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**Christopher Stephen Albert Born Sept 11th, 2014 12:48pm 8lbs 3oz 20.5 inches**

***Congratulations Bob & Kathy Albert***



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Mike Barrett

Fall has arrived and brought with it some much needed rainfall. Overall, this past summer provided some of the nicest weather I can remember as a transition zone Superintendent. At Argyle, our total rounds played never caught up after the long and cool spring, but the beautiful weather was perfect for our members and guests to enjoy the course. Now that fall has officially arrived, my staff is thinning out, the course has healed from aerification, the grass is slowing down and the days are getting noticeably shorter each week. I am looking forward to a great show of color from the trees on and around the course.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to Rounds 4 Research this year, we raised \$1,500 for our association. The Board is currently reviewing several projects that will benefit our members and the golf industry as a whole. If you weren't able to donate this year, the process is very easy and can be completed on line at [rounds4research.com](http://rounds4research.com) by clicking the Donate a Round box.

In order to operate successfully, today's golf facilities need resources in place to fuel innovation, address challenges brought on by Mother Nature and respond to regulatory pressures. The Rounds 4 Research program is addressing the critical shortage of funding for ongoing, university-based agronomic research, education, advocacy programs and course operations. Thanks for your help!

The Board is working hard to continually improve our association and provide top quality information, education, networking opportunities and industry support to our membership. I believe we have done a great job with this, however, we all have full time jobs and many constraints on our time. I am asking for your help to help us improve our association and provide you an opportunity to give back to the association and industry. I am interested in revamping several committees to assist in the following areas:

Education - To provide and promote quality educational programs for the membership. In addition, the committee will recommend research projects and review and suggest scholarship applicants.

Membership Services - To work with the membership Chairperson planning social events throughout the year. These events will include a "Family Picnic" and "Evening Out" for our members.

Golf - To work with the Chairperson to increase attendance at our golf events.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact me at [mikebarrettgcs@verizon.net](mailto:mikebarrettgcs@verizon.net) or Theresa Baria at [maagcs@earthlink.net](mailto:maagcs@earthlink.net).

December is right around the corner and so is the MAAGCS Annual Meeting. This year, the meeting will be held at Argyle Country Club on December 8<sup>th</sup>. My time on the Board has been very rewarding and has given me the opportunity to meet many great contacts. I have gotten to know leaders of the GCSAA including the CEO, Rhett Evans, Government Relations Director, Chava McKeel, Director of Chapter Outreach, Steve Randall and several current and past National Board members. Serving on any board can be a challenge and I understand how busy we all are with our day to day lives and careers, however, if you love the golf industry and want to be a part of it's future success, I am asking for your support. If you are interested in stepping up and giving back to the industry that you have chosen for your career, please contact Jon Lobenstine or Theresa Baria. If you would like to talk about my personal experiences and what I have learned, please give me a call at 240-876-9465.

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Environmental management is a bit of a “buzzword” type phrase in our line of work, and for good reason. Within our inner circles of the golf industry, we realize how responsible we are with nutrient and water management, habitat development, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Best Management Practices (BMPs), and so forth. And while many of our golfing constituents see these practices embraced and employed each time they hit the links, so much may not be true about the perception of the general public and our legislators.

The point is, perception is reality, but perception isn't always aligned with reality. We find ourselves in the middle of an era where words like sustainability, going green, organic, and stewardship are used to describe practices that govern many industries across the board. And while I think many of us embrace our environmental progressiveness, we need to do a better job of communicating it.

That's why GCSAA is seeking your help in gathering data about our water and conservation practices. Collected data will be compared to information gathered in 2006, and used to gain a picture of water and environmental stewardship in the profession. The survey can be completed online and will be available from Oct. 1 - Nov. 17 at <http://www.gcsaa.org/Environment/Environmental-Profile/Golf-Course-Environmental-Profile-Overview>. I want to encourage all golf course superintendents (GCSAA members and non-members) to be champions for this effort. Together, we can use this material for the advocacy and betterment of our profession as we communicate the *good* things happening on our golf courses. And as always, thank you in advance for your commitment!



