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Dave Anderson	35.9	Chris Hall	Evergreen CC
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Mike Barrett	25	Mike Bazillo	Argyle CC
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Mike Evans	12.4	Dave Long	CC at Woodmore
Ed Gasper	12.7	Jim Ruddo	Manor CC
Mike Gilmore	16	Don Skacan	Gibson Island Club
Dean Graves	6.1	Jon Powell	Chevy Chase Club
Archie Hall	15.6	R.J. Butler	Cedar Point GC
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Ken Ingram	14	Jason Hill	Bretton Woods Rec.
Bo Jumbercotta	14.1	Steve Cramer	Crofton CC
Mark Kingora	6	Jim Folks	Bethesda CC
Mike Legere	11.4	J.P. Lunn	Holly Hills CC
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Stephen Lutz	18	Gregory Stark	Cattail Creek CC
Paul Masimore	18.1	Brian Huus	Marlton Golf Club
Bryan McFerren	8.2	Jeff Mayor	UMD Golf Course
Mark Menusan	11	Chris Hanson	Greystone GC
Walter Montross	12.3	Glenn Brown	Westwood CC
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John Newcomb	6	Mark Conn	Cross Creek CC
Randall Pinckney	16.8	Jeff Zachman	Piney Branch GC
Charlie Poole	12	Donald Frost	Clustered Spires GC
Steve Potter	16.6	Pat Coyner	Woodholme CC
Elizabeth Reese	29	David DeGirolamo	P.B.Dye Golf Club
Scott Reeside	10.1	Ed Coyle	Worthington Manor
Tom Ritter	25.5	David Dorn	Hampshire Greens
Drew Scully	20	Joe Rahnis	Woodlands GC
John Stevens	28	Donald Baxter	Golf CC Swan Creek
Thomas Wunch	12	Scot Forbis	Queenstown Harbor
Jeffre Tschudi	12.6	Kevin Miga	White Plains GC
John Urbanski	14	Mark Helffrich	Suburban Club
Nick Vance	9.8	Matt Hill	Hope Valley GC
Scott Wagner	7.3	Alex Lively	Leisure World
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Wayne Watkins	25	Tim McKee	Cress Creek CC

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It was great to see the attendance up 50% over last year's event. In our industry, I know that it is difficult to sometimes make plans a month in advance, but making arrangements in April to attend a function in May that is unique to our association seems simple to me. Just write it down on your calendar in advance and schedule accordingly. Again, this is just one man's opinion, but my intentions are to promote this event back to the same fully attended status as in recent years.

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President's Message**Jim Halley**

This spring and early summer has been one of the wettest on record in our region. The extreme weather patterns have decreased play and impacted revenues. The season to-date has made providing quality playing conditions to our customers and members a difficult challenge. The one lesson I have learned during my tenure within the Mid-Atlantic Region is the weather is unpredictable, there's no such thing as a typical or a normal year. I have been praying for 85-degree days, low humidity and a stiff wind to dry out the course. I hope everyone is coping with the weather and doing well.

The Association has hired a new Executive Secretary, Theresa Baria. The office has been relocated and the 1-888-MID-TURF line has been redirected to Theresa's home office. We are excited to have Theresa and feel she will add a great deal of value to our association going forward.

During the coming months the Board and myself will be refocusing on our goals and addressing our deficient areas. It takes time to implement changes and I'm asking for your patience and support.

Our new web-site is finally on-line. The new site will help enhance our membership and dramatically improve communications within our association.

Please feel free to visit www.maagcs.com, and set-up your user name and password. I would like to thank Drew Scully, Randall Pinckney, Charlotte Norris and Theresa Baria for all their hard work on this project.

Like anything in life, if you invest time and effort into something you value, you can only benefit. That is how I feel about getting involved into our association. I look forward to seeing you at our annual Picnic (Mayo Beach).

2003 Calendar

7/8/03 - Mayo Beach - Family Picnic

8/12/03 - Army/Navy Fairfax - Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament

9/9/03 - Glenn Dale G.C. - Supt/Assistant

10/22/03 - Bretton Woods - Annual Tournament, 75th Anniversary Dinner

11/11/03 - Woodlands G.C. - IAC Elections

12/9/03 - Greenbelt Marriott - GCSAA Seminar, Annual Meeting



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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Drew Scully



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of MAAGCS and the Board is working on an event this fall to celebrate.



The BOD has recognized that it needs to refocus on meeting the membership's expectations and that the Association is in a major period of transition with the hiring of a new Executive Secretary.



Despite the weather, the first four meetings of the year starting at the University of Maryland in March have shown improved attendance and the membership is growing.



Committee membership is up this year as well, but there is always room to grow, contact members of the Board if you would like to become involved.



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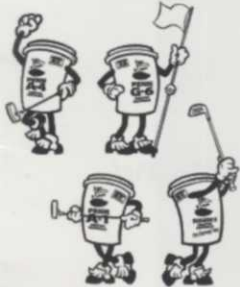
THE MEDIA CORNER

by Randall Pinckney

The Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to thank Mr. Dennis Ingram, CGCS, and the TPC at Avenal for donating the booth to us at the FBR Capital Open (aka Kemper Open). We were able to pass out a few thousand ball mark repair tools with the MAAGCS logo inscribed on them, along with an envelope that explained how to repair ball marks.

