

News & Notes

New Members

John T. Boore, III, Class C, Maryland National Golf Club
 Brian Decker, Class C, Burning Tree Club
 Bob Gray, Class F, Envogurad/3 Tier
 Ryan Kraushofer, Class C, The Timbers at Troy
 Steve McDonald, Class F, Turfgrass Disease Solutions, LLC
 Wylie Mitchell, Jr. Class D, Chevy Chase Club
 Dale Stevens, Class F, Oakwood Sod Farm
 Zachary Wignall, Class C, Beechtree Golf Club

Congratulations

Congratulations to MAAGCS Board member Michael Augustin and his wife Laura on the birth of their son. Chase Hamill Augustin arrived Tues Aug 21st at 8:24pm weighing in at 7 lbs 5 oz and 20 inches long. Everyone is happy & healthy!

Get Well

Gerry Hasbargen, former golf course superintendent at Prospect Bay CC and a long-time MAAGCS member recently underwent liver transplant surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. The operation went well and Gerry expected to have a good recovery.

Rhys Arthur's (Sports Aggregates) wife, Christine, had a horse riding accident, and broke several ribs. However, she is recovering well.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dean (Chevy Chase CC) and Margie Graves on the death of Margie's sister, Marian Fourney.

Moving on:

Paul Masimore, CGCS, is leaving Marlton Golf Club as of August 17th to accept the position as Agronomist with a golf course construction company in South Korea. Good Luck Paul.



Jay Nalls presenting MTC with a \$1,000 check that our members donated towards their survey

A TRIBUTE TO A DEDICATED TURF ENTREPRENEUR

On July 16, 2007, a memorial service of some significance was held at the American Legion Post 60 for MAAGCS member, and Past President, Robert C "Bob" Milligan, who passed away on Father's Day. For many of the Mid-Atlantic members, there is no recollection of ever meeting or seeing Bob, but for years he was a sustaining member, and a dedicated attendee, who was a Director, and eventually President of the MAAGCS in 1969.

Bob was proud to wear his Green Blazer that was presented to him on the occasion of his Presidency of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. On one occasion, Bob attended a PGA event in which Arnold Palmer was a contestant, and as he stood along the ropes behind a Tee, Arnie was teeing off, and upon completion, he walked up to Bob and spoke briefly about the Blazer. It was similar to the one worn by Pro's of that day, and Arnie mistook Bob for someone he thought he recognized.

I am pleased to report that the Mid-Atlantic Association was represented by myself and Kevin Smith from Davisson Golf, as well as retired member from Glen Dale GC, Mr. Bernie Heilig at the memorial service. A very well attended and solemn service was provided, including a Military Honor Guard ceremony for Bob, who was a Marine during WWII, bidding a fitting farewell to a very fine gentleman, whom I am very proud to have known as an associate, and customer, over many years. I've never met a more humble, genteel man than Bob, who was so quiet at times, it's hard to imagine that he had so active a life. There are attributes to Bob that I've never known until July 16th, and I've known him for over 40 years; he was never one to boast about his accomplishments, which included his designing and building 3 of his own golf courses in 50 years. Today, I'd describe him as entrepreneurial, as he had a very full life that, among many other things, included his involvement as a golf course owner, manager, architect, and proudly, as a Golf Course Superintendent. Bob has two sons, Tom & Mike, both of whom manage golf courses in Laurel, Maryland and in Frederick, respectively. When I was a younger man in my twenties, Bob was a featured presenter as speaker at a few of our winter conferences; one in which he described his unique experiences as an owner, manager, and superintendent, and the challenges they presented him. Other than on that occasion, Bob never talked to me about any of his accomplishments, which were many, as I'd discovered about him on the occasion of this Memorial. To Bob's surviving family, I extend our condolences; he will be missed by this writer.....Dave Cammarota, Newsom Seed, Inc.

MAAGCS 2007 SCHEDULE

**September 11, Joint Meeting with
 GWGCSA
 Andrews Air Force Base**

**October 15, Annual Championship
 Columbia Country Club**