

Front Nine News

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October Golf, Dinner, Speaker & Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Cross Creek Resort

3815 State Route 8

Titusville, PA 16354

Hosts - Buddy Stallone & Gus Paul

Meeting Agenda:

9:00 am - 11:00 am Tee Times

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Social Time

**4:00 pm Speaker—Dr. Ben McGraw
(Pesticide & GCSAA credits offered)**

5:00-5:30 pm Annual Meeting

5:30 pm Served Dinner

(See Page 2 for entrée choices)

**Carts: \$12/per person
(payable in Pro Shop)**

**Meeting Fee: \$45
(payable to NWPGCSA)
Cash, checks or credit cards
accepted**



NWPGCSA, Inc. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 21st
March Business Meeting
Venango Valley Inn & GC
Venango, PA
Hosts: Durbin Loreno, Mike
Bochert, Todd Yenny

Tuesday, June 11th
Golf & Dinner Mtg.
Whispering Woods Golf Club
Erie, PA
Hosts: Kyle Woodfield, Jason
Jung

Wednesday, August 21st
Scholarship Award Dinner
for Hannah Grove
Chovy's Italian Restaurant
Meadville, PA

Tuesday, October 1st
Golf, Dinner, Speaker
& Annual Mtg.
Cross Creek Resort
Titusville, PA
Hosts: Buddy Stallone, Gus
Paul

October Golf, Dinner, Speaker & Annual Meeting At Cross Creek Resort Tuesday, October 1, 2019 (Cover photo is signature Hole #3)

ABOUT THE HOST SUPERINTENDENT:

Guy H. "Buddy" Stallone has been at Cross Creek Resort since 1981, which is also when he became a NWPGCSA member. Prior to that, he was at Wanango Country Club from 1978-1980. Buddy has a 2-year Turfgrass Management Degree from Penn State University, where he also took one year of landscape architecture. While at Penn State, he was a recipient of The Penncross Bentgrass Growers Association scholarship. Buddy and his wife, Terese, have four adult children: Danielle, Nicholas, Maria, and Guy. They also are very proud of their five grandchildren with one more on the way! In his spare time, Buddy enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and jogging. His best advice is to surround yourself with good people, teach them everything you know, and be willing to listen and learn from them.

ABOUT THE COURSE:

Cross Creek Resort's North Course was built in 1959 by Wynn Tredway and was a private club. It became a public course and resort in 1963. By the late sixties, Cross Creek Resort had expanded to 94 motel rooms, 2 large banquet rooms, the crystal ring lounge with revolving bar, 3 smaller dining/meeting rooms, and the 19th hole bar and grill. Then in 1971, the additional 9 holes of the South Course were built by Fred Garbin. The North Course has a total yardage of 6,166 with a par of 70, and the South Course has a total yardage of 3,036 with a par of 36.

DIRECTIONS:

From the South: Take I-79 North to I-80 East to Exit 29 (Barkeyville). Take Rt. 8 North to Franklin. In Franklin, pick up Rt. 322 West to Rt. 417 North to Rt. 8 North. Once you pick up Rt. 8 North again, go 3 miles and Cross Creek Resort is on the left.

From the North: Take Rt. 19 to Rt. 97 to Rt. 8 South to Titusville. Cross Creek Resort is 4 miles outside of Titusville on Rt. 8 South on the right.

RESERVATIONS are needed by Wednesday, September 25th. Please call Julie Powell at (724) 421-7588 to make your reservation, choose an entrée, and arrange a tee time. Guests are welcome. Entrée choices are:

Prime Rib Au Jus
Parmesan Ranch Crusted Chicken
Baked White Fish

SPEAKER, TOPIC & CREDITS OFFERED:

PSU professor, Dr. Ben McGraw, will be speaking on white grub research, annual bluegrass weevil, crane flies, and earthworms. The PA Dept. of Ag. has already approved the following credits for this talk: 2 credits PC (Private Category), 2 credits 07 (Lawn & Turf), 2 credits 18 (Demo & Research), and 2 credits 23 (Park/School Pest Control). GCSAA has also approved .10 Education Credit for this talk. Thank you to Jeff Fowler, Venango County PSU Cooperative Extension Director, for obtaining all of these credits for us! **Please be prepared to sign a form and enter your pesticide license number in order to receive the PDA pesticide credits.**

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR OCTOBER 1ST MEETING:

For the first time in a long time, if ever, your Executive Secretary will not be able to attend this meeting. I'm turning 60 on November 3rd and made reservations over a year ago to go on a Caribbean cruise with friends the first week of October. The NWPGCSA board felt it was important to offer education at this meeting, and our host, Buddy Stallone, took the extra time to communicate with Dr. Ben McGraw about his willingness and availability to speak. As fate would have it, the week Dr. McGraw is available is the week I'll be away. Therefore, this meeting will be handled a bit differently than usual to make it as easy as possible for our host and board members to fill in for me. Following are the important changes:

- ◆ **If at all possible, payment of the \$45 meeting fee will need to be made prior to the meeting and by the RSVP date of September 25th. If you know you will be paying by credit card, simply have the card information ready when you call me with your reservation (724) 421-7588, and I will process your payment through Square One as we speak. If you know you will be paying by check, please try to put your check made payable to NWPGCSA in the mail to PO Box 157, Forestville, PA 16035 to arrive by September 25th.**
- ◆ **The \$12/per person cart fee will be paid directly to Cross Creek Resort in the Pro Shop.**
- ◆ **The meal will be a sit down-served affair, and your choice of entrée will be needed when you make your reservation. The choices can be found on Page 2.**
- ◆ **Tee times are from 9:00-11:00am and will also need to be selected when you call in your reservation. Please gage your tee time to allow you to play 18 holes and be in the clubhouse ready for the speaker by 4:00pm. Showers in the locker room will be available.**
- ◆ **If you would like to play all 27 holes, please let me know when you make your reservation, and I will arrange for an earlier tee time.**
- ◆ **You must be in attendance for the entire 4:00-5:00pm talk to receive pesticide and GCSAA credits. There will be a sign up sheet asking for your name, birthdate, signature, and PA Certification Number in order to receive the PA Dept. of Ag. pesticide credits. For the GCSAA .10 Education Credit, copies of the Approval Code form will be available at the meeting so you can get credit for the talk using the GCSAA website.**
- ◆ **Last minute reservations will still be accepted, but after Friday, September 27th, you will need to contact our host, Buddy Stallone directly at (814) 758-3578. Also, please keep in mind that last minute reservations may not have a choice of entrée.**

Paying ahead for the meeting should not be unusual to our commercial members as most of the surrounding chapters collect for their meetings in this manner. I hope paying ahead does not discourage any of our other members from attending as we want to see as many superintendents and assistant superintendents as possible at this meeting. Not only is Dr. Ben McGraw traveling from PSU to speak to us, but in-between his talk and dinner, we will also be conducting our Annual Meeting. Since our officers and directors are in the first year of their two year terms, there will not be any elections, but your presence is still important as the board presents minutes and committee reports. If you are a Class A, B, or C member of this association, please make every effort to attend this meeting!

**Special Room Rate at Cross Creek
Resort**

\$60/night
Call (800) 461-3173

**Be sure to mention you are with
the Northwestern PA Golf Course
Superintendents Association**