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The 8th Annual MAAGCS Education Seminar was very well attended. Mr. Scott Wunder, assisted by Mr. Steve Evans, organized another successful educational event, which included local speakers from the University of Maryland as well as speakers from across the country. Thanks to Mr. Steve McDonald,"Turfgrass Disease Solutions", Mr. Keith Happ, "USGA Agronomist", Mid-Atlantic Region, Mr. Herb Stevens, Meteorologist, "Grass Roots Weather", Dr. Peter Dernoeden, "Department of Agronomy", University of Maryland, Dr. Roch Gaussoin,"Professor and Turfgrass Specialist", University of Nebraska, Dr. Kevin Mathias."Lecturer and Advisor" for the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture, Dr. Karl Danneberger, "Professor", Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, The Ohio State University and Mr. Jeff Michel and Mr. Peter Maybach,"Consultants", M & M Consulting, for participating and making this event a success.

I would like to thank Turf Equipment and Supply Company for eight years of partnership in sponsoring this event. Thanks also to Fisher & Son Co., Inc., Finch Services Inc., Genesis Turfgrass Inc., Davisson Golf, Egypt Farms and Helena Chemical Company for sponsoring this event. Your sponsorship makes this event possible and more affordable to our members.

As a reminder, our first golf meeting of the year will be the Superintendent/Pro at Bethesda Country Club on Monday, April 28th.

There will be superintendent/pro net and gross divisions, as well as, an Open flight. The defending champions are from Westwood Country Club, Walter Montross, CGCS, MG and his pro. In conjunction with several of our monthly meetings, Jon Lobenstine, Education Chairman, with the help of Steve Evans, will be organizing some educational speakers and/or round table discussions. If anyone has discussion or educational topics of interest, please call the MAAGCS office with that information.

Thank you and hope to see you at the Superintendent /Pro.

Sincerely,

Mark Kingora MAAGCS President