The mission of public relations is to inform and educate not only the golfing public, but also the non-golfing public about what we do as professionals in the turf industry. Also, as superintendents we must react to any negative and/or positive media coverage about the turf industry. We can all do our part by posting informative and educational information in our facilities for others to read.

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By Tom Ritter

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- a) The first year of a four-year or baccalaureate program with major emphasis in turf management.
- b) The first semester of a two-year turfgrass technical program.

Past recipients of a MAAGCS Scholarship may reapply.

All applications must be completed, submitted and postmarked no later than August 16, 2003. Applications can be obtained by calling the MAAGCS office at 1-888-643-8873.

Russell Roberts

by Kenneth Ingram

The MAAGCS lost a great friend on February 6, 2003. Russell Roberts died at his home in Gaithersburg, MD, he was 80 years old. Most of us had left or were just getting ready to leave for the GCSAA Conference in Atlanta. That, together with the big snowstorm, kept a lot of members from attending the funeral or even getting the news.

Russell could have been a character out of Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation." Raised on a farm here in MD, he joined the Navy in WWII, came back home and started a successful business, raised a family, and seemingly never asked for thanks of any kind for helping shape the world we know and building the world's strongest economy. The chances are pretty good Russell worked on your golf course in this area at one time, the list is too long to print here. He did design and construction but most of us remember him as an irrigation contractor. Russell was a pilot and frequently flew to jobs around the area. He landed his plane on his farm in Darnestown on a field not much bigger than a long Par 3. He never had the newest equipment or methods but always got the job done at a reasonable cost. His three sons all worked for him at one time or another. His oldest son Jack ran the company in the 1990's after Russell retired.

There are a lot of great stories about Russell out there amongst our members. Several guys had irrigation parts delivered by "Air Mail." If Russell ever told you to go stand out on your driving range you knew what was coming. I watched him build a backhoe bucket out of scrap steel once in less than an hour. I really believe Russell's thrifty ways are the only reason a lot of area clubs could be built or afford to get many projects done. And don't forget his famous quote, "it's easier to ask for forgiveness than it is for permission." He was a great man and a good friend to Superintendents.

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A very special thanks to Scott Reeside for hosting this year's Superintendent/Pro Golf Tournament.

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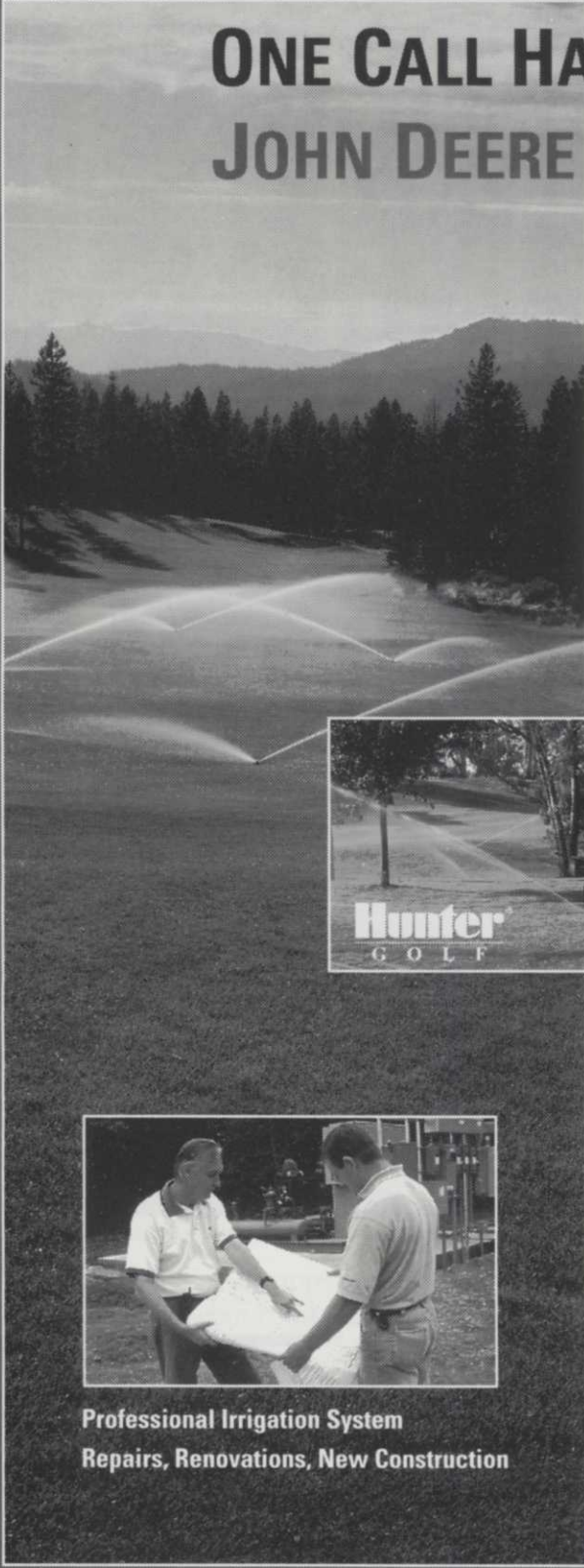
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April 2003 Golf Report Mark Kingora, Golf Committee Chairman

There was a better than expected turnout for the April meeting at Breton Bay. Forty-two members attended the meeting and lunch and out of those 42 people, 28 brave souls participated in the golf event, which was modified from a Better-Ball of two event to a 4-man scramble 9-hole event. Overall, everyone was pleased with the changed format. One and one half inches of rain had fallen the night prior to the meeting and with rain expected on the day of the meeting, temperatures in the forties and for the most part, unplayable conditions on the front nine, a nine hole scramble fit nicely into everybody's schedule.

1st Place: Ken Ingram, Jim Halley,
Ed Porterfield, Jake Straub

2 under par 34 (match of cards)

2nd Place: Walter Montross, Scott Reeside,
Jeff Ashley, Brandon Fouche

2 under par 34

Closest to the Pin: Archie Hall and Brandon Fouche

Long Drive: Mark Kingora

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Class B

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Richard Elam Indian Spring Country Club
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Class C

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To Paul O'Leary after his recent illness

Condolences

MAAGCS joins the family and friends in sorrow at the passing of Drew Smith of Lighthouse Sound

To the family and friends of Bernie Helig on the passing of his wife

To the family and friends of Tom Ritter on the passing of his father-in-law

To the family and friends of Russell Roberts who passed away in March

To the family and friends of John Newcomb on the passing of his mother

To the family and friends of Bryan Bupp on the passing of his father

Congratulations

To Mark and Missy Kingora upon the birth of their son, William Maxwell

To John and Kara Denholm upon the birth of their son, Christopher Lewis

To Todd and Jennifer Gribbling upon the birth of their daughter Trinity Grace

To Joe and Monique Herkalo upon the birth of their son, Tyler Joseph

To Matthew and Darless Wharton upon the birth of their granddaughter Haley

To John and Katie Urbanski upon the birth of their daughter Alexa Simone

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Safe handling of drinking water is top priority

In the summer of 2002, at a golf course in Phoenix, 85 golfers became ill and later tested positive for the flu-like Norwalk virus, including a 15-year-old boy who died from asphyxia due to vomiting caused by the virus. Contaminated water jugs on the course were determined to be the cause of the illness.

An investigation by the Maricopa County environmental health department found that at the time, 65 percent of golf courses in the county were not handling drinking water correctly. The county responded by implementing requirements for the safe handling of drinking water at facilities that hold permits from the county health department. Golf courses must now thoroughly sanitize water containers and dispensers, provide bottled water, or install permanent ice and water dispensers on the course.

Maricopa County has shared its findings and requirements with other agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration and other county and state health departments. As the golf season gets back into swing in many part of the country, now is a good time to examine how your facility handles drinking water dispensers and to take action to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases. You should also check with your county or state health department for any requirements specific to your area.

The following information was excerpted from the Maricopa County requirements for facilities that use drinking water dispensers. For a complete set of requirements, please [send an e-mail](#) or call the [government relations department](#) at (800) 472-7878, ext. 610.

Water and ice

Water and ice must be from a public water distribution system or an approved water supply that is tested to ensure conformity with applicable regulations. The dispensers shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once every 24 hours. Containers shall not be stored on the floor at any time. Cleaning and sanitizing the dispenser nozzle prior to filling containers is required.

Filling of dispensers

The dispenser shall be filled in an area free of environmental contaminants and should not be placed on the floor while filling.

The water hose used to fill the dispenser must be food grade (garden hoses are not approved) and not stored on the ground.

Hoses shall be used exclusively for drinking water dispenser filling and not to fill other equipment or tanks or used to clean other things.

Plumbing code must be met to protect the water supply. Cross connections are not allowed, and backflow devices are required.

Ice must be dispensed with an ice scoop (without coming in direct human contact). It is recommended that employees wear disposable gloves to prevent direct hand contact with ice.

Location of dispensers

The dispenser shall be placed at a minimum of three feet off the ground, locating it so it will not be subject to other sources of contamination such as sprinkler water or misting systems. If the course uses effluent water for irrigation, the dispensers must be taken in each night.

Dispensers must be placed in a tamper-proof setting to eliminate access to the ice or contents of the dispenser by removing the top cover. Single service cups must be provided and protected at the dispenser.

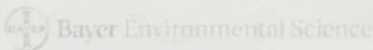
Personal hygiene

Employees must properly wash their hands prior to filling containers. A separate hand sink for employees to wash their hands shall be in the same area where containers are filled and the ice is added to the containers. Do not allow any sick person to fill or handle water containers.

Carrie Riordan is GCSAA's director of government relations.



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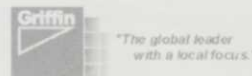
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