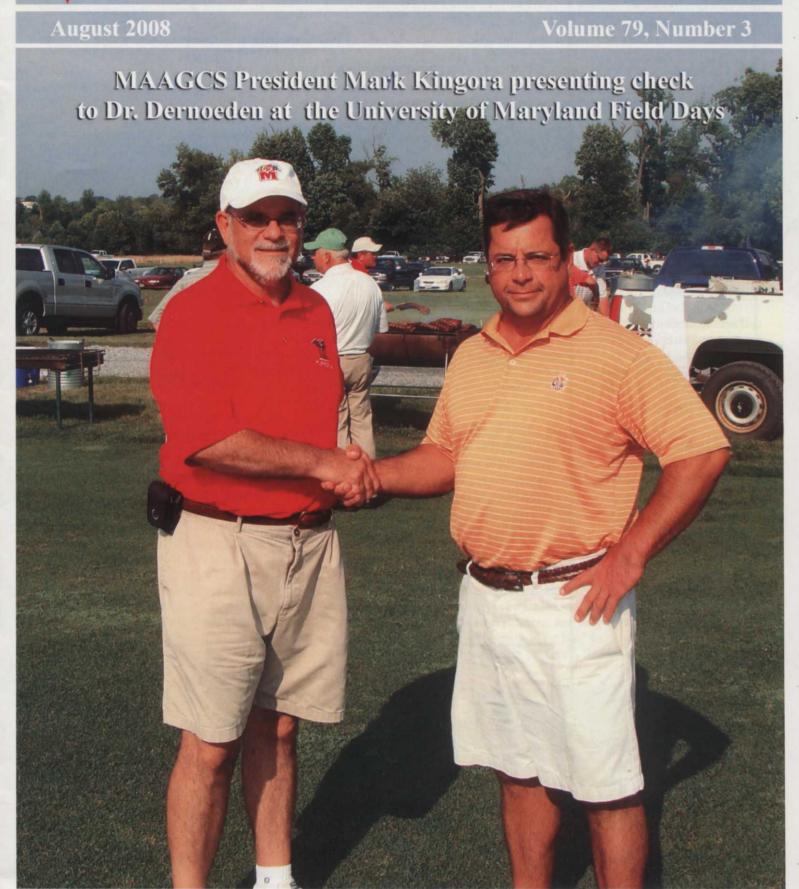


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The attendance at the University Turf Field Day/ MAAGCS Picnic and the Stewards of the Chesapeake tournament at Bretton Woods was outstanding. It was great to see the support of our members at the last two MAAGCS events and if you weren't able to attend either of these events you definitely missed out on some great education, outstanding food, networking and of course golf. I cannot thank Steve Potter, Dr. Dernoden and all of the supporters enough, for the time and effort that they have given for the continued success of the Turf Field Day.

For those of you who missed the Stewards of the Chesapeake, it was definitely your loss. Bretton Woods was the perfect venue for this event and Mr. Bupp and the entire staff showcased their club and the golf course to perfection. To start out, the weather was absolutely perfect, and everything that followed; from the food, to the service and tournament organization was exceptional.

If anyone is now wishing that they would have attended, they will be after they hear that the most impressive part of the day was the outstanding course conditioning. The greens were rolling at least 11 and the bermudagrass fairways were spotless; almost perfection from tee to green. The course renovations, the fairway conversion to bermudagrass and the acres of naturalized areas represent that Bryan and Bretton Woods are "Stewards" of our industry. Thank you Bryan, and thank you Bretton Woods.

As always, these events are made possible by the support of our vendors and company representatives. Thanks to all who contributed to making this event a great success!!!

As a reminder, our upcoming events are the Annual Championship on Monday, October 20th at Country Club of Maryland, Bill Augustin, host superintendent and on Monday, November 3rd, a joint meeting with the Greater Washington Golf Course Superintendent's Association at Robert Trent Jones, host superintendent, Scott Furlong.

