

## Maryland Student Chapter of the GCSAA

by Andrea C. Bakalyar, President

Congratulations to the Maryland Student Chapter for selling all 100 University of Maryland shirts and 50 caps. Thank you to all of those who helped support the Chapter by making a purchase. For those of you who were not able to buy a shirt or cap the last time, don't worry, we anticipate a new shipment shortly of new colors and caps of different design.

The past few months have been eventful for the MD Student Chapter. In May, John Gabeitt and Lee Carroll sponsored the IAA Open at Little Bennett Golf Course. Approximately 35 students met to play a great game of golf, enjoying a picnic afterward. The first State Farm Senior Classic was held at Hobbitt's Glen Golf Course, June 28-July 5, 1998 and several students (Mark Menusan, Andrea Bakalyar, Brad Siptroth, Tom Graul) and advisor, Kevin Mathias, volunteered on the maintenance crew during the tournament.

Many Scholarships were awarded over the summer and the Student Chapter would like to recognize some winning members: Shield Memorial Fund- Scott Furlong, Joyce Hennessey, Guy McDonald, Mark Menusan, John Shannahan, Jr., Bill Stowers; Bernice Howell Scholarship - Thomas Calpin, Erin Stevens. Turfgrass students, Art Grace, Joyce Hennessey, Guy McDonald, Mark Menusan made the Honor Roll with GPA's of 3.5 or better.

Chapter President, Andrea Bakalyar was chosen as one of nineteen students nationally, to participate in the very first Student Resource Group held by the GCSAA in Lawrence, Kansas. The two day forum

was held August 21-22, 1998. The Student Resource Group discussed ways to improve communication with the Student Chapters and the GCSAA, Student Activities at the National Conference and Show, how to increase student involvement, and ways the GCSAA can better provide Internship opportunities at the show. GCSAA scholarships were reviewed as well as ways students can get the most out of their chapters and the GCSAA. 'The Maryland Student Chapter was the only chapter present who is fortunate enough to have support from their local association. The relationship the MAAGCS and the Student Chapter has is not a luxury other student chapters enjoy nationally, making the Maryland Student Chapter one of the most successful chapters in the nation. The Student Chapter is very lucky to have the interest and support the Mid-Atlantic has provided over the years, thank you.

Chapter Vice-President, William Stowers and first year Golf Course Management student Mike Speiler, both employees at Congressional Country Club, joined their Superintendent, Mr. Paul Latschaw at the Riviera Club in California, working at the Senior U.S. Open. Bill Stowers is not new to the rigor of hosting a major PGA Tournament, he was a huge part of preparing and working for the 1997 U. S. Open held at Congressional last year.

The Maryland Student Chapter looks forward to an eventful fall with the sale of newly designed shirts, caps, and wind jackets. Students will be holding a Nine-Hole Fall Open golf outing for new and current students and the Chapter will be attending the November Mid-Atlantic Meeting at Lakewood.... Look for your new shirt there!



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