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December 2012

2012 MAAGCS Annual Meeting at Argyle CC

Our final issue of 2012 is packed full of info, including details from the eventful Annual Meeting on December 6th held at Argyle Country Club. Over 70 people were in attendance to participate in a great discussion hosted by Jeff Michel and then decide on how our association would be shaped for 2013. Detailed minutes start on page 7.



The MAAGCS Board for 2013 (not pictured Jay Nalls, Teddy Blauvelt)



Sam Kessel, CGCS was honored with his family for 49 years of service



Jon Lobenstine was elected our new President



Six scholarships were awarded to UMD IAA students

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Presidents Report

As another interesting Mid-Atlantic season winds down, I hope you are all able to take some important time with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. I love this time of year, where turf growth and our predominant pest problems come to a halt, and we can change gears to working

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on projects that are as varied as the microclimates that require them throughout our facilities.

I am honored to serve as the MAAGCS President. My experience thus far serving the Board has been extremely rewarding. This Board has contributed very strongly to not only local but national golf industry initiatives, and I look forward to continuing that path!

I want to thank those who

attended and sponsored our annual meeting and elections. It was a great turnout, and the staff at Argyle Country Club did a super job of accommodating (and feeding!) us. I also want to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients and recognize our newly elected Board members Stephen Britton (TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms) and Brandon Collins (Country Club at Woodmore), as well as our new Assistant Liaison to the Board, Steven Walls (TPC Potomac). I look forward to working with them and the rest of our talented Board of Directors as we navigate through another challenging Mid-Atlantic year in 2013! Stephen will be taking over the reigns as Education Director, and Brandon will be our new Golf Director. I know they will both do a great job!

I want to recognize the outstanding efforts of Past President Scott Wunder, who provided tremendous leadership as President and throughout his many years of Board service. Bryan Bupp stepped down as Golf

Director this year, but we look forward to his continued service on the Golf Committee. I think we can all agree that he did an excellent job setting up and running golf meetings for the past 6 years!

Sam Kessel, CGCS, was recognized at the annual meeting after 49 years of great service with an honorary MAAGCS membership, and was surprised during the event by his wife and family, who were there to see him receive it. It was an emotional moment, and I hope every member can endeavor to serve with the distinction Sam has over the years.

As we look ahead, educational opportunities are plentiful as usual this off-season. The Maryland Turfgrass Council holds their annual Conference and trade show on January 7th and 8th. While the Virginia Turf Council event



Jon Lobenstine
MAAGCS President

will be January 28th - 30th. For those fortunate to attend the Golf Industry Show in San Diego, please be sure to join us Wednesday, February 6th at the Holiday Inn on the Bay for the annual MAAGCS-VGCSA-ESAGCS social event. Last but certainly not least, the annual MAAGCS Education Seminar takes place February 19th. Last year's event was our best attended ever, so be sure to register early to reserve your spot! Again, enjoy the off-season, and cherish your time with family as we prepare for another predictably unpredictable year ahead!

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Upcoming Events

January 7th&8th - MTC Conference and Trade Show

January 28th–30th - VTC Conference

February 6th - Joint social reception, San Diego Holiday Inn on the Bay

February 19th—MAAGCS Education Seminar

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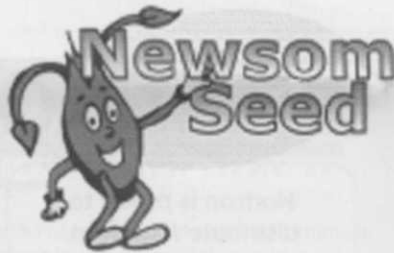
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For year 2013, commercial fertilizer applicators will be required to pass an exam to prove knowledge and competency on fertilizer applications. This exam will be set up along the same lines as the commercial pesticide applicators license, with a pass fail of 70% being proposed now. It will be given in numerous locations around the state starting in October 2013.

Applicators will have a moderate window to complete this exam (approximately 3 to 6 months.) The applicators license will cost \$100, and is renewable every 3 years. The education necessary to renew this license will be tailored to fit in with pesticide recertification, in order to manage costs for continuing education. The license

renews along the same time period as the pesticide applicators license (July 1st through June 30th).

There will also be a fee associated with the commercial fertilizer business license. The company shall pay a \$150 license fee, which is good for 3 years. The company will then renew the license every 3 years for \$150. The company will be responsible for reporting the following:

- How many acres treated with fertilizer
- Who is the certified professional applicator

Vehicles shall have the business license number on them if they are used in transporting and applying fertilizers (not utility carts, this applies more to

lawn / landscape / fertilizer companies).

