



# TURFGRASS MATTERS

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## Annual Meeting Held in Columbia, MD



Front Row (l to r): James Halley, Tim Norris, CGCS, Nick Vance, CGCS, Chris Ayers, CGCS, Ken Ingram, CGCS, Andrew Scully, CGCS  
Back Row (l to r): Paul Masimore, CGCS, Michael Evans, David Burkhart, John Newcomb, CGCS, Dean Graves

The Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents elected the Officers and Board of Directors that will lead the association in the year 2001 on Tuesday, December 12, 2000. The annual membership meeting was held at The Sheraton Columbia Hotel in Columbia, MD.

The MAAGCS membership first voted in a bylaw change that eliminated the need to ask the non-voting members to leave prior to elections. Following the bylaw vote, Past President, Walter Montross, CGCS, presented the slate of candidates for officers. Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS from Lakewood Country Club was elected President, Mr. Mike Evans, Golf Course Superintendent at The Country Club of Woodmore, was elected Vice-President, Mr. James Halley, Golf Course Superintendent at Glenn Dale Country Club was elected Secretary, and Mr. Tim Norris, CGCS from Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax was elected to a second term as the Treasurer. The new members of the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Board of Directors are Mr. Drew Scully, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Greystone Golf Club, and Mr. Paul Masimore, CGCS, Golf Course Su-

perintendent at Marlton Golf Club. Mr. John Newcomb, CGCS, from South River Golf Links was re-elected to the Board. These gentlemen were elected from a slate of six strong candidates.

Education Chairman, James Halley, announced the MAAGCS scholarships awarded to five deserving students. Ian Kelly, a senior at Virginia Tech, was awarded the *John T. Lea Merit Scholarship*. Herb Lea presented a plaque honoring his father, John T. Lea, to Mr. Kelly. The *T. A. Turner Scholarship* was awarded to Toby Kiggins, a Penn State student. Daniel and Mathew Neus, who attend the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, and McMahon Connor, a Penn State student were also presented MAAGCS 2000 scholarships.

Mr. Dave Burkhart who served as Golf Chairman in 2000 announced that the Golfer of the Year was Mr. Rick Wakefield, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at The International Town & Country Club.

President Nick Vance, CGCS thanked Walter Montross, CGCS, Immediate Past President, for the leadership and direction he has provided during his years

on the MAAGCS Board of Directors.

After the election, Mr. Vance turned the gavel over to newly elected President Ayers. Mr. Ayers presented Past President Vance with a plaque and gavel as appreciation for his tenure as President. President Ayers highlighted several events that will be taking place in the year 2001, then thanked the membership for their attendance and wished everyone safe travels home.

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## President's Message

Chris Ayers, CGCS



At the recent MAAGCS Annual Meeting held at the Sheraton in Columbia, MD. on December 12th, I was elected to the office of President for your Association. I am honored to serve you and determined to have our Association meet the expectations of its members. The strength of MAAGCS is the membership and we, the Board of Directors, must work diligently on your behalf. I know how important it is in the coming year to determine our course of action for the future, but I am confident that if the Board and the membership work together, we will be able to lay the groundwork for many successful years to come.

My goals as President are quite simple. First, identify our strengths and weaknesses through the use of focus group meetings held in January. If you were unable to attend I urge you to offer your opinions to any Board of Director or call the MAAGCS office. We need to build on our strengths and improve on our weaknesses if we are to meet my goal of meeting your expectations.

Second, develop new or improved usage of communications tools. Too often I hear the comment; "I didn't know that." I want every member to know what the Board is doing on their behalf. It is imperative, therefore, we devise alternative means of communicating with the membership. There is nothing more dangerous than an ill-informed membership.

