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NEWS & NOTES

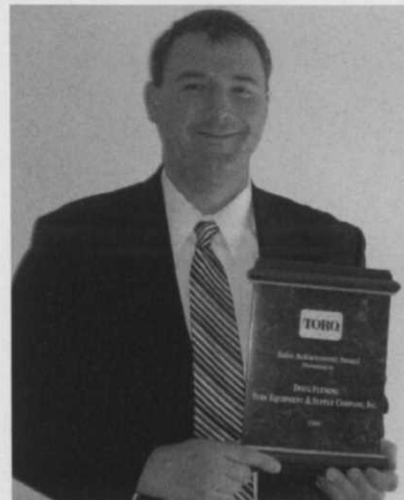
New Members

Ryan Anderson, Class C, Belle Haven CC
 John Calhoun, Class A, Cross Creek GC
 Tim Downey, Class C The Members Club at Four Streams
 Galen Evans, Laytonsville GC Class C
 Tom Fisher, Bretton Bay, Class C
 Chad Hultquist, Class C, Chevy Chase Club
 Joe Kienke, Class C, Lakewood CC
 Charles Main, Student, Bretton Woods Recreation Center
 Eric Monning, Norbeck CC, Class C
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 Spiro Manolas, Belle Haven CC
 Garrett Neville, Dominion Valley CC
 Kurt A. Peterson, Class F, Stadler Nurseries, Laytonsville, MD
 Adam Rice, Dominion Valley CC
 Chris Sirolli, Woodlands/Diamond Ridge GC, Class C
 Kirk Warburton, Class C, Columbia CC
 Douglas Witcraft, Class A, The Timbers at Troy

Congratulations

Brian (Fountain Head CC) and Amanda Gietka. They are the parents of their first child, Chloe Isla Gietka born Saturday night, March 14th. Chloe weighed 6#, 8oz. Both Amanda and Chloe are doing great.

To Raymond Nash, CGCS, Dominion Valley Golf Club, who is a newly certified Golf Course Superintendent.



On February 4, 2009, Doug Fleming was awarded the Green Blazer Award from The Toro Corporation. The Green Blazer Award is a prestigious award given to Toro's finest. Doug was commended for his leadership, customer care and satisfaction, sales and dedication to the industry. He was cited as "an appropriate blend of family, fun and work." Doug nomination packet included letters of recommendation from customers and co-workers, as well as an analysis of his sales performance. We congratulate Doug on this fine accomplishment. (Doug serves on the MAAGCS Board of Directors as their IAC Rep)

MAAGCS held its 4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament Tuesday, March 17, 2008 at the Prince Georges Trap & Skeet Center in Greenbelt MD. Again, this year the host of this event was Mr. Rhys Arthur, CGCS, of Sports Aggregates. Trophies were furnished by Mr. Jeff Michel of M & M Consultants and were furnished to the winners who are listed below:

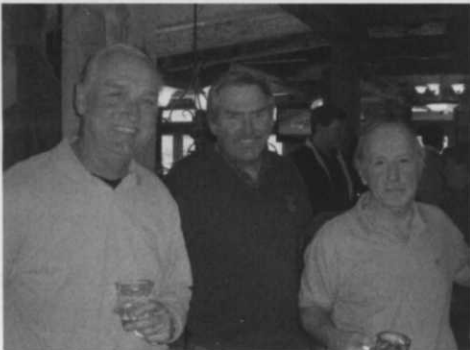
Top Gun Flight Winners:

1st- Ed Walker 49/50
2nd- Rob Larsen 39/50
3rd- Jeff Michel 36/50

2nd Flight Winners:

1st- Robin Dean 27/50
2nd- Seth Greenwood 26/50
3rd- Scott Wunder 25/50

Prior to the shoot, a delicious lunch was provided by Red, Hot and Blue.



A Retirement party was held for Rick Hill on Tuesday March 3rd at the Austin Grill in Centreville, Va. Over 25 MAAGCS and Greater Washington Superintendents attended to pay tribute to Rick Hill's career. Those attending were a "who's-who" of "old-timers" who knew and worked with Rick in the past. You had to have some grey hair to get in the door.

Rick started in the Irrigation business with his dad in 1972 and then joined Aqua-Flo in the early 80's. Aqua-Flo was a Buckner distributor and Rick did many systems and pump house installations in the Mid-Atlantic. Aqua-Flo was later sold to Century Rain-Aide. Rick spent many years working for Century, an irrigation supplier in Chantilly, that later became John Deere Landscapes. In 2002, Rick joined the corporate world of John Deere and ultimately became the manager of Golf Irrigation.

Rick was always known for helping many Superintendents whenever help was needed, and did it for many years.

Rick is now pursuing his lifetime hobby and has opened a Sporting Clay Facility in Harrisonburg, Va called the "Flying Rabbitt". If you are ever going down Route 81, stop in and see him. The number for the Flying Rabbitt is 540-574-2529.

MAAGCS 2009 SCHEDULE

April 28th Joint Meeting MA/GW, Stonewall GC
May Superintendent/Pro May 12th Argyle CC
June 9th Kayaking
June 23rd Joint Meeting MA/GW, Washington Golf
July (tba)
August (tba) Bethesda (Stewards)
September 15th Algonkian Supt/Assistant
October 13, Woodholme CC (Annual Championship)
November 10th Skeet Shoot
December (Annual Meeting and Elections)