

1999 Annual Committee Reports

Communications

Tim R. Norris, CGCS

The MAAGCS newsletter *Turfgrass Matters* continues to provide pertinent information to the membership and has received many favorable comments in the GCSAA Chapter Newsletter Editor Contest. All MAAGCS members should strive to become part of the process by submitting articles for publication. Advertising for the newsletter and monthly bulletin continues to be fully subscribed. Thanks to our many industry partners who's advertising supports our publications. Please continue to support these companies and individuals with your business.

This year the MAAGCS hosted four very successful public relations booths. There were booths at both the Greater Washington Golf Show held at the Capitol Expo Center in Chantilly, VA and the Baltimore Golf Show held at the Baltimore Convention Center. MAAGCS had information tents at the PGA events, the Kemper Open and the State Farm Senior Classic, held in the Mid Atlantic region. These booths and tents distributed information to the golfing public about the

superintendent, proper golf course etiquette and education opportunities for students interested in the profession of golf course superintendent. These booths were well received by all that attended. Many thanks to those superintendents who volunteered their valuable time to man the booths. It is planned to continue these information/public relation endeavors in the future. Once again the MAAGCS will have a booth at the Maryland Turfgrass Conference. Any superintendent or assistant superintendent interested in volunteering their time, please contact the MAAGCS office.

Thanks to the members of the Communications Committee, Keith Williams and Carmen Giannini, for their help throughout the year.

Education

Ryland O. Chapman, IV

I believe that 1999 was filled with many educational opportunities for the MAAGCS members. These educational opportunities ranged from Turfgrass 1999, a USGA Regional Green seminar, a MAAGCS and local vendors' March Seminar, guest speakers at our monthly chapter meetings, and completing the year with a two days of GCSAA educational seminars co-hosted by the MAAGCS in December.

The MTC's Turfgrass 1999 Conference and Trade Show was successful this past year with a record number of attendees at the Timonium Fairgrounds. The Golf Course Management educational sessions' topics ranged from "Welcome to the Jungle: Complex World of Microbes in Turf" with Dr. Peter Landschoot to "The Year In Review" with Mr. Keith Happ, USGA.

The MAAGCS' March Educational Seminar "Creating an Environmental Plan" with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program was very successful. This two-day seminar was to prepare and assist in developing an environmental plan for golf course properties and provide participants with the information needed to meet the minimum require-

ments necessary to have their property designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. I wish to thank Joellen Zeh, Staff Ecologist, of Audubon International for doing a great job in showing how to start the process to become a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary golf course. I would like to thank Egypt Farms, Inc., Finch Turf Equipment, Inc., Green Meadow Turf Supply, Newsom Seed, Turf Equipment & Supply Co., Rhone-Poulenc Ag. Co., G.L. Cornell Company, and Zeneca for their sponsorship of this year's MAAGCS March Seminar. A special thanks to Dean Graves for his help in initiating this seminar between the MAAGCS and Audubon International. Thank you all for making the seminar a success.

The 1999 USGA Regional Green Seminar was hosted by Steve Potter, CGCS at Woodholme CC. This year was once again a huge success. Over 200 people came to listen to Dr. Watchke, Mr. Scott Harrison and the USGA Sec-

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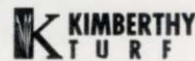
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tion staff speak on topics dealing with public awareness and golf course research and maintenance practices.

The MAAGCS was pleased to award four students a 1999 MAAGCS Scholarship. Of these four scholarships two were presented with a Merit Scholarship for their outstanding accomplishments. This years recipients are:

MAAGCS Merit Scholarship

Jason W. Bowers
Sponsor - John Kain, CGCS

Harry Steven Evans
Sponsor - Jeff Wahl

MAAGCS Scholarship

Brian K. Moreau
Sponsor - Gary Angell, CGCS

Jeff D. Van Fleet
Sponsor - Tom Fornasar

Our MAAGCS monthly chapter meetings covered a variety of topics for our members. I would like to thank this year's guest speakers for their time and highly educational topics.

April: Mike Farrar, EPA
EPA New Pesticide Regulations

June: Mr. Stephen F. Mona, CAE
Chief Executive Officer of the GCSAA
GCSAA Updates and Future Directions

July: Dr. Dave Chalmer; Virginia Tech
USGA/GCSAA Tests Greens Reports

September: Dr. Thomas Turner; University of MD
Nutrient Management Plan Update for Golf Courses in Maryland

November: David Locke (ASIA)
Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc.
Golf Course Master Planning and Infrastructure Development

In the legislative department there were two hot issues that affected golf courses directly this year. The first one was House Bill 765-Water Appropriation or Use Permits. This ended up going to a summer work study and will be voted on again in the year 2000. The second was the Water Use Prohibition during the drought of '99. Thanks to Maxine Adler, Esq. (Senunes, Bowen & Semmes) our legislative representative from MAGI. We were able to send letters and set meetings with the correct committees

involved in these issues. Thank you Stephanie Hau and Lou Rudinski for your help in House Bill 765 and to Bill Neus for sending a letter to the Drought Emergency Coordinating Committee. To Chris Ayers, a special thanks to you for all of your time and efforts in these issues. A job well done.

I would like to thank the MAAGCS Board of Directors for their support and words of wisdom. I would like to especially thank Bill Neus, CGCS for helping and contributing to this year's speakers and scholarships. Finally, thanks to Charlotte Norris, MAAGCS Executive Secretary, once again you made life easier through a stressful year with your patience and sense of humor and I thank you for that.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to give something back to the industry and to my fellow associates. To have worked with a group of individuals whose goals and ideas is the future of the MAAGCS will always be a positive part of me. I have always had the highest respect for them. To the current board members and future board members I say to you, "Stay focused and make a difference".

