Andrew McCloskey
- 3rd: Tom Currie, Alan Bean

SKILLS

CLOSEST TO PIN

- CTP #3: Bryan Marvin, 6'7"
- CTP #5: Jake Lasco, 2'9"
- CTP #13: Andrew McCloskey, 2'9"
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OUR HOST: Scott Anderson, Greens Superintendent, Huntingdon Valley Country Club since 1983.

HAILS FROM: Scott grew up in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, moved to PA in 1972.

EDUCATION AND CAREER: Scott worked his high school and college years at High Point Golf Farm, now Spring Mill Country Club. He graduated in 1980 from Delaware Valley College with a degree in Agronomy.

HIS WHY: Scott took a "question everything" attitude early on, with environmental stewardship and playing conditions as the focus. He had the fortune of working with Linc Roden, as well as other well established golfers, who knew what they desired as far as firm and fast playing conditions. The turf program has evolved into an agronomic approach that utilizes modern day chemistries, organics, sea weed, molasses, paramagnetic rock dust minerals, dirty sand top dressing and some innovative equipment that has developed over the years. His approach and turf team has a reputation for some fine playing conditions at a reasonable cost.



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SKILLS

CLOSEST TO PIN

- CTP #3: Steve Sweiderk, 10'
- CTP #9: Nick Tristani, 19'9"
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Rob Johnson

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OUR HOST: Eli Rodriguez, Golf Course Superintendent, Rock Manor Golf Club since 2019.

FAMILY: Married to wife Mary for 28 years, four children including two adopted children, and six grandchildren, plus one feline fur baby.

EDUCATION AND CAREER: Rutgers graduate; superintendent for 19 years.

FAVORITE HOLE AT THE ROCK: #15 [see pics]



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**MONDAY,
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OUR HOST: Christian Scheller, Golf Course Superintendent, Squires Golf Club.

HAILS FROM: Christian grew up near Scranton, PA.

EDUCATION AND CAREER: Christian started working on a golf course the summer of 2000 as a laborer and worked every summer through high school and college until 2009.

“My first degree was in Graphic Communications from Pennsylvania College of Technology. I quickly knew that workplace was not for me. I applied for the Rutgers two-year certificate in 2009 and graduated in 2011. I did my internship at Montclair Golf Club in West Orange, NJ. I then moved to the Philadelphia area and started as the Assistant at Old York Road in 2012. This move was facilitated by my then Fiancé and now wife Melissa. We have been married for almost 9 years and had our first child Cannon in June 2019.”

HIS WHY: “When I first started working on a golf course I was drawn to the art of mowing and how you can admire your work after a job. As I went further in my career and was educated in the science behind it, I was hooked. I love the challenge of dealing with Mother Nature and having the ability to sometimes beat her. I am also in love with the game of golf and the way golf course architects design their masterpieces.”

MORE ABOUT CHRISTIAN: “With any of my free time, I spend most of it with my family, relaxing at home or, if I can, slip away to golf with my father.”





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JFB GOLF CLUB GROUNDS CREW

It has been an interesting year for friendships, both young and old. Some have lost touch, some have prospered through the weekly FaceTime or zoom gatherings, some are teetering somewhere in the middle. However, one friendship finds itself flourishing everyday due to the nature of work the two best friends do.

Brendan and Will are members of the grounds crew at John F. Byrne Golf Club (JFBGC) in Northeast Philadelphia. Friends since they were three years old, they have worked at the golf course since the beginning of the summer. Not only do they work together, but they also play on the John F. Byrne PGA Jr. League Team run by First Tee Greater Philadelphia. The sportsbased, youth development organization took over operations of John F. Byrne Golf Club in November of 2019. With just nine months of operations under their belt, JFBGC has seen significant improvements to the course and clubhouse. It has also been an additional home to the friendship of Brendan and Will.

