

TURFGRASS MATTERS

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Contract Renovation

by Ken Ingram, CGCS



For most golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic the end of summer brings an annual ritual of turfgrass management tasks. It can be overseeding, aerification, fertilizer applications or all of the above. All of us have different approaches to this monumental undertaking. Some Superintendents close the course and do everything at once. This works extremely well at multiple course facilities. For others closing is out of the question, so other methods are used. Timing is also important. Some clubs start early in August before summer crews return to school and members are away on vacation. One is thing sure - renovation is never easy and always unpopular. Did you ever consider not doing the work by contracting the work out?

In the past few years several companies in the Mid-Atlantic have started specializing in aerification, seeding, and fertilizer applications. Today, Superintendents have the option of contracting out the entire workload or perhaps renting equipment and/or operators. Renovation takes equipment, labor and materials such as seed and fertilizer. A business decision needs to be made. Is it cheaper to buy the equipment and use your staff or

contract the work out?

Equipment is the most expensive issue. A club can have tens of thousands of dollars invested in equipment literally used one or two days annually. In addition, it has to be stored, maintained, and depreciated. There are obvious advantages to purchasing equipment as well, the biggest being scheduling. The equipment is there when you need it. If you have some aggressive programs in place or have thirty-six (36) holes where the equipment might be used for weeks, it is probably worth the investment to purchase equipment

Labor is another important factor. Do other jobs go undone while your staff is completing renovation? Do you pay overtime wages? Renovation today is very mechanized but we still need skilled labor. How many of us are scheduling this work too early in August because we loose staff after Labor Day?

Materials must be considered as well. Take it from me, it is difficult to overseed without seed. There are frequently seed shortages right when we need it the most. I don't envy the seedsmen in August and September. Getting seed harvested, bagged, and

shipped coast to coast while competing with similar industries is a difficult job. Bulk spreading of fertilizer can work extremely well. At times, I have seen the same material spread cheaper than I could have bought the bags. Other times the scheduling and logistics can be a nightmare.

Contract renovation is one of those buy vs. lease scenarios that are always difficult to make. I have had good success presenting these dilemmas to my club's committee and board members, most of whom are successful business people. They may not understand aerification but they understand money. For some of us older Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic that remember manual irrigation and no fairway spraying, nothing is more satisfying after a difficult summer than ripping a large goosegrass plant to shreds with the seeder. Good luck this fall.

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President's Message

Nick Vance, CGCS

Writing this message has been the hardest thing I have had to do with this Association since I have been involved with it. I have had so many mixed feelings about what I want to say to the membership that I have had a very difficult time taking personal feelings out of it.

Having said that, and still not being able to distinguish between what is personal and what is professional, I am going to write what goes through my mind as the pen moves across the page.

To start with, having to cancel the July meeting at Wakefield Valley was an embarrassment to the Association. That meeting was set up as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. We had an excellent speaker selected, a good day on the course and a great dinner planned. The Board of Directors thought all the superintendents and club officials would have had a great day, and we would have contributed to a worthy cause.

Even though we had to cancel the meeting, we are still going to fulfill our obligation to the American Cancer Society. In my opinion, the real embarrassment comes with having to tell the speaker, the American Cancer Society and, most of all, a dedicated Superintendent that put forth all the work to schedule a great day for us, that we can't get enough people together one day out of the month to give something back from the members of this Association.

Even though we are all part of some community or neighborhood, most of us are always too busy during the golfing season to give much back. This event is the kind of thing that can only help us. We all know people that have lost lives from the dreaded disease of cancer, and it should be the responsibility of everyone to do what we can for our relatives and neighbors to help find cures.

Another thing that has been bothering me is the lack of support that many of our members give one another and their own Association. Apathy really has no place in communities and organizations.

If something is wrong, get involved to help fix it. Don't take a back seat and find reasons to complain. Our elections are just a few months away, and the people on this Board of Directors are put there by votes



from the membership. You can either run for office or take the time to get to know your candidates and select the ones that you think will do the best jobs.

I could probably fill the newsletter with more of the same thoughts, but instead, I will close with a few "thoughts to live by" that I have posted in my office.