MAAGCS President

Mark Kingora

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Save the Date

October 20th, Annual Championship CC of Maryland (80th Anniversary)

November 3rd- Joint Meeting w/ GWGCSA at RTJGC



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UM TURFGRASS RESEARCH FIELD DAY AND MAAGCS PICNIC LINK FOR A SPECIAL DAY

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The 2008 University of Maryland Biennial Turfgrass Research Field Day was held at the UM Paint Branch Turfgrass Research Facility in College Park in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAAGCS) Annual Picnic on July 31. Traditionally, the biennial field day would began with walking tours of research projects in the morning, host a cook-out lunch, and offer workshops or field tours in the afternoon. Hard working turfgrass professionals have been telling us in recent years that it is difficult to get away for an entire day in the summer. Indeed, we have noted stagnation in field day attendance since the late 1990's. It is a sign of today's demanding work schedules and difficult economic times. Therefore, we recognized a need to try something different. Working closely with the MAAGCS and Stephen Potter (Woodholme CC), we decided to team up with a field day - picnic outing. Approximately 200 people attended, including golf course superintendents; lawn care company operators; sod producers; sports turf managers, master gardeners; fertilizer, chemical and seed company representatives and others. The tour of research projects began at 2:00PM and concluded at 5:30PM and the picnic followed. The field day walking tours featured 26 different research projects conducted by the Turfgrass Professors: Mark Carroll, Peter Dernoeden, Kevin Mathias, Paula Shrewsbury and Tom Turner. Among the research projects and topics they discussed included turfgrass variety trials and the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program; herbicide and fungicide trials; various lawn and putting green management studies; and an insect pest control update. Five graduate students summarized their research projects as follows: Thatch Pesticide Sorption Characteristics (Ricky Leshin); Effect of Cultivation on Thatch and Soil Microbial Activity (Yusong Mu); Impact of Rainfall On Fungicide Performance and Effect of Spray Volume and Application Timing on Fungicide Performance (Ray Pigati): Environmental Monitoring of Dollar Spot Epidemics In Six Bentgrass Cultivars (Chris Ryan); and Effect of Common Residential Lawn Practices On Turf Carbon and Nitrogen Cycling (Paul Lilly). Mary Kay Malinoski from the Home and Garden Information Center talked about new Lawn IPM initiatives. Kevin Mathias and Ken Ingram discussed new learning opportunities at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. At the conclusion of the tour, Dr. Cheng-i Wei, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources addressed the group. The Dean had spent the entire three and half hours on the tour and provided complimentary and encouraging words. Never in the history of the UM turf program has a Dean shown this level of interest in our research projects, facilities and stakeholders. We therefore were very grateful for his interest in and support of the field day. Bob Shumate (President of the Maryland Turfgrass Council) announced that the Angie Cammarota Golf Tournament in support of UM Turf Research would be held on September 29, 2008 at the Upland Golf Club in Ridgely, which is near Denton, MD. Mark Kingora (President MAAGCS) concluded the announcements and presented a check in the amount of \$1500.00 in support of turf research activities at Paint Branch.

The picnic was a sensational feast orchestrated by Chef Potter. Steve wanted everyone to feel at home and insisted that he could work with the local turfgrass industry members to make the picnic possible at no cost to the attendees. Nobody wrote a check and members of the commercial sector brought and prepared all of the food and beverages. Steve worked the phones and made it all possible. He devoted many personal hours to organizing the event and even worked a hot grill preparing his famous ribs. Todd Cowling, Doug Fleming and others (Turf Equipment and Supply) supplied the ribs. The roast pork, chicken, beef and Caesar salad were made possible and expertly prepared by Joe Herkalo (CJH Greens); Mike Janzer (Plant Food Company); and Seth Greenwood (Helena). Tom Walsh (UAP) brought the crabs; Bob Clemens and Matt Miller (G.L. Cornell) supplied all of the salads; George Barger (Nutramax Laboratories) provided ice cream; and Karen Hartman (Dupont) supplied the munchies. Mark Merrick (Syngenta), Jack Roxbrough (Fisher and Sons); Mike Hutchinson (Sports Aggregates) and Larry Cosh (Finch Services) provided a variety of beverages. Both Theresa Baria and Steve McCormick coordinated the picnic on behalf of MAAGCS and Vernon Cooper, Cheryl Gaultney and Michelle LoConte coordinated field day announcements on behalf of the Maryland Turfgrass Council. We thank Rick Lanore, who printed the field book. Special recognition is extended to the people that made the research tour possible: Dave Funk (Paint Branch Farm Manager) and Joe DeRico, Matt Kasuleres, and Ray Pigati (Agricultural Technicians). Their efforts are indispensable in ensuring a productive research program. The turf faculty and graduate students appreciate and respect the professional expertise they bring to the UM Paint Branch Turfgrass Research Facility every day.





