

G.C.S.A.A. News

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Chapter Liaison and Voting Delegate

In the past couple of years the G.C.S.A.A. has made great strides in its attempt to give the Association back to the members. Our paid staff in Lawrence is committed to serving the membership, and we have a Board of Directors that is actively working with our members again in committees to get more member participation. These committees make suggestions and come up with solutions regarding the activities of the association. They meet once or twice a year, and they may also have one or two conference calls. The ideas from these meetings are then taken back to the BOD so that decisions can be made to improve the Association for all of the members.

We now have 17 standing committees and the BOD and staff are always open to new ideas that would help. Any member that wants to serve on any of these committees should fill out the application that was mailed to you in the October Newslines.

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For all of you golfers that want to play in the National Tournament in Orlando and have not entered yet, do not wait much longer to send in your entry. We have processed 433 registrations, with a goal of 600 competitors. Last year at this time, 193 registrations had been processed.

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The GCSAA nominating committee has announced the slate for next year's election to the Board of Directors:

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, has been nominated for president.

Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, has been nominated for vice president.

Dave Fearis, CGCS, and our own George Renault III, CGCS, will run against each other for the position of secretary/treasurer.

Six candidates will vie for two director positions. They are as follows:

Paul Dermott, CGCS; Ken Magum, CGCS; Samuel Snyder, CGCS; Robert J. Tilleme, CGCS;

Michael Wallace, CGCS, and R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS.

If any of you have any questions about the candidates or suggestions on how you would like your vote to be cast, please give me a call at 301-831-0498.

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There will be a hospitality room in Orlando for the Mid Atlantic members. More details will follow in the December Newsletter.

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The Scotts Company has established the Tradition of Excellence Award to recognize golf course superintendents who have made outstanding achievements to advance the science of course maintenance and help make golf the best it can. This effort was made to raise the visibility of the superintendent.

There is a nominating criteria that must be followed, and the form should be mailed directly to the Scotts Company. I have a couple of the forms and would be glad to send them to anyone who would like to nominate a superintendent from the Mid Atlantic area.

The winner of the 1996 Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award will be announced at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando. Nomination forms must be postmarked by January 2, 1996.

John Deere Tournament Donation

Special recognition goes to Finch Golf and Turf Services and John Deere for the contribution made to the MAAGCS Scholarship Fund at the September meeting. The donation was generated by the John Deere Team Championship Tournament that is hosted locally each year by Finch Services. This donation will go into our general fund and will be distributed with the normal scholarship program. Again, Thank you from the MAAGCS.