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1998 Board of Directors Elected



The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents held their annual meeting and elections on December 11th at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center.

Michael Gilmore, superintendent of Turf Valley, was elected President for 1998. Also elected were Vice President Walter Montross, CGCS of Westwood Country Club, Secretary Nick Vance, CGCS of Rattlewood Golf Course and Treasurer Chris Ayers of Lakewood Country Club. 1997 President Dean Graves of Bethesda Country Club will serve as the Association's Immediate Past President in 1998. The officers will be joined by returning Golf Chairman Michael Evans of The Country Club of Woodmore, Finance Chairman Michael Legere, CGCS of Holly Hills Country Club, and Education Chairman Ryland "Chappy" Chapman of

Fairway Hills Golf Club. Bruce Zickafoose of Norbeck Country Club and David Rudinski of Rolling Roads Country Club were elected to three-year terms. David Burkhardt of Hogs Neck Golf Course was elected to a one-year term filling the vacancy left after the election of Chris Ayers to the position of Treasurer. Outgoing Immediate Past President Bill Shirk, CGCS of Queenstown Harbor Golf Links leaves the Board of Directors after eight years of distinguished service. Social and Benevolence Chairman Gordon Caldwell, CGCS of Greenspring Valley Hunt Club and Membership Chairman Gregg Rosenthal, CGCS of Timber of Troy Golf Course are also stepping down after fulfilling three-year director terms.

President Gilmore addressed the membership following his election and outlined his goals for 1998. His main priority will be overseeing the completion and compilation of data from the recent surveys of

the three primary classifications of Mid-Atlantic members. Part of this process will include implementation of numerous suggestions received by the Board during the survey process. The "Bullets From the Boardroom" column of the newsletter will keep you apprised of any significant modifications the Board implements. The valuable information gathered from MAAGCS members will greatly enhance the Board's ability to meet the changing needs of its members now and in the future.

Along with all the work involved in the survey completion, Gilmore stressed that he wanted to continue to expand the process of creating a friendlier association. Mr. Gilmore credited his predecessor, Dean Graves, for initiating this well-received trend, specifically a more accessible Board of Directors. His remaining focus will be in leading the Mid-Atlantic's emergence onto the "information superhighway." It is his expressed intention for MAAGCS to have an Internet web site within the calendar year. An Internet web page will greatly enhance the Association's ability to communicate with its members, as well as, meeting the demands of the ever-growing golf world as we prepare to enter into a new century. As you can see, President Gilmore has outlined an ambitious and exciting set of plans for 1998.

Presidents' Message Mike Gilmore

As Turfgrass '98 winds down, the usual talk of snow removal was replaced this year with talk of how many times greens have been mowed since Christmas! Winter in the Mid Atlantic - it sure is fun!

I wanted to take a moment to thank David Rudinski, our new Social & Benevolence Director, and Lou Bettencourt for the fine job they did hosting the MAAGCS hospitality suite during the show. It is always fun to get an opportunity to see our friends and commiserate about the year gone by and look forward to the coming year.

The GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim will see George Renault, from the Burning Tree Club, elected President of GCSAA. Congratulations to George and good luck for a successful year. The MAAGCS will be hosting a reception in

George's honor, during the conference and all members are invited to attend. Watch the mail for details.

During the last month, the Board of Directors has been out and about hosting small discussion groups among the Class A & B members. These "focus groups" have been set up to help the BOD find out the good, and bad, of the MAAGCS. By hearing from the membership, we can then set a direction for the Association that reflects the memberships' goals for the future. The feed back in these sessions has been excellent and the suggestions for the future have shown us that people are paying attention and that everyone is interested in moving the Golf Course Management profes-

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President's Message

Dean Graves



Dear Fellow Members,

I thought that 1997 was a phenomenal year for the MAAGCS. We, the Board of Directors, worked together in unity to accomplish what we thought was best for the Association. To list a few of the more obvious particulars; we decided on a new emblem for our association to show the public that all chapters are united under one national association, we finalized a full year objective and became an official affiliated chapter of the GCSAA, hired an executive secretary, Mrs. Charlotte Norris, to help with the daily operations of the Association and to better serve the membership, adopted the U of MD's students of Applied Agriculture Turf Management program as our Student Chapter to the GCSAA, and increased support to regional research by approximately \$10,000.00.