Third, go back to a strong March education seminar for the Golf Course Superintendent. It is my belief we can provide you with better education in one solid day than we can in numerous shorter segments at monthly meetings. Mark your calendars now for March

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## Past President's Message

Nick Vance, CGCS

As I am sitting here thinking of what "message" I would like to relay to you, I realize that the first thing I must do is thank you for the opportunity to serve this association for so many years. I can remember an evening at one of our monthly meetings many years ago when our good friend Mr. Ben Stagg came up to me and asked me if I would be interested in serving on the BOD. My first response was to give Ben all the reasons why I did not think I could. I told him I was to busy at work, I did not think I knew enough about the association to be any help, the commitment was too long, there were a lot of other people that were better qualified, etc. etc. etc.

Ben told me anyone that gets involved can help, we are all busy and it is amazing how easy it is to find the time when you want to. I told Ben that I would let him know in a couple of days. After thinking of all the things he told me I called him up and told him that I would run for office. Ben, for that I will always be thankful to you.

I have enjoyed all my years on the board. I have worked with many wonderful people and made many friends over the years. Some of them I would probably not have gotten to know if I had not taken that step. Some of my closest golfing buddies and travel companions would only be acquaintances if we had not spent all those hours at board meetings. That would have been a great loss to me.

I have seen a lot of changes over these years, but the one thing that remains constant is the quality of people that will volunteer their time to help their association. I don't think anyone gets involved for personal reasons, but I know that I gain so much out of the time I spend with these people that it is more than enough to repay me for my time.

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## Bullets from the Boardroom

**Mike Evans, Secretary**



The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, endorsed GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative (PDI). If you would like to cast your vote against PDI, you must make Chapter Delegate Nick Vance, COCS, aware of your desire to vote "no", before he leaves for the GCSAA Conference and Show, in February. If you do not contact Mr. Vance, he will register an affirmative vote on your behalf. Nick's office telephone number is (301) 865-0026, or you may leave a message with Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris at (888) 643-8873.



In an attempt to gather feedback from the membership on the direction of the Association and how it may better serve its members, the Board of Directors has scheduled three regional Focus Group meetings for mid-January. The meeting dates and sites are:

January 15- Queenstown Harbor Golf Links

January 16- Lakewood Country Club

January 17- Bonnie View Country Club

The Focus Group meetings will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon each day, and lunch will be available after the meetings for those who are interested. The Board of Directors will be present at each meeting. We strongly encourage you to express your thoughts and opinions concerning the Association.



The MAAGCS is now sending job referrals, via the Internet, to those members with E-mail addresses.

## Editor's Letter

**Ken Ingram, CGCS**

In this month's issue we have included committee reports from each officer and director. GCSAA has done this for years and it's a great way to keep members informed. If you came to all the meetings and feel that you've heard this already look on the bright side. It spares you another article written by yours truly!

My tenure as Newsletter Editor is over. Paul Masimore, CGCS will succeed me so *Turfgrass Matters* is in good hands. Please consider writing an article or contributing in some way to the newsletter in 2001. There is so much experience and talent out there in this chapter I really regret not getting more of it published. My deepest regret however, despite trying myself, is not getting even one big Rockfish picture submitted for publication. On both of these issues if there is anyone that can get the job done, it's Paul.

## President's Message

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29th. We will host an intense day of education at the University of Maryland Adult Learning Center. I hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, It is my sincere hope that when we can accomplish my first three goals for the year, then my fourth of decreasing the level of apathy throughout the Association will take care of itself. I would like to think if we can meet your expectations for the Association, then you will want to be involved and attend the various functions scheduled throughout 2001. There are many ways you can get involved, but attending meetings and supporting the social activities will go a long way towards strengthening your Association.

I want to close by thanking the membership for entrusting the Association's leadership to me and promising you I will work extremely hard alongside my fellow Board members to accomplish the goals I have set for 2001. I am excited to be working with such a fine group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to serve you. May 2001 be our best year yet!

## Past President's Message

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Our association is moving forward at a good pace. Our new president, Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS has a good BOD to work with, and I know he will get a lot accomplished next year. I am looking forward to working my last year with them.

