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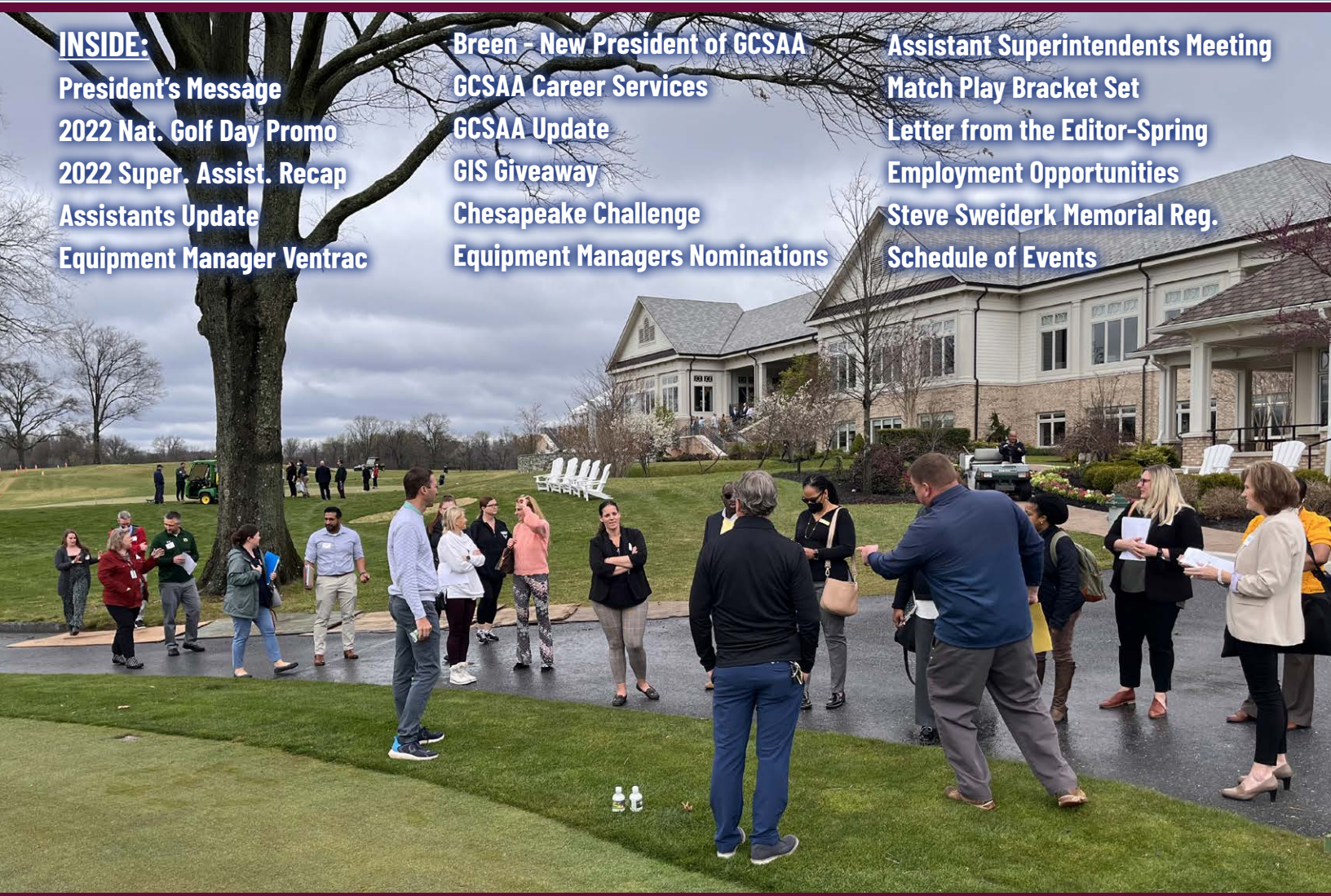
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President's Message - Chris Fernandes

I hope this message finds you doing well and that you are as excited as I am for another great golf season. Even though I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us, one thing that I can't get my head wrapped around is labor. Gone are the days of people walking in the door looking for work. Gone are the days of calling our fellow colleagues saying "do you need any more people I have someone, but we are fully staffed". With minimum wage increases and lack of summer help it has been a struggle. I have heard from several people in our industry, some from other industries and it's been the same story "We need help!" Saying that, I don't have all the answers. But I wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on some great things the MAAGCS board and MAAGCS members have been working to help address this issue.