During the year we started to ask ourselves the question, are we accomplishing the necessary and desired goals of the membership? How can we make

sure the BOD and membership are parallel in achievements. That is when Mr. Mike Gilmore presented his idea of developing focus groups to best identify the objectives of the membership for the board to follow. In my opinion, this has been the single most positive recommendation to help superintendents since being spike less.

All these things could not have been accomplished without a dedicated Board of Directors. I want to thank all of my fellow Superintendents for their support throughout my year as President. It has been very rewarding to be involved with people who want to make a beneficial difference.

My best luck and support to Mr. Gilmore and all of the members of the BOD.

Thank you,
Dean M. Graves
Immediate Past President

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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary, Nick Vance, CGCS

By now a large number of MAAGCS members have been involved with a "Focus Group" discussion regarding the Association and its members. The Board of Directors have listened to ALL of the comments and already started to implement a few of your suggestions to continue to improve the growth and success of the Association. To help with the continual communication between the Board and the membership the following ideas have emerged:

1.) At the monthly meetings the board members will be seated at tables around the room.

2.) A board member will be present at the registration table to greet members and answer any questions they may have.

3.) The golf committee will have a Blind-Draw Tournament so that members will be able to acquaint themselves with fellow members they may not know.

The 1998 dues notice has been mailed. PLEASE fill out the 4x6 card that is enclosed and mail

it back to the office. It is our goal to have an "ACCURATE" Directory ready to go to press by June 1, 1998 and we need your help with the information on these cards to complete our database.

The Education Committee is working with the Class F members to have a day-long Educational seminar in March. Watch your mail for further details.

At the Annual Meeting in December the membership voted to change Article IX, Section A of the MAAGCS By-Laws to read as follows:

All members with dues or assessments that shall remain in arrears more than sixty (60) days after April first, or after notification of any special assessments shall be suspended from the Association without necessity of notice being of such suspension and upon the expiration of sixty (60) days, be divested of all rights, privileges, and immunities connected with or appurtenant thereto.

At the November membership meeting at Hillendale the MAAGCS was billed \$476.00 for dinners for members that did not honor or cancel the reservations they had made. Please read the By-Law above and understand that the MAAGCS can not continue to be responsible for those members that do not honor their commitments.

The Board of Directors would again like to thank all of our sponsors for their support during the past year and we are looking forward to working with all of you in the future.

Thanks to all of our committee volunteers during 1997. Remember we can only change things by paying attention to what is going on and by getting involved. Volunteer to serve on a committee.

Congratulations to Walter Montross, CGCS for winning the "Player of the Year" award and to all of our other winners in 1997.

MAAGCS Wants You!!!!

Become more involved in your Association.

Committees are now being formed for 1998. The standing MAAGCS committees are:

- Communications
- Education
- Finance
- Golf
- Membership
- Social & Benevolence

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the MAAGCS office at

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From the Editor

by Chris Ayers, Director of Communication



The December/January edition of Turfgrass Matters will be my last. Bruce Zickafoose, superintendent at Norbeck C. C., was elected to the Board in December and appointed Communications Director by President Gilmore. I know Bruce and Executive Secretary, Charlotte Norris will continue to improve the newsletter and meeting bulletins so that you will be better informed in a timely manner. They will, however, need some dedicated volunteers to serve on their committee and assist with article writing, selection and editing. If anyone is interested in

assisting Bruce with the newsletter, please contact him at Norbeck.

This issue contains some helpful information about your association. Included is a summary of accomplishments and actions your Board of Directors achieved in 1997, the year-end Directors' reports issued at the Annual Meeting in December and a dual President's Letter written by both Dean Graves and Mike Gilmore. Along with these, please take a moment to read the new "Meeting Reservation and Golf Policy" the Board adopted for 1998.

The MAAGCS advertising and sponsorship program for 1998,

which includes ad options for the newsletter, bulletin and directory as well as golf and social sponsorships have been mailed out to all Class F members. If you have not received one, contact the MAAGCS office.

In closing, I would like to thank the many individuals, too numerous to name individually, who helped me produce Turfgrass Matters. I would also like to thank the many Class F members who chose to use our publications to advertise. The support received from associate members allows us to continue to provide the membership with quality publications. Please support those who support MAAGCS.