Sporting Clay Tournament

MAAGCS Held its 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament at the Prince Georges Trap & Skeet Center on Thursday, June 26, 2008. A delicious lunch (sponsored by Baroness) was served by Red, Hot and Blue.

Valent Professional Products sponsored our trophies and they were given to the below winners:

Top Gun Flight: 1st- Brian Ault, Ault Clark & Associates (47 clays) 2nd- Peter Maybach, M&M (39 clays)

3rd-Rob Larsen, Lesco (36 clays)

2nd Flight: 1st-Ted Huhn, BASF (26 clays) 2nd-Wayne Evans, Finch (26 clays) 3rd-Bernie Beaven (25 clays)

A goodie bag consisting of a tee shirt, glasses was sponsored by M & M Consulting and given to every contestant.

Thanks to Cleary Chemical, Bayer, Davisson Golf, Genesis Turfgrass, Harrell's Turf and UAP for sponsorship of the day.

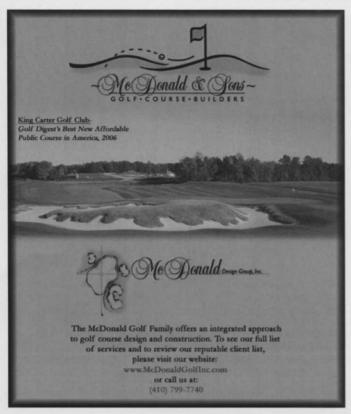
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Mark Kingora and 1st place winner in the top gun flight, Brian Ault







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Selection and Management of Fine Leaf Fescues for Naturalized Areas

Peter Dernoeden, University of Maryland

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Art Gover, Penn State University

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Bullets From the Boardroom

- Dr. Mathias discusses development of online training modules offered by the University of Maryland to aid in teaching employees, professionals and students.
 Courses include golf course construction, golf course management, turfgrass management, and Sports Turf Management.
- MAAGCS President, Mr. Mark Kingora reported that the UMD Field Day and Picnic was very successful and thanked all who contributed their time.
- Mr. Byan McFerren, Vice President, is working on venues for all MAAGCS events in 2009.
- Mr. Jon Lobenstine, Education Chairman, is working on a short education session for the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament. He is also preparing for education events at the MTC Conference and the 2009 MAAGCS March Seminar.
- MAAGCS member survey should be sent out within the next month thanks to Member Services Director, Mr. Steve McCormick.
- Mr. Bryan Bupp, Golf Chairman, reported that Bretton Woods is well prepared for the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament. He is also organizing to send a team from the MAAGCS to play in the MET Cup.
- Mr. Mark Kingora, President, reports that the date has been set for the 80th Anniversary, Annual Championship at Country Club of Maryland to be held on October 20th. He also confirmed the MAAGCS November meeting at RTJ on November 3rd.
- Discussion of extending terms on the Board to two years instead of one was made by all that were present at the August 7th board meeting. Mr. Scott Wunder, Secretary/Treasurer will be pursing the appropriate plan of action for this to take place.



News & Notes

Job Changes

Effective August 7, 2008 SynaTek announces the hiring of Seth Greenwood as their newest member of their Technical Sales Representative Team. Seth will service the Delaware, Eastern Shore and Maryland territories. Seth's responsibilities will include sales / service of new and existing golf accounts with particular focus on fertigation and water quality customers.

New Members

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Matt Pfeiler, Class SM, Chesapeake Hill GC

Scott Reeside, Class A, Caroline Country Club

Michael Spieler, Class SM, Yucatan Country Club



Plans are already underway for the 2009 GCSAA Conference and Golf Industry Show in New Orleans, Feb. 1-7, 2009. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Association, Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association have made plans to strengthen their partnership for the event.

In an effort to facilitate networking opportunities, the three organizations have designated the same host hotel, the Astor Crowne Plaza on Bourbon Street. A joint room block has been reserved, available on a first-come, first-serve basis for members of either association. The block will be managed by Golf Industry Travel at 1.800.442.7220 8:30 am - 5:30 pm EST Monday-Friday. You may make your reservations by calling the Golf Industry Travel and mentioning you are with one of the three organizations. Reservations must be made by November 7, 2008.

In addition, the three organizations are planning a joint social event for the evening of Thursday, February 5, 2009. This event will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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