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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 plague 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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