As everyone knows we have been working on Outreach and Education for some time now in the hopes of making an impact on these labor issues. On April 5th and 6th, the MAAGCS board and MAAGCS members held two events in support of that effort. During these two events we invited Career and Technical Education Teachers and staff from the Baltimore County and Montgomery County Public School System to Baltimore County Club and Woodmont Country Club. There we introduced the guests to all of the great opportunities and career paths the golf industry has to offer their students. It was a "First Green" for educators if you will. We had 5 stations that focused on all aspects of the job. The feedback from the Educators was overwhelmingly positive. They were blown away with our story and couldn't believe the opportunities that are available for the local youth. Some of the comments we received were, "Golf Courses are a one stop shop for us.", "I would never have thought kids could start a career in golf.", "Why are we just finding out about all golf has to offer.", "This is amazing, we have students that would love this.". Me personally, I walked out of each event and couldn't believe how well both days were received. These events would not have happened without a lot of help. I would like to thank Tim Kennelly, Mark Jones and the entire team at B.C.C, Ryan Severidt and the entire Woodmont team for their hospitality. I would like to thank the members that gave up their day to help tell our story and run the stations, Mike Bostian, Jon Lobenstine, Doug Bottamiller, Ralph Meola, Jay Nalls, Shaun O'Conner, Ryan Kraushofer, Eric David, Alejandro Baiocchi, and Chris Sandels. I would also like to thank Tyler Bloom for his help setting up these two events. These events were a huge success and I look forward to participating in more of these in the future.

These two events were a great start in the right direction, but it can't stop there. We need to keep telling our story and educating everyone on everything golf has to offer. The next step is getting more Educators, county school officials and courses involved. Over the next few weeks, we will be updating the "Workforce Development" tab on the MAAGCS Website with a lot of new information. We will have a new "Educators" section with a list of golf courses and contact information the CTE departments can use to find courses near their schools. There will also be more information in the "Resources" tab to help streamline the process for golf courses to sign up with the Maryland Apprenticeship Program. We will have Related Instruction to be used by courses once they have students hired. I'm super excited in the direction we are headed and can't wait to see what happens next.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the vendor that support the association as year-long partners and event sponsors. Your support is instrumental to the success of our association, and we cannot thank you enough!

Christopher Fernandes MAAGCS President #GETGROWING



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Assistants Update – Woodmont Meeting Recap

As we closed out a cold winter season, we had a chance to come together for the first assistants meeting of the year. We had a great turnout at Woodmont where we were able to sit down with Finch and go over their GPS sprayer operating system. It would be impossible to learn all the ins and outs of the system in just a day, but the presentation Reid Mitchell put together was one that gave those in attendance a great base knowledge of what the system is about. Along with that, we were lucky enough to have a perfect day weather wise, which allowed us to get outside and operate the sprayers in the field.

Following Finch's presentation, Joel Weiman, from McDonald and Son's took the time to go over some of the projects they have going on at Woodmont. Seeing the thought process behind the work they have going on and how they turn ideas and plans into real life works of art is something to be appreciated.

To close out the event, the group met at Matchbox for some friendly banter, beer and pizza. It was good to have a large group back together again and we look forward to more events like this as the golf season takes off. Again, thanks the crew at Woodmont for hosting, as well as Reid Mitchel and Joel Weiman for their great presentations. We look forward to providing more education opportunities for assistants superintendents throughout the season.



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Superintendent/Assistant Challenge Recap

Bowlero, Columbia – March 10, 2022

It was another fantastic day at Bowlero, Columbia for the annual Superintendent/Assistant Challenge. This was a two-person team event with two divisions, the Super/Assistant division and the Open division. There was also a prize for the individual that bowled the highest score of the day.

We had 46 bowlers in attendance, our biggest field to date, it came down to the wire with just three pins separating first and second place. In the Superintendent/Assistant Division Tom Tokarski and Dustin Gosnell of Compass Pointe Golf Course bowled a four-game combined score of 657, edging out defending champions Jeff Rice and Blake Bullock of Oak Creek Golf Club who rolled a 654.

