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## MAAGCS Annual Meeting 2002



Front Row (1 to r): John Stevens, CGCS, Mark Kingora, Ken Ingram, CGCS, James Halley, Drew Scully, CGCS Back Row (1 to r): Tom Ritter, CGCS, Dean Graves, Randall Pinckney, John Newcomb, CGCS, Michael Evans, Charles Poole

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents elected the Officers and Board of Directors that will lead the association in the year 2003 on Tuesday, December 12, 2002. The annual membership meeting was held at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The MAAGCS membership first voted in a bylaw change that changed the percentage of dues income dedicated to the Education and Social & Benevolence Funds. Following the bylaw vote, Past President, Chris Ayers, CGCS, presented the slate of candidates for officers. Mr. Halley Golf Course Superintendent from Glenn Dale Golf Club was elected President, Mr. Ken Ingram, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Bretton Woods Recreation Center, was elected Vice-President, Mr. Andrew Scully, CGCS, Director of Golf Operations for the Baltimore Co. Revenue Authority was elected Secretary, and Mr. John Newcomb, CGCS from Cross Creek Golf Club was elected to a term as the Treasurer. The new members of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Board of Directors are Mark Kingora, Golf Course Superintendent at Bethesda Country Club, Randall Pinckney, Golf Course Superintendent at Piney Branch Golf & CC and John Stevens, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at The Country Club at Swan Creek. Dean Graves of Chevy Chase Club was reelected to another term. These gentlemen were elected from a slate of five strong candidates.

Education Chairman, Tom Ritter, CGCS, announced the MAAGCS scholarships awarded to five deserving students. Michael Bostonian, was awarded the John T. Lea Merit Scholarship. MAAGCS Scholarships were awarded to Thomas Harper, Nicholas Mooneyhan, and Roger Moore. All of the 2002 scholarship recipients attended the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Charles Poole, who served as Golf Chairman in 2002 announced that the Golfer of the Year was Mr. Joe Herkalo of CJH Greens, Inc.

President Michael Evans thanked Chris Ayers, 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. Evans turned the gavel over to newly elected President Halley. Mr. Evans presented Past President Ayers with a plaque and gavel as appreciation for his tenure as President. President Halley highlighted several events that will be taking place in the year 2003, then thanked the membership for their attendance and wished everyone safe travels home.

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## Past President's Message

## **Michael Evans**

I'm sure my sentiments on the passing of 2002 echo those of many golf course superintendents throughout the Mid-Atlantic — good riddance. Let's hope that the New Year will find Mother Nature in a more accommodating mood.

As for the Association, we did some things very well again, in 2002; however, we fell woefully short of meeting expectations in several areas. Our second annual Educational Seminar at the University of Maryland this past March, was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Ken Ingram, CGCS, Tom Ritter, CGCS, and Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris. The program for March 2003 has already been finalized and promises to offer an excellent day of education. The Stewards of the Chesapeake golf tournament, held at the Chevy Chase Club in August, was our biggest and best to date. The tournament raised considerable revenue to help support the MAAGCS's education, research, and scholarship efforts. Kudos to Tournament Director Tim Norris, CGCS, Charlotte, host superintendent Dean Graves and his staff and everyone at Chevy Chase Club for their warm hospitality.

The Association was active in supporting turfgrass research in 2002, with funding to aid Dr Peter Dernoeden's alternative dollar spot control study at the University of Maryland. The MAAGCS looks forward to continuing its support of future turfgrass research. At the Annual Meeting in December, Education Director Tom Ritter, CGCS, presented scholarships to four worthy stu-



dents from the Institute of Applied Agriculture.

In case you missed the news, Government Relations Director Dean Graves was selected to receive a 2002 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award for his tireless efforts on behalf of all superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic region. Dean will be presented the Award at the 2003 GCSAA Conference and Show in Atlanta, and will be featured in the February issue of Golf Course Management magazine. Congratulations, Dean!

