

## 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.