1. The world is not fair.
2. Everybody has a boss.
3. Living involves hassle.
4. Nobody is entitled to anything.
5. True pride is self-respect, and must be earned, not given.
6. Being loved is only free for babies-after that, reciprocity is required!
7. Everybody makes mistakes.
8. Everybody is laughable.
9. Staying happy involves work.

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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Mike Evans

- ◆ Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris is in the process of compiling the results of the brief survey sent to all MAAGCS members in early September. If you have not returned your survey card, please take a moment to complete the survey and return it to the Association office. The Board of Directors needs your input!
- ◆ Past President Walter Montross, CGCS, and the Industrial Advisory Committee comprised of Harry Fridley, Lance Ernst, and Dave Cammorata commissioned a survey, which was sent to all MAAGCS Affiliate members. The purpose of the survey was to seek input on a variety of topics affecting Class F members so that the Association may better serve the needs of its commercial members.
- ◆ The Board of Directors authorized a memorial contribution in memory of Lisa Bland, Executive Assistant to GCSAA's CEO Joe O'Brien, who died tragically in an automobile accident.
- ◆ Education Chair Jim Halley, has been working closely with Dr. Mark Carroll on the education program for Turfgrass 2001. The Conference has been moved from its traditional first week in January, to January 23, and 24, 2001.
- ◆ The Board of Directors voted unanimously to award a merit scholarship in memory of John T. Lea, late father of Herb Lea. Mr. Lea, a strong advocate of education, worked tirelessly, to advance the cause of education in our profession. The Lea scholarship will be awarded, annually, to the student deemed most exemplary.
- ◆ Government Relations Chair Dean Graves reported to the Board that the Maryland Department of the Environment's Drought Task Force Committee, of which he is a member, has begun formulating water usage guidelines in the event of another drought emergency. The eventual regulations will be implemented in stages, depending upon the severity of the drought.
- ◆ The Board of Directors would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Lex and Charlie Birney, and everyone associated with Atlantic Golf Corporation for their generosity and hard work in making the inaugural Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament, at South River Golf Links, a big success. Thanks, also, to all of the individuals and vendors who helped to sponsor the tournament.
- ◆ The Board voted unanimously to discontinue the permanent RSVP list for monthly meetings. The decision to drop the list was based on the small number of members using the service.

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Editor's Letter

Ken Ingram, CGCS

My apologies for the lack of a newsletter in some time. Our July membership and board meetings were cancelled so we didn't have much to report. We had hoped to print the second of four articles from GCSAA on PDI which has been constantly changing. Ultimately, GCSAA mailed a final proposal to each member by-passing chapter newsletters. These are the facts, and just like explaining dead grass to the committee, you are only going to agree on one thing, it's my fault.

For this issue we have a few news items from around the area and articles written by superintendents. This is what I would like this publication to be. We always need information of this sort. If we don't start getting more meeting attendance perhaps I should publish the text of our guest speakers, who have been tremendous.

Every business evolves and disturbing trends come along often as precursors to change ahead. Perhaps these chapter newsletters are becoming dinosaurs. With forums online and the great national magazines available today, by the time we can publish and print articles in the chapter newsletter they are no longer relevant. We could put this information on the website and save a lot of work if that's what members want. I would appreciate your comments.



Fun Filled Day at Bretton Woods

MAAGCS Annual Family Picnic Recap

The Annual MAAGCS Family Picnic was held this year at Bretton Woods Recreation Center. Thanks to our host Ken Ingram, CGCS for providing the Association with the excellent facilities; golf, swimming, miniature and frisbee golf and a playground area. During the brief shower the Ringling Brothers trained clown kept the children entertained with magic tricks and face painting. Once the rain passed they were able to resume their pony rides and moon bouncing.

Without question, the highlight of the picnic is the food. As is the tradition, there were plenty of crabs and lots of corn on the cob. For the land lubber at heart there were hamburgers and sliced barbeque beef sandwiches. Together with the salad and dessert contributions from the members attending, no one went away hungry.