While they go to different high schools, they grew up on the same street and their friendship has lasted 14 years. At the beginning of the summer, Brendan was hired for the Maintenance Staff. Golf Course Superintendent Joe Diacovo was looking for more people to join his team, Brendan asked Will, and now the two best friends call the golf course their place of work. Brendan's favorite part of working at John F. Byrne is cutting the greens, Will's favorite part is getting to be with his best friend. Brendan's favorite part about working with his best friend is driving around the golf course together and Will loves their rock-paper-scissor matches.

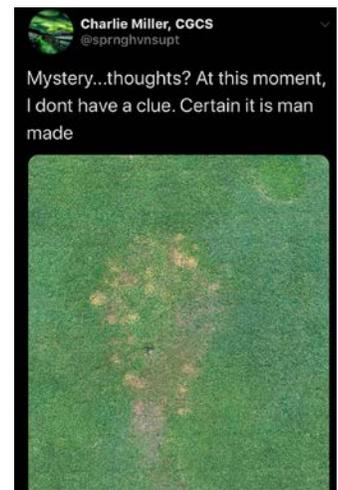
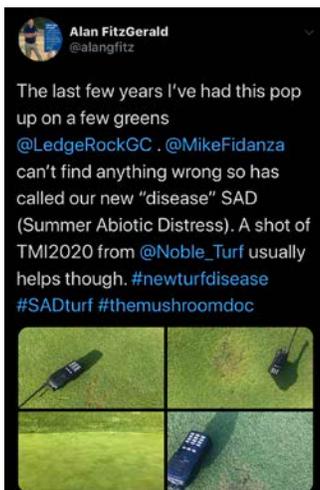


Brendan and Will are grounds crew members at John F. Byrne Golf Club and participants in our PGA Jr. League Team.

When they're not working, Brendan and Will enjoy playing X-box, playing golf, and gocarting. They're a dynamic duo both on and off the course. When asked if Joe splits them up or keeps them together, they responded at the same time with a resounding, "He keeps us together, because he knows we work well together."

It has been an interesting year for friendships, but with golf and work, this one seems like it will be just fine. ♦

CLIPPINGS



LINNE INDUSTRIES LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

NEWARK, DE – August 13, 2020 – LINNE Industries, maker of the PondHawk® solar-powered pond aeration system, announced today the launch of its new website, www.pondhawk.com. The new site is a centralized source of information for golf course superintendents, homeowner association managers, and other individuals looking for an easier, more cost-effective way to manage their ponds.

The website presents information on PondHawk’s features and benefits, and it explains in detail just how the system works. Visitors to the site can read up on PondHawk’s technical specifications and learn how subsurface aeration addresses many underlying causes of stinky, unhealthy ponds. Importantly, the website lets visitors learn about a variety of PondHawk projects throughout the United States. It also allows visitors to click through a full gallery of before-and-after pond photos showing PondHawk’s exceptional results.

In addition, the website provides access to PondHawk® BRIEFS™—educational resources that deliver information on aquatic research and best management practices as well as tips on keeping your water assets healthy.

“Our new website really conveys what PondHawk is all about,” said LINNE Industries President and PondHawk Co-Inventor Sandra Burton. “We’re often asked questions about subsurface aeration and the ins and outs of PondHawk’s operation. Now clients and others have access to detailed PondHawk information 24/7. We encourage people to explore our new, informative website.”

To learn more about PondHawk and how it can keep your pond healthy and clean using solar power, visit www.pondhawk.com.

ABOUT LINNE INDUSTRIES AND PONDHAWK

LINNE Industries is the manufacturer of the PondHawk® Solar-Powered Pond Aeration System. Founded in 2013 and based in Delaware, LINNE Industries is an applied solar energy technology company that designs and manufactures sustainable energy products. The company’s products improve the environment while providing best-in-class energy systems that deliver dynamic solutions for customers. The patented PondHawk is the first fully integrated solar-powered pond aeration system that delivers algae-eliminating bubbles to improve water quality and restores habitat without electric or power delivery costs. ♦

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