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Superintendent / Pro Tournament

The Superintendent / Pro Tournament was a great day! Huge thanks go out to Mr. Bo Jumbercotta and Pro Steve Cramer for providing us a good time. The following is a list of results from the tournament:

1st. place net- Glen Smickley and Cary Shore
2nd. place net- Jim Halley and Troy Beck
3rd. place net Glen Stowers and Jim DeMallie

1st. place gross- Charlie Sheridan and Jack Shilling
2nd. place gross- Russ Davis and Mike Gebhard
3rd. place gross- Mike Evans and Dave Long

Open Flight Winners- Tim Davisson and Ron Nichols

Long Drive Superintendent- Mark Kingora
Pro- Troy Beck

Closest to the hole #5 John Madden
#12 Glen Smickley

Hope to see everyone for the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament at Sparrows Point.

Rich Sweeney, CGCS

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President's Message

Drew Scully, CGCS

The very cool May gave way to the typical Mid Atlantic summer which seems to have been missing for a few years. Our member pathologists and chemical suppliers are happy people, the USGA agronomists are on their second set of shoes, tires, and soil probes, and the rest tick off the days until Labor Day. Our May Superintendent/Pro event was a great success thanks to Bo Jumbercotta and the staff at Crofton Country, all of our sponsors for the day, and golf director Rich Sweeney, CGCS. Our June event was cancelled due to lack of attendees but I appreciate Jim Halley and Twin Shields offer to host the event as well as Jean Scott from Syngenta. I won't speculate on why the June meeting continues to struggle, but it is probably a month that the Association needs to take a good, long look at to determine if it makes sense to schedule in the future. The picnic in July was a great event and a good time was had by all, thanks for everyone's efforts.

August 1, 2005 will bring us the Stewards of the Chesapeake tournament. The early registration and interest has been exciting and I hope we are able to fill the field for the one true fundraiser for the MAAGCS. The GCSAA Board of Directors will have their quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C. the first weekend in August. Several local Associations including the MAAGCS will be in attendance for the event, I look forward to sharing the results of this meeting with our Association. The MAAGCS is probably the last thing on anyone's mind in this weather pattern, lately I'm guilty of it as well. It's the challenging time of year, remember the important things off the golf course.. Six weeks until Labor Day...less by the time you read this.



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University of Maryland Graduate Receives Musser Foundation Award

Dr. John Kaminski, a recent graduate from the University of Maryland in Plant Pathology, has been chosen to receive the **Musser International Turfgrass Foundation Award of Excellence** for 2005.

The annual award is presented to an outstanding doctoral student of turfgrass science who has made significant and innovative contributions to turfgrass science research. This year's award winner also receives a \$20,000 cash award.

A native of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Kaminski earned a B.S. degree from Penn State University in 1998. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D at the University of Maryland where his work involved the investigation of the biology of *Ophiosphaerella agrostis* and epidemiology of bentgrass dead spot.

Kaminski is currently an Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Pathology at the University of Connecticut. His appointment is 70% extension and 30% research and he serves as the Director of the UConn Turfgrass Disease Diagnostic Center.

Since 2000, Kaminski has published 60 peer-reviewed scientific papers, progress/field day research reports, abstracts, extension publications and popular articles. His speaking activities included various guest lectures at the University of Maryland as well as invited speaking engagements at the 2001 International Turfgrass Research Conference and Rutgers Annual Turfgrass Management Symposium.

John began working in the turfgrass industry as an intern at Desert Mountain Properties in Scottsdale, AZ. While attending Penn State, he also interned at Congressional Country Club and the Valentine Turfgrass Research Facility.

During his graduate studies at the University of Maryland, John worked under the direction of Dr. Peter Dernoeden. His involvement in the turfgrass science program included conducting basic and applied research, assisting in turfgrass disease diagnostics and guest lecturing in the areas of turfgrass science and plant pathology.

John's M.S. and Ph.D. work involved a detailed examination into the biology of *Ophiosphaerella agrostis* (a newly described pathogen) and epidemiology of bentgrass deadspot (discovered in 1998). John's initial work defined the geographic distribution of the pathogen and various aspects of the pathogen's growth and reproduction. The final phase of his research involved a closer look at the environmental conditions favoring disease development. In addition to his applied research, he conducted studies to assess the genetic diversity of *O. agrostis* and also developed a molecular technique that allows for the rapid detection of the pathogen within infected plants.