Having said all that, I guess my "message" for this newsletter is "get involved and don't be bashful about speaking out to help your association and the industry".

See you at the next meeting.

## Committee Reports

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standing when meetings and schedules are changed. Most of all I would like to thank Charlotte Norris who literally does 95% of the Newsletter Editors job.

Our current format is not without problems and changes have been discussed. Members have a vast array of magazines and trade publications at their disposal together with increasing electronic communication puts *Turfgrass Matters* in a precarious situation. Members do not expect technical information and any news worthy of publication is outdated on our bimonthly schedule. The bulk of contents for *Turfgrass Matters* are reports from monthly Membership and Board meetings and when they are cancelled we lose valuable material. Filling a sixteen page format frequently requires reprint articles from other publications or articles from our membership which inevitably come to us as editorial comments. If change is warranted I am sure we can satisfy our Members and Newsletter Supporters.



## Annual Committee Reports

### Education - James Halley, Chairman

In the beginning of the year when the President, Nick Vance, appointed me to become the Education Chairman I had three main goals. First, to attract quality speakers to our monthly meetings. Secondly, to increase monies and opportunities for the scholarship programs. Thirdly, try to improve the site and the golf course educational program of the Maryland Turfgrass Conference.

The Educational Program for our meetings this year was:

March	Roger Stewart, GCSAA	PDI Discussion
April	Geoff Lewis	<i>Dressing for Success</i>
June	Ed Lewandowski	<i>Inland Bays</i>
Sept	Pat Jones, Golfdom	<i>Seven Mega Trends</i>
Dec	GCSAA Educational Seminars	

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The board approved five scholarships this year. The merit scholarship has been permanently renamed the John T. Lee Award in honor of Herb Lee's Father. Also, a new scholarship has been funded by Mr. Turner and will be named the T.A. Turner award. The five scholarship recipients are: McMahon Andrew Connor, Penn State, Intern at Hunt Valley Daniel Neus, IAA, University of Md., Intern at Turf Valley Mathew Neus, IAA, University of Md., Intern at Turf Valley *T. A. Turner Award* - Toby Kiggins, Penn State, 2nd Assistant at Burning Tree Club

*John T. Lee Merit Award* Ian Kelly, Virginia Tech, Intern at Army Navy C.C.-Fairfax

In March, Walter Montross, Dean Graves and myself met with the Maryland Turfgrass Council members Tracy Turley, Mark Schlossberg and Mark Carroll to discuss moving the Maryland Turfgrass conference to a more suitable and professional site and improving the Golf Course Educational Program.

I have been informed that the Maryland Turfgrass Conference will be moved to a new Hotel at the Baltimore Inner Harbor for the Year 2002. I have worked with Mark Carroll who is responsible for the MTC Educational Program throughout the year trying to improve our Golf Course Educational Program for this year. I feel my efforts may not make a major impact on this year's program, but we have started growing relationships that will hopefully make a difference in the future.

I would like to thank my committee members, Lester Tanner, CGCS, Bill Neus, CGCS, Dean Graves, and Dr. Kevin Mathias, for all their input and support this year. A special thanks to Charlotte Norris for all her administrative support. I've enjoyed this year serving as Education Chairman and I'm looking forward to a New Year on the board.

### Golf - David Burkhart, Chairman

The 2000 golf season was very successful save for the lack of interest in the Superintendent/Club Official scheduled in July. However, our first Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament was very

