

From the Editor's Desk

Paul Masimore, CGCS

How quickly time passes from one deadline to the next. After pressuring myself to find articles for the newsletter and informing Board Members that their articles had to be in on time or they would not be printed, I find myself missing the deadline date. If you are reading this, it is only because Charlotte held a spot for me against my policy.

Dr. Pete Dernoeden, of the University of Maryland called a few days before the deadline and offered a technical article, which was great as the one that had been promised to me by someone else never came through. Thanks to Dr. Pete; I owe him big time now.

Bill Shirk, CGCS with Atlantic Golf and Glenn Smickley, CGCS with Robert Trent Jones Golf Club were kind enough to do articles for me on their change from Superintendent to upper management positions with their respective employers. I feel that there are many more Golf Course Superintendents that should be making this type of move, if openings become available. Hopefully, after reading a little bit about the success Bill and Glenn have achieved, more superintendents will give serious thought to this type of opportunity. Some of the observations I've made over the years certainly prove that Golf Course Superintendents would be very well suited for club management positions. If an opportunity presents itself avail yourself of the situation.


Tim Norris, CGCS graciously consented to do the feature article on the get together with EPA management staff, at the Army Navy Country Club. The meeting between Golf Course Superintendents and EPA staff was a very positive opportunity for our profession. Hopefully, there will be more opportunities of this type in the future.


On the political front, I have not yet taken my individual voting privilege back, to date. I do, however, still intend to do so. I thought some of you might like to know Paul Masimore is still alive, just too busy running my tail off at the course to stir much up right now.


I hope you all have a good summer season.


Bullets from the Boardroom


James Halley, Secretary

 The Association will secure fifty (50) tickets for the July 22, 2001 Baltimore Orioles game at Camden Yards. Call the MAAGCS office to reserve your tickets now.

 MAAGCS has confirmed a GCSAA seminar in December; Management Strategies for the Turfgrass System taught by Dr. Joe Vargas.

 The MAAGCS Educational Chairman will serve as an informal member of the MTC Education Committee.

 The Challenge Cup (U of MD Turf Students vs. Virginia Tech Turf Students) will be held this year at the Chevy Chase Club.

 The Board of Directors approved a \$3000.00 donation to the Virginia Turfgrass Foundation to fund the reserach project of Dr. Erik Ervin, "Evaluation of mixing growth regulating compounds with herbicides to increase efficacy of control of Bermudagrass in monstands with cool-season grasses".

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and education. Hopefully you will review the options offered in the monthly bulletin and choose the event(s) that interests you. You are free to choose to attend one or more of the meetings since not all are scheduled on the same day. Remember that we want to get more people involved and make it easier for you to attend a gathering of your peers. We will evaluate the success or failure of this concept and modify it for September's meetings. We need your support, involvement and comments if this is going to work.

Please remember to call the MAAGCS office to reserve your Orioles tickets for the July 22nd game at Camden Yards. Mark your calendar to plan to attend the Annual Family Picnic at Mayo Beach July 10th. Have a great summer!



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