As mentioned earlier, there were several Association matters this past year that left a lot to be desired — our web site and the newsletter. In an effort to remedy these shortcomings the Board has entered into an agreement with the web hosting firm ClubEssentials, to provide us with a professionally produced, interactive web site to meet our membership's needs. The new web site should be up and running some time in February. As for the newsletter, a frequent source of angst over the years, renewed focus and due diligence on the part of every Board member will be required to produce an on-time, informative publication.

It has been an honor to serve as President of the MAAGCS during the past year. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Board members and Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris for

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## President's Message

## **James Halley**

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as the Association's President in 2003 and promise to work diligently to serve the needs of the membership.

The MAAGCS will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. A subcommittee has been formed to coordinate and plan this event. If anyone would like to contribute, please contact the co-chairs, Chris Ayers, CGCS, Ken Ingram, CGCS, or John Newcomb, CGCS. We want to make this a memorable occasion.

During the past few weeks I have thought long and hard about the direction our association should take during the course of my presidency. The following goals sum up the agenda that I would like to pursue:

- Increase Board Committee Participation.
- Re-energize the membership base; increase excitement about attending MAAGCS functions.
- · Provide top quality education.
- Enhance the web-site to provide improved communications to serve the membership.
- Encourage and utilize the involvement of the Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC).
- Expand our Government Relations Efforts.
- Produce timely and informative communications, i.e. (web-site, bulletins, newsletter, e-mail, etc.)
- Continue the growth of the "Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament". This tournament has helped raise additional funds that allow our Association to provide scholarships, education, research, and support Government Relations.

These are my primary areas of focus for the coming year. I feel with the support of the membership and the board we can accomplish these challenging goals. As a long time member of this association, I have always valued the educational opportunities, professionalism, and relationships formed by being an active member. I believe that participation in the association is an important part of a Superintendent's Career Development and Professional growth.

I ask you to be active in the MAAGCS affairs and encourage your fellow superintendents to participate in meetings and keep an open dialogue with your board members. Your input is valued and your involvement is necessary to help us make this association better for everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you at our events.

## **Past President**

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their advice, encouragement, friendship and support during my Board tenure, and particularly, this past year.

Congratulations to incoming President Jim Halley, the new Officers, and the newly elected Directors. There is no question that the membership has elected a talented group to shape the future direction of the MAAGCS. That being said, the Association needs the support, input and participation of all of its members to achieve its maximum potential.

In closing, I would be remiss if didn't acknowledge all of our Sponsors this past year who so generously supported our education and golf events — thank you! A complete listing of commercial supporters is detailed elsewhere in this issue of *Turfgrass Matters*. To all MAAGCS members, best wishes for a healthy and successful 2003.



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## 2001 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held December 11, 2001, at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. President, Chris Ayers, CGCS, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

President Ayers welcomed the members and guests. Mr. Ayers then thanked the membership for the privilege and honor of serving as President of the Association. He also thanked the Board Members for all their efforts and service this past year.

President Ayers acknowledged and awarded Past President, Nick Vance, CGCS, for his years of dedicated service. Mr. Ayers then awarded Paul Masimore, CGCS, for his one term as newsletter chairman and Dave Burkhart for his years served on the board.

Past President, Nick Vance, CGCS, thanked the IAC (Industrial Advisory Committee) for their input and support this past year. He then honored Harry Fridley and Dave Cammarota for their service on the IAC.

President Ayers, called on Education Director, Ken Ingram, CGCS, who announced that six MAAGCS scholarships were to be awarded. Ken Ingram then presented the John T. Lea Merit Scholarship to McMahon Connor. Daniel De Giovine received the T.A. Turner Award and Tom Harper received the Secton Anderson Award. Joseph Gulotti, Tim Weis and Keith Williams were also awarded MAAGCS scholarships.

