



Merion Golf Club - #1

“Everything I am, professionally, is built upon the training and skills I learned at Penn State. My club benefits everyday from the Center’s research, seed varieties, and practices. Penn State was there when we needed them. Now we need to be there when Penn State needs us.”

Matt Shaffer
 Director of Golf Course Operations
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Supporting Turfgrass
 Research and Education
 at Penn State



**Pennsylvania Turfgrass
 Research, Inc.**

The Growing the Game Campaign

Pennsylvania Turfgrass Research, Inc., associated with the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council (PTC), is committed to improving turfgrass through support of research and education at Penn State University. The Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science is a national leader in the field and a vital resource for everyone who values attractive and well-maintained golf courses, athletic fields, and lawns.

The Center at Penn State needs your support to develop new techniques and to improve turfgrass, to benefit golfers and other athletic users, and to train the next generation of turfgrass managers.

“Golf courses are the primary assets of clubs and courses, and playing on quality turf should be a priority for all golfers. Funding Pennsylvania Turfgrass Research, Inc. is an investment in the well-being of our courses.”

Jeffrey L. Rivard, Executive Director
Western PA Golf Association

Traditional sources of funding -- government support, PTC membership, trade shows, and golf outing income -- must be supplemented to insure the future development of better turfgrass . . . and the personnel and products to maintain it.

What Your Support for Penn State Will Do ...

- **I**mprove turfgrass quality by developing and evaluating products, applications, and turf varieties to better resist weeds, insects, and stresses. Penn State turfgrass varieties are the most widely used seed on golf courses worldwide.
- **D**evelop more environmentally-friendly methods of maintaining turfgrass, using less water and reducing the use of chemicals and other materials.
- **S**trengthen Penn State as a national resource for groups who depend on turfgrass professionals, quality products, and services.
- **I**nsure safer, better turfgrass for sports such as golf, soccer, baseball, and football.

The Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science . . . Now and The Future

Penn State scientists have conducted field research studies on broadleaf weed control treatments, assessed numerous herbicides, and developed improved *Poa annua* management practices. They have also evaluated fungicide uses for the most effective control of gray leaf spot, dollar spot, and anthracnose. Researchers have also studied product effectiveness and application techniques for many insecticides.

Penn State is internationally recognized for training generations of superintendents at leading golf courses and clubs everywhere.

These new funds will enable Penn State to hire additional staff, expand turfgrass research, offer more scholarships to train new turfgrass professionals, and build an endowment for future needs.

"Growing the Game" Depends on You

In addition to the satisfaction of supporting the Center for Turfgrass Science, friends of the program will receive recognition and appreciation from their peers. Gifts to the campaign are also fully tax-deductible as charitable contributions under the statutes of the IRS since we are recognized as a 501.c.3 charitable organization. The campaign depends on people like you, who understand the importance of turfgrass research and training at Penn State and the importance of their support for *Growing the Game*.

Volunteers are seeking annual support from country clubs and their members, businesses and individuals associated with the turfgrass industry, Penn State alumni, and from golfers and people who enjoy athletic fields, lawns, and environmentally-friendly landscapes. The five-year goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to fund an endowment, current research, and scholarships at the Center.