In the Open Division Doug Bottamiller of Green Spring Valley Hunt Club & Andrew Harrison of Pocono Turf took home the top prize after bowling a score of 663, outlasting the runner-up team of John Lobenstine and Zachary Hill of Montgomery County Golf who bowled a score of 638.

For the second year in a row, Tom Tokarski bowled the highest score by an individual with an impressive 224. This was 30 pins more than the second highest game bowled by Jeff Rice, also with an impressive score of 194.

As always this was a great day for networking and team building for all that attended. A special thank you goes out to our event sponsors – Synatek, Mitchell Products, Collins Wharf Sod and Syngenta, and year-long partners for their support. We look forward to seeing you next year!



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Centered Doug Bottamiller & Andrew Harrison
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Tom Tokarski
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BREEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GCSAA

Election took place as part of the 2022 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in San Diego

by Angela Hartmann

Kevin P. Breen, the certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, CA, was elected to a one-year term as president of the GCSAA at the annual meeting Feb. 10, held in conjunction with the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show. He is the 86th president in the association's history.

Breen served as vice president of the association in 2021 and has been a member of the association's board of directors since 2015. A 31-year member of GCSAA, Breen is also a past president of both the Sierra Nevada GCSA and the California GCSA.

Breen has served as the superintendent at La Rinconada CC since 2011. Prior to that, he served as the director of maintenance at Lahontan Golf Club in Truckee, Calif., and as the superintendent at Los Alamos (N.M.) Golf Course.

"I thank you for the opportunity I have before me this coming year in leading our organization, GCSAA," Breen said. "I have a full year of endeavors and work ahead of me that I am really looking forward to."

He has bachelor's degrees in horticulture/turf from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and in meteorology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Other elected officers were Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS, director of grounds at Isla Del Sol Yacht and CC in St. Petersburg, FL, as vice president, and Jeff L. White, CGCS and superintendent at Indian Hills CC in Mission Hills, KS; as secretary/treasurer.

Board members Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS, golf course superintendent at White Mountain CC in Pinetop, AZ, and Marc E. Weston, CGCS and superintendent at Indian Hill CC in Newington, CT, were elected to serve again, while Steven J. Hammon, superintendent at Traverse City (MI) CC, was newly elected to the board.

T.A. Barker, CGCS and superintendent at Fore Lakes Golf Course in Taylorsville, UT; and Paul L. Carter, CGCS and superintendent at Bear Trace at Harrison Bay in Harrison, TN, continue their service on the board. Mark F. Jordan, CGCS, natural resources leader at Westfield CC in Westfield Center, OH, will serve as immediate past president, while John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS, grounds and facilities manager at Kalamazoo (MI) CC, retired from board service.

2022 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show highlights

The GCSAA Conference and Trade Show is the largest annual event in the turfgrass management industry. After a virtual event in 2021 due to the pandemic, the GCSAA Conference returned to an in-person event in San Diego. A total of 3,700 seminar seats were filled. In addition to education for superintendents, the event also included specialized education for assistant superintendents, equipment managers, students and more. The GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in-person total attendance was 6,500.

"The first tenant of GCSAA's mission is serving members, and in surveying our members, it was abundantly clear that they desired a return to an in-person event," GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans said. "We knew, based on data from other conventions this year, that our numbers would not be typical because the world isn't typical right now. But, as a member service, we were dedicated to doing what we could to move things forward for the industry and provide the best experience possible. We are very pleased with the high level of engagement from those who joined us.

The trade show covered nearly 114,000 square feet of exhibit space at the San Diego Convention Center and hosted more than 300 exhibitors.

"It was so refreshing to be back amongst the most influential folks in our industry," exhibitor Todd Jenkins, vice president of Better Billy Bunker, said. "Every colleague and attendee I spoke with echoed the same. I appreciate the efforts of GCSAA in planning a great week during uncertain times, and thanks to every GCSAA member who made the trek to San Diego."

The 2023 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show will head to Orlando, Fla., Feb. 4-9, at the Orange County Convention Center.