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Maryland Student Chapter of the GCSAA

By Andrea C. Bakalyar, President

A year ago in February the University of Maryland Golf Course Management and Turfgrass students became a GCSAA Student Chapter. During the year the chapter has grown to be a big success. The Chapter owes a lot of its support to several individuals in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Thanks to Rhys Arthur for bringing the Association to the University and helping the Chapter develop, Ryland Chapman for leading the Education Committee and making it possible for students to attend meetings and seminars. Glenn Smickley who spoke at our first educational Maryland Student Chapter meeting, and to Dean Graves for standing behind us all, making sure the Chapter had all the support it needed to get underway.

1998 promises to be a very busy year for the student chapter, which started the year at the Maryland Turfgrass Conference selling "University of Maryland - Turfgrass" polos and hats, January 12th & 13th. Several members of the student chapter volunteered their time to the sale which has become very successful. Other student members sold refreshments at the "Toro University" Conference in College Park, January 14th and 15th. The proceeds from the refreshment sale went toward the Maryland Student Chapter general fund.

Students returned to class on January 27th, welcoming a few new Golf Course Management students. The Chapter will hold officer elections during the second week of February. The Chapter Officers worked over the winter break to develop a Maryland Student Chapter

Conference which can be found on *In Ag On Line*, giving access to anyone who is interested in the Chapter and its events. This conference was developed because it is difficult for many students to attend meetings due to schedule conflicts and lengthy commutes. We encourage all MAAGCS members to join the conference any time, offering items that may be of interest to students.

Other Student Chapter events scheduled for the Spring Semester include the 22nd Annual American Landscape Contractors Association Student Career Day, scheduled March 12-15 at North Carolina State in Raleigh. Several Institute of Applied Agriculture students will be competing in a few of the twenty-two categories which range from Weed and Turf Identification to Landscape Design. In March, several students plan to attend the day long seminar hosted by the MAAGCS and in May the IAA Open will take place. We do not have a location for the tournament to date. If anyone is interested in hosting approximately forty for golf only at their course please call the Institute.

To date our shirt and hat fundraiser has been very successful. Thanks to everyone who has made a purchase. For those who still owe money, please make checks payable to MSCGSAA and mail to Andrea C. Bakalyar at 1011 Walker Road, Parkton, MD 21120. Items are still available at all MAAGCS events and look for new products in the future.

In student news, congratulations to Brett Post a Fall 1997 graduate, for earning the Second Assistant position at Washington Golf and Country Club. Brett assumed the position on December 1, 1997. In conclusion, I will finally be taking golf lessons this spring, heeding the advice of several of my peers who have kindly hinted that I should.

Mike Gilmore

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sion into the 21st century in a strong fashion. Thank you to all who participated and watch the newsletter for a report on our findings and plan of action. The Class F members have been polled on their views and the Class C members will be having these same groups in the next month. Again, watch the mail for details.

An exciting event is planned for our March Membership meeting. Plans for a day that will benefit all MAAGCS members is in the works and Education Director Ryland Chapman has promised a day of education that will be a winner. There will be a special "update" about this day in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Dean Graves for the excellent leadership he provided the Association in 1997. He has instituted some exciting things to help the MAAGCS to be more "interactive" and it is my hope to continue to keep the MAAGCS moving forward in 1998. Also, I wanted to thank Bill Shirk for all of the years he has dedicated to the MAAGCS. As Bill leaves the Board, we will miss his presence at the meetings, but we will continue to look for Bill's support in the future. The contributions that the MAAGCS have received from Bill, and the Birney Family (of Queenstown Harbor), have made the Association a better group. Thank you!

Please feel free to call me with any questions, or suggestions, that you may have for the Association. I am available at 410-203-2765 (office), 410-823-4350 (Home) or by e-mail at MikeGilmore@aol.

Happy New Year and best wishes for a great year in 1998!!



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Meeting Reservation and Golf Policy

The following policies have been adopted by the MAAGCS Board of Directors. Please read each one carefully. Beginning with the first monthly meeting in March these policies will be strictly enforced.

