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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.

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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