In other news from the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show:

- A team from Purdue won the annual GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition Virginia Tech sent a team to compete this year.
- Bob Farren, CGCS, and director of golf course and grounds management at Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort, received GCSAA's inaugural Col. John Morley Award during the Opening Session, while country music star, philanthropist, and avid golfer Vince Gill accepted GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award during the Closing Celebration.
- Seth Strickland, GCSAA Class A superintendent at Miami Shores (Fla.) Country Club, is the winner of the 2022 GCSAA National Championship.
- GCSAA membership continues to grow and during the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show membership reached 19,122.



Kevin P. Breen
President of GCSAA



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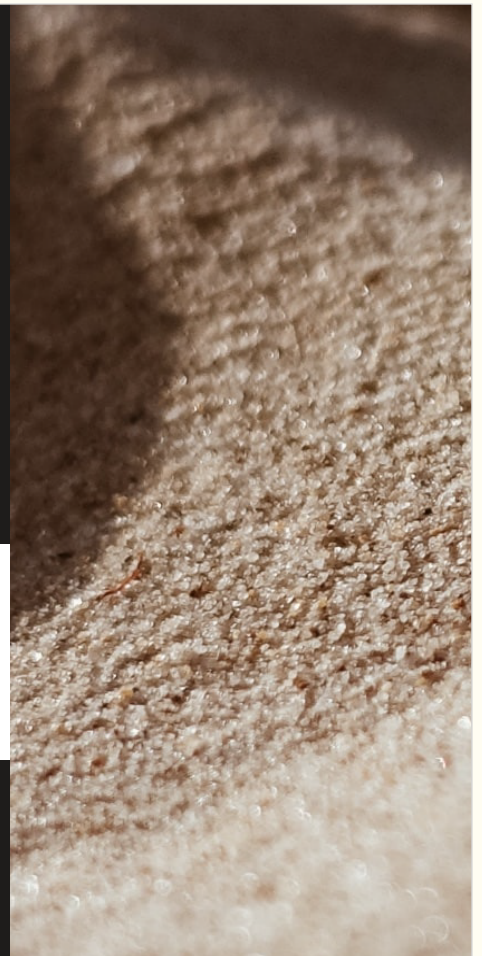
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GCSAA Update

The 2022 Spring season is in full swing. It is great to be back on the road again and seeing our wonderful members. I started the spring season with the MAAGCS at a First Green Field Trip at Westminster National Golf Course hosted by Ryan Kraushofer. First Green is one of my favorite programs from GCSAA. Being able to connect with students through STEM education and golf course management/golf game is a treat. Many of the students are stepping on a golf course for the first time. First Greens are very accessible and a great community outreach opportunity for any course. Through the year, GCSAA will be hosting Train the Trainer programs for the First Green which GCSAA launched at this year's Conference and Trade Show. Train the Trainer is hands on learning by attending a live First Green event. You learn by doing. Dates and locations of Train the Trainer programs will be announced through the year. GCSAA is working to attend some of the east coast educational conferences to provide the program. Please stay tuned.

Facility BMPs are in full swing. Facility BMPs is phase III of the project. Phase II wrapped up in 2020 when all 50 states created their own BMPs. Now each course is working to adapt their states' BMP to their course. The tool kit is completely available online for members. In addition, GCSAA provides information online with webinars and how-to videos online. You will need to log into your profile and then download your state BMP. From there you can update and tailor to your course. MAAGCS hosted a virtual BMP workshop to start the 2022 year. If you were not able to attend do not be afraid to reach out for help. GCSAA Environment Office or I can help you through the BMP Facility adaptation. In addition, GCSAA regularly offers training sessions virtually. Superintendents who complete their Facility BMP will receive service points so please let MAAGCS or myself know when you complete for your points.

GCSAA is continuing the work to update and modernize education and certification programs. Fall 2021, the new and modernized Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) program was announced. The program is more streamlined. CGCS has 4 levels: eligibility, exam, course attesting, and communications and leadership attesting. The [Assistant Superintendent Certificate Series](#) is going strong and the leadership and communication certificate is accepted for the CGCS. Now all programs are connecting and building on each other to help the superintendent. Please check out [GCSAA Certification & Exams](#) for more information about CGCS. GCSAA is excited to announce a new program that will roll out this summer the [Certified Turf Equipment Manager](#) that will build on the Equipment Management Certification Program. Stay tuned for more information.

