

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



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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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