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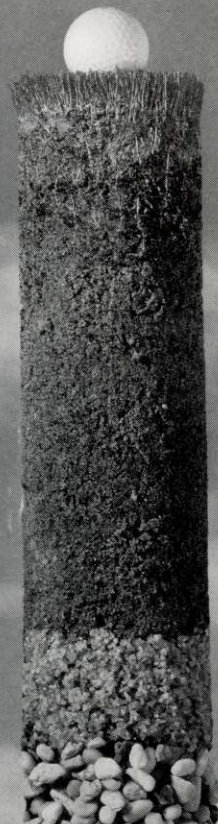
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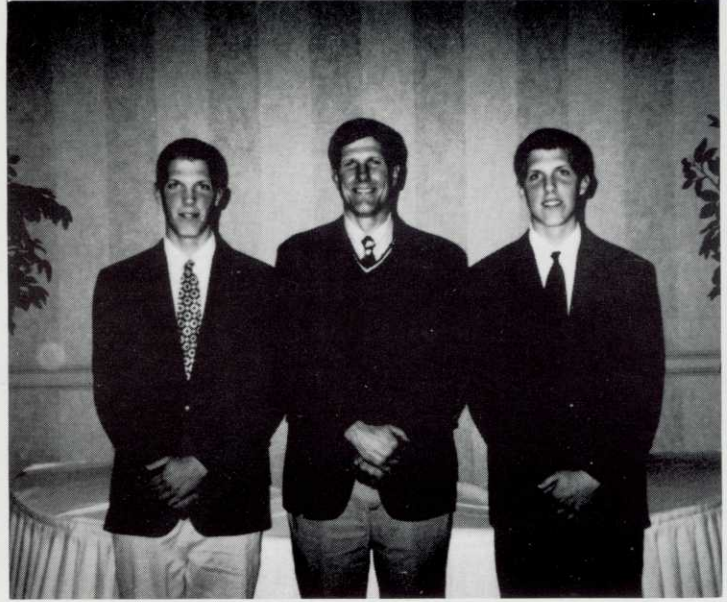
<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT/SPEAKER</u>	<u>HOST</u>
January 15	Queenstown Harbor	Focus Group	Tom Tokarski
January 16	Lakewood Country Club	Focus Group	Chris Ayers, CGCS
January 17	Bonnie View Country Club	Focus Group	Rich Sweeney
January 29	Hidden Creek Country Club	Focus Group	Steve Nash, CGCS
January 20	Mrs. K's Tollhouse	Ladies Luncheon	
January 24-25	MD State Fairgrounds Timonium, MD	MTC 2001	
January 24	Holiday Inn Timonium, MD	MAAGCS Reception	
February 11-17	Dallas Convention Center Dallas, TX	GCSAA Conference & Show	
February 15	Wyndam Garden Hotel Dallas, TX	MAAGCS Reception	
March 22	Woodholme CC Baltimore, MD	USGA Green Section Mtg	
March 29	Inn & Conference Center College Park, MD	MAAGCS Educational Seminar	
April 10	Beechtree Golf Club	Focus Group Outcomes	Russ Davis
May 8	Lakewood Country Club Rockville, MD	Supt/Pro Tournament	Chris Ayers, CGCS
July 10	Mayo Beach	Annual Family Picnic	
July/August	Camden Yard	Orioles Game	
August 27	Queenstown Harbor Queenstown, MD	Stewards of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament	Tom Tokarski
October 9	Indian Spring Country Club	Annual Championship	Rhys Arthur
November 5-8	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia Turfgrass Conference	
November 13	TBA	IAC Elections	
December 1	TBA	MAAGCS Holiday Event	
December 11	Turf Valley Resort	Annual Meeting & Elections	
December 11	Turf Valley Resort	GCSAA Educational Seminar	
December 12	Turf Valley Resort	GCSAA Educational Seminar	



## 2000 Scholarship Recipients



*John T. Lea Merit Scholarship Recipient  
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### Committee Reports

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successful in raising over \$6000 for education and research. This promises to be an even better event in the years to come. We played at several newly opened courses this year as well as some old favorites and appreciated all the efforts by the host clubs. Thanks to the following host superintendents and their staffs for jobs well done:

Ken Ingram, CGCS, Betton Woods Recreation Center (two events)

