2011 Stewards of the Chesapeake First Net Winners
Leisure World of Maryland
Josh Johnson, Scott Wagner, Bill Shirk and Jim Johnson
Well it’s hard to believe that we are already looking towards the fall. It seemed like just the other day that the summer was starting. Just when we think the weather is starting to get the better of us and our golf courses begin to show signs of stress, we’re over the hump. It just goes to show that no matter how stressful things become for us, we’re only a few 85 degree days and 68 degree nights from turning the corner. I hope everyone managed to get through yet another record breaking summer in the Mid Atlantic this year. It seems only suitable that we break some sort of record on an annual basis in this region these days.

The Association also set a record a few weeks ago at the 12th annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament at Sparrow’s Point Country Club. Thanks to John Denholm and his staff for providing a great venue this year! Also thanks to our sponsors for their generous contributions. Then, finally, thanks to Theresa Baria and everyone else who worked hard to make this a successful outing. This year we were able to raise more money than ever before. We had 84 total attendees, which included 78 golfers. With that turnout and the help of our sponsors we were able to raise $14,000!

This money will be used to help fund various turfgrass and environmental research projects in the future. There are other studies that these funds can be devoted to also, like a current golf economic impact study that is being conducted right now. Mr. Jon Lobenstine, our Secretary Treasurer has teamed up with representatives of the Maryland State Golf Association and local chapters of the PGA and NGCOA to help develop the first ever golf economic impact study in the State of Maryland. These types of studies are important because they can help protect the future of the great game of golf. In order to help fund studies like this we need to devote money, and that’s why golf outings like the Stewards of the Chesapeake are so important to our industry. Each one of you that sponsors, or attends, helps make this all possible.

The Mid Atlantic Association is in a very healthy position. We are continuing to see our membership base flourish with new members. Each of our Board members have been voting new members in with regularity throughout the year, and that trend continued even this past week. Welcome to all of our new members! We are proud to have you be a part of this great Association and look forward to meeting you at upcoming events.

In closing I want to wish everyone a safe and happy fall season. Let’s hope we get some rain to help germinate some seed. We’re certainly going to need it after the summer we have endured.

Sincerely,

Bryan McFerren, President, MAAGCS
MAAGCS SCHEDULE

September 20th, 1757 Club, Joint meeting with GWGCSA
October (tba) Skeet Shoot
October 24th, Annual Championship, Bulle Rock GC
November 15, Assistants Tournament, Cattail Creek CC
December Annual Meeting, Date and Venue TBA
February 7, 2012, MAAGCS Education Seminar
February 29, 2012, MAAGCS Las Vegas Reception

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News & Notes

Welcome New Members

Jared Milner, Class SM, Baltimore Country Club
Logan Freeman, Class SM, Mountain Branch Golf Club
G. Scott Robinson, Class F, Organics Unlimited
Sean Sorandes, Class C, Hayfields Country Club
Matt Williams, Class C, Falls Road Golf Course

Condolences

Condolences to Murray Sod and the family of Alfred Robert “Al” Sonchen, III. Al passed away July 29, in Rehoboth Beach, DE.
The 12th Annual Stewards of the Chesapeake was held August 6, 2011, at Sparrows Point Country Club, Essex, MD. As in year’s past, our title sponsors were Mr. Rick Fritz with Bayer, Mr. Ted Huhn with BASF and Mr. Sam Camuso with Syngenta. The weather was perfect for this event. Mr. John Denholm and his staff had the course in great condition. This is the second Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament held at Sparrows Point Country Club, the first being held there in 2005. Special thanks go out to our allied association, Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents for coming out and supporting us that day. Our Sponsors were:

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This once a year fundraiser was created in 2000. $14,000 was raised this year. This funding is used to support local research projects, environmental efforts and government relations as they pertain to the golf industry. 78 golfers played in this tournament. The fist net winner was the team from Leisure World consisting of Scott Wager, Bill Shirk, Josh Johnson and Jim Johnson. The first gross winners were Scott Wunder, Adam Fouse, Bill Horrman and Roland Nickoles from Piney Branch Golf Club.

