

# TURFGRASS MATTERS

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## Montross Named MAAGCS President for 1999

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents cast their votes for Walter Montross, CGCS as the 1999 President at their annual meeting held December 8, 1998 at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. Mr. Montross is the superintendent at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia. Other officers elected were Mr. Nick Vance, CGCS from Rattlewood Golf Course for Vice President, Mr. Mike Evans from Country Club at Woodmore was elected to fill the position of Secretary and Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS, superintendent at Lakewood Country Club, will remain as Treasurer for a second term.

Three directors were also chosen by the MAAGCS membership. Mr. Jim Halley from Glendale Country Club and Mr. John Newcomb, CGCS from South River Golf Links will be joining the Board of Directors for the first time. Mr. Dave Burkhart, superintendent at Hog Neck Golf Course, will be returning to the Board to fill a three-year term. The new members will be joining current Board members Ryland O. Chapman, IV from Fairway Hills Golf Course, Michael Legere, CGCS superintendent at Holly Hills Country Club, and Tim R. Norris, CGCS from Army Navy Country Club-Fairfax. Past President Mike Gilmore will fill the final position on the

MAAGCS Board.

President Montross presented Past President Mike Gilmore with a gavel and plaque to recognize his many years of unselfish service to the MAAGCS Board of Directors. After the presentation President Montross expressed his desire to continue the positive direction MAAGCS has embarked upon during the past two years.

The new committee chairmen will be appointed at the January Board of Directors meeting. Please do not hesitate to serve when one of the Directors calls on you. MAAGCS will only be as good as the effort its members put into the association.



1999 MAAGCS Board of Directors

Front Row: Michael Evans, Charlotte Norris, Tim R. Norris, CGCS, Chris Ayers, CGCS, Nick Vance, CGCS, John A. Newcomb, CGCS. Back Row: Ryland O. Chapman, IV, Michael Legere, CGCS, Walter Montross, CGCS, Mike Gilmore, Dave Burkhart. Not Pictured: Jim Halley

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**President's Message**

**Mike Gilmore**

As the year comes to a close, it is always interesting to reflect on the year that was and the year ahead. 1998 saw the MAAGCS continue to push towards the next century by going on-line (www.maagcs.com) and saw the meeting schedule show a little diversity over years past. We continue to grow and continue to strive and meet, as well as anticipate, the needs of the membership.

As I complete my 6th year of service on the MAAGCS Board of Directors and as I look back, the Association has come a long way. Having worked on the board under Presidents Ingram, Potter, Rudinski, Wagner, Shirk and Graves I have seen the Association improve in many ways. While missteps occur in any group or business, the MAAGCS has always risen to the challenge and gotten better year in and year out. It has been my pleasure to be associated with these outstanding people. These gentlemen and the rest who have been part of the MAAGCS Board of Directors have been instrumental in making the MAAGCS what it is today. For all of their hard work, I would like to thank them all. More importantly, I would like to thank everyone who supports the association through volunteering, funding and attending the meetings and events that we put on. Without that support, we could not make it happen.

I have enjoyed my time serving on the Board of Directors and would encourage anyone interested to get involved. I have developed many fine relationships in my time in the MAAGCS and know that many of them will extend well into the future, whether in the business or out. I feel strongly that we need to begin to have the "next" generation of Turfgrass Professionals begin to get involved and to begin assuming the leadership roles in the Association. We all benefit from the MAAGCS and the only way to continue the benefit is to

keep giving the group an infusion of new blood. I will be chairing next years' nominating committee and you can be sure that I will begin to beat the bushes well in advance of the election of the year 2000 Board of Directors.

I would like to thank the 1998 Board for their efforts in pushing the MAAGCS into the future. The work is over and above the norm and I appreciate their time and efforts. While the work is challenging, it has been made easier by the assistance that we receive from Charlotte Norris, our Executive secretary. Charlotte has been a big addition to the Association and I can't thank her enough for her diligence and dedication to the MAAGCS. Having a husband that is a Golf Course Superintendent has given her a keen insight and an ability to handle things in a way that allows the Board to function a bit more smoothly and efficiently.

We have a number of events coming up in the months ahead and I hope to see many of you at these educational opportunities. The Maryland Turfgrass Conference, the GCSAA Show in Orlando, and the MAAGCS seminar in March will be among the events that we will all be involved with. If we are not still irrigating in January, I hope to see many of you then.

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May you have a joyous holiday  
 season and a happy new year!

Charlotte

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## Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Nick Vance, CGCS

When I sat down to try to put this message on paper, I realized this would be the last time I would write the bullets. That meant the end of another year. Somehow everything that is going on around us doesn't seem to fit.

It is the first of December and we are still watering turf. We are still mowing, raking bunkers, supplying drinking water to our players and all the other things that we do in August. What happened to those slow winter months we used to have when we could catch up on paper work, projects and even get some time for ourselves?