- Reservations for golf, dinner, or lunch must be received by the deadline set or you may not attend, no excuses!!!
- Reservations not honored will be billed through the Association for reimbursement of no show. The Association must fund no shows for counts given to hosting clubs. Unpaid reservations are considered a special assessment and will be dealt with according to the by-laws.
- Members on the permanent RSVP list will be removed after two no shows or not canceling by the reservation deadline, and not allowed back on until the following year.

- Members signing up for golf will be automatically put on the dinner or lunch reservation list and pay for the whole day at sign-in. Members who play golf and do not attend the meeting for any reason will be reprimanded:

1st Offense - letter from the President

2nd Offense - suspension from golf for a period of one year

- As a courtesy, reservations for golf that can not be kept should be canceled ASAP.
- Members will be allowed to sponsor guests at meetings provided they are in attendance. A member may sponsor one (1) guest for golf per meeting. Members may sponsor more than one guest for lunch or dinner.
- MAAGCS members at a hosting club will be comped for lunch or dinner reservations. The hosting club will be responsible for their guests as determined prior to reservation deadlines.

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New Members

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William Brimhall	Old South Country Club	Class C
Daniel Evers	Diamond Ridge Golf Course	Class C
Michael Ginffe	TPC Avenel	Class A
Scott T. Kreger	TPC Avenel	Class C
Robert D. Nalley, Jr.	TPC Avenel	Class C

Reroutings

Bill Emerson is now with Green-Releaf BioTech, Inc.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Class E member Palmer and Mabel Jett on their deaths in May and February respectively.

To the family and friends of Class E member Robert Smith on his death earlier this year.

To the family and friends of Tom Cassat on the death of his mother.

Get Well Wishes

To Lou Rudinski recovering from surgery in December.

To Darrel Oxyer recovering from surgery in January.

To Mike Gilmore's sister recovering from a recent auto accident.

To Jane Hawes, wife of Doug Hawes recuperating at home after surgery.

To Mike Evan's mother who recently underwent surgery.



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MAAGCS Golf Notes

The last organized golf event for 1997 was our points tournament at Hillendale Country Club, November 11th. In what must surely be a record for a November meeting, we had 89 golfers, including 19 students from the University of Maryland's IAA program. Superintendent Paul O'Leary, Assistant Doug Fleming, and the entire crew did a yeoman-like job preparing the golf course after a weekend of wind and rain. Thanks gentlemen for a superb effort!! Thanks also, to Head Golf Professional Allen Wronowski and his assistant Steve Jones, for all of their hard work and especially for scoring the event. The day's winners were:

Gross:

1st - Nick Vance (30 pts)	5th - Todd Cowing (23 pts)
2nd - Gordon Caldwell (26 pts)	6th - Dean Graves (23 pts)
3rd - Dennis David (25 pts)	7th - Bob Katula (23 pts)
4th - Bob Orazi (23 pts)	8th - Paul Krout (23 pts)

Net:

1st - Corey Haney (+3)	5th - Tom Walsh (0)
2nd - Steve Potter (+3)	6th - Michael Evans (-1)
3rd - Tom Ritter (+3)	7th - Jim Weaver (-1)
4th - Walter Montross (+1)	8th - Tom Wojcik (-2)

Closest to the Hole:

#3 - Bill Springirth
#7 - John Haley
#11 - Steve Potter
#15 - Nick Vance

Long Drive:

#9 - Charlie Poole

The sponsors for our November golf tournament were: Ace Tree, G. L. Cornell, LESCO, Egypt Farms, O. M. Scotts, and Kimberthy Turf. Please be sure to thank our sponsors for their continued support of the MAAGCS.

The 1997 Player of the Year Award was won by Walter Montross, CGCS. Walter placed in four of the five events that earn points toward the award and his total of 200 points was 60 points better than his closest pursuers, Jim McHenry and George Renault, CGCS. Congratulations Walter!!

In closing, it has been a pleasure serving as your golf chairman this past year. Any suggestions or comments as to how we can improve our golf events for 1998 are most welcome. I am looking forward to the upcoming season, which begins with the GCSAA National Championship in Anaheim in February.

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Communications

By Chris Ayers

As Communications Director, I am responsible for the publication of the Association's bi-monthly newsletter and the monthly meeting bulletin. These two publications continue to be well received by the majority of the members, and for that I am extremely grateful. Last year, for those of you who do not already know, our July/August edition of *Turfgrass Matters* was selected as the 1st runner-up in its category in the GCSAA newsletter contest. We have entered the August/September edition in this year's contest and will find out the results in February at Anaheim.

