

COHOON'S CORNER

○ Look for articles from MAAGCS member superintendents to appear in the "Chesapeake Golfer," a magazine published nine times per year, and distributed to golfers in our region. Topics will be covered to educate the average golfer by answering the most frequently asked questions regarding golf course management.

○ Herb Lea of Lea's Green Meadows announced the formation of the John T. Lea Memorial Research Fund. The fund was established to promote research into technical aspects of turfgrass management, and was named in honor of the founder of Lea's Green Meadows. The fund was initiated by donating a percentage of 1992 seed sales at Lea's Green Meadows to the fund. A generous check was presented to the MAAGCS for disbursement to those research programs the association feels are most worthy. Many researchers, superintendents, and the industry as a whole will benefit from the fund. Our thanks to the Lea family and the entire staff at Lea's Green Meadows for their contribution.

○ Congratulations are in order for Brian Zickafoose who was recently promoted to superintendent at Westwind Country Club. Good luck, Brian.

○ Congratulations are also in order for the following parents and their new additions:

January 11 - Chris and Judith Ayers—Scott Hanson, 7 lbs., 15 oz.

February 2 - Tim and Sandy Kennelly—Torie Lynn, 8 lbs., 3 oz.

February 14 - Bob and Donna Miller, grandparents—Miranda Nichole, 6 lbs, 10 oz.

March 3 - Paul and Elisa

McMahon—Kirby Preston, 8 lbs., 15 oz.

○ Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following members:

Torre Dietrich, recovering from an appendectomy

Doug Stanley, Medal of Honor Golf Course, Quantico, Va., who is home following leg surgery

Carroll Davis, recovering after a bout with pneumonia.

Legislative Alert

Dean Graves, MAAGCS Education Chairman wishes to call your attention to two Senate bills in Maryland. They propose changes that, if passed, would affect our profession.

The first is **SB 429**, Pesticide - Regulation. This is a preemption bill. It would provide for a three-member review panel consisting of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources. The local jurisdictions which want their own laws would need approval from the panel.

It also allows any law in existence before 1 July 1993 to remain in effect. The MAARP position is that we would prefer that the Secretary of Agriculture be the sole member of the committee and also prefer that the Prince Georges' law be rescinded.

The second

bill is **SB 568**. This bill is entitled Clean Bay and Groundwater Protection - Additional Pesticide and Fertilizer Registration Fees. If it passed as written, it would set up funding for education training by the State for farmers and pesticide applicators. The funding would be set up with a two-percent tax on pesticides and a \$3.75 additional fee on fertilizers registered in Maryland. The differences from last year's bill and this year's are enough that the bill will be heard in the Senate Economic Environmental Affairs Committee instead of in Budget and Taxation. This is not good for us.

It is very important that you write and/or call the members of the Senate Committee and express your views.

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