We are currently in discussion on the Maryland Nutrient Management Law, working with Bevin Buchheister from the Chesapeake Bay Commission, to address the "waters of the state", which is described in the MDE laws to include the 100 year flood and ground water. The challenge is that the MDA Nutrient Management Law has certain definitions set by the MDE, and needs to be handled through the proper channels. The committee who drafted the law is in support of proper fertilizer applications, and the do not want to hinder our ability to apply fertilizers as necessary. We should be able to clear this up during this season's legislative process.

I have also been in touch with Chava McKeel from the GCSAA to begin getting information about how the "ObamaCare" health plan shall affect our industry. She is working on gathering information so we can be proactive in working with our employers to fully understand how our businesses will be affected.

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2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual MAAGCS Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2012

Argyle Country Club

Host: Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer, MAAGCS

Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Scott Wunder, President - calls the MAAGCS Annual Meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Scott thanks all those that support our association and to those that make a great effort to attend our meetings throughout the year. Scott also thanks all the vendors who sponsor the association throughout the year and recognize them each by name. He thanks the current Board of Directors for their continued efforts in running the association.

Item 2 – Presentation of Golf Awards

Bryan Bupp presents the golf awards from the Annual Championship held at Piney Branch Golf and Country Club to the following members:

Affiliate Division:

Harry Fridley Award to Andrew Harrison (John Deere Landscapes) – low gross

Mike Evans Award to Bo Jumbercatta (Landscape Supply) – low net

Superintendent Division:

Walter Montross Award to Doug Hall (Towson Golf and Country Club) – low gross

Rick Wakefield Award to Scott Wunder (Piney Branch Golf and Country Club) – low net

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Item 3 – Reading of 2011 Annual Meeting minutes

Mr. Scott Wunder informs the membership the 2011 meeting minutes have been published in the November newsletter and also emailed to the membership. Mr. Bryan Bupp makes a motion to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes. Mr. Ken Ingram seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the minutes with no objections.

Item 4- Officers' Reports

President: Mr. Scott Wunder reports increasing attendance at meetings has been a focus and the Annual Meeting attendance was over 70 members.

A Strategic Planning Meeting was held earlier this year and facilitated by Steve Randall, Senior Staff Advisor from the GCSAA. A new Mission and Vision Statement have been adopted, they are as follows:

“The Mid-Atlantic GCSA is dedicated to providing value to members through programs and services that enhance our profession” and a new Vision Statement for the MAAGCS:

The Mid-Atlantic GCSA Chapter and Members will be consistently recognized as:

- Supportive of growing the game
- Supportive of turfgrass research and the golf course management profession
- A strong allied golf organization partner
- Leaders in environmental stewardship
- Promoting government relations and advocacy efforts

The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) is asking for our support with Rounds for Research. Golf rounds are donated and then auctioned off to raise money for the EIFG to invest in research. 80% of the money raised from courses in our area will be returned to our local chapter. Mr. Wunder encouraged our members to participate.

Vice President: Mr. Jon Lobenstine reports Maryland Golf Day was cancelled but much preparation was completed. An exhibit booth has been assembled and the MAAGCS can be ready to set up and talk about our industry on short notice.

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Protocols are being developed to determine the most appropriate rates and timings of PoaCure for use on greens versus tees versus fairways; for high versus low populations of existing annual bluegrass; for spring versus autumn timings; and for pre versus postemergence control. PoaCure will be evaluated extensively in an Experimental Use Permit (EUP) program on golf courses throughout the United States. About eight golf courses in Maryland will participate. Initially, applications were made in autumn 2012 and will be made again in spring 2013 as part of a demonstration program; however, the EUP will be in place during autumn 2013, spring and autumn 2014 and spring 2015. Full registration is anticipated in late 2015.

PoaCure has been under investigation at the University of Maryland since 2011. The focus was on spring applications to greens

height creeping bentgrass with annual bluegrass plants evenly distributed in coring holes. Individual plant populations ranged in size from about 0.5 to 1.5" in diameter. That is, there were no dominant or large patches of annual bluegrass in the study site. The objective of the study was to compare PoaCure and Exonerate™ (i.e., amicarbazone) for their ability to control annual bluegrass postemergence in golf green height creeping bentgrass. Herbicides were applied to the same plots in 2011 and 2012 as described below.