Even though we have many activities going on in the Association, I do not have a lot to report in this issue. I will just give all of you a couple of "heads up" issues to be looking for.

We will once again have a hospitality room at Turfgrass '99 in Timonium on January 4th, the first night of the event.



We will also be hosting a hospitality room during the GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando in February. More details will be available soon.



The Special Olympics golf program got off to a pretty good start this year. There were several tournaments held around the area and a very nice championship held in October at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Next year the Association would like to get more courses and volunteers for the events. You can not appreciate how much you receive from giving to something like this until you get involved. Let's ALL try to help.



## Dr. Seibel Bids Farewell to Institute of Applied Agriculture

Dr. Ronald J. Seibel, who has been at the helm of the Institute of Applied Agriculture (I.A.A.) since 1972, announced his retirement from the University of Maryland effective January 1, 1999. Dr. Seibel was involved with agricultural education in Maryland and nationally for the past 40 years. He first came to the University of Maryland by way of Illinois in 1967 as an Instructor teaching for several departments while completing his doctoral requirements within the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education.

In 1972 he became Acting Director of the I.A.A. and was appointed as Director in 1977. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Seibel enhanced the educational experiences of thousands of students interested in pursuing a career in both the Green Industry and in general agriculture. He worked diligently to improve curriculum, by securing adequate funding through additional state and industry initiatives, by developing outreach programs to industry utilizing online technology, and by providing faculty an opportunity to excel within their respective discipline areas.

Dr. Seibel has also been involved in numerous agriculture organizations including Alpha Zeta Fraternity, Future Farmers of America, Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society, and the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation. Throughout his career he has always championed agriculture education and has challenged his students to become involved in leadership positions. Dr. Seibel will be missed by all and we wish him an enjoyable, relaxing, and well deserved retirement.

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### President' Message

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In closing, I would like to thank the person who is most important in my life. My wife Jody stepped in to help the MAAGCS in a time that we needed someone to offset an earlier setback with an executive secretary and helped things stay under control until we were lucky enough to get Charlotte. Much more important than that though, she has been my absolute best friend. Without her support, I could not have given as much time to my work, or the MAAGCS. Raising 5 children and trying to help keep a Golf Course Superintendent in the Mid Atlantic from an occasional meltdown are jobs that are often difficult and thankless. She has always been there for me and I hope I can come close to returning the support. Thank you and I love you with all of my heart.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and good luck in 1999.

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## Editor's Letter

Tim R. Norris, CGCS, Director of Communications

Weather! It seems to be the number one topic of conversation these days. I have been in this area for six years and we have supposedly had abnormal weather every year. Record highs in the summer of 1993, followed by ice storms in February and March of 1994. Heat and drought brings Grey Leaf Spot in the summer of '95, with blizzards in January and February of '96. Record rainfall amounts in 1997 and now I am still irrigating in December. I have come to believe that abnormal is normal in the Mid Atlantic. If anyone knows what a normal weather year is, would you please let me know!

We may complain about things like the weather, but you don't have to look very far to realize how fortunate you really are. During this holiday season we should all reflect on the many blessings we receive every day, being outdoors, seeing a sunrise in the morning, and being able to work hand in hand with Mother Nature to produce a beautiful golf course are just a few blessings that come to my mind. I believe we have the best job in the golf industry. May you and your family have a Happy Holiday season and prosperous New Year.

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## Maryland Student Chapter News

by Andrea C. Bakalyar, President

Just when you finally thought there were no more shirts to be sold, the Maryland Student Chapter jumped back into action and is now selling 100% cotton Polos, in four great colors, 100% cotton Caps, in four new colors and styles, as well as our newest and best item, University of Maryland wind jackets. The jackets are very handsome, weather resistant, deep pocketed and in four colors with a brush-twill softness. You can look forward to purchasing your new, limited edition wind jacket at the Maryland Turfgrass Conference and Show. Please be aware that the Student Chapter can only accept checks and cash, we are willing to bill and ask that bills are honored immediately. Thank you very much for those of you who purchased your new items at the November MAAGCS Educational Meeting at Lakewood Country Club.

Thirteen Maryland Student Chapter Members attended the November MAAGCS meeting, enjoying a "rare" occasion to listen to Dr. Kevin Mathis lecture. Most of the students participated in the golf outing, appreciating their opportunity to network with superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic on a more personal level through the game of golf. The MAAGCS generously supported student attendance by covering part of the attendance fee. Thank you.

On October 14, 1998 twenty five Maryland Student Chapter members participated in the first MSCGCSAA Fall Open at the University of Maryland Golf Course. The event consisted of a nine-hole outing, a Blind Bogey contest, and a box lunch meal. Congratulations to turf student Tom Graul for winning the Blind Bogey. Future student activities include several students volunteering their services at the 1999 Maryland Turfgrass Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in January, helping with registration and assisting with audiovisuals during speaker presentations. Students will also have a booth set up at the trade show where shirts, caps and jackets will be available for sale. Look for our putting green to try your luck at winning the MSCGCSAA Putting Contest. Proceeds from merchandise sales will help send Maryland Student Chapter members to the 1999 GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida.