This annual event could not remain free of charge to our membership without the wonderful support of the following companies: Davisson Golf, Egypt Farms, Finch Turf Equipment, G. L. Cornell Co., Newsom Seed, The Care of Trees, Turf Equipment & Supply Co., and Zeneca. Please thank these representatives for their support throughout the year!!

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Student News

MAAGCS Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Board of Directors recently approved the recipients of the MAAGCS 2000 Scholarships. The students will be presented at the Annual Meeting in December. The John T. Lea Merit Scholarship was awarded to Ian Kelly a senior majoring in Agronomy at Virginia Tech. Mr. Kelly was sponsored by Tim Norris, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax. Dave Kardos, Golf Course Superintendent at the Burning Tree Club sponsored the recipient of the T. A. Turner Scholarship, Toby Kiggins. Mr. Kiggins is a Turfgrass Management major at Penn State. Daniel and Matthew Neus were both sponsored by Golf Course Superintendent Charlie Ulevich of Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. Both Mr. Neus' attend the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland. McMahon Connor, a student at Penn State, was sponsored by

Dave Nehila, Golf Course Superintendent at Hunt Valley Golf Club. Mr. Connor is a Turfgrass Science major.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients!

2001 Student Scholarship Opportunities

The GCSAA Scholars Program and the Essay Contest were developed to recognize outstanding students planning careers in golf course management. The Scott's award targets those students who are pursuing careers in the green industry that are from diverse ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. The Legacy Award, funded by Novartis, offers educational aid to the children /grandchildren of GCSAA members, who are pursuing careers unrelated to golf course management.

The Watson Fellowship, funded by Toro, is available to candidates for masters and doctoral degrees in fields related to golf

course management. The Footsteps on the Green Award is new to GCSAA within the past year. The Trans Mississippi Golf Association has agreed to fund this award for those students who are following in their parents'/grandparents' footsteps as golf course superintendents.

If you have questions regarding these scholarship opportunities, please contact Pam Smith, scholarship coordinator at <mailto:pmsmith@gcsaa.org>

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Around the Mid-Atlantic

Blue Mash Underway

Construction has begun on Blue Mash, a new upscale daily fee course in Laytonsville, MD. The unusual name has some historical roots, the combination of a property called Blue Mash made popular by the production of distilled beverages. (First Whiskey Creek and now Blue Mash). The development is the second venture for Joe Hills and Tom Heally who together built Waverly Woods. Brian Marofsky, long time assistant at Chevy Chase Club is the new Superintendent.

The golf course is an Art Hills design. Brian describes Blue Mash as a tight but open layout. Earth was moved for three months to create mounding between holes. Like so many new courses, it will be bentgrass from tee to green with Providence greens, Providence/L-93 fairways, and Penncross tees. Irrigation will be Rainbird Nimbus 11. A world class driving range is planned like Waverly Woods with a bentgrass tee and target fairway. Opening is planned for the spring of 2001.

Sabbatical Continues for Bill Hughes

Bill Hughes, one half of the "dynamic duo" ownership at Turf Equipment and Supply has taken another assignment with the Toro Company. Bill is now the Vice President and General Manager of the Irrigation Division and has moved to Riverside, CA.

It has been almost twenty years since Bill and Lynn Matson bought a struggling Toro franchise in our area and made it one of the best in the country. Bill was a long time Toro factory man and took leave a couple of years ago to manage the Consumer Division of Toro back in Minneapolis. He now has a similar assignment in irrigation. He would love to hear from friends in the MAAGCS. His new number is 909-785-3610.

Bill Love Honored

Local Golf Course Architect and MAAGCS member Bill Love was featured in the June issue of Golf Course News. The Turf and Ornamental Communicators As-

sociation (TOCA) awarded his publication "An Environmental Approach to Golf Course Development." Bill is the current Chairman of the ASGCA Environmental Committee and practices out of College Park, MD.

GCSAA Committee Members Appointed

Several MAAGCS members have been appointed to GCSAA Committees. Andrea Bakalyar to Career Development, Steve Cohoon, CGCS to Tournament, Bob Collins, CGCS to Membership, Lee Dieter, CGCS to Historical Preservation, Ken Ingram, CGCS to Research, John Kototski, CGCS to Certification, Walter Montross, CGCS to Education, and Nick Vance, CGCS to Chapter Relations.