Procedure. This field study was conducted at the University of Maryland Paint Branch Turfgrass Research Facility in College Park. Turf was a mature stand of 'Providence' creeping bentgrass grown on a sand-based rootzone with a pH of 6.5. Turf was mowed five times weekly to a height of 0.150 inches using a triplex mower.

PoaCure was assessed at 0.45 and 0.90 lb ai/A and Exonerate at 0.09 and 0.18 lb ai/A. Two application timings were assessed. The 11 April 2011 and 21 March 2012 applications were timed to coincide with full (i.e., 100%) spring green-up of the creeping bentgrass (i.e., after having been mowed a few times and all winter dormant tissue removed) followed in three weeks by a second application. The second application timing (i.e., + 3 weeks of green-up) was initiated on 2 May 2011 and 11 April 2012 or three weeks after full green-up and a sequential was applied three weeks later. Hence, all treatments were applied twice on a 21 day interval in two timings. The rate of Exonerate was reduced from 0.18 lb ai /A in the first timing to 0.09 lb ai /A in the second timing due to phytotoxicity issues in 2011. In 2012, the first application rate of Exonerate was

0.09 lb ai /A and the sequential was 0.045 lb ai /A. Herbicides were applied with a CO₂ pressurized (35 psi) sprayer equipped with an 8004E flat-fan nozzle and calibrated to deliver 1.1 gal water per 1000 ft² (50 GPA). Exonerate treatments were applied with 0.25% v/v of non-ionic surfactant. Percent of plot area covered with annual bluegrass was assessed visually on a linear 0 to 100% scale where 0 = no annual bluegrass, and 100 = entire plot area covered with annual bluegrass. Treatments were replicated four times and data were subjected to statistical analyses.

2011 Results. Although there was significant injury to annual bluegrass by early May, there was no apparent effect of any herbicide treatment on annual bluegrass levels until 23 May in the first timing (i.e., 11 April start date; 42 days after first application). At this time the high rate of PoaCure

had reduced annual bluegrass cover compared to the control. The low rate of PoaCure applied in the first timing reduced annual bluegrass cover slightly, which was not generally significantly different from the untreated control. The high rate of PoaCure applied in the first green-up timing on 11 April and 2 May had reduced annual bluegrass cover to 3% versus 14% annual bluegrass cover in the untreated control by early June. Annual bluegrass populations naturally began to decline with the advent of a prolonged period of extreme heat stress beginning in mid-June. The percent of annual bluegrass control for the high rate of PoaCure in the first timing between 23 May and 29 June 2011 averaged 74%.

Both rates of Exonerate caused substantial and unacceptable injury to the creeping bentgrass from 13 May until data collection ceased on 1 July. The high rate of

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PoaCure applied in the first timing reduced quality slightly and temporarily (i.e., about 12 days in May), which was within the acceptable risk range. No other PoaCure treatments reduced quality in 2011.

2012 Results: The herbicides again were applied sequentially 21 days apart in two timings as previously described. The same herbicides were applied to the same plots treated in 2011. The second Exonerate spray (i.e., three weeks after green-up) rate was reduced to 0.045 lb ai /A since past experience indicated that later applications when air temperatures are rising can increase phytotoxicity potential with this herbicide.

Spring of 2012 was unseasonably warm and thus green-up was unusually early. The "green-up" treatments were initiated on 21 March 2012. Exonerate-treated plots were injured for about one week in May. PoaCure (except 0.45 lb ai/A rate in the first "green-up" timing) injured the creeping bentgrass for one week in early May, which was elicited by the 11 April application. Injury from PoaCure was mostly in the form of a bluish-purple and reddish-brown foliar discoloration and a less dense appearance in the creeping bentgrass. This injury dissipated in 7 days and turf had completely recovered in about 12 days. Injury did persist in the form of a reduction in quality (i.e., an unthrifty appearance) in plots treated with PoaCure at the high rate in the "+ 3 weeks full green" timing. Injury did not recur among other PoaCure treatments following subsequent applications of the herbicide. Regardless of PoaCure treatment or rating date, color and quality of the creeping bentgrass remained above the acceptable risk threshold on all rating dates.

