

# Turfgrass Matters



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## 1994 Annual Meeting to be held at Turf Valley

**Date:** *Thursday*, December 1, 1994

**Where:** Turf Valley Hotel and Country Club

**Time:** Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 - includes complimentary beer, wine, soda, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Annual meeting and election

**Golf:** Time available after 11:30 a.m. (weather permitting); call 410-465-0595 to reserve time.

There is no cost for golf. Carts are complimentary.

**Directions:** *from Baltimore:* Take I-695 to Exit 16 (I-70 west toward Frederick). Follow I-70 to Exit 83 (Marriottsville Rd.) Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Route 40. Go .7 of a mile and turn left onto Turf Valley Road. Entrance to Turf Valley will be on the left. Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse building.

*From Washington:* Take Route 29 to I-70 West and use the Baltimore directions to Turf Valley.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A sincere thank-you to Donn Dietrich and the Maryland Golf and CC for hosting the November membership meeting. The club's hospitality, wonderfully conditioned golf course, and fine dinner made a great fall day even greater. Donn, hats off to you and your staff and to everyone involved.



Although our guest speaker had to cancel, GCSAA director George Renault, and GCSAA liaison Nick Vance filled in admirably with an update on current affairs at GCSAA headquarters. Questions from the floor showed some concern and created a lively session.

In this my final message to the MAAGCS, I would like to thank the officers and directors for their outstanding dedication and sacrifice of the precious time from job and family affairs to the MAAGCS. This year found us entering unexplored areas, including environmental legislation proposals in Annapolis, testimonies to the Governor's Pesticide Council, research into the feasibility of management services to benefit the MAAGCS, as well as the joining of various green industries into a strong coalition to address issues that could affect all involved. I cannot

list all the jobs everyone did in this message. However, I can say, everyone far exceeded job descriptions. Again, thank you to all who served! Thank you, the members of this association, for your confidence in allowing us to serve you and direct the MAAGCS into the future.

Disappointments were few. Leading the short list of these would be my inability to convince more commercial vendors, as well as you and your club, of the need to assist the MAAGCS, both monetarily and personally on the legislative front. The 1995 sessions will test the industry standards at your very own golf club. Dean Graves is working with the Maryland State Golf Association to secure additional monies and guidance with issues that lie ahead. Golfer input to state legislators will have an important impact on how legislation is reviewed. Please, please send in your pledge now!!! Perhaps you do not feel it is your or your club's duty to fight misguided legislation. Who then will spend time with district legislators, or be in Annapolis talking to state legislators, writing letters of concern, or testifying to the committees that recommend actions to be taken???

The Maryland Turfgrass Annual Conference and Trade show promises a very environmental theme. Local and national speakers are scheduled to inform you of the latest studies and recommendations. See you in Baltimore on January 9.

*Lou Rudinski, President*

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