Maryland Student Chapter President, Andrea Bakalyar will be speaking in Orlando on Student Activities Day with her presentation *Leadership: How to get Involved*. Maryland students will be participating in the Fifth Annual Student Turf Bowl that Saturday in Orlando.

Congratulations to Bill Burford who became the Assistant Superintendent at Timbers of Troy and Andrea Bakalyar for becoming the Assistant Superintendent at Montgomery Country Club. Great going! Congratulations also to Scott Furlong and Mark Menusen for winning the 1998 Angie Cammarota Maryland Turfgrass Scholarships. Special thanks to all of the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents who educated and supported Maryland Turfgrass student interns this summer, as well as those superintendents who employ students throughout the school year. Dealing with hectic class schedules and at times overwhelmed students is a great generosity on your part and it is appreciated.



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## GCSAA Certification Committee Update

I want to update our CGCS members on some outcomes at the certification meeting at GCSAA Headquarters on October 25-26, 1998.

During our two day meeting we discussed some correspondences from members and staff requests. We then sent our recommendations to GCSAA Board of Directors for changes to the professional Certification Code of Standards. Some of the correspondences that were acted on include:

1. To deny a request to consider CEU's for teaching a seminar vs. PDU's, which is currently given. Our committee has no authority to act on this request since the education committee sets criteria for CEU's.
2. To deny a request for a new category for PDU's to encompass professional achievement, such as winning award and environmental achievement. The committee felt the process would be too subjective.
3. The committee reviewed general correspondence from members requesting changes in the certification sliding scale in areas such as field experience. Continuing education and time spent as Assistant Superintendent. A motion to deny all requests was passed by the committee.
4. Staff requested the committee make judgement on whether correspondence courses can be repeated during the five year certification period. The committee decided not to allow correspondence courses to be repeated.

The following are recommendations that will be sent to the Board of Directors to amend sections of the Certification Code of Standards.

### 1. Revise PDU Categories:

#6 - Serving on national committee - 1.0 PDU maximum per renewal period, to include serving on GCSAA resource groups.

#7 - Serving as local or state GCSAA affiliated chapter officer - .5 PDU's per

year, to include officers of associations with International Allied Association (IAA) status.

#12 - Completion of ACSP Golf Course Certification - 1.0 PDU per renewal period, per person, to include .25 PDU's for re-certification of Golf Course with a maximum of 1.50 PDU within a five-year certification period.

#13 Participation in ACSP for schools .5 PDU upon completion of established checklist signed of by sponsoring school, to read "individual" participation in ACSP for schools.

2. Delete Selection 3, paragraph 3. of Chapter VII - Admission to certified status -employment with GCSAA.

3. Modify section 1, paragraph 1.1 of Chapter III - Eligibility for certification to include a separate category for individuals with a bachelor's degree in non turf plus an associate degree in turf or a 2 year turf certificate from a 4 year institution. These individuals would become eligible for certification with four years experience as a superintendent and 7.0 CEU's. This would become effective 7/1/99.

Other outcomes of the meeting included the use and implementation of the attestor training video. Selected attestors will be provided with the video and will sign an affidavit stating they have viewed it. The video will also be shown at the CGCS luncheon and certification workshops in Orlando. The fundamentals of Turfgrass Management by Dr. Nick Christians has been added to the list of suggested Study Material needed for the certification exam. And finally, the use of the CGCS designation by individuals no longer employed in the capacity of Superintendent was dismissed. As of this writing, a correspondence call is scheduled for December to clearly define the interpretation and enforcement of #14 in the Code of Standards, which is the use of the CGCS designation.

I will follow-up this letter with the

outcomes of these motions after the board acts on them this February.

If any members have any questions, please feel free to call me at (410) 434-1306 or Penny Mitchell at (800) 472-7378 ext. 434.

John Kotoski, CGCS

Certification Committee Member



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## Westfields Golf Club Featured in Links LS

Tim R. Norris, CGCS

Corey Haney, superintendent at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, VA, may soon have the distinction of having more rounds played on his course than any other MAAGCS member. Fortunately for Corey the majority of these will be "virtual rounds" after the release of Links LS' new CDROM *Fred Couples at Westfields*.

Before the October 9th opening of Westfields, a Bell Jet Ranger was swooping low over the fairways, greens and tees. The helicopter and six man crew were filming the course for the latest add on module of Access Software's popular Links LS computer golf game. Corey had the chance to ride along on several of the flights and tried his best to convince the pilot to blow leaves at the same time, but he says he had no luck despite his best efforts.

Access Software photographers Zeke MacCabe and Mike Yurth shot 60-70 rolls of film out of the helicopter during their five hours in the air. Another plane took aerial photographs from 5,000 feet above the site to record the topography of the course using radio waves. Data from both of these sources will then be digitized to give an accurate portrayal of each hole by using shadows to depict details in elevation change.