May 10 -11 is [National Golf Day](#) and will be virtual. May 10 will focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion programming plus training for Lobby Day. May 11 will be Lobby Day. Please put the dates on your calendar. GCSAA has a goal to have all 50 states represented. Please consider taking time to talk to your congressional members on the diverse business of golf.

April 25 - May 1, 2022 is the annual Rounds 4 Research auction. Rounds 4 Research gives back directly to your local chapter and turfgrass research. Please also consider donating a round from your course to help this great event.

Please always feel free to reach out to me about any questions or concerns. I am glad to help or connect you to the right to department to help you. GCSAA is continuing to grow each year and working to make the association better. Get on your calendars now the 2023 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show February 6-9 in Orlando, FL. To help make the Conference and Trade Show even better GCSAA has hired [Ed Sevelas as GCSAA Chief Marketing Officer](#). Look for the Conference and Trade Show to be a more immersive experience that will bring added value to the GCSAA membership.



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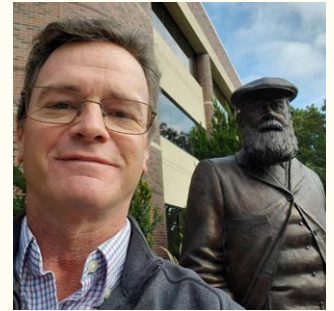
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Letter from the Editor

Greetings and salutations,

Members of MAAGCS it is winter, it is spring, it is winter, well it's something. The one thing you can count on with the weather is that it is unpredictable. Just like the supply chain lately. I have been informed that the irrigation heads I need are unavailable. Bad timing for me since we have a dozen heads that fell victim to frost heave. I had two new cases in stock and pieced together another five from spare parts. Now I have five swing joints capped so I can run water to wash in the pre-emergent herbicide application. Fun times for sure. It would have been simple if they all showed up at once but it started with just two broken heads. I shut the system down replaced them and started the system back up. While the system was filling three more broken heads showed up. So I began isolating holes. I fixed one on the ninth hole then cracked open the valve and a second head broke. They are breaking consistently at the very bottom of threads. I went on to dig up other sprinklers and replaced what I could. I came back to hole nine, after the water drained a little, to cap the swing joint. I pressured the lines up again and was feeling happy that I could finally water the hole. As I circled back a golfer waved me over, where I saw number three on the same hole. I couldn't win. On a Sunday I had enough guys to set up the course for play so I took two of the heads I built from spare parts and installed them on nine. By late morning the wind had kicked up a notch and the temperature was dropping. I had gone through 3 pairs of wet gloves. I cracked the valve open and ran back to the shop to warm up. When I came back out I saw water shooting into the sky, on nine. Perfect I thought, but yelled something more colorful. As I got closer I could see the spray was rotating. I installed the head with the switch turned to "on". A rookie mistake for sure. So I bit the bullet, dove in under the spray and turned it off. This has been the craziest irrigation start up I have ever had. Earlier in the week I had three heads on hole 16 break one at a time as well. More fun than one person should be allowed to have. Let's all hope for a smooth transition into summer and nothing like a snow storm in the middle April happens..... Good luck out there.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

**MAAGCS vs ESAGCS
Chesapeake Challenge**

Queenstown Harbor Golf Course



The Chesapeake Challenge is a Ryder Cup style match between the MAAGCS and ESAGCS. Teams of two players from MAAGCS will play a best ball match against teams of two players from ESAGCS. 1 point will be awarded to the winning team, with 1/2 point being awarded to each team in the event of a tie. The association with the most points after all matches are played will be declared the winners of the Chesapeake Challenge and will be awarded the President's Trophy.

The annual match takes place at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course in Queenstown, MD. ESAGCS are defending champions, looking for their third win in a row!

Get your games together and be on the lookout for registration to open soon!



1st Annual Steve Sweiderk Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, May 16, 2022

The Preserve at Eisenhower Golf Course

Steve Sweiderk lived a life well lived and his passing has been met with great sadness by everyone that knew him. Steve was a loving husband to Kelley and doting father to Ally, Cole and Ryan, friend to all, and among a host of other things the Golf Course Superintendent at The Preserve at Eisenhower Golf Course. Steve would not want anyone to grieve for him, rather he would want to celebrate.