Congressional Gold Remodeled

Congressional C.C. began a remodeling project on the Gold Course in August. Bunkers and tees will be rebuilt along with

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MAAGCS Golf Notes

Stewards of the Chesapeake

The Stewards of the Chesapeake fundraising tournament at South River was held on August 28th with 100 golfers and several volunteers in attendance. A few wayward showers brought some relief to a muggy day. Thanks to John Newcomb, CGCS and his staff for having the course in such great shape despite the inch of rain he received the night before. We also wish to thank the numerous sponsors that stepped up to make this tournament successful, especially Atlantic Golf who donated the course for the day. The day's winners were:

1st Net: 101

Thom Turner	Efrain Martinez	Don Turner
Ron Turner	Mike Helpa	

2nd Net: 108 match of cards

Tim Davisson	Ron Hessler	Andy Rosewag
Ken Braun	Charlie Poole	

3rd Net: 108

George Barger	Greg Barger	Joe Barger
Mike Barger	Bill Wolinski	

Long Drive: Rita Liptz **Straight Drive:** Steve Plescow

Closest to Pin: Walter Montross Doug McPherson
Sam Kessel Brad Johns

Best Two Balls of Four

The September tournament at Hampshire Greens Golf Course was a Best Two Balls of Four format. It looks like Montgomery County has another great track to play on. Thank you Tom Ritter and staff for setting up for a wonderful day. The course was beautiful. Andy Rosewag was the big kahuna winning two closest to the pins and was part of the low gross team. The rest of the day the day's winners were:

Low Net: 119 Paul Brandon Ryland Chapman
Mike Evans Paul Masimore

Low Gross: 146 Paul Tideman Ken Ingram
Lance Ernst Andy Rosewag

Long Drive: Nick Vance **Straight Drive:** Kevin Smith

Closest to Pin: Mark Kingora and Andy Rosewag(twice)

Kenwood CC Wins Regional John Deere Tournament

The Kenwood Country Club team, Bethesda, MD, won the John Deere Regional Golf Tournament held August 17, 2000 at the Bull Run Golf Club, Haymarket, VA. The tournament ended in exciting fashion with a three-way tie for the trip to TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedre, Florida, October 5-8, 2000. A chip-off was conducted to determine the winning team. Andy Sheehan's Kenwood Country Club team defeated Dean Grave's Chevy Chase Club and Mike Evans' Country Club at Woodmore team by twenty-seven inches. Congratulations to all!

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Hills is the architect. McDonald & Sons began work in September. Installation of a new Toro irrigation system began in August with ISI as the contractor.

Army Navy Rebuilds Middle Nine

Army Navy Arlington, President Clinton's get-away for the past eight years, is rebuilding their third nine. Designed in the 1960's as a short course for seniors and beginners, designer Joel Weiman and McDonald & Sons are turning the middle nine into a respectable layout. The old course had three Par 3's and one Par 5, one tee on each hole and only four bunkers. One Par 3 is being lengthened to a Par 4 and one Par 4 lengthened into a Par 5 to achieve a Par 36 with four sets of tees. Two dozen bunkers and a pond are being constructed. Three new greens are being constructed and three existing greens are being expanded with the sod and soil from greens being abandoned.


University of Maryland Dedicates New Research Facility

Arguably the nation's finest turfgrass research facility was dedicated July 1st. The Paint Branch Turfgrass Research Facility replaces the old Cherry Hill Farm. The offices, pesticide storage building, and shop area are extremely nice and the envy of any Golf Course Superintendent. There is a tremendous amount of bentgrass including a 20,000 square foot research green and an excellent gray leaf spot study.

The University of Maryland has alternated for years with the USDA plots in Beltsville for field days. The USDA didn't focus on golf course turf, and field days got a negative response from Golf Course Superintendents saying there was "no grass cut under one inch." The pendulum has swung. Every study being conducted at Maryland now has an impact on golf course turf and there is more bentgrass than any other turf. It is a world-class operation in our own backyard.

