MAAGCS
1st Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

On June 27 the MAAGCS held its 1st Annual Sporting Clay event at the Prince Georges County Trap and Skeet Range. It was a Blast! Red Hot and Blue served up a delicious, plentiful BBQ and the day was perfect for a shoot. I would like thank Mark Merrick and Syngenta for being our sole sponsor for the event. I would also like to especially thank Rhys Arthur our instructor for the day. Rhys put a lot of hard work into the making of our special day.

After the BBQ, and firearm safety training from Rhys the participants were assigned into groups which were sent to different stations throughout a course in the woods. Each participant would shoot at a total of 50 targets throughout the course of the event. The winner would be decided upon who shot the most out of 50 targets. We competed in a Lewis Class format, and the field of competitors were broken down into 2 flights. The overall winner with an incredible 45/50 was Pete Maybach. The rest of the winners were as follows:

1st Flight
1st place: Pete Maybach
2nd place: Jeff Michel
3rd place: Rob Larsen

2nd Flight
1st place: Mike Hutchinson
2nd place: Brandon Fouche
3rd place: Bill Springirth

After the event, several awards and prizes were given out. It was really a fun day of friendship and sportsmanship. Please join us next June for the 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Event.

Thank You
Randall S. Pinckney
MAAGCS Vice President

Water Quality Data From Golf Courses Needed

The Environmental Institute for Golf is funding a research project that will benefit us all, "A Critical Review of Water Quality Impacts by Golf Courses: Update and Trends." The USGA is cosponsoring this effort, which is a continuation of a previous national assessment published in Golf Course Management (November, 1997) and the Journal of Environmental Quality. This project is intended to acquire as much data as possible from golf courses that are conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects. The intent of the study, conducted by Environmental & Turf Services, Inc., Wheaton, MD, with Dr. Stuart Cohen as principal investigator, is to publish a critical review of the quality of surface and ground water as affected by golf courses. Such data are very important to accurately assess the ecological implications of land use planning regarding the construction and maintenance of golf course facilities. This information can also have implications for pesticide registration decisions. Most important, the results of this study will give important feedback to superintendents who not only manage their courses, but who live in the environment. Target analytes are pesticides, pesticide metabolites, nitrate, and phosphorus.

We need your help. If your golf course is conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects or have in the past and you are willing to share the data, please contact Juleen Lam at:

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We would like to have the water quality data as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2006. Data from individual golf courses will be held in confidence. Only aggregate data will be presented. Our goal is to ensure that golf courses contribute to a healthy environment. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

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I don't think any Superintendent, no matter how much experience, knowledge or financial resources available to them could have been fully prepared to deal with the foot or so of rain that drenched the region during the last week of June this year. I know that many of you suffered damage to the golf courses you manage that will take months or possibly years to repair. The mid-Atlantic went from a rainfall deficit for the year of 7" to a surplus of 5" in a 3 day span. Amazing! Once again, Mother Nature showed us she is the boss.

The MAAGCS did manage to squeeze in its 1st annual clay shoot tournament between downpours that same week in June. I want to thank Randall Pinckney (Manor CC) and Rhys Arthur, CGCS (Indian Spring CC) for organizing this event. Rhys is not only a Certified Golf Course Superintendent, but he is also a Certified Shooting Instructor. Do we have any Certified fishing or racecar driving instructors in the organization that would like to step forward and organize our next non-golf event? Thanks also to Mark Merrick, CGCS of Syngenta for sponsoring the catered lunch from Red, Hot, & Blue.

Due to low attendance the last few years, the summer picnic this year was held in conjunction with the University of Maryland Turfgrass Field Day at the research facility in College Park on July 19th. Over 100 attendees enjoyed the picnic that was organized/catered by certified? grill chef Steve Potter, CGCS (Woodholme CC). Thanks to Steve, membership services chairman Mike Augustin, the U of MD staff and to all of the other contributors that will be mentioned in a separate article in this newsletter.

After struggling for months to secure meeting sites for the Stewards of the Chesapeake and the Annual Championship, I received commitments for both literally within 10 minutes of each other one morning about a month ago. It is amazing how things come together sometimes. Richard Maranto will host the Stewards at South River on September 21st and Mike Legere, CGCS will host the Championship at Holly Hills CC on October 24th. These events, in addition to Chris Ayers, CGCS and Lakewood CC hosting on November 14th will round out our golf meeting sites for this year.

I wish everyone well as we all endure another mid Atlantic summer and hope to see you at our fall meetings.
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PICNIC IS A HUGE SUCCESS

On July 19, 2006, the MAAGCS sponsored the first picnic in conjunction with the University of Maryland Turfgrass Research Field Day. The Research Field Day is hosted by our own turf professors at their research facility near the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Center. General Turfgrass tours and workshops were held in the morning oriented more towards lawn care, sod farms, etc and this was followed by a great lunch featuring pit beef, turkey and ham. Following lunch, a GPS workshop was held addressing the usefulness of using GPS technology in the application of pesticides and fertilizers. This technology is already in use in some areas of the country and it is only a matter of time before we are using the same technology for our applications.

At 3:00, a special tour oriented towards golf course superintendents was conducted where research was reviewed that is being done in areas of varietal selections of grasses, control studies of existing pesticides, use of new products, etc. In spite of the heat that day and the two weeks prior, attendance easily topped 100 people. After the tour, a spectacular picnic was offered to all those in attendance at no cost because of the generosity of many of our commercial people. The volunteers are too numerous to mention but suffice it to say that this was truly a joint effort by University staff and personnel, commercial people and superintendents to provide an educational as well as enjoyable day for golf course superintendents. If you were unable to come, you missed out on a great day and the MAAGCS hopes that you can come in the future. The MAAGCS would also like to extend a special thank you to all of those who came out to support the University of Maryland.
Schedule

Stewards of the Chesapeake, September 21
South River Golf Links

Annual Championship
October 24th
Holly Hills Country Club

November Golf
November 14th
Lakewood Country Club

News & Notes

New Members

Jeffrey Dyer, Class C
Northwest Park Golf Course

Martin Alan Eader, Class B
MCRA, Rockville, MD

William J. Lam, Class C
Musket Ridge Golf Club

Congratulations

To Eric McDonald and Melanie Davis McDonald who were married June 24, 2006, at Martin's West in Baltimore.

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Around MAAGCS

George Thomas has been elected to Carolina's Golf Hall of Fame.

The Shields Memorial Tournament was a huge success. There were 193 participants and 23 Sponsors.

They grossed $31,956.00 and wrote a check to the IAA for $16,658.12 making it one of their best years. It was held on a beautiful day and a good time was had by all.

MAAGCS is again this year offering Scholarships to Students who are employed by MAAGCS Superintendents. The deadline to submit these Scholarships is October 20th. To obtain a Scholarship Application, Please call Theresa Baria at 888-MID TURF, or to download it from our site, www.maagcs.com
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