Golf Chairman, Dave Burkhart awarded the "Player of the Year" trophy to Rick Wakefield, CGCS, who was unable to attend.

President Ayers called on Secretary Jim Halley to read the 2000 annual minutes. A motion was made on the floor by Bob Collins, CGCS to suspend the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bernie Beavan, CGCS, and made unanimous by the voting members present.

President Ayers called on the Treasurer, Tim Norris, CGCS, to present the Annual Treasurer's report.

President Ayers then called on the remaining Board Members to present their annual reports. Bill Shirk, CGCS made a motion, to exclude the presentations of the Board's Annual Reports. The motion was seconded by Scott Wagner and made unanimous by the voting members present. Mr. Ayers informed the members that all reports will be published in the newsletter.

President Ayers, relinquished the podium to the chairman of the nominating committee, Nick Vance, CGCS. Mr. Vance then presented the following slate of officers for 2001.



President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Michael Evans Tim Norris, CGCS Jim Halley Ken Ingram, CGCS

No nominations were made from the floor; all of the officers were elected by the acclamation. Mr. Vance then introduced the following nominees for Director:

Tom Ritter, CGCS Rick Wakefield, CGCS Charles Poole

Richard Sweeney

A call was made for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made and each candidate in attendance then made a nominating speech on his own behalf.

The votes were calculated and Mr. Vance announced that from the distinguished group of candidates, Charles Poole and Tom Ritter, CGCS were elected to serve three-year terms and Rich Sweeney was elected to serve a one-year term.

A motion to destroy the ballots was then made by Walter Montross, CGCS, MG. The motion was seconded by Scott Wagner and made unanimous by the voting members present.

Mr. Ayers than passed the gravel to President Mike Evans. At this time, President Evans presented a plaque to Mr. Ayers for his years of dedicated service. Mr. Evans then welcomed the newly elected board members and outlined his goals and priorities for this coming year.

> Respectfully submitted, Jim Halley, Secretary

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## **2002 Annual Committee Reports**

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On March 12, 2002, the MAAGCS provided a one day educational seminar at the Inn & Conference Center on the campus of the University of Maryland. The topics that day included: the future of turfgrass research, anthracnose control, landscape tips, drought update, nutsedge control, pesticide facts, financial planning and retired life after a career in golf course management. Over 100 people attended the seminar and the majority of the feedback from members was positive. Many thanks to last year's education chairman Ken Ingram, CGCS for having the slate of speakers in place by the time I took over and for answering the many questions I had regarding putting a seminar together.

A round table discussion was held at the June chapter meeting at the Country Club of Maryland on Poa Annua control. Several members shared their experiences with different products and timing of applications. The resulting questions stimulated further discussion and exchange of ideas. I would like to thank Jim Halley for coming up with the idea for the round table discussion. The MAAGCS awarded four scholarships to golf course management students this year. The Merit Scholarship is named in honor of John T. Lea, Herb Lea's father. This year's recipients are:

*Michael Bostonian*, John T. Lea Merit Scholarship Award, IAA, University of Maryland, Columbia Country Club

Nicholas Mooneyhan, IAA, University of Maryland, Northwest Park Golf Course Roger Moore, IAA, University of Maryland, Columbia Country Club

Thomas Harper, IAA, University of Maryland, Army Navy Country Club

MAAGCS hosted a GCSAA seminar on December 10, 2002 at the Greenbelt Marriott. The seminar was Golf Course Drainage: Application & Design and was taught by Ed McCoy, Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for all of their contributions and support this year. They are Steve Evans, Keith Williams, Gary Angell, Rob Larsen, Darin Bevard, and Dr. Peter Dernoeden. Thanks also to Charlotte Norris for her assistance with many of the administrative details necessary to provide quality education for the membership.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Ritter, CGCS

## Golf

The 2002 golf season was very successful. We were fortunate enough to play several new courses as well as a few of the older favorites. Even though the weather did not always cooperate the turn outs were good. The Annual Championship was not held even though we tried several times. Thanks to the following host superintendents who volunteered their courses. Their efforts in preparing for the tournaments made the outings a great experience and a fun day for all:

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Some of the highlights of this year's tournaments are as follows:

· Our Association members had a great showing at the annual tournament in St, Augustine Florida this year. The foursome of Mike Evans, Paul Masimore, CGCS, Ken Ingram, CGCS and Scott Reeside won 3rd Team Competition. There were seven other members that were also successful in their matches.