Annual bluegrass cover data collected 23 March 2012 reflected changes in weed cover during the autumn and winter of 2011. Data showed that annual bluegrass populations recovered in the 2011 study area with no differences in weed cover observed among PoaCure treat-

ments (6 to 11 % annual bluegrass cover) compared to the control (12%). There was, however, a trend for lower annual bluegrass cover ratings (6%) in plots treated in 2011 in the first timing (i.e., at spring green-up) with the high rate (i.e., 0.90 lb ai/A) of PoaCure. Re-vegetation of annual bluegrass was due to coring in October 2011 and the mild winter, which would have promoted an extended period of annual bluegrass germination.



The first control rating involving herbicide activity from 2012 treatments was obtained on 4 May (i.e., 33 days after the last application of "green-up" treatments and 22 days since application of the first "+ 3 week after green-up" treatment). All treatments had provided for lower annual bluegrass cover ratings compared to the untreated control at this time. Lowest cover ratings were observed in plots treated with PoaCure applied at 0.90 lb ai/A in the early "green-up" timing. Similar ratings were obtained on 16 May, but there was enough annual bluegrass recovery in Exonerate-treated plots that cover data were now similar to the untreated control. On the final rating date (i.e., 1 June), lowest annual bluegrass cover was observed in plots treated with the high rate of PoaCure (1.2%), regardless of application timing. The low rate of PoaCure also reduced annual bluegrass cover (8-12% cover) compared to the control (26% cover), but control was less in the "+ 3 week" versus the early "green-up" timing.

2011 Summary. Exonerate, at the rates and timings evaluated, was phytotoxic to creeping bentgrass and little or no annual bluegrass control was achieved. It should be noted that June 2011 was marked by a prolonged period of high temperature stress, which may have impacted the performance of Exonerate. PoaCure temporarily reduce quality. PoaCure provided a good level of annual bluegrass control, but only when applied at the high rate in the first timing. The effect of PoaCure was very slow. Affected annual bluegrass plants developed a yellow-green to water-soaked appearance 10 days after the second application. Death of the annual bluegrass was so slow that creeping bentgrass was able to fill voids and there were no bare spots in PoaCure-treated plots at any time. The 74% control of annual bluegrass provided by the high PoaCure rate in the first timing was judged to be very good.

2012 Summary. Exonerate rates were reduced and caused only short-lived discoloration rather than the severe phytotoxicity observed with higher rates in 2011. Exonerate did not significantly reduce annual bluegrass cover. PoaCure caused discoloration and thinning (i.e., reduction in verdure) in creeping bentgrass, particularly in plots treated with the high rate and in the second "+ 3 week" timing. Discoloration (i.e., purplish-reddish-brown foliage and a more open turf) dissipated within a week and creeping bentgrass cover and quality data were equivalent to the untreated control within 7 to 14 days. The high rate of PoaCure in both timings was highly effective (about 95% of the untreated control) in controlling annual bluegrass. As was observed in 2011, death of the annual bluegrass was slow and the creeping bentgrass filled the thinning and dying annual bluegrass areas and no dead spots were evident at any time.

Summary of Key Points:

- ◆ Exonerate had little or no effect in reducing annual bluegrass populations and was phytotoxic to creeping bentgrass at the rates evaluated, especially in 2011.
- ◆ PoaCure provided 74% annual bluegrass control when applied twice at 0.90 lb ai/A on a 21 day interval beginning at spring green-up of the creeping bentgrass in 2011.
- ◆ Annual bluegrass re-colonized all plots during the winter of 2011-2012.
- ◆ PoaCure was applied to the same plots used in 2012 and the high rate (i.e., 0.90 lb ai/A) applied twice in both the "early green-up" and "+ 3 week" timings provided 95% annual bluegrass control.
- ◆ PoaCure slightly reduced bentgrass quality in 2011, but caused objectionable discoloration and loss of verdure in 2012. The injury was short-lived and the bentgrass recovered in 7-14 days.
- ◆ The activity of PoaCure was slow and took about 30 days after the second application to have full effect. The annual bluegrass turned an off-yellow color and faded away while the creeping bentgrass filled voids and no dead spots were observed.
- ◆ Caution should be used with PoaCure where annual bluegrass dominates, which may result in large voids in the absence of sufficient creeping bentgrass populations to spread into dying turf areas.
- ◆ PoaCure is an exciting herbicide, but much more research will be needed to better understand how best to use it safely and effectively, especially for autumn applications to sites with large populations of annual bluegrass.

