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MAAGCS Golf Tournament Results Mark Kingora, Golf Committee Chairman

Superintendent Assistant
Redgate Golf Facility, May 11, 2004

Tournament Results
Hog Neck Golf Course
June 8, 2004

Superintendent/Assistant Division

- 1st Place: Jeff Vance and Marty Eader (Laytonsville Golf Course)
- 2nd Place: Mike Legere and Andrew Coffman (Holly Hills Country Club)
- 3rd Place: Ed Gasper and Mike Stieler (Manor Country Club)

Open Division

- 1st Place: Jeff Tcshudi and Mike Janzer (White Plains Golf Course and Plant Food Co.)
- 2nd Place: Ed Porterfield and Tom Tellier (Verdicon and Prime Business Leasing)
- 3rd Place: Nick Vance and Scott Wagner (Hope Valley Golf Course and Leisure World)

Long Drive Winners: Scott Reeside and Jeff Vance
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50/50 Winner: Walter Montross

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Event: Individual/Stableford

- 1st Place: Tom Tokarski (Queenstown Harbor)
- 2nd Place: Bill Shirk (Atlantic Golf)
Ken McFadden (Easton Club)
- 4th Place: Ed Gasper
Erik Snelsird (Guest)
- 6th Place: Paul O'Brien (Guest)
John Anderes (South River Golf Links)
Mike Gilmore (Gibson Island Club and Growing Solutions)

Long Drive: Jon Urbanski (The Suburban Club)
Ken McFadden

Closest to the Pin: Bill Neus (Hobbits Glen Golf Club)
John Anderes

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President's Message

Ken Ingram, CGCS

It's the busy season again. Thank goodness for Theresa, if it was up to the Directors to publish a summer newsletter it would never get finished, or even started for that matter. After 20 some years as a Superintendent I still run around the golf course like a crazy man. I hired a couple of learning disabled kids to patch divots for me this summer. One of them looked at me the other day and said "you sure are in an awful big hurry." If that young man can see through me so clearly, I hate to think what others see. I saw a bumper sticker on the beltway that describes me pretty well. It said "Of all the things I've lost I miss my mind the most".

Despite of my lack of leadership the MAAGCS has been doing well. Monthly meetings have been terrific, thanks go to our hosts and to Golf Czar Mark Kingora for a job well done. Randall "Hollywood" Pinckney has produced a television commercial for us. I hope I can stay awake long enough one evening to see it. By the time this article is printed we will have finished our Bay Tour of meetings at Hog Neck, Mayo Beach, and Prospect Bay. We get to visit some Virginia clubs this fall. Olde Hickory in September and Hidden Creek in November.

A few of our members have shown great light on our profession hosting tournament golf. Dennis Ingram outdid himself with the Booz

Allen Classic. Mike, David and the Congressional crew had 36 holes in top shape for the British Open qualifier. Locally, Quent Baria hosted the Maryland Amateur at Towson and Mike Evans hosted the Maryland Open at Woodmore. I know their courses were in great shape because my members came back and told me how bad I looked. You have to love it I guess.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 8/10, Stewards, Prospect Bay

Tuesday, 9/14, Two Man Team, Olde Hickory

Monday, 10/25, Annual Tournament, Towson CC

Tuesday, 11/9, IAC Election/ Scramble, Hidden Creek

Tuesday, 12/14, Seminar, Greenbelt Marriott



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MAAGCS Notes

\$2,500 grant funded by Par Aide

Penn State student receives first annual scholarship

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has named **Katelyn Ritter** of Mount Airy, Md., as the first recipient of the Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant.

The \$2,500 grant, funded by Par Aide and administered through The Environmental Institute for Golf, was established in honor of Par Aide company founder Joseph S. Garske. The program awards children of GCSAA members each year to assist in the funding of their education at either an accredited college or trade school. The grant is renewable for a second year with proof of enrollment and a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

"It's a honor to present Katelyn Ritter with the inaugural scholarship, while recognizing her outstanding achievements in and out of the classroom," said Steve Garske, Par Aide president. "This program is also about doing something for the golf course superintendent. It's great to be able to give something back for their timeless dedication to the game of golf."

Ritter will attend The Pennsylvania State University next fall to study architectural engineering. Her father, Thomas Ritter, CGCS, has been the golf course superintendent at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Springs, Md., since 1997. He is a 16-year GCSAA member.

GCSAA Legacy Awards

Syngenta Professional Products, in conjunction with GCSAA and The Environmental Institute for Golf funds the 2004 Legacy Aware Program. This program benefits children and grandchildren of superintendents. Three students from the Mid-Atlantic region received this award:

* Katelyn Ritter will attend Pennsylvania State University to study Architectural Engineering. Her father MAAGCS Secretary Thomas J. Ritter, CGCS, is superintendent at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring, MD.