I feel the publications provide the members with quality information and help keep you up to date. The two new features in the newsletter, *Bullets from the Boardroom* and *Superintendents Speak Out*, have allowed you to keep up with the Board decisions and read what some of your peers are saying about common areas of interest throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. Our biggest problem continues to be meeting deadlines. The addition of Charlotte Norris, as the Executive Secretary, will greatly enhance our ability to meet any and all deadlines. After an extremely busy first couple of months, she has settled in to her role and I am sure you will see a significant improvement in the timeliness of our publications next year.

Advertising revenues continue to allow us to provide you with these quality publications. Our class F members have always been strong supporters of the Association and are especially supportive of our publications. Without their support we would not be able to provide you with the type of publications you have become accustomed to. Please support those who support us.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board for their support and guidance over the past year. I would also like to thank Doug Fleming, Tucker Mostrom, and all the individuals who contributed articles for the newsletter. Lastly, I want to thank Charlotte Norris for her tireless efforts on our behalf and wish you all a happy holiday season. Thank you.

Education

Ryland Chapman IV

1997 began as usual with the MTC's Conference and Show *Turfgrass '97*. This three day event has always been an opportunity for people within the turfgrass industry to improve their knowledge in a certain turf related field. During the conference five students were awarded the 1996 MAAGCS Scholarships which totaled \$3,500. In 1997 there were five recipients of the MAAGCS Scholarship which totaled \$5,500. One of the recipients was outstanding in her achievements and was given a Merit Scholarship of \$1,500.

During the months of February and March there were two GCSAA Seminars co-hosted by MAAGCS. The February seminar "Calibration and Safety of Pesticide Application Equipment" was held at Robert Trent Jones and had over forty in attendance. The March seminar "Irrigation System Operation and Principles of Design" held in Bethesda, MD had seventeen attendees. In December over sixty people attended the GCSAA Regional Seminar "Managing People for Peak Performance and Job Satisfaction." This was in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center.

This year MAAGCS monthly membership meetings covered various topics to complete our well rounded education program. The speakers and their topics were:

- March — Dr. Joseph Duich
"Progress in the Turf Industry Over the Past Three Years"
- April — Mr. Stanley Zontek (USGA)
"Interactive Discussion of Current Topics in the Turf Industry"
- June — Mrs. Catherine Waterhouse
"How to Start an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program at Your Golf Course"
- July — Mr. Peter McCormick
"Computers and How We Can Acquire More Information From Them"
- August — Dr. Karl Danneberger
"What's in the Future for Turfgrass Research"
- November — Mr. Tommy Witt, CGCS
"How to Be a Better Golf Course Manager and Communicator"

This past year MAAGCS submitted educational articles to The Washington Golf

Monthly. These articles were written by Golf Course Superintendents of the Mid-Atlantic area. We wanted to educate and have our readers understand our business as golf course superintendents. The following superintendents submitted articles:

Dean Graves

"Why is the Rough Sooo High" (May '97)

Tom Tuttle

"Non-Metal Spike Alternatives; A Superintendent's Perspective" (Aug '97)

Ryland Chapman IV

"Don't Worry About That Divot, It Will Heal Itself" (Sept '97)

Gregg Rosenthal

"I.P.M. - What Does It Mean?" (Nov '97)

Gary Harshman

"Frost; Patience is a Virtue" (March '98)

All of these superintendents were gracious enough to take the time to write an article and then have it published in a local magazine. They were outstanding articles and they should be thanked for their time and effort.

For 1998 the Education Committee is working on a seminar in conjunction with the March Chapter Meeting. We will also be exploring a scholarship for students not majoring in a turf related field but whose parents are members of the MAAGCS. Speakers for our monthly education meetings will be from all ends of the golfing industry.

Finance

Mike Legere, CGCS

I would like to start by saying thank you to all the Class F members who participated in the Sponsorship Program this year to make our meetings and events a success. I hope your support will continue in the future. The money collected from the Monthly 50/50 drawings will be used to support our golf teams at the National Championship in Anaheim. Good Luck to everyone participating!