If you knew Steve, you know he loved to work hard and played hard. Steve had a great sense of humor and never took himself too seriously. 2022 has been a tough time for his family and we wish to assist them by hosting a golf outing to help with anything they need in the near- and long-term future.

We ask all of his family, friends, and golf partners to join us on May 16, 2022, at 9 AM at The Preserve at Eisenhower Golf Course for a fun day of golf and comradery the way Steve would have enjoyed a day off, golf with friends and family! Format will be an 18-hole 4-person Scramble including beverages, light breakfast and BBQ lunch after the event. Please respond "YES" to the event to sign up and see the list of donations along with the golf. We are looking forward to spending the day with you all!

Questions? Contact the tournament host at

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MAAGCS / MAATEM - Equipment Manager Spring 2022

The Mid-Atlantic Spring worklist has kept us all on our toes as usual. The Golf Industry Show had an expected decline in attendance which made the trade show floor much easier to navigate and explore the latest equipment features. One of the premier features of several manufacturers is GPS tracking and autonomous capabilities. Lithium powered carts and handheld equipment continue to improve in runtime and reliability- the only hurdle we're still getting over is supply chain shortage. My most notable takeaway from the trade show is how competitive reel grinders are nowadays. Foley and Bernhard have newer models that "meet in the middle" and SIP is gaining popularity at a very quick rate. Sessions and Seminars related to the Equipment Management field focused on robotics, time management, and communication.

Our Tier-IV technology class at Turf Equipment and Supply had an awesome turnout. Stanley Kapulka and Chris Turner discussed diagnostics, common problems, proper maintenance, and most importantly- what we as technicians can do ourselves versus needing to go through the dealer. Tom Lochner from Bulle Rock shared his experience using fuel additives on emissions equipped diesel engines and Chris Turner was able to inform us all how the manufacturers do not recommend using them on engines made after 2013. If anyone would like the course materials please contact Mike Huey, Mark Dupcak, or myself.

We have our next Equipment Manager educational event planned for July 6th. Shaun Blosser from Ventrac is teaching a full spectrum of diagnosis, repair, and maintenance in a classroom and workshop setting. Ventrac has expanded their presence in the turf industry over the last several years, specifically their contour deck for mowing surrounds/rough and we saw fit to provide training on their platform. When equipment is new and under warranty, the management responsibility is relatively easy. As the hours and years accrue, like our Tier-IV engines, we need to know what common failure points to look out for and how to properly diagnose our equipment. Luckily our vendors are extremely supportive and never blink an eye when it comes to providing us with the information that we need to properly maintain equipment. If anyone has ideas for other training always feel free to reach out.

The remainder of the Spring will be exciting with TPC at Avenel Farm hosting the Wells Fargo Championship, Congressional hosting the KPMG PGA Women's Championship, and we're in the process of planning an Equipment Manager's social hour. Looking forward to the coming months!



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SAVE THE DATE! Equipment Manager Ventrac Training Event

Wednesday, July 6th, 2022

We are excited to offer a 6 hour Ventrac training workshop for equipment managers and mechanics. There will be networking, classroom training with Shaun Blosser, lunch and hands-on/workshop training. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

All equipment managers and mechanics are encouraged to attend!

Schedule:

7:45 am

Registration/Networking

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Classroom training with Shaun Blosser

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Lunch

Provided by **TURF EQUIPMENT**

11:45 am - 2:00 pm

Hands on/

Workshop training



Coordinated by

Anthony Lewis,

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Getting to know You

1. Tell us about your current position and career history.

I'm currently the Sales Representative for BASF in the Mid Atlantic, where I cover VA, MD, DE, and most of WV as my territory. I've been in this role for the last 4 year. Prior to joining BASF, I was the Superintendent at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, Virginia where I spent 16 years. I've also worked at courses in OH, SC, NC, TN, and KY.

2. Why did you get involved with the MAAGCS Board of Directors?

I wanted to get involved on the board as a way to give back to the association.

3. Who has influenced the most in your career?

My Dad has been the biggest influence in my career. Although he never worked in the golf business, he introduced me to the game of golf when I was a kid. My first job was at the course where we played golf together. He taught me about the importance of a strong work ethic, being dedicated, and if you're going to do something, do it the right way the first time.