Annual Meeting Minutes Continued

Jon Lobenstine, Jay Nalls, Ted Blauvelt, Mike Barrett, CGCS, and Dean Graves, CGCS represented the GCSAA for National Golf Day in Washington DC earlier this year. Exhibit tables showing the high tech. Tools we use each day to manage our courses were on display in the Rayburn Foyer to increase awareness of the positive impact the golf industry has on the economy and environment.

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Mike Barrett reports our current membership count is approx. 385. Based on information gathered from the GCSAA, our chapter is doing very well. All 2012 expenses have been paid and taxes have been filed, the MAAGCS is financially healthy. Mr. Barrett also reports that in his role as Secretary/Treasurer, he works with the Board to develop the annual budget and keeps the minutes at our meetings.

Past President: Mr. Bryan McFerren reports in his role as Past President, he attends Board Meetings and is responsible for seeking out candidates who are interested in serving on the Board.

Membership Services: Mr. Mark Jewell reports the Zoomerang survey sent earlier in the year was successful. This year a Couples Cruise Night was created and over 50 couples were in attendance and the Board is looking into creating additional new events in the future.

Government Relations: Mr. Bryan Bupp read a report prepared by Jay Nalls who was not present. Report is included on page 6.

Golf: Mr. Bryan Bupp reports the golf events for 2012 were successful. We will continue to offer the best price possible for golf events and we should be sure to support our sponsors. Mr. Bupp is currently working on securing venues for 2013 and if anyone is interested in hosting an event they should contact him. MAAGCS will continue working on increasing member attendance for golf events in the future.

Names selected for awards this year are as follows: Harry Fridley Award, Wayne Evans Award, Walter Montross Award, Rick Wakefield Award. If anyone would like to make a recommendation to honor an industry legend, please contact the Board.

Education: Mr. Steve Evans makes a report for Ted Blauvelt who was not present.

Attendance for the Spring Education exceeded 140 this year and 1/3 of the attendees received pesticide re-certification. Ted is currently lining up education for the monthly meetings.

In addition to scheduling education, Mr. Blauvelt also oversees the scholarship program and attends Board meetings.

Media & Public Relations/Newsletter: Mr. Chris Harriman reports the newsletter has been totally reformatted. The new format includes interesting articles and research that is very useful to our membership. The newsletter is also available on our website at MAAGCS.org.

Chris will be working on Social Media outlets this year including Facebook and Twitter. Chris plans to implement online registration for events in the future and improve the website.

IAC Representative: Mr. Sam Kessel reports the survey sent to the vendors didn't receive much feedback. The vendors are pleased with the direction of the association.

Item 5 - New Business

Mr. Scott Wunder appoints Mr. Steven Walls (TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms) as the Assistant Superintendent Advisor liaison to the Board of Directors for a one-year term.

Mr. Steven Walls thanks Mr. Wunder and the Board for the opportunity and reports the Assistants Championship held at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms was successful. The day included a very informative round table discussion.

Mr. Steve Evans (Hamshire Greens Golf Course), and Buddy Hipp (Manor Country Club) will serve on the Assistant Advisor Committee.

Item 6 - Presentation of Scholarships

Mr. Scott Wunder and Mr. Jon Lobenstine present scholarships to the following deserving recipients:

Scott Hosier (Woodmont Country Club) Stan Zontek Award (Merit Award) - \$1,000

Brent Waite (Bay Hills Golf Club) - \$500

Brian Knott (Cedar Point Golf Country Club) - \$500

Matthew Park (Congressional Country Club) - \$500

Brian Hogan (Hampshire Greens Golf Course) - \$500

Tyler Brunk (Cattail Creek Country Club) - \$500

Item 7 - GCSAA Business

Mr. Mark Jewell reports he represented the MAAGCS by attending the annual GCSAA Chapter Delegates meeting in Lawrence, Kansas on October 5th-7th.

Mr. Jewell summarized his visit by talking about the major topics of the meeting. A detailed summary is available online at maagcs.org

Item 8 - Annual Board Elections

Election of Officers:

Mr. Bryan McFerren states through progression of the officers, Mr. Jon Lobenstine is nominated for President. Mr. Ken Ingram makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Matt Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Jon Lobenstine is elected as the President.

Mr. McFerren states through progression of the officers, Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS is nominated for Vice President. Mr. Bryan Bupp makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Matt

Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Mike Barrett, CGCS is elected as the Vice President.

