

# 1997 MAAGCS Committee Reports

## 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
- *Mike Gilmore*  
Turf Valley Resort & Conference Center

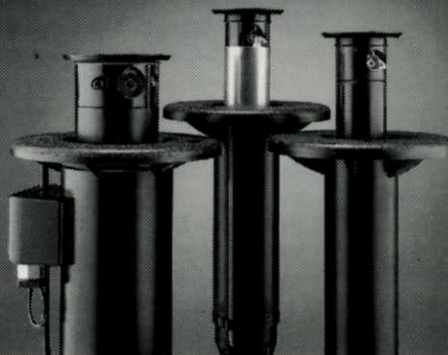
In addition to our chapter meeting hosts, I would like to recognize several other MAAGCS members who hosted events this year. Jeff Webster, of Raspberry Falls, hosted the southern portion of the John Deere Regional Tournament in

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**

**May 12 - Superintendent/Pro  
Tournament**