4. Do you have any hobbies or special interests away from golf?

My hobbies include fishing, hiking, and traveling, basically anything outdoors.

5. Tell us a little about your family.

I've been married for 17 years to my wife Angela. My son Andrew is 13 and my Daughter Adalyn is 9. Both kids are very active playing sports all year which keeps us busy.

6. What would you like to see implemented/improved upon in the golf/turf industry?

I would like to see the public perception of golf maintenance improve. I think there's a very small percentage of the public that understands what it takes to maintain a golf course and the positive impact that golf courses have on the environment. I think the MAAGCSA has been one of the leaders to help educate and bring awareness about the industry with the First Tee Program, especially of the career path opportunities available in turf management.

7. If you were not doing your present job, what would you be doing?

I would probably still be a Superintendent; I really love the golf industry and all the great people I've been lucky enough to work with. I can't think of another industry where everyone is so willing to help one another.

8. What is your favorite golf course you have played and if you could play any golf course in the world, what course would you play?

One of my favorite courses I've played would have to be Liberty National in New Jersey. The views of the New York City skyline and Statue of Liberty from the course as you play are amazing. The course that's on the top of my bucket list to play one day is the Old Course at St. Andrews.

9. What is one thing people do not know about Aaron Wells?

I really enjoy coaching youth sports. I hold several coaching certifications in Soccer and Basketball and have been coaching for the last 8 years. Not only is it a great way to spend extra time with my kids but it's fun to see the work that's put in at practice by the kids payoff during the games. There are so many life lessons that can be learned from playing sports.



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Westminster National hosts Carroll County Students for First Green Field Trip!

Once again, Ryan Kraushofer and Westminster National Golf Course hosted a first green event. On Tuesday, April 12th students from William Winchester Elementary School of Carroll County took a field trip to Westminster National GC to participate in STEM education activities geared towards the turf industry, specifically in golf. As always it was a fantastic event with lots of hands-on activities for the students. One fun activity was when the students were given a chance to design what they thought would be a perfect golf hole. Designs were centered around what students learned during the field trip, and they were encouraged to include different features such as water, sand and natural wetlands. Check out the photos!

The first green is an important part of our mission to build the pipeline of the next generation of golf course superintendents, equipment managers, horticulturists, irrigation specialists and other turf professionals. A special thank you goes out to Ryan Kraushofer for hosting, all of the volunteers and Scientific Plant Services for sponsoring the event!



Make Smarter Decisions with USGA Deacon

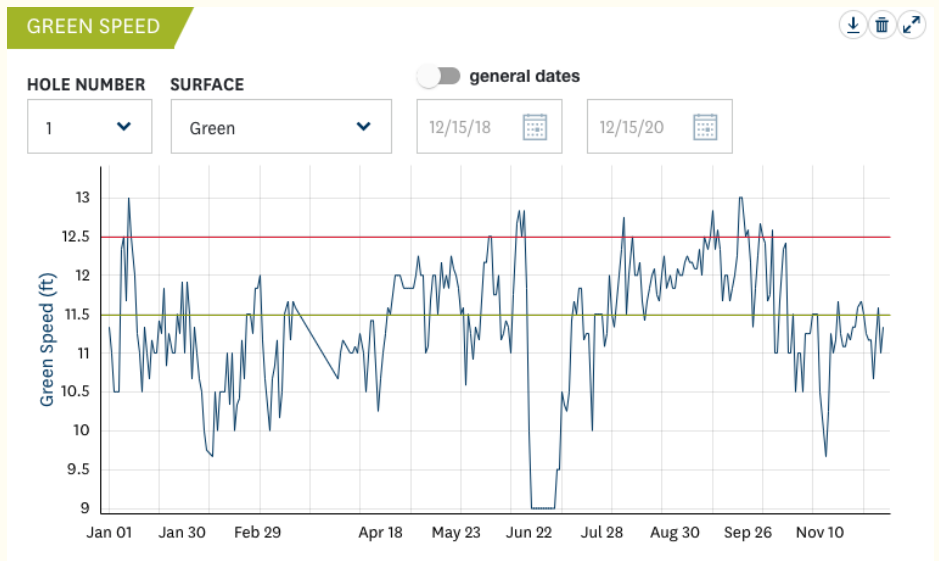
By Elliott Dowling, USGA Senior Agronomist

For more than 100 years, the USGA has been helping golf courses through research, education and the Course Consulting Service. With the introduction of Deacon, superintendents now have a tool for collecting and visualizing data to help them make smarter decisions for improved turf health, better surface performance, and enhanced communication. Deacon has several useful features:

Surface Management: Deacon makes it easy to record and analyze data. By tracking daily putting green characteristics such as green speed, clipping volume, surface firmness, and soil moisture, users can understand the influence of individual cultural practices and weather. The more information you enter, the more confidence you can have in your data-driven decisions.

