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June Meeting **Eagle Rock Resort** Host: Mike Darby

Eagle Rock Resort is a private, gated community located on over 7000 acres. It features many amenities, including a ski hill, 2 lakes, a beach, 4 pools, indoor basketball court, tennis courts, equestrian center, practice range, and 27 holes of golf.

The 18 hole championship course measures 7028 yards from the gold tees. Previous ownership built the original 9 holes, present day holes 5 through 13, were designed by Arnold Palmer. Double Diamond Corporation purchased the resort in 1996 and completed construction of the 18 hole golf course shortly thereafter. The 18 hole course features generous fairways and large undulating greens that challenge golfers of all abilities.

The 9 hole executive course opened in 2010 and measures 2,371 yards from the blue tees. Don't let the yardage fool you; this short course is a challenging layout with small sloping greens. It can be played in around an hour, which makes it great for a quick 9 after work.

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President's Message.....

Greg Boring

Editor's Notes.....

It was a sad moment for me personally and for many in the Pocono's as our long time friend and colleague Jim MacLaren passed away on June 5th. Jim was a valuable asset in the area for so many of us and his unforgettable sense of humor and personality made a memorable impact on everyone he met.

The PTGA (along with the Central Penn Association) is making plans to honor Jim....stay tuned for details. And, if anyone has a picture of Jim, please send it to me.

Brian Bachman



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Pocono Turfgrass Association 2016 Scholarships

Deadline to apply is this month—June 30th

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, 2016**. 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, 2016**. 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 non-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 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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Nozzles and Water Quality, You Snooze You Lose

*Posted on May 18, 2016 by Kennelly
From Kansas State Turfgrass*



Nozzles and water quality? Does that make you yawn?

Let's start with nozzles

Spray nozzles might seem like a boring topic, but as stated in an article by Shepard, Agnew, Fidanza, Kaminiski, and Dant in 2006 in *Golf Course Management*, nozzles are “The last piece of equipment through which sprays pass before contact with the turf.”

Think about the cost of all that stuff going through the sprayer, the time of the person applying those materials, and the fuel to power that sprayer (unless it's a hand-sprayer, in which case I guess you count the cost of the donuts to feed that person walking around). Nozzles are small, and they don't cost much, but they can really contribute to the success of an application and help maximize the bang for your buck on all those OTHER costs.

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Current Superintendent, Mike Darby, began his employment at Eagle Rock in 2007 as the Assistant Superintendent and was promoted to Head Superintendent in the Fall of 2009. Mike and Assistant Superintendent, Matt Schifano, oversee a seasonal crew of 23 full and part time employees.

During Mike's tenure as Superintendent he has completed numerous projects which include bunker renovation, extensive drainage work, construction of the 9 hole golf course, and construction of a new practice green with chipping areas.

We look forward to a great day at this fantastic golf course. Hope to see you there!



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May Meeting Results

Reading Country Club - Joint Meeting with CPGCSA



1st Place - Andrew Harrison, Matt Paulina, David VanLeeuwen, Jeff Haas 138*

2nd Place - Tom Collum, Clayton Frasier, Chida Balaji, Kevin Skarbek 138*

8th Place - Mel Leaver, Brian Bachman, Will Schneider, Brian Cross 152

12th Place - Doug Rider, Lee Kozsey, Bob Beyer, Tim Riismandel 159

Closest to the Pin #8 - Tim Riismandel

Closest to the Pin #15 - Ryan Emerick

Long Drive Men #14 - Dave Weitzel

*Match of Cards

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

That's just mean.....and funny. It's that time of the year when the snapping turtles roam the course to lay eggs in your bunkers.

This guy got a special message slapped on his back from someone who must speak turtle.

Thanks to Scott Hallett at Hideaway Hills for this gem.

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Anyway – as noted in the article cited above, nozzles determine the amount of chemical applied, the uniformity of the application, the coverage, and they can influence the risk of drift. Make sure you calibrate your equipment, replace worn nozzles, and follow all label instructions about application equipment for the materials you are spraying. A worn-out nozzle could easily be allowing 10% or more excess material to be applied, which = 10% more money. Equipment that is not calibrated right might be applying LESS than you need to get adequate control.

Okay – now onto water quality.

Water quality? Snooze?

I just said that nozzles are the last thing to touch the materials before it goes soaring through the air and smacks into the plant. Water? That's the stuff that cozies up with the product as soon as it hits the tank and stays with it the whole way.

Pop quiz – Which of these can affect pesticide performance?