Way To Go Glenn

Unbeknownst to most of us our own Glenn Smickley, CGCS, was featured in an interesting book on lawn care published in 1999. A *Man's Turf* by Warren Shultz is definitely geared to the homeowner and the author is a proponent of organic methods. There is a chapter devoted to the experts in the business with a great photo of Glenn and other pictures from RTJ. Glenn describes his award winning programs for great turf and environmental protection. It really shines a favorable light on the Superintendent.

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IAC News

The MAAGCS Board of Directors has formed an Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC). This will be a group of three commercial members serving under the guidance of the Past President of the Association. The purpose is to directly relate back to the Board feedback as it relates to Association activities and policies that affect Class F membership. Secondly, it is hoped to utilize their talents, as well as, further assist the educational programs, social and benevolence issues and governmental regulatory policies in regard to the Association. Lastly, it is hoped that this will aid in developing greater camaraderie and information dissemination.

As mentioned before, the IAC is composed of three commercial members. David Cammarota, Lance Ernst and Harry Fridley have been gracious enough to assist the Board with the formation of this concept. It is time to begin the future through an election process. The following is the plan for the immediate future:

- ♦ All commercial members will be contacted as to their interest in serving on the IAC.
- ♦ Any commercial member of the MAAGCS is eligible to run for the committee.
- ♦ Nominations will be forwarded to the MAAGCS Board of Directors by September of the year and will be solicited by the existing IAC members.
- ♦ The election will take place during the November MAAGCS regular meeting.
- ♦ Each company is allowed one vote and they will appoint a voting delegate to cast this vote. The election is structured to insure that commercial members will be electing their representatives. It is also designed to allow for small companies to be given equal weight in the election process.
- ♦ The elected individual will serve a three-year term. One of the existing IAC members will serve as an Ex-Officio member for next year and will leave the committee the following year with the advent of the 2001 election process.

It has also been decided that the MAAGCS Board of Directors wishes to invite all Class F members to remain throughout the December elections. You will not be asked to leave during the voting process. It is felt that for you to become more involved and informed you should hear and see the process in electing the Board of Directors.

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Limited Budget Outreach Program

By Bruce E. Cadenelli, Member
Limited Budget Outreach Group

GCSAA's Limited Budget Outreach Program, the brainchild of Immediate Past President Dave Fearis, CGCS, is set to roll by late summer. The goal of the program is to reach out, identify and better serve those golf facilities that many times, until now, have not been part of our family. The program is intended to offer friendship and support to those facilities where many of us learned the game, and where many of today's new golfers receive their first introduction to the sport. This is GCSAA's and its member Superintendents' effort to assist in growing the game. These limited budget facilities are vital to the continued growth and prosperity of golf, and need to be recognized as such and assisted wherever possible.

What the program is not is a recruitment drive by GCSAA. In our resource group meetings, we stated clearly that many of

these clubs, for various reasons, would never join the national. If they join an organization, it will most likely be their local chapter. Being part of the local allows for increased visibility and bonding with local superintendents. It also limits their economic exposure. Regardless of whether they join any group, the outreach program is intended to contact them, offer assistance and make them feel more a part of golf's family.

As always, the local chapters will be instrumental in getting out the word, and working to ensure the program's success. Local chapters will be asked to identify limited budget facilities in their areas. They will be asked to develop lists of superintendent volunteers who will contact these clubs and arrange visits. GCSAA's role will be to assist chapters with printed materials in the form of a resource kit, which will aid in the

exchange of information. As this is a new venture, responsibilities will shift, change and grow as the program evolves.

Steve Mona, Chief Executive Officer of GCSAA, will be attending the Golf 20/20 Conference in November. He will be bringing this program and its message to that meeting. Again, this is one way we, as superintendents, will be assisting in growing the game and working toward ensuring its bright and prosperous future.

This is a great time to be involved with golf and with GCSAA. As the Association approaches its 75th Anniversary, this outreach program will be one of our more important efforts. In working toward assisting limited budget facilities, we are working toward the continued growth for golf and the superintendents' profession. As the program unfolds, assist on the local level to see that we all succeed.



