2002 Annual Committee Reports

Education
On March 12, 2002, the MAAGCS provided a one day educational seminar at the Inn & Conference Center on the campus of the University of Maryland. The topics that day included: the future of turfgrass research, anthracnose control, landscape tips, drought update, nutgrass control, pesticide facts, financial planning and retired life after a career in golf course management. Over 100 people attended the seminar and the majority of the feedback from members was positive. Many thanks to last year's education chairman Ken Ingram, CGCS for having the slate of speakers in place by the time I took over and for answering the many questions I had regarding putting a seminar together.

A round table discussion was held at the June chapter meeting at the Country Club of Maryland on Poa Annua control. Several members shared their experiences with different products and timing of applications. The resulting questions stimulated further discussion and exchange of ideas. I would like to thank Jim Halley for coming up with the idea for the round table discussion.

The MAAGCS awarded four scholarships to golf course management students this year. The Merit Scholarship is named in honor of John T. Lea, Herb Lea's father. This year's recipients are:

- **Michael Bostonian**, John T. Lea Merit Scholarship Award, IAA, University of Maryland, Columbia Country Club
- **Nicholas Mooneyhan**, IAA, University of Maryland, Northwest Park Golf Course
- **Roger Moore**, IAA, University of Maryland, Columbia Country Club
- **Thomas Harper**, IAA, University of Maryland, Army Navy Country Club

MAAGCS hosted a GCSAA seminar on December 10, 2002 at the Greenbelt Marriott. The seminar was Golf Course Drainage: Application & Design and was taught by Ed McCoy, Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for all of their contributions and support this year. They are Steve Evans, Keith Williams, Gary Angell, Rob Larsen, Darin Bevard, and Dr. Peter Dernoeden. Thanks also to Charlotte Norris for her assistance with many of the administrative details necessary to provide quality education for the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ritter, CGCS

Golf
The 2002 golf season was very successful. We were fortunate enough to play several new courses as well as a few of the older favorites. Even though the weather did not always cooperate the turn outs were good. The Annual Championship was not held even though we tried several times. Thanks to the following host superintendents who volunteered their courses. Their efforts in preparing for the tournaments made the outings a great experience and a fun day for all:

- Kurt Witman - Hunters Oak Golf Course
- Steve Cohoon, CGCS - Heritage Hunt GC
- Bill Augustin - Country Club of Maryland
- John Anderes - South River Golf Links
- Tom Schemmel - U.S. Navel Academy
- Tom Tokarski - Queenstown Harbor
- Dean Graves - Chevy Chase Club
- Bryan McFerren - U of Md. Golf Course
- Mark Menusan - Greystone Golf Course
- Rick Wakefield, CGCS - International CC

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Our thanks and appreciation to the many sponsors who have supported our events this year with their time and money. This year’s sponsors include:


Some of the highlights of this year’s tournaments are as follows:

• Our Association members had a great showing at the annual tournament in St. Augustine Florida this year. The foursome of Mike Evans, Paul Masimore, CGCS, Ken Ingram, CGCS and Scott Reeside won 3rd Team Competition. There were seven other members that were also successful in their matches.

• Joe Herkalo and Donn Dietrich were the low net winners of the Two Man Team Championship at the Hunters Oak Golf Club. Mike Evans and Rick Wakefield were the low net winners.

• The President’s Cup, which as held at the Heritage Hunt & Golf Club, was won by Bo Jumbercotta and Steve Cramer with a 65. Low gross was taken by Mark Kingora and Jim Folks with a 73.

• The third annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament was a great success this year. The winners this year were the team of Jeff Miskin, John Martin, Chris Samuel and Phil Pappas.

• The Points Tournament was held at the Country Club of Maryland. Chris Jennings won Low Net, with Rick Wakefield, CGCS picking up the low gross title.

• The team of Joe Herkalo, Gary Angell, Josh Jordan and Matt Marsh won the Four-Man Scramble Tournament at the University of Maryland Golf Course.

• Drew Scully was kind enough to make the Greysone Golf Course available on short notice after the Annual Tournament had to be postponed. The individual best ball play low gross winner was Scott Wagner. Dave Nehila won low net.

• Joe Herkalo wins the 2002 Player of Year Award. He had two wins and two second place finishes in the tournaments this year. That’s a great year. Congratulations to Joe.

I would like to thank Golf Committee member Bill Springirth for his assistance in helping me with the tournaments this year. I would also like to thank Charlotte Norris for her support and assistance in preparing for the tournaments. Dave Burkhart, the past golf chairman, was also of great help to me during my first year. In closing, I would like to thank the current Board of Directors who provided both encouragement and direction. Their dedication to the Association and tournament play throughout the year is instrumental to its success.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Poole

Membership Services

Committee Members

John A. Newcomb Sr., CGCS - Chairman
John Stevens - The CC of Swan Creek
Mike Wannemacher - TESCO
Eric Lassen - TESCO
Paul Brandon - G. L. Cornell Co.
Bob Clements - G. L. Cornell Co.
Tom Walsh - York Distributors
Paul Schultheis - Finch Services, Inc.
Kevin Smith - Finch Services, Inc.

Major Life Changes

Total major life changes affecting MAAGCS members in 2001 that the Membership Services Committee took action on were:

- Births: 5
- Marriages: 2
- Major Illnesses, Injuries & Surgeries: 9
- Member Deaths: 0
- Relative Deaths: 5
- New Memberships: 53
- Class A: 3, Class B: 13, Class C: 18, Class D: 5, Class F: 14
- MAAGCS Hospitality Room for MTC Turfgrass 2002 Conference

MAAGCS hosted a hospitality room in conjunction with MTC’s Turfgrass Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The hospitality room took place on Tuesday evening, January 29th, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel. The event featured heavy hors’ d’oeuvres and an open bar. The price for the event was higher/guest than usual because of the change in location to downtown Baltimore but the Marriott provided a first class event that was extremely well received by the 75 to 80 participants. The total price was $3,200.00.

MAAGCS Hospitality Room for GCSAA National Conference and Show 2002
MAAGCS hosted a hospitality room in conjunction with GCSAA’s National Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida. The hospitality room took place Thursday evening, February 7th, 2002 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Radisson Barcelo-Orlando Hotel. This event also featured heavy hors’ d’oeuvres and an open bar. Approximately 200 members and their guests attended and all comments that I received were positive ones. The event was co-sponsored with the Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Nutramax. The total price was $5,697.00.

MAAGCS Annual Picnic

The MAAGCS Annual Picnic was held at Mayo Beach in Anne Arundel County on Tuesday, July 9th, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It featured a menu of crabs, pit beef (cooked by Bob Clements of G. L. Cornell), corn on the cob (provided by Egypt Farms), hamburgers and hot dogs, and pot luck salads and desserts. Also, there was a clown, a moon bounce, and pony rides for the children. Approximately 120 adults and 30 children attended.

Welcoming Committee

North Central - John Newcomb Sr., CGCS
North East - John Stevens, CGCS
Southern MD - Bernie Beavan, CGCS
Eastern Shore - Dave Burkhart
No. Virginia - Tim Norris, CGCS

The Welcoming Committee, made up of ten volunteers from MAAGCS, visited 6 new Class A & B members this year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Newcomb Sr., CGCS