Mr. McFerren states the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer is Mr. Ted Blauvelt. Mr. Matt Burton makes a motion to close nominations from the floor. Mr. Mark Jewell seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. Mr. Ted Blauvelt is elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Election of Board Chairs:

Mr. Bryan McFerren, presides over the elections for the Board of Directors:

Mr. Bryan McFerren states that current Directors Mark Jewell and Chris Harriman are up for reelection and Jay Nalls will be serving his second year of a two-year term. Doug Bottamiller (Fairway Hills Golf Course), Stephen Britton, CGCS (TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm), Brandon Collins (Country Club at Woodmore) and Galen Evans (Laytonville Golf Course) are also running so there are 6 candidates that were nominated for 4 seats. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes will be elected to serve a two-year term, and the other candidates elected will serve a one-year term.

After Mr. McFerren offering, there were no further nominations from the floor. Mr. Mark Jewell makes a motion to accept the nominations. Mr. Matt Burton seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. The Association voted for 4 Directors to serve the Board in 2013, Mr. Chris Harriman received the most votes and was selected to serve a two-year term. Mr. Mark Jewell, Mr. Stephen Britton and Mr. Brandon Collins were elected to serve one-year terms.

Bryan Bupp makes a motion to destroy the ballots. Chris Harriman seconds the motion and the membership unanimously approves the motion. The ballots are destroyed.

Election of IAC Officer:

Mr. Sam Kessel announces the names of the candidates for the position of IAC Alternate: Jim McHenry (?), Rob Larson (John Deere Landscapes), Mike Hutchison (Sports Aggregates), Kevin Monaco (Turf Equipment and Supply), Paul Schultheis (Finch Services), and Theodore Huhn (BASF). Kevin Monaco is elected to serve as the IAC Alternate.

The ballots were destroyed following the elections.

Item 9 – Honorary Membership Award

Mr. Scott Wunder presents Sam Kessel with an Honorary MAAGCS Membership in recognition of his 49 years of service to our industry. Mr. Kessel's wife, Sue and children were in attendance for the award.

Item 10 – Closing thoughts

Mr. Scott Wunder Thanks Bryan McFerren for his ten years of service to the MAAGCS Board of Directors and presents him with a plaque. Mr. McFerren thanks the Board of Directors and Mrs. Theresa Baria for all their hard work over the past 10 years.

Mr. Scott Wunder thanks the MAAGCS for allowing him to serve as their President and reviews the goals he set for the association:

1. Strengthen relationships with allied associations in the Golf Industry.
2. Evaluate our meeting schedule to ensure our members are receiving quality education and enjoyable gatherings at a reasonable prices.
3. Improve our communication strategy through social media and technology.

Mr. Wunder asks for a moment of silence to honor Stan Zontek and Harry Fridely.

Mr. Wunder introduces MAAGCS new President, Mr. Jon Lobenstine. Mr. Lobenstine thanks the membership for the opportunity to serve as the President and discusses goals for 2013:

1. Increase member participation at monthly meetings
2. Continue to provide great education and great networking opportunities
3. Work towards sustainability with jr. golf programs, Get Golf Ready and Golf 2.0
4. Support the Environmental Institute for Golf with Rounds for Research
5. Break down negative stereotypes about the golf industry and improve our image to non golfers
6. Improve our social media network to provide quicker response to our membership

Item 11 – Adjournment

Mr. Jon Lobenstine adjourns the meeting at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barrett, CGCS

Secretary/Treasurer

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Dog Spotlight

Jon Lobenstine – Falls Road Golf Course

Poa is the official goose dog of Falls Road GC, and is a company dog purchased by former superintendent Bryan Bupp. Jon has been Poa's human since 2005, and with his responsibilities overseeing the 9 MCG courses as director of agronomy, Poa's expertise extends now to 2500 acres of property.



Well okay, those who know Poa, know he usually prefers to herd the front tires of the utility cart Jon is driving or riding in, but at age 11 now, he is still pretty spunky and has been known to chase a goose or two amidst warding off stink bugs or catching houseflies (touché, Mr. Mayogi) and showing the 3 other dogs at work that he runs the show!

At home, Poa regularly gets put in his place by our cats after he tries to show them who is boss and receives a claw in the nose in retaliation, then whimpers back to them wiggling his butt trying to make friends. Poa is incredibly loyal, (too smart for his own good), and clever, and was recently highlighted in the newest Turfnet dog calendar (December 2012 picture).

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