Each golf course module cost \$75,000 to \$100,000 to develop and is based on an actual course in the United States or overseas. Former PGA pro Lanny Nielsen, a consultant for Access Software, helps choose the courses. The involvement of the popular Fred Couples in the design and development of Westfields Golf Club made it an easy choice for a game module.

The game lets you pick virtual players that play the round for you. Corey wanted to have his swing modeled for one of the players, but the software developers said construction had forced his handicap too high. The comment was

## 1999 MAAGCS Calendar

March 9 & 10	Educational Seminar Bethesda Marriott Suites	
April 6	Fountain Head CC	Ken Keller
May 11	Supt/Pro Tournament	
June 8	Chevy Chase Club Supt/Club Official	Sean Remington
July 12	Westwood CC	Walter Montross
August 10	Mayo Beach/South River Annual Family Picnic	John Newcomb
September 14	Woodmont C C	Mike Larsen
October 12	Lowes Island GC Annual Championship	Byron Lash
November 9	Southview GC	Steve Cohoon
December 14	TBA Annual Meeting & GCSAA Seminar	

*All dates and locations are subject to change.*

"It looks more like he is swinging a shovel than a golf club". Everyone in MAAGCS has wondered about Corey's handicap all along!

The "fly overs" that are shown of each hole in the game will be the actual video shot by the crew. These tapes will be put on the CD and played back as streaming video. The Fred Couples at Westfields add on will be available in May for a suggested retail price of \$29.95.

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## A Glimpse of the Past...

by Lee C. Dieter, CGCS

In my September/October article I talked about the founding members of the association. In this issue I'd like to address the reasons behind their need to organize.

All over the country groups of greenkeepers were organizing. The first to organize in April 1923 was the Cleveland Association of Greenkeepers (now the Northern Ohio GCSA). Others followed suit including the Greenkeepers of New England (1924), The Ontario Greenkeepers Association (1924), The Michigan and Border Cities (1924), The Greenkeepers Association of Westchester County New York (1925) and the Greenkeepers Association of the Philadelphia Green Section (1925).

As the newly founded Green Section began to share information and the results of their research, the greenkeepers obviously realized that they were already beginning to take a back seat to the green chairman. Greenkeepers around the country knew that they must organize and share their knowledge and expertise. They had to be better informed on the changes in the industry. Treatments for disease problems, such as, large and small brown patch (brown patch and dollar spot) and snow mold, control of earthworms and Japanese Beetles, and new vegetative strains of Bentgrass were being developed. Advances in equipment for mowing and maintaining golf courses were being introduced.

The U.S.G.A. was encouraging its members (green chairman and club officials) to take a leadership roll in this development. As some of these members became educated they began to fill positions as consultants and club secretaries (club managers). In England this practice continues today.

Our founders accepted the challenge. They followed the lead of other associations and the newly formed National Association of Greenkeepers of America (formed in Toledo, Ohio on September 13, 1926). Green Chairmen were welcome to join the Mid-Atlantic Association of Greenkeepers of America but it was clear from the start that we would be the leaders in this newly formed association and the industry. Early meetings were held at local hotels, but soon we were meeting at the golf clubs and playing golf at the meetings.

Future articles will include the early meetings and what followed as well as profiles on some of the early members.

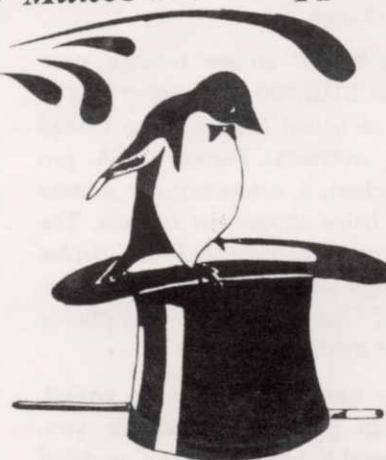


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## Annual Meeting Highlights



President Montross thanks Mr. Gilmore for his dedication to the Association in 1998.

### **1999 MAAGCS Officers & Directors Elected**

President - Walter C. Montross, CGCS

Vice President - Nick Vance, CGCS

Secretary - Michael Evans

Treasurer - Chris Ayers, CGCS

### **Directors**

Dave Burkhart

Jim Halley

John Newcomb, CGCS



1998 MAAGCS Player of the Year, Steve Cohoon, CGCS



1998 MAAGCS Merit Scholarship Recipients

Scott Fulong and Thomas Calpin, IV

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# MAAGCS Golf Notes

The Annual Championship was held October 13, at Mount Vernon Country Club. Jeff Michel, CGCS, assistant Phil Davidson and the rest of the staff did a wonderful job with the golf course in spite of the drought-stricken, grub-infested, gray leaf spot-ravaged conditions that were the summer of '98. Thanks, Jeff!

