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SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT GOLF TOURNAMENT APRIL 2, 2007 • THE ELKRIDGE CLUB

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendent's annual Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament was held Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Elkridge Club. The host superintendent was Ralph Meola, who has been at the Elkridge since the spring of 2005. The Assistant Superintendent is Corey Rill.

The winners for the day were:

Closest To The Pin #4: Brad Herle - 8'4" (Genesis Turfgrass)

Closest To The Pin #8: Joe Herkalo - 5'2" (CJH Greens)

Closest To The Pin #13: Steve Evans - 15'9" (Falls Road Public GC)

Closest To The Pin #17: Lance Ernst - 16'1" (Turf Equipment & Supply)

Long Drive #3: Bryan Bupp (Bretton Woods)

Long Drive #12: Scott Wunder (Piney Branch)

Open Net Winners Rob Larsen & Andrew Harrison (63) LESCO

Open Gross Winners Mark Jewell Rocky Gap & Joe Herkalo CJH Greens (79)

Superintendent/Assistant Net Winners Bryan Bupp & Jeff Rhoden, Bretton Woods Recreation (68)

Superintendent/Assistant Gross Winners Tom Walker & Jason Snyder, Anne Arundel Manor (79)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that when we return from the GCSAA National Conference and Show every year, the weather breaks and thus begins the busy cycle of life as a Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendent. With grass greening-up and golfers abounding, we Golf Course managers tend to turn our switch to "on" and don't turn it "off" until late November in most cases.

My first goal as President was to schedule our meeting sites and get the dates out to our members early, so that all of you can put the dates on your calendars. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting sites this year. Please make sure when the meeting sites are posted, that you submit your teams to Theresa without delay because spots will fill-up quickly.

Another goal as President of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents is to try and promote increased member attendance at both golf and educational meetings. It only benefits you and your place of employment to educate yourself on environmental issues that will have an effect on our business over the next few years. Governmental bodies can, and will pass legislation involving our business because we are classified as the "Green Industry". Most, if not all of the golf course Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic States are highly educated professionals who offer technical training to their employees. However, to governmental bodies we are classified along with other turf professionals such as lawn care operations, landscapers, sports field managers, etc. Of all the past environmental problems that have occurred in our region, most have been caused by careless or untrained lawn care technicians; and very few from improper golf course management. We need a stronger voice to inform these governmental bodies about our education, training and adherence to strict environmental protocol. Although we are classified with the "Green Industry" we should not all be governed the same. Please get involved, it is imperative that we be heard.

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2007 MARCH EDUCATION SEMINAR SCOTT WUNDER, EDUCATION DIRECTOR, MAAGCS



For the seventh consecutive year, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents hosted its annual educational seminar. A great day was had by all with a great line-up of speakers and a great turnout from our members. In all, 105 attendees absorbed a strong day of learning and socializing, amongst friends and colleagues. The speakers of the day included Bob Farren, CGCS from Pinehurst, Dr. Dernoeden and Dr. Mathias from the University of Maryland, Dr. James Murphy from Rutgers, Dr. Max Schlossberg from Penn State, Stanley Zontek from the USGA, and Ray Buckwalter from Lebanon Turf. The dialogues included new findings of cultural management practices to evade anthracnose, new insect control programs for 2007, fertilizer programs for Bent/Poa and Penn A4 greens, research snapshots from 2006, common sense management and communication strategies for building and keeping relationships in our industry. I'd like to thank Turf Equipment and Supply Company, our title sponsor for the day. Other sponsors included Fisher and Sons, Finch Services, Summit Hall Turf Farm and Genesis Turfgrass. I would also like to thank our event sponsors which included Egypt Farms, G.L. Cornell, Sygenta, Harrell's Turf Specialty, Davisson Golf and Helena Chemical. Without their support this event would not be possible. Lastly, I would like to thank Theresa Baria and Steve Evans for assisting in making this event one to remember. Best of luck to all in 2007 with hopes of great golf, good health and superior turf.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Last, I'd like to see more Assistant Superintendents get involved. The business is changing and becoming highly competitive – and you are the future. Locally, Superintendent job openings are becoming less frequent, while there are a plethora of good assistant jobs open. The more you can associate and network with others in our profession, the more you'll learn, and improve your chances of excelling.

I would like to thank Syngenta and Nutramax for their dual sponsorship of the reception room in Anaheim. Also, The Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents for their help and partnership in making that night a special occasion for those attended. I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2007 and hope that once a month you can turn your own switch from "on" to "dimmer" and attend a meeting.

Thank you!

Randall S. Pinckney
MAAGCS President

CHAPTER SYMPOSIUM



Thirty-three representatives from 20 affiliated chapters participated in GCSAA's Chapter Leaders/ Executives Symposium, March 20-21 at GCSAA Headquarters. Chapters sent a volunteer leader (often the vice president or secretary) and executive staff to the one-and-a-half day program. It provided an opportunity to strengthen the chapter's leadership team, build on successes, and learn new concepts and ideas to support chapter effectiveness.

Mark Kingora, Bethesda CC, (MAAGCS Vice-President) and Theresa Baria represented our chapter and gained many ideas to better assist MAAGCS. Attached is a picture of this group. Theresa is pictured first from left on the first row and Mark is pictured in the second row, third from right.

