

## 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. Lea 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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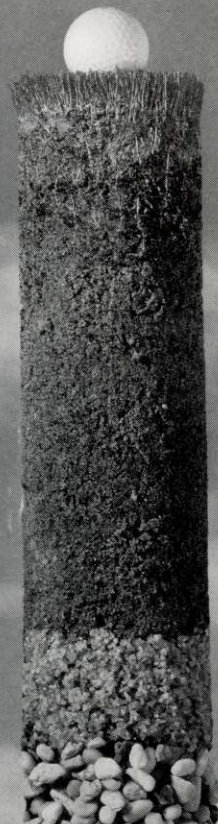
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successful in raising over \$6000 for education and research. This promises to be an even better event in the years to come. We played at several newly opened courses this year as well as some old favorites and appreciated all the efforts by the host 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)
    - With 2 appls at 11.3 lb ai/A (14 lbs. Ultrex)
  - Minimum spray interval
    - 7 days (14 days at the 11.3 lbs ai/A rate)
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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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## 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.

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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.