· Joe Herkalo and Donn Dietrich were the low net winners of the Two Man Team Championship at the Hunters Oak Golf Club. Mike Evans and Rick Wakefield were the low net winners.

The President's Cup, which as held at the Heritage Hunt & Golf Club, was won by Bo Jumbercotta and Steve Cramer with a 65. Low gross was taken by Mark Kingora and Jim Folks with a 73.

• The third annual Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament was a great success this Major Illnesses, Injuries & Surgeries - 9 year. The winners this year were the team of Member Deaths - 0 Relative Deaths - 5 Jeff Miskin, John Martin, Chris Samuel and Phil Pappas.

• The Points Tournament was held at the D - 5, Class F - 14 Country Club of Maryland. Chris Jennings MAAGCS Hospitality Room for MTC won Low Net, with Rick Wakefield, CGCS Turfgrass 2002 Conference picking up the low gross title.

Maryland Golf Course.

· Drew Scully was kind enough to make the Grevsone Golf Course available on short notice after the Annual Tournament had to be postponed. The individual best ball play low gross winner was ScottWagner. Dave Nehila won low net.

 Joe Herkalo wins the 2002 Player of Year Award. He had two wins and two second place finishes in the tournaments this year. That's a great year. Congratulations to Joe.

I would like to thank Golf Committee member Bill Springirth for his assistance in helping me with the tournaments this year. I would also like to thank Charlotte Norris for her support and assistance in preparing for the tournaments. Dave Burkhart, the past golf chairman, was also of great help to me during my first year. In closing, I would like to thank the current Board of Directors who provided both encouragement and direction. Their dedication to the Association and tournament play throughout the year is instrumental to its success.

> Respectfully submitted, Charles A. Poole

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• The team of Joe Herkalo, Gary Angell, Josh junction with MTC's Turfgrass Conference

Jordan and Matt Marsh won the Four-Man in Baltimore, Maryland. The hospitality Scramble Tournament at the University of room took place on Tuesday evening, Janu-

> ary 29th, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel. The event featured heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. The price for the event was higher/ guest than usual because of the change in location to downtown Baltimore but the Marriott provided a first class event that was extremely well received by the 75 to 80 participants. The total price was \$3,200.00. MAAGCS Hospitality Room for GCSAA

> National Conference and Show 2002 MAAGCS hosted a hospitality room in conjunction with GCSAA's National Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida. The hospitality room took place Thursday evening, February 7th, 2002 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Radisson Barcelo-Orlando Hotel. This event also featured heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Approximately 200 members and their guests attended and all comments that I received were positive ones. The event was co-sponsored with the Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Nutramax. The total price was \$5,697.00.

**MAAGCS** Annual Picnic

The MAAGCS Annual Picnic was held at Mayo Beach in Anne Arundel County on Tuesday, July 9th, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It featured a menu of crabs, pit beef (cooked by Bob Clements of G. L. Cornell), corn on the cob (provided by Egypt Farms), hamburgers and hot dogs, and pot luck salads and desserts. Also, there was a clown, a moon bounce, and pony rides for the children. Approximately 120 adults and 30 children attended.

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Eastern Shore - Dave Burkhart **Bob** Clements

No. Virginia - Tim Norris, CGCS Herb Lea

The Welcoming Committee, made up of ten volunteers from MAAGCS, visited 6 new Class A & B members this year.

> Respectfully submitted, John Newcomb Sr., CGCS

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