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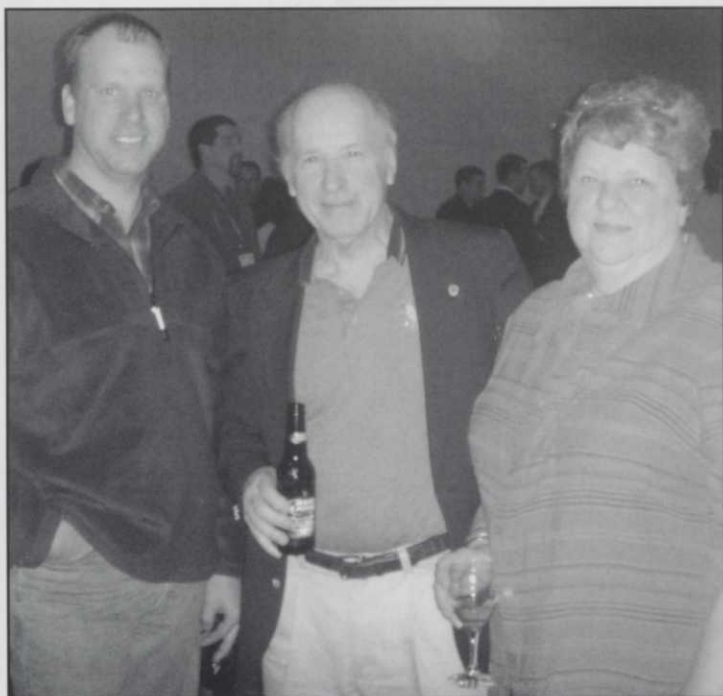
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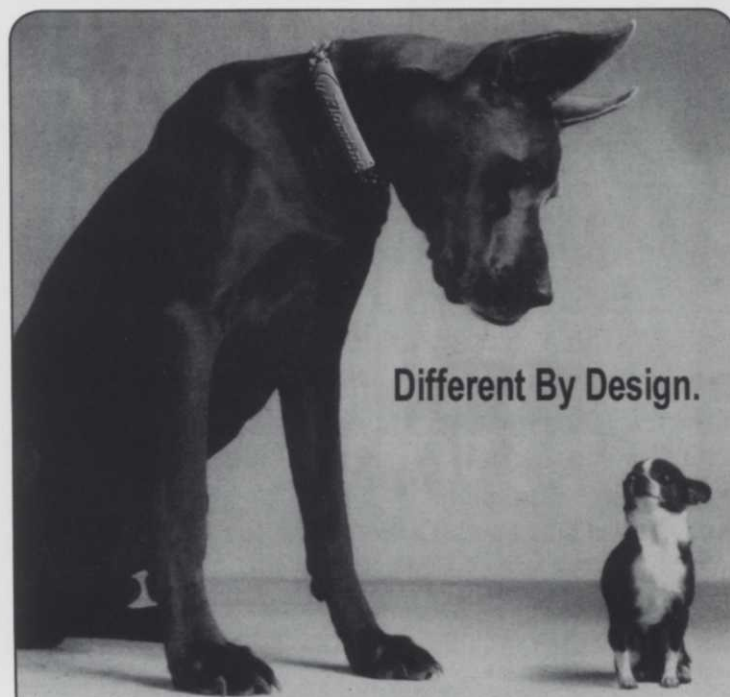
At the 2007 Anaheim Reception, Sam Kessel and family (left) and Paul Masimore, Dave Cammarota and Mike Evans (above).

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We encourage every Superintendent, Greens Keeper, Equipment Manager and Technician to join our association and work towards finding new ways for us to help ourselves. The association is currently free to join and is certainly worth taking the time to check out. So please visit us today at www.igcema.org and help us chart the course for the professional Golf Course Equipment Manager and Technician.



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June 28
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August 6
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 THERESA BARIA**

Bullets from the Board Room

- Board accepts proposal to hire the services of CPA
- MAAGCS Board accepts applications of 9 new members
- Board is investigating locations for two focus groups in "2007"
- MAAGCS President Pinckney welcomes two new Board members
 Mr. Jay Nalls, and Mr. Scott Wunder
- Mr. Jay Nalls becomes new Government Relations Chairman, and
 Mr. Scott Wunder named Education Chairman
- MAAGCS Education Fund is in great shape



NEWS & NOTES

New Members

Steve Newsome (Class A) Montgomery CC
 Charles Mason, (Class A) Swan Point Yacht & CC
 Matthew Harps (Class SM) Walden Golf Club
 Chad Adcock (Class A) TPC at Avenel
 Phillip White (Class A) Crofton Country Club
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Condolences

Byron Lash's (Lowe's Island) mother Betty Lash died February 21st at the age of 83 after a lengthy illness.

Congratulations

Lou and Jeanne Rudinski are the proud Great Grand-Parents of a girl. Their grand-daughter Julia gave birth on February 16th to a 8 pound 4 oz girl. Her name is Lilliana Brina Ureno.

Eddie (Collins Wharf Sod) & Megan Moore are the proud parents of their first child, Jackson Thomas Moore, born January 24, 2007 at 9:16 a.m. Congratulations Eddie, Megan and Jackson.

David and Julie Sines (Bethesda Country Club) are the proud parents of a daughter, Emily Sarah Jane, born April 16th, weighing 6.2 lbs. She was 5 weeks early, however, everyone is doing well, baby's breathing is being monitored and assisted.

Thanks to our Contributors Towards our Environmental Research and Government Issues:

Bill Augustin	John Haley
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At the President's Dinner: Cathy and Ed Walker (left) and Theresa Baria, Missy and Mark Kingora (right).



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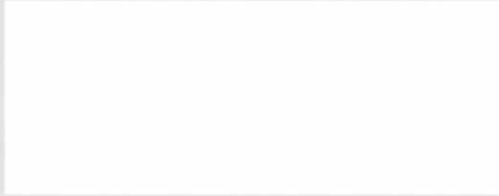
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