Bill Neus, CGCS, Hobbits Glen Golf Club

Tom Lipscomb, P.B. Dye Golf Club

Bob Collins, CGCS, Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club

John Newcomb, CGCS, South River Golf Links

Tom Ritter, Hampshire Greens Golf Course

Bart Miller, Whiskey Creek Golf Club

I wish to thank all of our sponsors for their outstanding support of tournaments again this year. This years list includes: Mid-Atlantic Equipment, G.L. Cornell, Turf Equipment and Supply, Finch Turf Equipment, Newsom Seed, Egypt Farms, Ace Trees, Zeneca, Nutramax, Davisson Golf, Century Rain Aid, Atlantic Golf, Geese-Be-Gone, Kimbrethy Turf, Summit Hall, Security Ford, T.A. Turner Construction, Environmental Quality Resource, Bayer, Harford Industrial Minerals, Mid Atlantic PGA, Hydro Designs, Lesco, Ault, Clark and Associates, Stancills, Koonz Supply, York Distributors, ProSource One, Fisher & Son, United Horticultural Supply, Sleepy Hollow Turf, A.C. Schultes, Williamsburg Environmental, Westwood Country Club, Country Club at Woodmore, Bethesda Country Club, Bretton Woods Recreation Center, Chevy Chase Club, Green Mead-

ows Turf, Leisure World, Lakewood Country Club, Cove Creek Club, and Maryland Golf Course Owners.

Highlights for the 2000 golf season include:

- Steve Cohoon, CGCS winning the Four Ball Championship - Net II Division Two Man at the national tournament in Mobile, AL.

- The MAAGCS had five teams in the chapter team competition with the foursome of Nick Vance, CGCS, Walter Montross, CGCS, George Renault, CGCS and Steve Cohoon, CGCS finishing eighth in the net division.

- Rick Wakefield, CGCS and Bill Miller winning the net division (133) of the Superintendent/Assistant tournament at Bretton Woods with Dave Nehila and Troy Carroll winning the gross division (173). In the Individual/Affiliate Flight, Bob Orazi, CGCS won the net (63) and Bill Shirk, CGCS won the gross (78).

- Keith Williams winning the net division of the points tournament at Hobbits Glen with a +2 while Scott Robinson won the gross division with 28 points.

- Hosts Tom Lipscomb and Jeff Rosenberg won the Presidents Cup at P.B. Dye Golf Club with a 64 over Jim Halley and Steve Cramer. Dean Graves and Jim Fitzgerald won the gross division with a 71 while Ed Gasper had a hole-in-one on the 14th hole.

- Ken Ingram, CGCS and Paul Masimore, CGCS won the Two-Man Team Championship with a 61 at Cripple Creek. The gross division went to Rick Wakefield, CGCS and Chester Guze (66).

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- The T.A. Turner Construction team of Thom Turner, Efrain Martinez, Don Turner, Ron Turner and Mike Helpa won the First Annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament at South River with a net 101.
  - Paul Brandon, Mike Evans, Ryland Chapman, and Paul Masimore, CGCS won the Best Two Balls of Four at Hampshire Greens with a 119 while the team of Paul Tideman, Ken Ingram, CGCS, Lance Ernst and Andy Rosewag won low gross (146).
  - At the Annual Tournament at Whiskey Creek, Nick Vance CGCS captured the *Lee C. Dieter* Low Net Award with a of 69 while Bart Miller won the *Louis White* Low Gross Award with a score of 71. In the Affiliate Flight, Ken Braun carded a 69 to win the *John Strickland* Low Net Award and Eric Ault posted a 76 to win the *J. Howard Meredith* Low Gross Award.
  - The 2000 Player of the Year Award was won in a landslide by Rick Wakefield, CGCS with a total of 280 points. Rick won two tournaments this year and placed second in the Superintendent/Pro and Annual Tournament. His closest pursuers were Walter Montross, CGCS, Ken Ingram, CGCS and Scott Wagner each tied with 150 points.
- Thanks to golf committee members Tom Ritter, Jim McHenry, Bill Shirk, CGCS and Charlie Poole for their help this year. Also lending a hand whenever needed was Ken Ingram, CGCS and Steve Evans. As always Charlotte has been indispensable, keeping me in line and up to date. Thank you. I am honored to serve

the Association and am looking forward to a successful golf season in 2001.