Indicative of the extreme stress conditions, participation in this year's Championship was down considerably from the benchmark set last year. We had 48 players compete at Mount Vernon. In addition to the trophies for the Low gross and net winners in the superintendent flight, the Board of Directors last fall decided to present named trophies for the winners of the affiliate flight beginning with the 1998 Championship. The low gross award was named in honor of Michael Graebner and the low net award in honor of Carroll Davis. The superintendent low gross and net awards were named in honor of Steve Hricko and Angelo Cammarota, respectively.

The 1998 Annual Championship winners were:

#### Superintendent Flight

Gross	Net
<u>Steve Hricko Award</u>	<u>Angelo Cammarota Award</u>
1st - Scott Wagner (75)	1st - Corey Haney (68)
2nd - Bill Shirk (79)	2nd - Sean Remington (70)
3rd - Phil Davidson (80)	3rd - Walter Montross (71)
4th - Keith Williams (81)	4th - Jeff Facto (72)
5th - Tim Norris (82)	5th - Bob Wren (72)

#### Affiliate Flight

Gross	Net
<u>Michael Grabener Award</u>	<u>Carroll Davis Award</u>
1st - Paul Tideman (79)	1st - Tom Wojcik (72)
	2nd - Larry Cosh (75)

#### Closest to the Hole

#2 - Scott Wagner (6'4")	#6 - Paul Tideman (2'6")
#11 - Dave Nehila (4'6")	#16 - Tom Wojcik (4'6")

#### Closest to the Line

#18 - Tim Sage

#### Long Drive

#4 - Paul Tideman

Unfortunately, this year's Annual Championship was held the same day as the MET Tournament at the Country Club of Connecticut. For those who are unfamiliar with the MET tournament, it features a gross and net team, comprised of four players each, from Superintendent Associations throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Hopefully, there will not be a conflict next year. If you are interested in playing in the 1999 MET Tournament, please contact the MAAGCS golf chairman.

Our last tournament of the year was November 10, at Lakewood Country Club. Among the 82 golfers were 13 students from the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture. The event was a scramble with teams being comprised of an affiliate member, a student or assistant superintendent, and one or two superintendents. This integrated scramble format generated many favorable comments from those who played.

Kudos to Chris Ayers, CGCS, assistant Kevin Smith, and their entire staff for a superbly conditioned golf course. It was a real treat, Chris!

#### The day's winners were:

- 1st - (63) Jim McHenry, Bill Springirth, Tom Dale
- 2nd - (65) Lee Carroll, Dave Rudinski, Dave Shannon, Nancy Inscoc
- 3rd - (66) Steve Evans, Ken Ingram, Ed Gasper, Ron Thomsen
- 4th - (66) Jeff Miskin, Jim Rugg, Paul Masimore, Bryan Bupp
- 5th - (66) Tom Clark, Matt Fauereach, Rick de Holanda

#### Closest to the Hole

#2 - Tim Norris, #9 - John Newcomb, #12 - Jim Weaver, #17 - Steve Evans

#### Closest to the Line

#8 - Keith Williams

#### Long Drive

#13 - Mike Perry

In other tournament action this fall, Scott Reeside and Worthington Manor hosted the John Deere Regional Championship, southern region, September 23. The team of Keith Hershberger, Bob Fretwell, Bill Shea, and John Newcomb from Old South Country Club won a "chip-off" to best the thirty one (31) other teams and earn a trip to the John Deere National Tournament in Arizona.

This year's Maryland Turfgrass Council Tournament, the Angie Cammarota Memorial, was played October 20, at the Timbers of Troy. Superintendent Scott Roche hosted seventy-eight (78) golfers, and tournament director Ryland Chapman reported more than \$5,100 was raised for turfgrass research. The winning team was Jim Halley, John Shields, Bernie Farrell and Gary Hottle with a score of 123.

Lastly, the 1998 Challenge Cup was held November 18 at Cove Creek. Four chapters competed in this year's event with the Philadelphia Chapter taking home the cup for the second straight year. Tournament organizer and host Tim Sage, reported raising \$800 for the GCSAA Endowment Fund from the event.

The last golf item for 1998 is the naming of the MAAGCS Player of the Year. This year's winner is Steve Cohoon, CGCS. Steve had a first, a second, and two third place finishes this year to amass a total of 200 points Steve's closest pursuer, Glenn Smickley, CGCS, had 170 points, followed by Jeff Michel, CGCS, with 140. Congratulations, Steve!

In closing, Walter Montross, CGCS, has put together a tremendous schedule of meeting sites for 1999, Come on out and be a part of what promises to be the best MAAGCS golf season ever.