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What Drought?!

Dean Graves, Government Relations Chairman

Upon being appointed the Government Relations Chairman for the MAAGCS it has been proven multiple times that government feels a necessity to regulate our industry. It is likely that most industries, as well as ours, are confronted with more stringent and numerous regulatory hoops to pass through during each day of operations.

Last summer during the heat, drought, and mandatory restrictions, Mr. Chris Ayers and myself had numerous meetings with the Maryland Department of Environment. It was quickly realized that the MDE knew very little about the management of a golf course. They did not know the difference between syringe and the tax revenue production by golf courses. They thought a golf course property of 150 acres had 150 acres of fairways. Chris and I realized that the regulators needed to be educated about the agronomics, as well as, the revenue generated of golf courses.

A survey was quickly produced and distributed to the membership asking questions about acreage, staffing, fairway size, water source, etc. This was turned around with a letter to the MDE compiling all required information to educate the regulators about what we do and why we need water to survive. Shortly after these efforts the drought ended in early September with about a month of rain.

Once the autumn got under way, the MAAGCS sent a letter to the MDE recommending a meeting. On the agenda was a suggestion that we discuss a viable plan for water restrictions now during a time of no water restrictions. We also submitted what we thought was a very equitable plan for the golf course industry to abide by and be good stewards of the environment.

During December and January, MDE meetings convened with education as our goal. We had a great opportunity to sit face to face with regulators and explain to them what we do and how we do it. The MDE wanted to learn and listened attentively to our wants and needs.

Meanwhile, Governor Glendening gave an executive order to develop a Drought Regulation Task Force Committee. The goal was to produce regulations that the public and industry must follow during the next drought whenever that may occur.

Initially, I was not appointed to the Task Force. With the help of Mr. John Shields and our lobbyist, Maxine Adler, I was placed on the committee representing the golf course industry.

Our first meeting was held one rainy May afternoon at the MDE's facility in Baltimore. It consisted of people representing WSSC, Audubon, the car wash industry, public health, Susquehanna Water Authority, Council of Cities, Maryland State Legislature, garden centers, farming, and Sierra Club. It was quite apparent that there were many needs to be considered from this wide spectrum of people with varied interests. My biggest worry was, how would a non-essential water user like golf courses receive its fair share.

The May meeting was very informal with a simple goal of educating each other and what respective requirements were necessary during a drought situation. The MDE deciphered our needs carefully.

The following meeting in June focused on the varying water sources in the state. The Eastern portion receives a vast majority of its water from wells and small municipal water suppliers. The central section of the state relies upon relatively huge supplies such as WSSC and Baltimore city. The western third depends on a mixture of individual wells, reservoirs, and municipal purification. Not only does everybody have different needs; consider the differing weather, soils, and sources.

The July meeting started with a culmination of information and specific recommendations presented by the MDE.

- ♦ Water tees and greens between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- ♦ Syringe heat-sensitive grasses during daytime stress periods at the minimum rate necessary.
- ♦ As part of a necessary overseeding or resodding operation during the months of September and October at the minimum rate necessary. Sources of water other than potable water should be used when available.

With this regulation no fairway irrigation would be allowed. This meant golf courses would have water restrictions of up to 90 percent. This would be disastrous to the golf course industry. After some personal conversations with committee Chairman Robert Swann and lead MDE representatives the following was created:

- ♦ To water tees and greens between the hours of 8 p.m.- 8 a.m.
- ♦ To water fairways when a 30% reduction plan is in effect.
- ♦ As part of a necessary overseeding or resodding operation during the months of September and October at the minimum rate necessary. Sources of water other than potable water should be used when available.

The addition of hand and sprinkler watering with a hose is being requested.

The information will be presented to Governor Glendening within the next few months. Hopefully, he will not alter our well throughout recommendations.

It has been exciting representing the MAAGCS during these meetings. I feel that our regulators want and need to be educated. It is our responsibility to educate them so they can make the correct decisions for us.

Keep accurate records of irrigation quantities used on greens, tees, fairways, and rough. This information will be necessary to justify allowed quantities during future restrictions.