## Government Relations - Dean Graves, Chairman Nutrient Management Report

- Must follow University of Maryland Regulations
  - U of M Regulations have not been presented
- ### Water Conservation Advisory Committee
- Four phases (Normal, Watch, Waving, Emergency)
  - State divided into regions
    - Segregation because of climate, water resource, soils
  - Keep accurate records
- ### Restriction of Chlorothalonil
- Enough with old inventory until August 2000
  - Seasonal maximum
    - 73 lbs. ai/A/season on greens (89 lbs. Ultrex)
    - 52lbs. ai/A/season on tees (64lbs. Ultrex)
    - 26lbs. ai/A/season on fairways (32 lbs. Ultrex)
  - Maximum individual rate:
    - 7.3 lbs.ai/A (8.8 lbs. Ultrex)
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**Membership Services - John Newcomb, CGCS, Chairman**

In 2000, the Social & Benevolence Committee was combined with the Membership Committee to form the new Membership Services Committee. In addition to this change, the Welcoming Committee was put under the auspices of this new committee.

I) Major Life Changes - Totals for major life changes affecting MAAGCS members in 2000 that the Membership Services Committee needed to take action on were:

Births - 21; Marriages - 5; Major Illnesses, Injuries, & Surgeries - 24; Member Deaths - 4; Direct Relative Deaths - 11

Baby Bonds - Baby bonds are on hold because of non-profit status questions.

II) New Memberships - Class A - 6, Class B - 0, Class C - 18, Class D - 6, Class F - 10.

III) Welcoming Committee - The Welcoming Committee, made up of 29 volunteers from MAAGCS, visited all new Class A & B members that had not been visited in 1999. The total was four.

IV) MTC Turfgrass '00 Reception - In January, MAAGCS sponsored a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Timonium from 6:00pm to 8:30pm of the first day of Turfgrass '2000. This event was attended by approximately 90 guests.

V) Spouses Luncheon - In February, MAAGCS held its 1st Annual Spouses Luncheon at King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia, MD on Saturday, the 5th at 12:00 noon. Lunch was provided followed by an enlightening meeting about the social aspects of MAAGCS.

VI) GCSAA National Conference 2000 Reception (New Orleans) In February, MAAGCS sponsored a hospitality room in conjunction with the Eastern Shore GCSA and Nutramax at the Radisson New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on Thursday, the 17th from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm during the GCSAA National Conference and Show. This event was attended by 225 guests.

VII) MAAGCS Annual Picnic - In August, MAAGCS hosted its annual picnic. Golf was provided by Bretton Woods Golf Course (Host Ken Ingram CGCS) and the picnic was held on the grounds of the Bretton Woods Recreation Facility. Highlights of the day included hard crabs, corn on the cob, pit beef, pony rides, a balloon bounce, and "Mandy", a Ringling Brothers trained clown, for the children. Approximately 175 adults and 30 children attended.

VIII) Holiday Dinner-Dance - Unfortunately, this event was cancelled because of lack of interest.

**Newsletter- Ken Ingram, CGCS, Chairman**

There were no major changes to the newsletter this year. Turfgrass Matters continued with the bimonthly schedule, sixteen page format, paper, and advertising program as past years. An effort was made to include more local news stories such as new golf course openings. The schedule of newsletters was inconsistent but our monthly bulletin and meeting notice was always accurate and promptly delivered. The Adobe Page Maker software program was purchased and put in use to organize newsletter contents.

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