We have been tracking our monthly meeting attendance for 1997. The average number for our main classifications are as follows: Class A & B - 41, Class C - 12, and Class F 47. Hopefully we can increase those numbers with more participation next year?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Starting in 1998 a Meeting Reservation and Golf Policy will go into effect when monthly meetings resume in March. Details are listed in this newsletter. For those of you who have a hard time making reservations on time, I suggest you get on the permanent RSVP List.

I would like to thank my committee members Tom Ritter and Jeff Vance and my Assistant Wayne Watkins for their efforts during the season.

Golf

Mike Evans

I believe we had a very successful 1997 golf season. Player participation was excellent, Mother Nature was cooperative, and our corporate sponsors were once again very generous in their financial support of our tournaments.

We played some outstanding golf courses this year and all were in excellent condition. I would like to thank all of our

host superintendents and their staffs for their tremendous work:

- *Jim Weaver*
Washington Golf and Country Club
- *Bob Wren*
Fawn Lake Country Club
- *Dean Graves*
Bethesda Country Club
- *Ed Brown*
Rehoboth Beach Country Club
- *Andy Sheehan, CGCS*
Kenwood Country Club
- *John Newcomb, CGCS*
South River Golf Links
- *John Haley*
Chartwell Golf and Country Club
- *Paul O'Leary*
Hillendale Country Club
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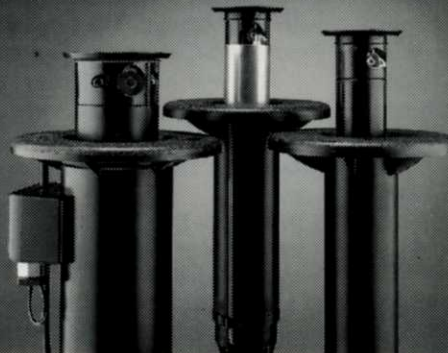
In addition to our chapter meeting hosts, I would like to recognize several other MAAGCS members who hosted events this year. Jeff Webster, of Raspberry Falls, hosted the southern portion of the John Deere Regional Tournament in

September. Bill Neus, CGCS hosted the 9th Annual Maryland Turfgrass Council Tournament at Hobbits Glen in October. This tournament named after the late Angelo Cammarota raised more than \$6,000 for turfgrass industry research. Bill Shirk, CGCS hosted the Annual Challenge Cup at Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in October.

I would like to thank all of our corporate sponsors for their tremendous support of our tournaments this year. Twenty-two corporate sponsors, Bethesda Country Club, MAAGCS, and MAPGA donated to our golf events in 1997. This year's corporate sponsor list includes: Ace Tree, Ault Clark & Associates, Carroll Tree Service, Davisson Golf, Earthworks, Egypt Farms, Finch Services, G. L. Cornell, Hydro Designs, Kimberthy Turf, LESCO, Lofts Seed, Mid-Atlantic Equipment, Nurtramax, O. M. Scotts, Stancills, Summit Hall, Terra International, Turf Diagnostics, Turf Equipment & Supply Co., United Horticultural, and Zeneca.

Some great golf was played this year. Some of the highlights include:

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- Scott Wagner won his third consecutive title in the 2nd flight at the GCSAA National Championship in windy Las Vegas. Also, at the National, George Renault, CGCS and partner Sean Remington tied for 1st net in the Four-Ball Competition.
- Sean Remington and Jim Fitzgerald won the President's Cup in the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at Bethesda Country Club with a net 63. Glenn Smickley and Cary Sciorra won the low gross with a score of 68.
- Ed Brown shot a stellar 65, on his own ball, teamed with Dean Graves to win the Two-Man Championship at Rehoboth Beach Country Club with the unbelievable gross score of 62. Nick Vance, CGCS and George Renault, CGCS won the net with a 60.
- Jim McHenry captured the Kenneth Baker Award for the second consecutive year in the Annual Championship at Chartwell Country Club with a 78. Rich Issac won the Angelo Cammarota Award for low net with a 72.
- Kirk Intermill and Steve Caruthers won the Inaugural Superintendent-Club Official Tournament at Kenwood Country Club, with a net 64, while Dave Rudinski and Gene Fields shot 70 to claim the low gross honors.
- Nick Vance, CGCS won the gross division of the Points Tournament with 30 points while Corey Haney took the net division with a +3.

