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June Meeting  
**Pocono Manor Golf Club**  
Host: Corey Pries, GCS  
Speaker: Dr. Mike Fidanza, PSU

Our June meeting will bring us to a fixture in the Poconos for over 100 years - Pocono Manor Resort. The classic East Course, designed by Donald Ross, just celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012. Like many classic Pocono courses, the Manor has hosted a wide array of celebrities and events over the years. With its poa greens and ryegrass tees and fairways, the layout of the East Course will both interest and challenge you. While Pocono Manor is steeped in history, as with all things, change comes with it. The Resort is currently working with a company in the planning and construction of the largest water park in the United States. This water park would be built in conjunction with a convention center and hotel and will require some land that currently houses the West Course which would ultimately lead to Pocono Manor going from a 36 hole facility to a 27 hole one.

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## President's Message.....

*John Downer*

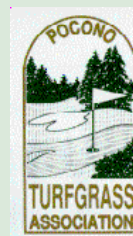
## Editor's Notes.....

In our continuing series from Dr. Mike Fidanza, who will also speak at our June meeting, we will take a brief look at wetting agents to try to get a better grasp on which ones do what.

Thanks to Dr. Mike for the articles he has provided!!

Thanks to Bryan Zukawski to submitting this month's photo. And keep those pictures coming.....

*Brian Bachman*



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## Pocono Turfgrass Association 2013 Scholarships

# The Deadline is June 30, 2013!

### 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, 2013. 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.

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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.
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Talk to any Board Member for additional details.

### **May Meeting Wrap-Up**

Thanks to Ron Garrison and his staff for hosting our May meeting. We had 62 members/guests in attendance. It's always a treat to visit Fox Hill.

**1st Place** Mark Brown, Tony Kenia, Bill Ramakus, and Joe K.

**2nd Place** Ian Kunesch, Chris Boyle, Ed Cimoch, and Jeff Sutphen

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These changes will be overseen by Pocono Manor Superintendent Corey Pries. Corey has been at the Manor since 2009, tackling projects such as extensive tree removal, building 4 forward tees, construction of a new bridge (see last month's Photo of the Month), and other various projects. Prior to the Manor, Corey was the superintendent at Towanda C.C. and got his feet wet in the business at Fox Hill back in 1998. He is assisted in his efforts by a seasonal staff of 8 and his right hand man and mechanic Henry.

Please join us for what will undoubtedly be a great day of camaraderie and golf at Pocono Manor!



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### Research to Reality:

## Wetting Agent Chemistry

The last published article by the late Stan Zontek (USGA Green Section) was a few years in the making, and written in collaboration with Dr. Stan Kostka (Director of Global Development, Aquatrols Corporation). The two 'Stans' spent a great deal of time trying to bring order to wetting agent chemistries, similar to how fungicides, herbicides and insecticides are classified. First, all wetting agents (or surfactants or soil surfactant products) are not the same. Second, here's what the two Stans came up with, in no particular order\*:

1. Anionic or Blends of Anionics
2. Nonionic:
  - 2.1 Polyoxyethylene ("POE")
  - 2.2 Block Co-Polymer
    - Straight
    - Reverse
    - Blends of Straight& Reverse
  - 2.3 Alkyl Polyglucosides
  - 2.4 Modified Methyl Capped Block Co-Polymer
  - 2.5 Humic Substance Redistribution
  - 2.6 Multibranched Regeneration
3. Cationic
4. New ("place-holder" for future discoveries)

How can turf professionals use this information? Another way to ask, is which products "hold" or "push" water in the root-zone? Research is needed to quantify and/or clarify a green-keepers' view and perception of how these products work in sand-, soil-, and modified-rootzones under different management regimes and at different times of the year. For now, we finally have a system for placing these products into chemical classes or categories, thanks to two guys named Stan, and their shared Polish heritage!

*Source:* Zontek, S.J, and S.J. Kostka. 2012. Understanding the different wetting agent chemistries. USGA Green Section Record 50(15).

\*Anionic (negative charge); Nonionic (no charge); Cationic (positive charge).

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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).



## June Photo of the Month

This month's photo is from Bryan Zukawski at Terra Greens G.C. in East Stroudsburg.

This is a picture of Bryan's father and uncle installing the irrigation on #2 fairway....old school!! It took a man (or two) to use that pipe wrench.

Thanks, Bryan, for sharing some of your family history and the course you know and love.

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