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Maryland Golf Economic Impact Study

MAAGCS Secretary-Treasurer Jon Lobenstine is currently working as part of a task force for a State of Maryland Golf Economic impact study. This comprehensive study looks at a broad range of industries that directly relate to golf, from revenue generated at golf courses themselves, to businesses, construction projects, tournaments (such as the U.S. Open), etc. that are occurring in Maryland and provide economic stimulus to our region.

The economic impact of golf in the United States was nearly $200 billion in 2005, and supported about 2 million jobs!

The economic impact study will be performed by the World Golf Foundation’s Golf 20/20 initiative. Similar studies have been done in 27 other states so far. Jon is working with Bill Smith (Maryland State Golf Association), Jon Guhl (Mid-Atlantic PGA), John Shields (National Golf Course Owner's Association), and the research team from SRI International w. Each of these local associations is funding an equal percentage of the study. Our portion of the study ($3,375.00) was paid for by proceeds from the Stewards of the Chesapeake tournament, so thank you to all who were in attendance and helped to sponsor the event!

For a look at other similar studies that have been done, you can go to this site: http://www.golf2020.com/economicresearch.aspx. The study should be completed near the end of 2011.

As another school year begins, don’t forget that the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will again be offering scholarship money to students employed by MAAGCS members. In 2010, scholarships were awarded to seven students. Applicants must have completed one year of employment at their current course, have shown interest in pursuing a degree or certificate in Turfgrass management, and are currently enrolled in a Turfgrass management curriculum including online programs. Recommending a student member or assistant would be a great way for golf course managers to recognize him or her for going that extra mile this summer.

Anyone interested in applying can get an application through their college professors, golf course manager, or through the MAAGCS office. Our office can be reached by calling Theresa Baria at 888/MID-TURF or by E-mailing her at maagcs@earthlink.net. Be sure they have all the proper paperwork, and fit the proper criteria before sending the completed application. Please take advantage of this opportunity to allow MAAGCS to help the financial burden of college expenses. The application deadline is October 30th and remember it never hurts to apply.

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(archived) Notes from the Board Room
June 6, 1932

The meeting was held at the Arlington Turf Gardens and East Potomac Park. Eleven members were present.

A very interesting talk was given to us by Dr. Monteith. He explained the different treatments on the various plots. They all looked very well, and evidently much experimenting had been done on them.

Mr. Giddings [Gibson Island Country Club] thought the Turf Garden was in bad shape, but thought that the Metropolitan bent looked the best.

After the talk by Dr. Monteith, the members went to East Potomac Park, where some of them played golf and others inspected the greens.

The meeting was held at six o’clock and the matter of the Association purchasing a soil testing kit for the use of the members was discussed, and since the Washington members were in favor of it, the association approved the measure.

Mr. Scott [Robert Scott, Baltimore Country Club] was appointed to buy the set, and members were asked to bring soil samples along with them at the next meeting and a demonstration would be made with the set.

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Mr. Mark Kingora and the Mid-Atlantic Association Board of Directors are seeking candidates to run in the December 2011 election for MAAGCS.

You must be a Class SM or A Member to run for the Board. However, we do have an assistant position that Mr. Chris Harriman is seeking to fill and Mr. Sam Kessell is seeking candidates for the Industrial Advisory position. If you are interested in the assistant position, please contact Chris at 410/489-9178 or Sam at 703/242-0559 for the Industrial Advisory position.

We have minimized the number of board meetings throughout the year. This year we will be implementing some teleconferencing to cut down on the number of hours that board members will have to spend away from their courses attending board meetings. If you are interested in serving on the board or have questions regarding the time commitment, etc., please contact Theresa at the MAAGCS office, 888/MID-TURF or maagcs@earthlink.net or Mark directly at (301) 365-0100 . You may also contact any standing committee chairman directly with questions related to their committee: The committees (directors) consist of Theodore Blauvelt, Education, (301) 421-0165; Bryan Bupp, Golf, (301) 948-3357; Mark Jewell, Membership Services, (301) 784-8480, Jay Nalls, Government Relations (301) 744-7705 and Michael Barrett, Media/Public Relations and Newsletter Editor (301) 598-6544.

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