Peter Dernoeden, Ph.D. at the University of Maryland indicated that "John has been the most remarkable graduate student that the U. of Maryland turfgrass program has ever experienced. He has a superior intellect, he is self-motivating and an intense researcher, and he has an outstanding work ethic. His accomplishments as a graduate student have been truly exemplary."

John Kaminski's career goals are to:

- (1) Develop a productive and successful turfgrass pathology research program at the University of Connecticut.
- (2) Elucidate unknown biological and epidemiological aspects of important turfgrass pathogens and their respective diseases.
- (3) Develop improved chemical and cultural techniques for managing turfgrass diseases.
- (4) Standardize and simplify the methods used to identify turfgrass diseases.

The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation is dedicated to fostering Turfgrass Management as a learned profession. Named in memory of a Turfgrass scientist, Professor H. Burton Musser, The Foundation acknowledges and rewards those individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the Doctoral phase of their turfgrass science education and research. These students, the Foundation believes, will be the leaders of turfgrass development and management in the years to come.

Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Randall Pinckney



Bayer has given the MAAGCS a \$1,500 donation.



Sparrows Point will host the Steward's of the Chesapeake this year @ \$150/person - \$600/team with a 128 person sell out number.



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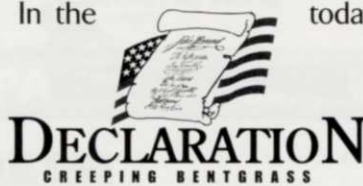
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Mayo Beach Picnic

The picnic was a success. The chance of thunderstorms held off making for a warm and humid afternoon. As usual, it was a great time to see friends, family and peers. The crabs were plentiful and the barbeque delicious. Plenty of familiar faces, talking about our favorite time of year and the thought we're half way through the summer. Only a few more months, they would say. There was plenty for the children to do including swimming, pony rides, moon bounce, playground and the fun of playing in the sand.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the MAAGCS, for all those who helped make the event happen. Theresa was instrumental in coordinating the picnic.

A special thanks to Rick Civita and Tammy, who came early, worked hard all day, and stayed late. Tom Walsh did the grilling. G. L. Cornell provided the pit beef and Bob Clements did a great job of cooking it. Egypt Farms provided the corn. Ben Stagg brought the crabs again this year. Mark Fifer provided the music. Thanks to Quent Baria, Larry and Cindi Cosh, Cheryl Gaultney, Seth Greenwood, Karen Hartman, Gary Lucks and Bonnie, Mark Montgomery and Tom Ritter

Thanks to Cleary Chemical, Finch Services and Turf Equipment & Supply for their monetary support.

Thank you to everyone for your contribution. I hope those who missed out will have the opportunity to attend next year. Hope the rest of the year treats everyone well.

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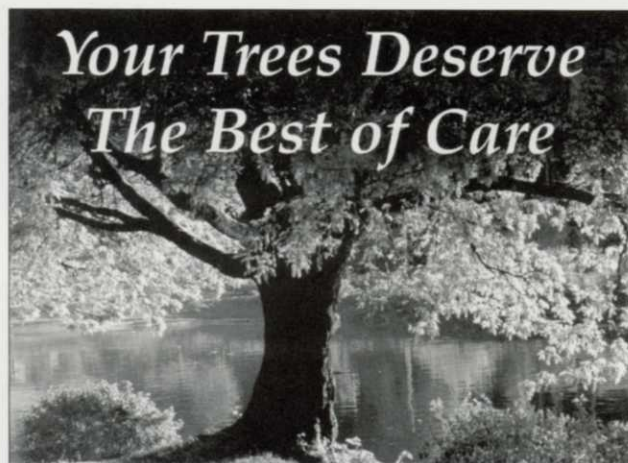
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- Aug 1 Sparrows Point CC (Stewards)
- Sep 20 Worthington Manor GC
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- Oct Suburban Club (Date TBA)
- Nov (Date and Place TBA)
- Dec Annual Meeting (Date TBA)



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