



# TURFGRASS MATTERS

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## 2003 Superintendent / Pro Tournament Worthington Manor Golf Club, May 13, 2003

<u>Super.</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Facility</u>
John Anderes	15	Tony Madera	South River Golf
Dave Anderson	35.9	Chris Hall	Evergreen CC
Quent Baria	9	Mike Welsh	Towson Golf & CC
Mike Barrett	25	Mike Bazillo	Argyle CC
Steve Cohoon	11.2	Mark Jansen	Heritage Hunt Golf
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
Jim Halley	18	Carl Fitz	Glen Dale CC
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
Tom Lipscomb	14	John Madden	River Bend Golf
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
Bill Neus	17	Gary Mankulish	Hobbit's Glen
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
Rick Wakefield	+1	Tom Melideo	International Town
Wayne Watkins	25	Tim McKee	Cress Creek CC

### Net Division Winners

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b> Steve Cohoon/ Mark Jansen (Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club)	63
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b> Ed Gasper/ Jim Ruddo (Manor Country Club)	64
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b> Wayne Watkins/ Tim McKee (Cress Creek Country Club)	66
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place:</b> Ken Ingram/ Jason Hill (Bretton Woods)	67
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Place:</b> John Anderes/ Tony Madera (South River Golf Links)	67
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Place:</b> Paul Masimore/ Brian Huus (Marlton Golf Club)	67

### Gross Division Winners

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b> Rick Wakefield/ Tom Melideo (International Town & Country Club)	70
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b> Nick Vance/ Matt Hill (Hope Valley Golf Course)	70
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b> Scott Wagner/ Alex Lively (Leisure World of Maryland)	73

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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## MAAGCS Scholarship Applications Available

By Tom Ritter

The MAAGCS is pleased to announce that scholarships will once again be offered to turfgrass/golf course management students. The applicant must be an employee of a Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendent member. Applicants must have completed either:

- 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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