

# Maryland Student Chapter News

by Scott Ferguson, President

Congratulations to all of the 1999 IAA Turfgrass Management graduates. Here is a list of the 15 students in the graduating class and their current place of employment. Jeff Ashley- Westwood C.C., Mark Berry- Newark C.C., Brian Bupp- Four Streams Golf Club, Bill Burford- Timbers of Troy Golf Course, Tom Calpin-Scranton, Pennsylvania, Marty Eader- Laytonsville Golf Course, Scott Furlong- Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Guy McDonald- The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base, Mark Menusan- Greystone Golf Course, John Shanahan- The Woodlands and Diamond Ridge Golf Clubs, Erin Stevens- Riviera C.C., Bill Stowers- Winged Foot C.C., Kevin Teal- Business Partnership in Colorado, Jon Urbanski-Wilmington C.C., and Tom Wunch- Norbeck C.C.. Again, congratulations and we all know your hard work will pay off for you in the future.

Once again, the sales of Maryland Student Chapter shirts, caps and windshirts was an enormous success. Thanks to all of those who helped support the Chapter by making a purchase. There are a few items remaining for sale or a special order can be made. A special thank you to the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents for their continued support of the Student Chapter. The MAAGCS and the Maryland Student Chapter have a special relationship that many, if not most, other Student Chapters do not have, which is, support from their local or regional association. The MAAGCS made a gracious donation to assist the president and vice president of the Chapter in their travels to the 1999 GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida. Proceeds from merchandise sales also was of great help. It is such an excellent opportunity for students to attend educational seminars, interact with the professionals of our future careers and to see the whole world of the Turfgrass industry. All of the students that attended school and worked at the same time would like thank our bosses or supervisors for their support and understanding of the hectic schedule we live during those times and, most importantly, for the time it takes to educate us about our future careers in the golf course industry.

The Student Chapter had an excellent turnout of 20 at the USGA Sectional Meeting hosted by Woodholme C.C. and Steve Potter, CGCS on March 16. All students that attended learned a great deal from the educational meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the crabcakes. The USGA discounted the attendance fee for these students. The IAA also supported student attendance by covering a portion of the attendance fee. Thank you. Also, six students attended the Mid-Atlantic meeting and golf outing hosted by Fountain Head C.C. and golf course superintendent, Ken Keller and his assistant, the IAA'S own Bob Shanholtz. Thanks go out to the staff at Fountain Head for the brilliant condition of golf course.

The IAA Open was held on May 21, 1999 at Rattlewood Golf Course in Mt. Airy. Special thanks to Nick Vance, CGCS, and the Montgomery County Revenue Authority for being kind enough to host this annual event and donate the tee times to the Student

Chapter. Approximately 25 current and graduating students will be participating in a friendly golf outing and barbecue afterwards.

At this point in time, there are four individuals that have been nominated as officers of the Maryland Student Chapter for the upcoming school year starting in the Fall of 1999. The nominees are: Steve Evans as President, Mark Dupcak as Vice-President, Brian Moreau as treasurer, and Geoffrey Blain as secretary. The Student Chapter will be in very capable hands with these officers. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the program. Last, but certainly not least, a very sincere and deserved thank you from the IAA student body goes out to the entire staff at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. From top to bottom, all of these people are dedicated to educating, guiding, assisting, and understanding the students enrolled in our school within a school. They are constantly striving to increase the already highly regarded reputation of the IAA program. It certainly is appropriate to have a quality Turfgrass program in, perhaps, one the best areas of the country to learn about turfgrass management: the always unpredictable Mid-Atlantic. Once again, thank you from the students of the IAA Turfgrass Management Program to everyone that has supported the University of Maryland Student Chapter. To our fifteen colleagues graduating on May 23, congratulations and good luck !! Enjoy the summer, may we all experience a mild one, and please continue to promote the IAA Turfgrass Program.

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