## News & Notes

### New Members

#### Class A

David Finney, CGCS	Battleground at Cool Spring
Jay Vargo	Northwest Park Golf Course
Harold Wakefield	Fairfax National

#### Class B

Tom Schemmel	United States Naval Academy
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#### Class C

Bill Burford	Timbers at Troy Golf Course
Sean Nottidge	Waverly Woods Golf Course
Shawn Papp	Indian Spring Country Club
Jonathan Jenkins	Hog Neck Golf Course
Dave Shannon	South River Golf Links

#### Class D

Donald Bookwalter	Turf Valley Resort & CC
Harry Steven Evans	Falls Road Golf Course
Mike Farrar	EPA

#### Class E

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#### Class F

Dave Draper	TreeSource, Inc.
Robert Thomsen	Short Game Greens
John Tribbett	Renoscaples, Inc.
Paul Shultheis	Finch Turf Equipment

### Condolences

To the family and friends of Dave Anderson upon the passing away of his mother Charlotte. Mrs. Anderson was a 30 year employee of Westwood Country Club.

To the family and friends of David Burdette a long time MAAGCS member and assistant at Congressional CC.

To the friends of Paul and Tim McMahon upon the passing away of their mother Sharon.

To the family and friends Mike McGinnis the Head Golf Professional at Holly Hills Country Club.

### Congratulations

To Dave Kardos and his wife Lottie upon the birth of their son, Peyton James.

To Mark Kingora and his wife Missey upon the birth of their daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Louise.

To Tom Tuttle and his wife Colleen upon the birth of their daughter, Thyra Lynn

To Dave Nehila and his new bride Jennifer upon their marriage in September.

To Sean Belanger and his new bride Kristen upon their marriage in September.

### Get Well Wishes

To Paul Latshaw recovering from knee surgery.

To Dean Snyder recovering from outpatient surgery.

To Hilda K. Stagg, wife of Ben Stagg recovering from foot surgery.

### Reroutings

Andrea Bakalyar is now at Montgomery Country Club

Lou Bettencourt is now at Hunter's Oak Golf Club

Dave Clark is now at Goose Creek Golf Course

Steve Gross is now at Montgomery Country Club

Dave Kardos is now at Burning Tree Club

Chris Kendall is now at Turf Valley Resort & CC

Mark Kuchera is now at Shenandoah Crossing CC

George Renault is now at Eagle Creek CC in Naples, FL

Frank Thorne is now at Rock Creek Golf Course

### Job Well Done

To Tom Knoll, CGCS at Chantilly National Golf & CC upon his re-certification

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Maryland Turfgrass '99

January 4th - 5th

GCSAA Conference & Show

February 8th - 14th

MAAGCS Educational Seminar

March 9 - 10th

## 1998 MAAGCS Committee Reports

**Communications**

by Tim R. Norris, CGCS

The big news for 1998 is the addition of MAAGCS on line. The new web site [www.maagcs.com](http://www.maagcs.com) was brought on line in October of this year. The site contains information on MAAGCS, meeting locations and any current news.

The MAAGCS publication, *Turfgrass Matters*, has once again been entered in the GCSAA Newsletter Editors Contest. The September/October issue was submitted for judging.

MAAGCS will have information booths at both the Greater Washington and Baltimore Golf Shows. These booths will have information promoting the superintendent to the golfing public. Negotiations will begin after the first of the year with the various PGA and Senior PGA tournament venues in the area to provide information tents for MAAGCS during the week of the tournaments. Many thanks go to all the advertisers and newsletter supporters. Also I must thank our Executive Secretary and my wife Charlotte for her help in producing the newsletter.

**Education**

by Ryland O. Chapman, IV

I believe that 1998 was a great year for having many educational opportunities for the MAAGCS members. These Educational opportunities ranged from Turfgrass '98, a MAAGCS and local vendors' March Seminar, guest speakers at our annual chapter meetings, and completing the year with two one-day GCSAA educational seminars co-hosted by the MAAGCS in December.

The MTC's Turfgrass '98 conference and trade show was very successful this past year. The Golf Course Management sessions ranged from Pythium that attacks Bentgrass roots to the preparations of the 1997 U.S. Open with Paul Lashaw. The Golf Course Management concluded with an Open Discussion with Stanley Zontek (USGA Mid-Atlantic Region Director). Turfgrass '99 will be held

at the Timonium Fairgrounds on January 4th & 5th. The pesticide re-certification will be held on Tuesday January 5th. During Turfgrass '98 the MAAGCS was able to award five recipients their 1997 MAAGCS' Scholarships. Of these five recipients a Merit Scholarship for \$1500 was awarded to one individual for their outstanding Achievements. This year, the MAAGCS was very pleased to award six students a MAAGCS Scholarship. This years recipients are:

Sponsor	
Andrea Bakalyar	Kevin Pryseski, CGCS
Thomas Calpin, IV	George Renault, CGCS
Scott Furlong	Glenn Smickley, CGCS
Mark S. Menusan	Bill Neus, CGCS
John Shannahan Jr.	John Newcomb, CGCS
Robert Shanholtz Jr.	Ken Keller

Of these six recipients two Merit Scholarships, \$1200 each were awarded to Thomas Calpin IV and Scott Furlong for their outstanding accomplishments. Also, the 1998 MAAGCS Merit Scholarship will be presented on behalf of Queenstown Harbor Golf Links.

