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President's Message

Chris Ayers, CGCS



What a busy time this has been in the Mid-Atlantic. In June there were four meetings that members had the option to attend. My thanks go out to: Brian Zickafoose, host superintendent at Maryland National Golf Course, and Nick Vance, CGCS for the meeting held in the Western Maryland area, Atlantic Golf, Tom Tokarski and John Newcomb, CGCS who hosted the meeting held at Queenstown Harbor on the Eastern Shore, Brian Finger and the folks at Summit Hall and Ken Ingram, CGCS and Bretton Woods for hosting the Washington area members, and finally, to all of the members involved with the Baltimore Turfgrass Group that arranged the meeting at the Paint Branch Research Facility. The idea of multiple June meetings was an experiment. I had hoped to encourage greater participation by providing easier access and non-traditional topics, but I am not sure those goals were achieved. Therefore, in September we will be returning to the time honored tradition of one MAAGCS meeting site per month. As soon as the details can be worked out, you will be notified of the particulars for September's gathering.

July brought the MAAGCS Annual Picnic and the MAAGCS Family Day at

Camden Yards. The picnic was well attended and we hope to make Mayo Beach a permanent site for this event for many years to come. Again, my thanks go out to Lou Rudinski for helping the Association secure the Mayo Beach site, John Newcomb, CGCS and the Membership Services Committee for the wonderful job they all did with this successful annual event for the membership and their families. Thanks also, to our many picnic sponsors whose support we value. On July 22nd, several MAAGCS families went to see the Orioles game at Camden Yards. Although the Orioles did not come out on the winning end, I think a fun time was had by all who attended.

By now you should have received your entry to the 2nd Annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament. This event was initiated to raise funds for education, research, and scholarships. I know we can build on last year's success at South River GL and host an equally successful event at Queenstown Harbor GL on August 27th. I encourage all of you to participate and ask you to consider teaming up with your respective club officials and/or commercial members. I look forward to seeing you at Queenstown.



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