Chose Rogan

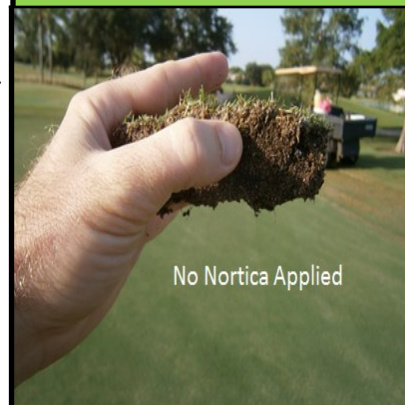
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## Government Relations: Jay Nalls

“Hurry up and wait” is often the tone for Government Relations, and it continues again this year. There are two items on the horizon that will directly impact golf course superintendents that are still up in the air. They are the fertilizer reporting requirements for the Fertilizer Use Act of 2011, and the potential Pesticide Ban in Montgomery County, MD.

In the next month or so we should receive Beta Testing for the reporting part of the Fertilizer Use Act of 2011. This program will require licensed commercial fertilizer applicators and businesses to report their nitrogen and phosphorous applications based on watershed for the calendar year 2014. This will be more of a challenge for landscape companies which tend to stretch out over several watersheds. As soon as the beta testing begins, we will inform you of its progress and any changes that we recommend. When the program is established, we will also send out information to assist you in reporting this data.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> several members of the community went to meet with Councilman Berliner in Montgomery County in a series of ongoing discussions about the potential Pesticide Ban. Councilman Leventhal is supposedly planning to introduce legislation expanding the program to include a ban on private property also, not just County properties. This would stop people from applying pesticides in gardens and lawns, though golf courses may still be considered exempt. There is the strong possibility that clubhouse lawns and gardens would not be exempt, however. The proponents of the bill have asked for a second hearing on this issue to present testimony from medical professionals, though it has not yet been granted. RISE would love the support of any Superintendents living in Montgomery County, MD to speak about the products and methods of pesticide control that we use. Also, if you have customers / members at your facilities who live in Montgomery County, and they do not want the County banning all use of pesticides in their home, please contact me at [jnalls@norbeckcc.com](mailto:jnalls@norbeckcc.com) and I will connect you and them to the RISE action network about this issue only. Currently Seattle City is facing similar legislation. Takoma Park, MD is just the

start of an issue that will become nationwide. With involved community we can show how pesticide use can be used in an environmentally responsible way.

There was good news from the GCSAA about a three year extension for the use of Nemaquire through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017! GCSAA officials and superintendents across the nation asked for an EPA extension for the use of Nemaquire. Nemaquire is crucial for controlling nematodes in turfgrass. This is another example of the EPA and industry working together to phase out potentially harmful chemicals without complete bans on product use.

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- Have you enjoyed your experiences as a MAAGCS member and have ideas on how we can continue to improve the value of our membership?
- Interested in more widely networking with peers and leaders from other industry associations?
- Did you know you can do this with a limited time commitment?
- Annual elections are coming up soon for MAAGCS Board positions. Ask anyone who has served and they'll tell you it's an extremely worthwhile and valuable experience!
- If you would like to expand your reach in the industry and add even more value to your MAAGCS membership, please consider running for a Board position! Please contact Jon Lobenstine (jlobenstine@montgomerycountygolf.com) or Theresa Baria (maagcs@earthlink.net) soon!

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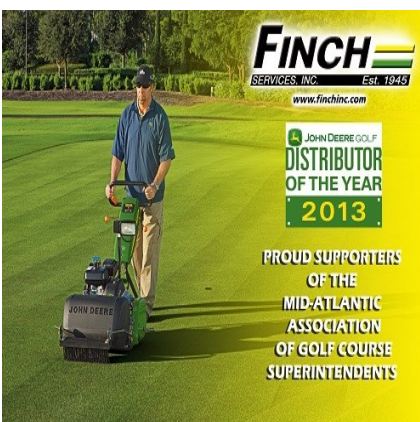
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Bretton Woods Recreation Center was built in 1968 and since then a lot has changed. With new maintenance demands on the course and an outdated design, Bretton Woods was due for an update. McDonald and Sons was brought in to help revive the layout. The basic needs included bunkers that drained properly, re-contouring of table-top flat fairways to move water, and adding some flair to a few lackluster holes. We also gained valuable teeing surface both in size the of tee boxes and in the number of tee boxes per complex. The project was broken up into three phases. Phase one encompassed holes 5-9 and was completed in 2008. This past summer we just completed phase two which included holes 3, 4, and 14-17. Phase three is not scheduled yet, but we hope to complete that in the next year. All of the greens surfaces were undisturbed during construction, thus remaining the same as originally designed.