On March 10th the MAAGCS, with the support of local vendors, held a small educational seminar in conjunction with our chapter meeting at Turf Valley Resort & CC. The seminar was geared towards being a better professional and manager. I would like to thank Doug Petersan (Baltimore CC) and Glenn Smickley, CGCS (Robert Trent Jones) for speaking on Promoting the Golf Course Superintendent. The final session was an open panel discussion on *Building a Better Line of Communication*. I would like to thank the panel, which was comprised of Bill Neus, CGCS and Bob Bellamy (Director of Operations for the Columbia Association) representing Hobbit's Glenn GC; Stephen Potter, CGCS and Herbie Banks (Green Chairman) representing Woodholme CC; James Halley and John Shields (owner) representing Glen Dale CC; and Dan Skarwecki and Kim Hands (Golf Professional) representing The Baltimore Municipal Golf Corp. I would also like to thank Green Meadow Turf Supply, Turf Equipment & Supply Co., Rhone-Poulenc Ag. Co., Finch Turf Equipment, Inc., G.L. Cornell Company,

Lesco, and Newsom Seed for their sponsorship. A special thanks to Dean Graves, Mike Gilmore, Harry Fridley, and Lynn Matson for helping organize the seminar. Thank you all for making the seminar a success. This years MAAGCS monthly chapter meetings covered a variety of topics for our members. I would like to thank this years' guest speakers for their time and highly educational topics.

## April

Dr. Joel Simmons; Rutgers University  
*Balancing The Soil for Optimum Performance*

## June

Dr Thomas Watchke; University of Pennsylvania  
*New Trends In The Turfgrass Industry*

## July

Topper Shutt; WUSA Channel 9 Eyewitness News  
*Weather Forecasting in the Mid-Atlantic*

## September

Brian Ault/Thomas Clark; Ault, Clark & Assoc.  
*Renovations of Older Golf Courses*

## November

Dr. Kevin Mathias; University of Maryland/IAA  
*Insect Testing*

Pfiesteria was a hot topic this year behind Gray Leaf Spot. The Governor's State Bill 178 passed with one amendment. This amendment is that we apply fertilizers in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service. At this time, recommendations for golf courses have not been finalized. I would like recognize and thank Lou Rudinski for his participation in attending the Nutrient Management Advisory Committee meetings representing golf course superintendents. I would like to thank the MAAGCS Board of Directors for their support and words of wisdom. Thanks also goes out to Tim Norris, CGCS for his help this summer and to Dean Graves for his involvement in our March 1999 seminars. I would like to especially thank the Education Committee, comprised of Bill Neus, CGCS and Bob Wren for all of their help and contributions for this years speakers and scholarships. Finally, thanks to Charlotte Norris, MAAGCS Executive

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Secretary, for all of her help, patience and sense of humor for a demanding year.

In closing, the Education Committee will continue to bring the MAAGCS membership a variety of educational seminars and guest speakers. In March, look for a MAAGCS seminar in conjunction with The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and The USGA Regional Seminar at Woodholme CC. Our major goal for 1999 will be to improve the number of candidates and timing of the MAAGCS Scholarships. Also to have another educational seminar in the Fall.

## Finance

by Michael Legere, CGCS

As 1998 comes to a close, I would like to say Thank You to all the Class F members who participated in the Sponsorship Program. Collectively you contributed \$7,150 dollars to make our

monthly meetings a success. Your continued support, and commitment to the association are greatly appreciated.

The average monthly meeting attendance for 1998 in our main classes are as follows: Class A&B - 39, Class C - 9, and Class F - 30. This was slight decrease from last year, but given the extreme weather conditions we ended the season with, it was quite understandable. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate next season and our participation will increase.

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

## Golf

by Michael Evans

The 1998 golf season was, for the most part, a successful one. Player participation was excellent again this year, with the exception of our Superintendent-Club Official Tournament in September,

and the Annual Championship in October. While participation in the Superintendent-Club Official Tournament doubled from its 1997 inaugural level, it needs to triple next year to reach our desired goal. With the event being held at Chevy Chase Club next June, I have no doubt that it will. The main culprit for the lower-than-hoped-for turnout for these two events was the extreme weather-related turf stress we were all trying to cope with.