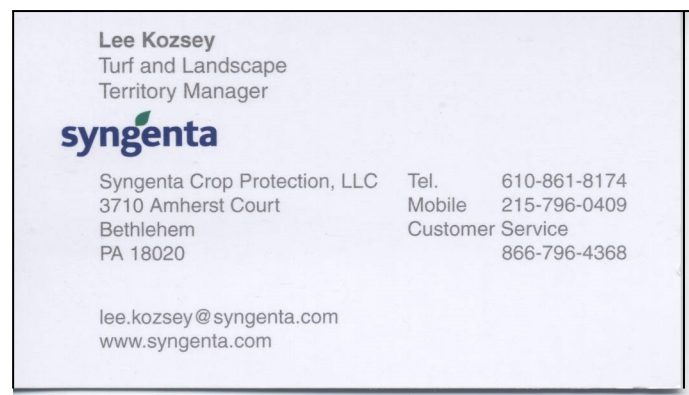
- Water pH
- Water hardness
- Dissolved minerals
- Suspended solids

Or – you guessed it – all of the above.

Do you know what the pH of your water is? When is the last time you tested it?

There is an excellent publication on The Impacts of Water Quality on Pesticide Performance from Purdue. It is an easy read that discusses these factors with some pointers about testing. For example, pH can be testing using easy at-home test strips. Be sure to follow all label instructions about water quality. Some pesticides are very sensitive to high pH, for example.

Don't forget about some of those basic nuts and bolts, like nozzles, calibration, and water. If you don't test them out now and then, there could be problems lurking that you don't know about.





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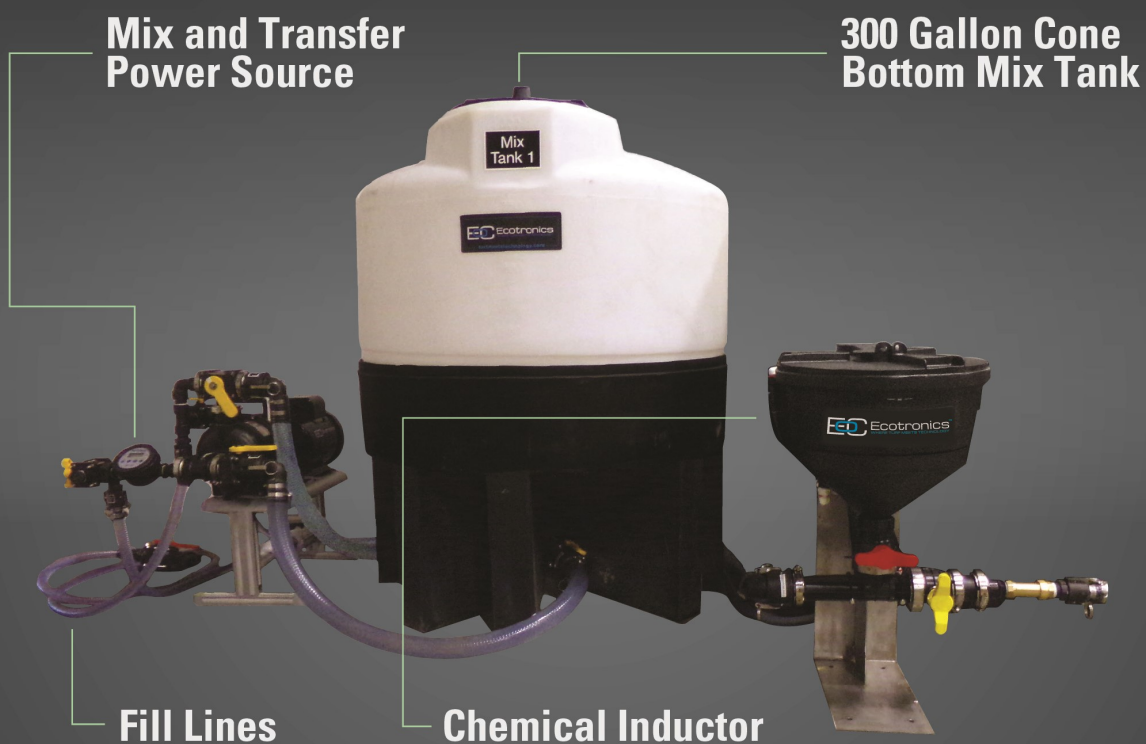
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Our hearts are heavy as we say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague Jim MacLaren who

passed away June 5.


Stay tuned as we finalize details on how to honor Jim's life and his commitment to the industry he loved.

PTGA SCHEDULE

June 22	PTGA Meeting @ Eagle Rock
July 19	PTGA Meeting @ Jack Frost National
Aug 10-11	PSU Field Days
Aug 15	PTGA Annual Meeting and Clambake Glenmaura National
Sept	PTGA Meeting @ Huntsville
Oct	PTGA Mtg@Blue Ridge Trail

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