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MAAGCS 1st Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

On June 27 the MAAGCS held its 1st Annual Sporting Clay event at the Prince Georges County Trap and Skeet Range. It was a Blast! Red Hot and Blue served up a delicious, plentiful BBQ and the day was perfect for a shoot. I would like thank Mark Merrick and Syngenta for being our sole sponsor for the event. I would also like to especially thank Rhys Arthur our instructor for the day. Rhys put a lot of hard work into the making of our special day.

After the BBQ, and firearm safety training from Rhys the participants were assigned into groups which were sent to different stations throughout a course in the woods. Each participant would shoot at a total of 50 targets throughout the course of the event. The winner would be decided upon who shot the most out of 50 targets. We competed in a Lewis Class format, and the field of competitors were broken down into 2 flights. The overall winner with an incredible 45/50 was Pete Maybach. The rest of the winners were as follows:

1st Flight

1st place: Pete Maybach
2nd place: Jeff Michel
3rd place: Rob Larsen

2nd Flight

1st place: Mike Hutchinson
2nd place: Brandon Fouche
3rd place: Bill Springirth



After the event, several awards and prizes were given out. It was really a fun day of friendship and sportsmanship. Please join us next June for the 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Event.

Thank You

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MAAGCS Vice President

Water Quality Data From Golf Courses Needed

The Environmental Institute for Golf is funding a research project that will benefit us all, "A Critical Review of Water Quality Impacts by Golf Courses: Update and Trends." The USGA is cosponsoring this effort, which is a continuation of a previous national assessment published in Golf Course Management (November, 1997) and the Journal of Environmental Quality.

This project is intended to acquire as much data as possible from golf courses that are conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects. The intent of the study, conducted by Environmental & Turf Services, Inc., Wheaton, MD, with Dr. Stuart Cohen as principal investigator, is to publish a critical review of the quality of surface and ground water as affected by golf courses. Such data are very important to accurately assess the ecological implications of land use planning regarding the construction and maintenance of golf course facilities. This information can also have implications for pesticide registration decisions. Most important, the results of this study will give important feedback to superintendents who not only manage their courses, but who live in the environment. Target analytes are pesticides, pesticide metabolites, nitrate, and phosphorus.

We need your help. If your golf course is conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects or have in the past and you are willing to share the data, please contact Juleen Lam at:

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We would like to have the water quality data as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2006. Data from individual golf courses will be held in confidence. Only aggregate data will be presented. Our goal is to ensure that golf courses contribute to a healthy environment. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

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