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2003 Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament

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	Bryan Bupp	Mike King
2 nd Place: Bethesda Country Club	Mark Kingora	Jack Hargett
	Harry Fridley	Andy Hess
3 rd Place: Nutramax	George Barger	Jose' Casasola
	Dr. Thomas L. Watschke	Fred Heinlen, CGCS

Thanks to Tim Norris, CGCS, and thanks to all of the staff at Army Navy Country Club for a job well done in preparation for the tournament. At first glance, approximately \$4000.00 will be donated to the charities. Also, thanks to all of the 2003 Stewards of the Chesapeake sponsors and participants:

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President's Message

Jim Halley

I would like to thank all those who supported and participated in the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament last month. The event was a great success. The proceeds from this tournament will go along way in helping bolster our educational programs, scholarships, research funding and government relation efforts. A special thanks to the staff at Army Navy Country Club for providing an outstanding day of golf, food and fellowship. The Superintendent Tim Norris, CGCS, had the course in excellent condition.

The board and I have reached the halfway point for this year. The process of moving our association forward is starting to take shape. Our Secretary, Theresa Baria has done an excellent job so far in helping improve our communications to the membership. By responding quickly to issues, phone calls, member inquiries and timely publications.

I hope everyone has had a chance to visit our newly renovated web-site. If you have difficulty gaining access, please give the office a call 1-888-Mid-Turf. Our new web-site has been greatly improved and it's my hope that all members utilize this resource / service.

In the coming months we'll continue to work hard to make our association the best it can be for it's membership. Please do not hesitate to call anyone on the Board of Directors, your input is vital to our success and we can always use volunteers to serve on committees.

I would like to commend Dean Graves and his committee on their efforts in meeting with the EPA at Chevy Chase Country Club. Dean's meeting was very informative to the EPA officials and has laid the foundations for future input into how old and new chemicals are labeled for golf course use.

This summer is near its end and I always feel relieved that better days are ahead and another summer is over.

I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing all of you at our 75th anniversary in October.

We are in the process of updating our files. If you are not receiving our E-mails, please call the MAAGCS office at 888/Mid-Turf



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John Sterns, Golf Course Superintendent, Potomac Ridge

Ed Porterfield, UHS

2nd Place: 60

Walter Montross, Golf Course Superintendent, Westwood CC

Bryan McFerren, Golf Course Superintendent, University of MD

3rd Place: 61

Ken Ingram, Golf Course Superintendent, Bretton Woods

Dennis Ingram, Golf Course Superintendent, TPC at Avenel

Better-ball of two Gross

1st Place: 69

Mike Evans, Golf Course Superintendent, Country Club at Woodmore

Rick Wakefield, Golf Course Superintendent, International Town & CC

2nd Place: 71

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Delaware Golf Course Superintendent Recognized for his Writing

Robert Collins wins 2003 GCSAA Leo Feser Award

Robert C. Collins, certified golf course superintendent at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club in Dagsboro, Del., will be presented with the 2003 Leo Feser Award, Feb. 9, 2004, at the Opening Session of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Diego (Feb. 9-14).

The annual award honors the best superintendent-authored article published in the association's monthly magazine, *Golf Course Management* (GCM). The winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to the conference and show and will have his/her name engraved on a plaque for display at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.

Collins, an 18-year member of GCSAA, was recognized for his article, "The Write Stuff," published in the December 2002 issue of GCM. The article discusses the basics of written communication for golf course superintendents and emphasizes the value of developing and maintaining open lines of communications with golfers. Collins writes that although golf course superintendents possess many different job skills, few are as important as communication. The article was originally presented as part of the Innovative Superintendent Session at the 2002 conference and show in Orlando.

View the article at <http://www.gcsaa.org/gcm/2002/dec02/12Write.asp>.

"Robert Collins' article, 'The write stuff,' is an excellent story that highlights the utmost importance of communication for the golf course superintendent," said Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS, chairman of the GCSAA member communications committee, which judged the Feser nominees. "Bob is certainly a worthy recipient of GCSAA's Leo Feser Award." The award honors the late Leo Feser, a pioneer golf course superintendent and a charter member of GCSAA. Feser is credited with the keeping the association's official publication alive during the Great Depression. For three years (1933-36), he wrote, edited, assembled and published each issue of *The Greenkeepers' Report* from his home in Wayzata, Minn. *Golf Course Management* is the leading publication for golf course managers. It has a circulation of 40,000 and is delivered to every golf course in the United States. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 22,000 individual members in more than 65 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

Visit GCSAA at <http://www.GCSAA.org>, <http://www.GolfSuper.com> or <http://www.GCSA2.com>.

For more information contact:


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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Drew Scully, CGCS



The Board is seeking member nominations for new Directors to be elected at the annual meeting in December. Please contact Past President Mike Evans if interested at 301-149-6116.



The date is set, October 22, 2003, the MAAGCS will celebrate its 75th Anniversary at Bretton Woods, mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon.



MAAGCS is supporting the effort to ensure that funding for the Maryland Extension Agency is not reduced any further than the extensive cuts already made this budget year.



www.maagcs.com is back. Please contact Executive Secretary Theresa Baria if you have any trouble logging on or navigating the site.



The Board members and their contact information is listed on the web site. You are encouraged to contact them with your thoughts and suggestions about MAAGCS.

Education News

Tom Ritter, CGCS

Mark your calendars now and please join us for this year's chapter-hosted GCSAA seminar to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Marriott on December 9, 2003. The seminar for this year is Physiology and Culture of Annual Bluegrass taught by Joseph Vargas, Jr., Ph.D. and A.J. Turgeon, Ph.D.

The planning stage for the MAAGCS Education Seminar being held on March 9, 2004 will begin soon. Any suggestions from members for topics and/or speakers are welcome. Please contact Tom Ritter, CGCS at (301) 421-0165 or at hgsuper@att.net with your ideas.

Annual Picnic

John Stevens, CGCS

The MAAGCS Annual Picnic was held at Mayo Beach (thanks to Lou Rudinski) on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It was hot enough for all (over 150 attended) to enjoy the beach, and the kids enjoyed the antics of a Clown, jumping in the moon bounce and pony rides. Dave from Egypt Farms came through again with super corn on the cob. Bob, Bert & Tim of GL Cornell cooked the pit beef to perfection. Ben from Egypt Farms brought the crabs, and Rick from Chesapeake Dryject and Mike from Turf Equipment did a great job cooking all those hamburgers and hotdogs!

We want to acknowledge all of the companies that contribute to keeping this annual event free of charge, especially Egypt Farms, Fisher & Son, GL Cornell Co, Helena Chemical, Turf Equipment & Supply and York Distributors.

MAAGCS 75th

Anniversary

Ken Ingram, CGCS

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the MAAGCS and we are planning a celebration. On October 22nd we hope to play the annual tournament followed by a gala dinner with good food, wine, and cigars and camaraderie at Bretton Woods. Mark your calendars now, we have a lot to celebrate.

2003 Calendar

October 22nd

Bretton Woods Annual Tournament,
75th Anniversary Dinner

November 11th

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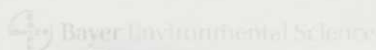
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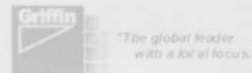
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