Phase two was more demanding than phase one due to the amount of earth moving that was required. Two holes, numbers 3 and 15 were almost entirely redone. Both holes were very straight and nearly mirror images of one another. To make each hole more memorable, new angles were created to make doglegs and increase strategy. The original design of these holes posed drainage issues. Each hole was so flat that water would remain in the fairways with nowhere to drain. So, in addition to creating doglegs, contours were added to help water drain correctly. By making the fairways roll up and down, left and right, low areas were built to collect water into drains. Nearly 1.75 miles of drain pipe was installed in phase two. This gives an idea of the overall area under construction and the amount of water that needed to be collected and drained. All the work of this phase resulted in an enormous net gain of soil which was completely removed from the course and used to build a second soccer field on location. The new soccer field required 16,000 cubic yards of soil. All of this soil came from creating new undulation in fairways and from carving out excess soil around green complexes. As worked pro-

gressed, all disturbed ground was sodded as it was completed; 17 acres total. Nevertheless, all of this work was completed in just eight weeks.

Phase three will consist of holes 1, 2, 10-13, 18. We are excited to see this project to completion and gain a course that is consistent both in style and maintenance. Also, holes 1, 10, and 18 are visible from the clubhouse, so as phase three gets underway, more people will get to see the progression of work being done and the time and expertise it takes to complete work on this scale. Phase three will be much smaller in scale than phase two- more similar to phase one- but extensive nonetheless. Bunkers will be reconstructed and tees will be rebuilt in the new rectangular style. The excess soil will again be stripped from around the greens. Far less drainage work and fairway reshaping will have to occur in this phase.

We are very close to having the entire course rebuilt in a new style with an eye toward maintenance as well. It was great to see the work unfold this summer, and if all goes as planned, we will be back at it next summer.



*Above: Hole 14 During Construction*



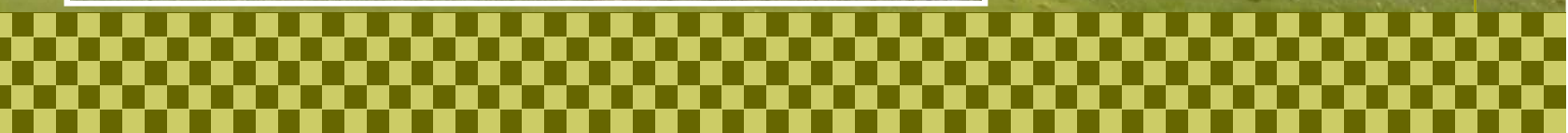


Top Left:  
3 Fairway During Construction

Top Right:  
15 Tee During Construction

Middle Left:  
3 Fairway Complete

Bottom Left:  
17 Complete





## Stewards of the Chesapeake By: Brandon Collins

The MAAGCS annual fundraiser tournament, The Stewards of the Chesapeake, was held this past September at Bretton Woods Recreational Center. Established in 2000 by the MAAGCS, the tournament is the primary source of funding to support local research projects, support environmental efforts, and government relations as they pertain to the golf industry. The tournament has also provided a great opportunity for MAAGCS members to invite their respective club or company officials to participate in the event for the preservation and improvement of both the game of golf and our local environment. Since its inception, over \$100,000 has been raised to benefit the Maryland Association of Green Industries (MAGI), various Universities, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and other groups supporting environmental issues.

MAAGCS would like to extend a special “thank you” to all of the staff at Bretton Woods and recognize Mr. Joe Villegas on the outstanding conditions of the golf course. We would also like to recognize our title sponsors, Helena Chemical and BASF. Without this support, events like these would not be possible.

The four-man shamble event was won by the team of Mr. Bo Jumbercotta of Landscapes Supply, Mr. Dean Graves CGCS of Chevy Chase Club, Mr. Stephen Britton of TPC Potomac, and Mr. Chris Harriman of Cattail Creek Country Club. The closest to the pin contest was won by Bo Jumbercotta and the long drive contest went to Mr. Scott Wunder of Piney Branch Golf and Country Club. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mr. Kevin Monaco of Turf Equipment and Supply, Co, who promptly gave all of the money back to the charity! MAAGCS would like to thank all of the event participants we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.





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From Left to Right: Kevin Monaco, Bo Jumbercotta, Chirs Harriman, Galen Evans, and Ryan Kraushofer



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