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Superintendent / Golf Professional Tournament

Beechtree Golf Course
Bill Augustin, Golf Chairman

Thanks to everyone that made the trip to Aberdeen to play in the Superintendent/ Pro Tournament at Beechtree Golf Course. A Special Thanks to Bryan Schiller GCS and his staff for providing a challenging and well conditioned golf course. Thanks to PGA Professional Michael Gebhard and his staff for making sure everything ran smoothly. Thanks to Russ Davis, GM, for a great event.

Superintendent/Pro

Net 1ST Richard Maranto/Darayl Wellman (South River Golf) 62	Gross 1ST Scott Wagner/Alex Lively (Leisure World) 68
2ND John Denholm/Erick Brock (Sparrows Point) 62	2ND Mike Evans/David Long (CC at Woodmore) 69
Mike Barrett/Mark Barillo (Argyle CC) 63	3RD Mark Kingora/Jim Folks (Bethesda CC) 70

Open Division

1ST Gross Jim Cervone/Tom Clark (Ault, Clark & Associates) 73	1ST Net Mike Peny/Dan Haberer (Angler Environmental) 64
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Also, thanks to the personal donations of Mike Barillo, Tom Clark, Bill Cullun, Michael Peny, Don Vandoozen

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next event!

Superintendent / Assistant Tournament

Indian Spring Country Club
Bill Augustin, Golf Director

It was a great day and a great time at Indian Spring Country Club for the Assistant Superintendent Tournament. I would like to thank Rhys Arthurs, CGCS, and all the staff at Indian Spring Country Club for making it a memorable day.

Assistant Superintendent Tournament

Net 1ST Brett Post/Jeff Rice (Cross Creek CC) 64	Gross 1ST Kevin Flanner/Scott Wagner (Leisure World of MD) 76
2ND Scott Wunder/Jake Hartenstein (Piney Branch CC) 65	2ND Steve Cohoon/James Symons (Heritage Hunt Golf & CC) 77

Open Division

1ST Net Jimmy Rodgers/Greg Hofstetter 58	1ST Gross Joe Herkalo/Jefre Tshudi 73
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President's Message

Tom Ritter, CGCS

I want to thank the hosts for our April and May chapter meetings. Rhys Arthur, CGCS hosted the Superintendent/Assistant at Indian Spring CC and Russ Davis and Bryan Schiller were our hosts for the Superintendent/Pro at Beechtree GC. Both were first class events that featured well-conditioned golf courses along with fabulous weather conditions. Thanks also to Golf Chairman Bill Augustin and Executive Secretary Theresa Baria for their efforts in coordinating both events

The MAAGCS will not hold another regular chapter/golf meeting until the Stewards of the Chesapeake in late September followed by the Annual Championship in late October. We are still in need of venues to host both of these events. I will be on the phone again later this week searching for host Superintendents. Of course, anyone that would like to volunteer would be very much appreciated. Please contact any Board member or myself if you are interested.

In the interim, MAAGCS will be conducting 2 non-golf fun events this summer. The first will be a sporting clay tournament at Prince George's Trap & Skeet Center on June 27th. The other will be the annual picnic to be held in mid-July in conjunction with the Turfgrass Field Day at the University of Maryland's Turf Research Center.

No one can predict what weather patterns will plaque the golf industry this summer but if the recent trend is any indication, it will be unique in some form or another. So, during the stressful period that is just around the corner, consider calling or emailing your fellow MAAGCS Superintendent down the road to commiserate. Hopefully, just knowing that you are not alone with deteriorating conditions at your golf course will give you some peace of mind. A daily countdown of the number of days until the average first frost (mid-October) may also provide you with some optimism. I wish everyone the best for the summer of 2006 and I look forward to seeing you at our summer events!



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Turfgrass Matters

Quent Baria, CGCS - Editor

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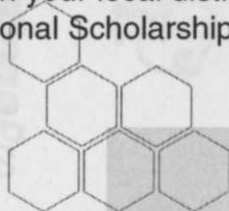
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This Isn't Your Father's EPA Quent Baria, CGCS

May 1, 2006 offered a unique opportunity for area superintendents. Brian Steinwand, an ombudsman in the Office of Pesticide Programs at the EPA, and Dean Graves CGCS of Chevy Chase Club worked diligently to bring their respective groups closer during a meeting held at the University of Maryland. This marks the third meeting of these groups that gives noteworthy input into the Environmental Protection Agency's registration process.

The EPA was represented by a host of risk assessors, registration specialists, biological control specialists, and toxicologists. There were nearly forty representatives from the governmental body. The golf course superintendents were represented by Dr. Peter Dernoeden of the University of MD, as well as Carrie Riordan and Greg Lyman from the GCSAA's environmental institute for golf and Joellen Zoe from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Dean Graves CGCS, Rich Sweeney CGCS, and Quent Baria, CGCS represented the MAAGCS.