We played some outstanding golf courses this year, and all were in excellent condition, despite the havoc that Mother Nature wreaked. I would like to thank all of our host superintendents and their dedicated staffs for their tremendous work:

Dave Kardos, River Bend Country Club  
Glenn Smickley, CGCS, Robert Trent Jones GC  
Dave Nehila, Country Club of Maryland  
Jim McHenry, Caroline Country Club  
John Newcomb, CGCS, South River Golf Links  
Drew Scully, Greystone Golf Course  
Jeff Michel, CGCS, Mount Vernon Country Club  
Chris Ayers, CGCS, Lakewood Country Club  
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corporate sponsors for their tremendous support of our tournaments again this year. Nineteen corporate sponsors, along with the MAAGCS, the MAPGA, Jim Colman Cadillac, and River Bend Head Professional, Roger Mack, donated a total of \$6,650 to our golf events in 1998. This year's corporate sponsor list included: Ault, Clark, & Associates, Davison Golf, Egypt Farms, Finch Services, G.L. Cornell, Harford Industrial Minerals, Helena Chemical, Hydro Designs, Kimberthy Turf, Lofts Seed, Newsom Seed, Nutramax, Phoenix Irrigation, Security Ford New Holland, Stancills, Summit Hall, Terra International, Turf Equipment & Supply, and Zeneca.

Some great golf was played in 1998. Some of the highlights include:

- Scott Wagner winning the second flight for a fourth consecutive time at the GCSAA National Golf Championship in rainy, Anaheim. Also, at the National, the MAAGCS fielded a record seven teams for the Chapter Team Competition. The Chapter Team of Ken Ingram, CGCS,

Tim Sage, Paul Masimore, CGCS, and Michael Evans finished fourth in the net division.

- Michael King winning the net division of the points tournament at River Bend with a +2, while Bob Katula won the gross division with 32 points.

- Bob Wren and Bob Swezey shooting a 69 and winning the Presidents Cup at the Superintendent Professional Tournament at Robert Trent Jones, in a three-way playoff over defending champions Sean Remington and Jim Fitzgerald, and Jeff Michel and Pete Van Pelt. Dick Fisher and Rob McNamara shot a 70 to win the gross honors.

- Paul Brandon, Steve Cohoon, Tom Walsh, and Wayne Brissey teaming up to win the Four-Man Scramble at the Country Club of Maryland with a 62.

- Jim Weaver and Mike King winning the net prize in the Two-Man Championship at Caroline. Glenn Smickley, CGCS, and Paul Brandon claimed the gross title.

- Charlie Poole and Terry Morgan shoot-

ing a 59 to capture the net division in the Superintendent-Club Official Tournament at Greystone. Nick Vance, CGCS, and Steve Melton won the gross with a 74.

- Scott Wagner capturing the Steve Hricko Award by winning the gross in the Annual Championship at Mount Vernon with a 75. Corey Haney shot a 68 to win the net division and the Angelo Canmarota Award.

- Paul Tideman winning the Michael Graebner Award by winning the affiliate flight gross title at the Annual Championship with a 79. Tom Wojcik shot a 72 to win the affiliate net and the Carroll Davis Award.

- Jim McHenry, Bill Springirth, and Tom Dale combining for a 63 to win the year-end scramble at Lakewood.

The 1998 Player of the Year Award was won by Steve Cohoon, CGCS. Steve's total of 200 points was 30 points better than his closest pursuer, Glenn

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Smickley, CGCS. Jeff Michel, CGCS, finished third with 140 points. Congratulations, Steve!

I truly enjoyed serving as Golf Chairman the past two years. I would like to thank Golf Committee members Tim Sage, Ken Ingram, CGCS, and Paul Masimore, CGCS, for all of their help and support again, this year. Thanks also, to the MAAGCS Board of Directors for their support and encouragement the past several years, and especially to Executive Secretary, Charlotte Norris for all of her help in making the Golf Chairman's job much easier.

In closing, 1999 promises to be another excellent year of golf for our Association. Walter Montross, CGCS, has scheduled a great lineup of meeting sites that has us at some of the best venues in the area, both old and new. With your participation, 1999 will be the best year ever for MAAGCS golf!

## Membership

by David Burkhart

The membership roster of the association has experienced moderate growth this past year. We currently have a total of 514 members. Sixty (60) members were dropped from the roster while ninety-two (92) new members were added for a net increase of thirty-two (32). Those new members are broken down into the following classifications:

Class A Golf Course Superintendent - 11  
 Class B Golf Course Superintendent - 6  
 Class C Assistant Superintendent - 30  
 Class D Complimentary - 17  
 Class E Retired - 1  
 Class F Associate - 27  
 Total - 92

All members should have a name badge to be used at monthly membership meetings. If anyone does not have one or needs any changes, please contact Dave Burkhart. For the ladies of the association, a badge with a pin instead of the standard pocket badge is available.


## Social and Benevolence

by David Rudinski

In 1998 the association has twelve illnesses resulting in the sending of flowers, fruit baskets or balloons. Unfortunately there were five deaths within the association. On a brighter note, we purchased twelve baby bonds for our newest arrivals.

The annual picnic was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the beach, pony rides, the clown and especially the crabs. Many people arrived early and made a day of it.

Ladies Night was cancelled due to lack of membership support. However, a donation was made to the Susan G. Koeman Foundation for Breast Cancer Research in honor of the MAAGCS wives.



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