I would like to thank the Golf Committee, Tim Sage, Ken Ingram, CGCS, and Paul Masimore, CGCS, for all of their help and support this year. In addition, past golf chairman Jim McHenry has been most gracious with his time and wisdom. Thanks also to the MAAGCS Board of Directors for their support and encouragement. And finally, thanks to Executive Secretary, Charlotte Norris for all of her help, but particularly for her wonderful attitude and great sense of humor.

The 1997 Player of the Year Award was won by Walter Montross, CGCS. Walter placed in four of five events that earn points toward the award and his total of 200 points was 60 points better than his closest pursuers, Jim McHenry and George Renault, CGCS. Congratulations Walter!

In closing, 1998 is shaping up to be another excellent year for golf. Once again, we are visiting some great venues, highlighted by the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at Robert Trent Jones in May. A major goal for the upcoming year is to increase participation in the Annual Superintendent-Club Official Tournament to where it eventually becomes one of the major events on the golf calendar.

Membership

Gregg Rosenthal, CGCS

I am happy to report that the Association has a healthy membership

with 497 total members, 56 of those being new members this year. New name badges were made for all members including the new members. I am also delighted to have been able to serve on the board of directors for the last three years and I look forward to serving again in the future. If I can be of any assistance at any time to any member of the board or any member in general it would be my pleasure.

Social & Benevolence

Gordon Caldwell, CGCS

Baby Bonds were purchased for seven new additions to MAAGCS families.

Twelve members received fruit baskets or flowers for illnesses throughout 1997.

Donations to a favorite charity or flowers were sent to five members who had deaths in the family.

A very positive response was received for the new Picnic Site - Mayo Beach with approximately 250 people in attendance.

Eighty-six people turned out for good food, music, fun and fellowship aboard the tall ship "Clipper City" during this year's Ladies Night.

MAAGCS hosted a Hospitality Room at the Maryland Turfgrass Conference with over 200 people in attendance.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 10 - Seminar/Meeting

April 13 - River Bend C C

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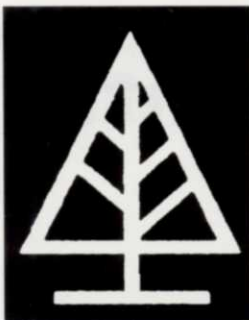
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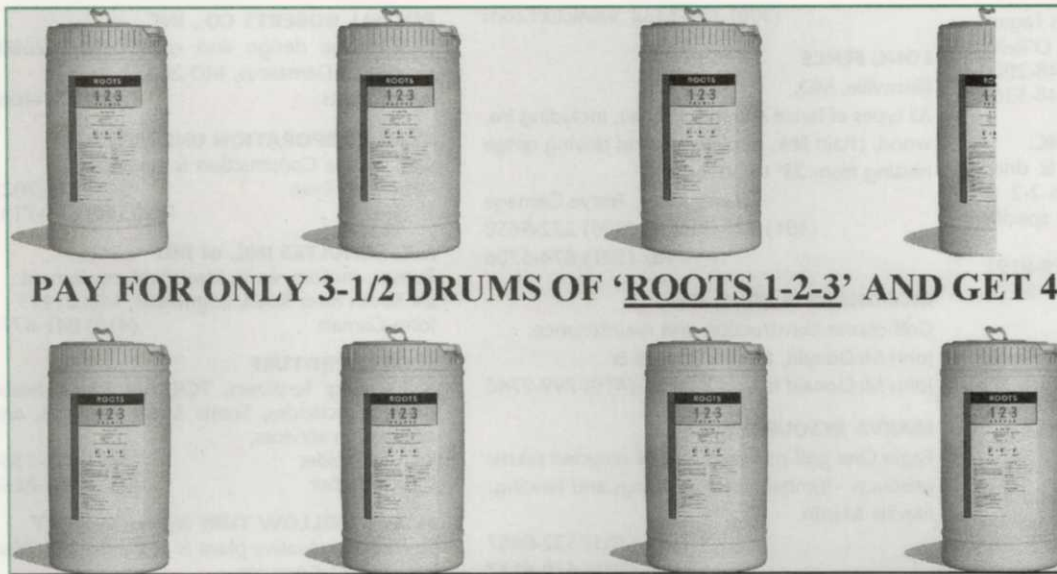


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