The program started with a tour of the University of Maryland Turfgrass research facility with a welcome from Dr. Dernoeden and an informative talk on practical benefits and most common areas of pesticide usage in the turf industry. An open forum was enjoyed, and interaction between regulators and end users ensued with surprising candor. After lunch a more formal program gave representatives from the Environmental Institute for Golf and the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary an opportunity to describe the benefits and particulars of their ongoing efforts with environmental stewardship. Then the three superintendents were given time to discuss matters such as the practical benefits of being a registered Audubon Sanctuary property and daily maintenance routines and IPM that help to limit pesticide usage and any negative environmental impacts on golf courses. The GCSAA's proactive stance of disseminating information that demonstrates golf courses as net environmental enhancers has not only been heard but also believed and accepted by the EPA according to their own admission. A brief tour of the University of Maryland golf facility was made available after the education sessions.

What great news from our perspective. Another notable exchange during the proceeding was when Dr. Dernoeden was able to explain to regulators that limiting chlorothalonil usage on courses would actually add to net pesticide usage by virtue of limiting resistance management. And it seemed as if they were not only listening but also willing to continue to maintain open lines of communication with professional end users to make sure regulations make practical sense. As golf course managers, we owe special thanks to Brian Steinwand and Dean Graves CGCS for making the effort to open communications between the GCSAA and EPA on a practical level.

Paul Barefoot

The MAAGCS lost a dear old friend back in April with the death of Paul Barefoot. Paul was the Superintendent at the U.S. Soldiers and Airmans home in Washington, DC for many years and had retired to his boyhood home in Pennsylvania. He was the MAAGCS President in 1974.

Paul taught high school Agriculture in Pennsylvania and he told me a story once about coming down to the Soldiers Home to "buy a cow" or something like that and the transaction ended with an offer for him to move down and manage the property. The Soldiers Home has a commanding hilltop location in northwest Washington with extensive grounds that include the historic summer cottage of President Lincoln and a nine hole golf course. Paul lived on the property also and for many years he was the only GCSAA member listed in our Directory for Washington, DC. Paul and another longtime MAAGCS member Craig Spotswood managed a huge operation, kind of the "Physical Plant" for the home including grounds, building maintenance, pest control, and a rather large greenhouse operation. When Washington hosted the 1967 GCSAA National Conference Paul grew the flowers for a huge floral replica of the old MAAGCS logo with the capital dome. He also organized activities and bus trips for the retirees and I remember him telling me with a wink that trips to Laurel and Pimlico on the 1st and the 15th were always popular.

No one loved the MAAGCS family picnic more than Paul and his wife Jimi. For years Paul cooked ribs that were always the best and he seemingly wore the same apron for 25 years, draught beer in one hand and tongs in the other. Jimi used to play guitar and sing along with the kids and I know parents appreciated the break. Paul was also a pretty fair auctioneer and if any crabs or food were leftover it was auctioned to offset costs. I distinctly remember him getting top dollar for one of Lee Dieter's hats one year.

The MAAGCS had a Past Presidents Dinner in 2004 and it was good to see Paul. He told me he had been managing a Garden Center at WalMart and keeping busy on his property which was just a few miles from the crash site of United Flight 93 on 9-11. He also told me that he had been struggling with prostrate cancer. Looking back now I'm glad the MAAGCS had that get together.

Kenneth Ingram, MG, CGCS

Bullets from the Boardroom

- ❖ All the candidates we supported at the GCSAA annual meeting in Orlando won. Tim O'Neill, Pres., Sean Hoolehan, V.Pres., Ricky Heine Secretary/Treasurer, James Fitzroy, Mark Kuhns and Bob Randquist are directors.
- ❖ MAAGCS received \$1,300 in scholarship money back. BOD decided to give the scholarships to the respective recipients.
- ❖ Lobbyists trying to put an amendment into HB 1203(construction on golf course property and soil sampling) stating; "only golf courses changing from a golf course to residential or commercial" for soil sampling.
- ❖ Quent Baria spoke at the Urban Nutrient Management Workshop on water quality benefits of golf courses and general nutrient management.
- ❖ MAAGCS will give a standard \$400 honorarium to guest speakers.

MAAGCS 1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

Tuesday June 27, 2006
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(Please Thank Mark Merrick with Syngenta for his sponsorship of this event)

News & Notes

New Members

Doug Ballew, TESCO, Class F
 Steve Bonno, Army Navy CC, Class C
 Andy Donelson, TESCO, Class F
 Mark Dupcak, TESCO, Class F
 Brad Leonard, TESCO, Class F
 Brent Matson, TESCO, Class F
 Jeff McMackin, Rock Creek GC, Class B
 Mike Minard, TESCO, Class F
 Kevin Monaco, TESCO, Class F
 Ethan Mullikin, Congressional CC, Class B
 Scott Mumma, TESCO, Class F
 Joseph Paternostro, Fairway Hills GC Class C
 Charles Poole, Garth Tech, LLC, Class F
 Steve Quillin, Woodmont CC Class C
 Michael Shell, Poolesville GC, Class C
 James Williamson, Army Navy CC, Class C

Congratulations

Larry (Finch Services) and Cindy Cosh's daughter Ashley presented them with a grandchild, Xavier, Tuesday May 2, 2006. Xavier weighed in at 6 lb 1 oz.

Get Well

Lee Deiter has been in the hospital with heart complications, but is home doing much better.

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Rich Sweeney, CGCS, Mt. Vernon CC

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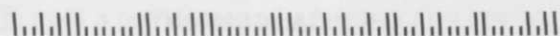
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