Please Remember to Vote November 7, 2000

The MAAGCS monthly meeting has been re-scheduled to the *first Tuesday* in the month of November because of the Virginia Turfgrass Conference in Virginia Beach, VA. We are aware that this is National Election Day. The meeting at Whiskey Creek Golf Club will be a lunch meeting. Please make your plans accordingly!

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MAAGCS Educates Golfers at State Farm Sr. Classic



Volunteers John Kotoski, CGCS and Chris Ayers, CGCS greet the public.

Once again the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents hosted a tent during the State Farm Sr. Classic. This was the second year that the Association has attended the event at Hobbits Glen Golf Club in Columbia, MD.

MAAGCS volunteers manned the booth and handed out ball mark repair tools with information cards on turf etiquette. This year golf balls with the Association logo were also given to the public. Several brochures explaining the profession, GCSAA, the environmental benefits of golf courses, and information on educational opportunities in the turf industry were available to visitors.

The Media/Public Relations Committee hopes to continue this same promotion next year. If you are interested in serving the Association in this area please call the MAAGCS office. This was a great venue to increase the golfing public's awareness of the Golf Course Superintendent.

Attention Certified Audubon Courses

Please notify Dave Nehila, Media/Public Relations Chairman if your facility has achieved any aspect of certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sancturary Program. Whether you are fully certified or have completed any of the six categories, it is worth some attention. This is news! Even if you were certified years ago, Dave would still like to know. The Media/Public Relations Chairman wants to start a database on old and newly certified facilities. This is great news about how golf courses are good for the environment. The general public needs to be informed that we are stewards of the environment. Please contact Dave at (410) 527-3307.

2000 MAAGCS Calendar

November 7	Whiskey Creek Golf Club Class F Elections
November 14-15	Virginia Turfgrass Conference Virginia Beach, VA
December 2	Martin's West/Baltimore, MD MAAGCS Holiday Dinner Dance
December 12	Sheraton Columbia Hotel GCSAA Educational Seminar "Enhancing the Image of the Golf Course Superintendent"
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New Members

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Chester Guzak	International Town & CC
Matthew Mower	Hunters Oak Golf Club
Blake Murphy	Country Club of Maryland
Dean Rush	Mount Vernon CC
Erin L. Stevens	Hunters Oak Golf Club

Class D

Chris Ellis	Robert Trent Jones
Ian Kelly	Army Navy CC - Fairfax
Daniel Neus	Turf Valley Resort
Mathew Neus	Turf Valley Resort

Class F

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Re-routings

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Brian Zickafoose	Superintendent	Maryland National

Congratulations

- To Bob & Kelly Collins upon the birth of a daughter, Carly Rose
- To Mike & Terry Del Biondo upon the birth of twins, Reid William and Ryleigh Marie
- To Doug & Kim Fleming upon the birth of a son, James Michael
- To Lynn & Phyllis Matson upon the birth of a granddaughter, Anna Shields Petrocelli
- To Ray & Janette Nash upon the birth of a daughter, Savannah
- To Dave & Jennifer Nehila upon the birth of a son, Zachary John
- To Jack & Jane Roxbrough upon the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Kemp
- To Sean & Megan Fifer upon their recent marriage
- To Scott & Amy Roche upon their recent marriage
- To Bob & Cathy Wilbur upon their recent marriage

Get Well Wishes

- To retired member Earl Mason
- To Domenic Cervone, son of Jim Cervone

Condolences

- To Lee & Rita Dieter upon the passing of her mother
- To Donn Dietrich upon the passing of his father
- To Mike & Jody Gilmore upon the passing of her mother
- To the friends and family of member, Howard Meredith



Become More Involved

The 2000 MAAGCS Annual Meeting and Elections will be December 12th. If you are interested in serving on the MAAGCS Board of Directors please contact Past President Walter Montross, CGCS at (703) 281-1939.

Comments Please!!

If you have not returned your membership survey, please do so in the stamped, self-addressed envelope as soon as possible. The Board of Directors is asking for input from the membership on the direction of the Association. If you have any questions please call the MAAGCS office at 888-643-8873. Your comments are important!

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