* Robin List attends Denver University as a graduate student in Social Work. Her father is MAAGCS member Thomas K. List, CGCS, superintendent at Ocean City Golf Club in Berlin, MD. Robin also won the Legacy Award in 1999.

* Tracy Montross attends Appalachian State University where she is studying Communications with a concentration in Electronic Media/Broadcasting and Political Science with a concentration in Campaigns, Media and Politics. She is the daughter of Former MAAGCS President and current MAAGCS member Walter Montross, CGCS, MG, superintendent at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA.



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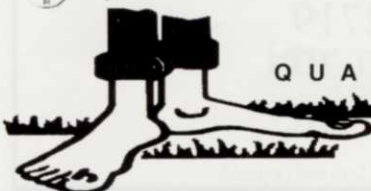
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Thanks to Superintendent Scott Reeside, Assistant Superintendent Guy McDonald and their staff for a job well done.

Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Tom Ritter, GCGS

-The MAAGCS was a sponsor for the Shields Memorial Golf Tournament held on May 14th at Twin Shields GC.

-Watch your televisions closely for the recently completed MAAGCS commercial. 485 spots will be shown on CSN in the next few months in the Baltimore and Montgomery County markets. Thanks to Randall Pinckney and his Media/Public Relations committee for their efforts in this production.

-The MAAGCS Board of Directors voted to participate as a gold sponsor (\$1000.00) for a fundraising golf tournament being held on July 27th for former MAAGCS member Bill Emerson. Bill is in need of a kidney transplant and proceeds from this tournament will aid in offsetting his medical expenses. The Cactus & Pine Chapter of GCSAA is facilitating the tournament to be held at Desert Mountain GC.



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Lou Rudinski

Lou Rudinski graduated from Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1961. He has been Golf Course Superintendent at Bonnie View Country Club, Baltimore Country Club, and the Eisenhower Golf Course. Presently he is with Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks as a Facility Superintendent/Turf Manager for Sports Fields. He is presently working with 28 drip type irrigation fields that show a high degree of success.

Lou has been married to Jeanne for 41 years this September. Daughter Jeanne lives in Catonsville, three grand children, Josh, Julia, and Justina. Son David (Newsom Seed) and his wife Claudia live in Glen Burnie, Son Eric Lives in Catonsville, Eric's twin sister Vanessa lives in Loc Haven with Husband Donnie and Lou's latest grand child Danielle. Presently his hobbies are gardening and turning various items on a wood lathe. Lou always looks forward to seeing his many friends at Mayo Beach. Hurricane Isabel left her mark on the beach and picnic grove but it was still an enjoyable day at the beach.

Glenn Stowers

Glenn has been the Superintendent at Prospect Bay Country Club since September of 2001. Glenn is one of four local superintendents that learned the trade under Mid Atlantic member Gerry Hasbargen. Glenn has been married to his wife Shannon for three years and they reside in Queenstown, MD. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, watching Virginia Tech (alma mattar) football games and occasionally playing golf.

Prospect Bay Country Club is fortunate to have secured a 5 million dollar loan for capitol improvements to the entire facility. Glenn's part will be to oversee the new drainage and irrigation system. Chip McDonald will design and hopefully perform the actual construction.

An August tournament is difficult for any superintendent to host, but with the fine crew of Bob Redden, Jimmy Smith, Tim Cruse, Floyd Butler, and assistant Tom Wunch, they should have the right tools to provide a excellent golf experience.

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2004 MAAGCS Annual Picnic

**John Stevens, CGCS,
Membership Services Chairman**

Once again, we gathered together for the Annual Family picnic. It was a beautiful day, warm, but with enough of a breeze to keep the flies at bay. I'd like to take time to thank all who contributed to making it a success.

Thanks to Lou Rudinski for setting us up at Mayo Beach, a great venue for this event. Thanks to Bob Clements (GL Cornell) for the delicious Pit Beef, and Ben Stagg and Dave Cammarota (Egypt Farms) for the Crabs and Corn.

Grill Masters, Rick Civita (Chesapeake DryJect) and Tom Tellier (Prime Leasing) did a great job from set up to clean up – couldn't have done it without you. And thanks to Theresa Baria (Executive Secretary), who we can always count on to deliver on those last minute requests.

Special thanks to Rick Civita, who helped from 8:00 am to 11:00pm – unbelievable effort.

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To Dante and Christie Ferrara on the birth of their son, Zane Anthony, born 1/8/04, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces