

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 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
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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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