

Maryland Student Chapter News

by Steve Evans, President

The University of Maryland Student Chapter has some interesting activities planned for the next few months! On April 4th, a panel discussion will be held at the new University of Maryland Golf Course clubhouse. Three superintendents from the MAAGCS and the Coordinator of Stadium Maintenance will share their experience on job interviewing and professionalism. We hope to take this opportunity to enhance our education and add some skills we can use immediately in our careers.

Discussions with the Virginia Student Chapter are coming together with a golf competition planned for the middle of April at the Homestead. This would be an annual event that would give us another networking opportunity and some healthy competition for our members. How does "The Middle Atlantic Challenge Cup" sound?

A year-end outing is planned on May 25th, after the last day of exams and graduation. A few sites are being considered and the host will be announced at our Chapter meeting on April 4th. This outing gives us an opportunity to bring closure to the school year, and network in a relaxed atmosphere away from campus. This cookout has been well attended in the past!

Election of new officers will be held at the end of April. The inclusion of 4-Year students has enhanced our membership and made us truly representative of the University. We plan on volunteering our

support to the upcoming MAAGCS Government Relations Tournament.

The Student Chapter Team finished 7th out of 46 teams at the 2000 Student Turf Bowl Competition at the National Convention in New Orleans. Having never fielded a team, this finish exceeded the participants' expectations! Cory Kaufman and I had a whirlwind of a trip. We attended four educational sessions, spent all day Saturday in student competitions and workshops, spent over 10 hours on the Trade Show floor, attended the University of Maryland Turfgrass Alumni Reception and the MAAGCS Reception, and still got to experience the uniqueness of New Orleans! This was the ultimate networking experience and provided an opportunity to gauge how our chapter measures up. Our experience and performance at the Turf Bowl Competition confirms the quality of education we are receiving at U. of MD. And now that we know what to expect, we know we can field a team that would vie for the top prize!

We want to take this opportunity to thank the MAAGCS for their support in helping to send Cory and myself to the GCSAA Conference. Based on discussions with other student chapter representatives from throughout the country, we recognize the very special relationship we have with the MAAGCS, and are very grateful for that support.

New Golf Policy

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In an attempt to increase member attendance and participation at monthly meetings the MAAGCS Board of Directors instituted a new policy for participation in two of our major tournaments, the Superintendent/Pro and the Annual Championship. The attendance policy will be in effect immediately for the 2000 tournaments.

- ◆ Attendance at three meetings is required during the prior year in order to participate in the Superintendent/Pro and Annual Championship.
- ◆ Attendance at the Annual Meeting in December will count as two meetings.
- ◆ The March Seminar and the Superintendent/Club Official Tournament will count towards the attendance requirement.
- ◆ The Annual Picnic, Superintendent/Pro Tournament and the Annual Championship DO NOT count.

All entrants not meeting the attendance requirement will be placed on a waiting list and will be allowed to participate in the events if there is not a full field.

The policy will run from March 1999 to April 2000 for the first year and then will be on a calendar year basis. Again, this policy was put into effect in order to increase participation at regular monthly meetings and to allow those members who actively support MAAGCS a chance to compete in the two major golf events of our association.

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