

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 pursuing 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

Richard P. Gillispie, Class C, Applebrook Golf Club

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.

We look forward to seeing you all there !!!!

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