Finance

Jim Halley

As the 1999 Season comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the MAAGCS and thank all of our Class F Members who participated in the 1999 sponsorship program. This year the Associate Members and their affiliated companies generated \$7,750 dollars in contributions. These funds surely helped make our monthly meetings a great success. I feel the support and commitment that has been given to our association over the years has helped make us one of the finest local chapters in the country. I would like to encourage our membership to support the many fine companies that are committed to our profession and the MAAGCS.

The average monthly meeting attendance for 1999 in our main classifications: Class A & B - 33, Class C - 7, Class F - 25. This was a decrease from last year's attendance. I am sure the extreme drought and weather conditions we all endured this year was a large factor. Also, Class C Member's attendance has been very low for the past few years, so lets try to get our Assistant Superintendents more involved.

I would like to thank my committee members: Tom Ritter, Lester Tanner, Tim McMahan and Larry Parker for all their help this past season. I have enjoyed my first year on the board and I'm looking forward to serving our association again next year.

Golf

John Kotoski, CGCS

I would like to review a policy change for being eligible to play in any future Superintendent/Pro and Annual Championship. You must have attended three (3) regular meetings to be able to play. Attendance has been recorded from March 1999 up to the sign up for the Superintendent/Pro and/or Annual Championship in 2000. The Annual Meetings will count towards two (2) regular meetings. What will not count towards a regular meeting is participation in the Superintendent/Pro, Annual Championship and the Picnic.

I would like to recognize our gross and net winners from three (3) of our events this year. At the Superintendent/Pro at Woodholme Country Club in May our low gross went to the team of Steve Potter/Barry Fuhrman of Woodholme Country Club with a 69. The Presidents Cup went to the team of Mike Evans/Larry Ringer of Country Club of Woodmore with a 63.

At the Superintendent/Club Official at the Chevy Chase Club in June our low gross went to the team of Glenn Smickley/Tom Tracy of Robert Trent Jones Golf Club with a 67. The Bethesda Country Club team of Dean Graves/Jack Hargett won low net with a 58.

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During the Annual Championship at Lowes Island Club in October the Superintendent low gross went to Dave Horton with a 72 while low net went to Sean Remington with a 63. The Affiliate low gross went to Dan Schlegel with a 75 and Affiliate low net went to Jim Cervone with a 70.

I would like to thank the following Superintendents who hosted a meeting this year for a job well done: Ken Keller, Steve Potter CGCS, Sean Remington, Walter Montross, CGCS, John Newcomb, CGCS, Mike Larsen, CGCS, Byron Lash, Bernie Beaven, CGCS.

I would like to congratulate Mike Evans of the Country Club of Woodmore for being selected the Player of the Year. Congratulations Mike!

Membership

Dave Burkhart

The membership roster of the association has experienced slight growth this past year. We have a current total of 527 members. Fifty-one (51) members were dropped from the roster while sixty-four (64) new members were added for a net increase of thirteen (13). New and total members are broken down into the following classifications:

	1999	Total
Class A	5	145
Class B	2	49
Class C	23	105
Class D	9	35
Class E	0	14
Class F	21	151
Class G	4	18
Class AA	0	10
Total	64	527

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 the MAAGCS office.

Social and Benevolence

John Newcomb, CGCS

I) Major Life Changes

Totals for major life changes affecting MAAGCS members in 1999 that the Social & Benevolence Committee needed to take action on were:

Births - 15; Marriages - 6; Illnesses, Injuries, & Surgeries - 19 (8 Members, 11 Direct Relatives); Deaths - 3 (2 Retired Members, 1 Active Member)

II) Baby Bonds: 12 issued

III) Turfgrass '99 Hospitality Room

In January, MAAGCS sponsored a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Timonium from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm of the first day of Turfgrass '99. This event was attended by approximately 100 guests.

IV) GCSAA National Conference 1999 Hospitality Room (Orlando, FL)

In February, MAAGCS sponsored a hospitality room in the President's Suite of the Peabody Hotel, Orlando on Thursday, the 11th from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm during the GCSAA National Conference and Show. This event was a celebration of George Renault III CGCS GCSAA Presidency and attendance was tremendous.

V) MAAGCS Annual Picnic

In August, MAAGCS hosted its annual picnic. Golf was provided by South River Golf Links (Host - John A. Newcomb Sr. CGCS) and the picnic was, once again, held at the Anne Arundel County facility, Mayo Beach. Highlights of the day included hard crabs, corn on the cob, pit beef, and great pot luck entries by the members and their spouses to eat and

pony rides, a balloon bounce, candy, bubbles, and "Bows the Clown" for the children. Approximately 200 members and their families attended the event and everyone seemed to have a great time.

VI) Ladies Luncheon and Ladies Night

Postponed until 2000.

Welcome Committee

Nick Vance, CGCS

This year I had the privilege of chairing the welcoming committee with Dave Burkhart and John Newcomb, CGCS. We also enlisted the services of 26 Class A, B and F volunteers from the membership.

We sent a Superintendent and an Affiliate member to call on each of the people on our "hit list". This list consisted of prospective members, new members and some of our members that have become "inactive".

We had at least two goals in mind when we started. First, we wanted to introduce ourselves to the new and prospective members and make them feel welcome and we wanted to try to get the older members to become more involved.

Our efforts were rewarded with several new members joining the Association. We saw some of the faces we had not seen in a while at the last few meetings of the year. We also got some good feedback from the membership as to what the Association could do for them.

I think we accomplished what we wanted and with your help we will continue to make this Association stronger.

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