Hole Location: Plan and track hole locations on a customizable map interface that allows you to see every green so you can set hole locations and generate best-in-class sheets in just minutes. This is the same platform that we have used at our national championships.

GPS Service: Maintenance costs represent one of golf's biggest challenges. With small GPS loggers that accurately track individual golfer movement, Deacon can show golfer traffic through heat maps so users can see exactly where your golfers are going—and more importantly—where they are not going. This visualization allows you to better allocate your resources to the most important areas of your property.



MAAGCS Match Play presented by Syngenta

Bracket Set

1st Round Deadline - March 16, 2022

The time has come to kick off the seventh annual MAAGCS Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta. First round matches were drawn at the recent social event and the bracket is set! Below are links to the match play bracket, competitor contact info and rules sheet to get you started on your matches. The first round deadline is May 16th. Please send your results to Tyler Eastham and Joe Haskins.

IMPORTANT!

- If you have not already done so, please pay your membership dues ASAP. Competitors that have not paid their dues before the first match will automatically forfeit and be eliminated from the competition.
- If you have not already done so, please pay your Match Play entry fee. Competitors that have not paid their entry fee before their first match will automatically forfeit and be eliminated from the competition.

If you have questions regarding your membership status or entry fee payment, please email Tyler Eastham at teastham@gmail.com with any questions or to get squared away.

PICTURES/Social Media

- Please do your best to take pictures of the matches and post to social media. Group photos, action shots, golf course photos, etc. are all encouraged. And please email them to Tyler Eastham at teastham@gmail.com. We would like to document the event in our weekly eLetters and quarterly newsletters.

Good luck! #MAAGCSMP2022

Seventh Annual Match Play Championship - 2022

ROUND 1 April 4th - May 15th 41 days	ROUND 2 May 16th - June 26th 41 days	ROUND 3 June 27th - Aug 7th 48 days	ROUND 4 Aug 8th - Sept 25th 48 days	ROUND 5 Sept 26th - Nov 6th 41 days	ROUND 4 Aug 8th - Sept 25th 48 days	ROUND 3 June 27th - Aug 7th 48 days	ROUND 2 May 16th - June 26th 41 days	ROUND 1 April 4th - May 15th 41 days
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Wunder/Snelsire

Hall/Kazee

Navin/Huey

O'Connor/Danen

Earhart/Trzaskos

Bostian/Fernandes

Riismandel/TBA

Anderes/Neal

E. David/D. Corley

Meola/Harrison

Warburton/Ernst

Esh/Puddester

Haskins/Cowing

Minnich/Moore



McGregor/Britton

Weiman/Guldseth

Randall/Stottlemeyer

Springirth/Gustaitis

Mastrangelo/Dinan

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Cornwell/McNamara

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Wheeler/Larsen

Runner-up
\$500

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\$1,000

Semi-Finalist
\$400

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2022 Education Seminar Recap

The annual Education Seminar was a hit at Turf Valley Resort! Over 120 people were in attendance for a full day packed with education, networking and great food. Our first silent auction was also a hit. Thank to

everyone that donated and bid on prizes, we raised over \$12K!

A special thank you goes out to attendees, speakers, sponsors, donors and

bidders. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year! We will be back at Turf Valley on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Save the Date!



GCSAA Conference & Trade Show Giveaway

Orlando, Florida

MAAGCS is giving away a chance for an MAAGCS Superintendent member to attend the 2023 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, FL, taking place February 4-9, 2023.

All Superintendent members that have paid their 2022 MAAGCS dues will be eligible to win. Each superintendent member will automatically have one (1) ticket in the "pot" for just being a member in 2022.

Participation Reward

Superintendent members can earn up to a total of 5 tickets in the "pot" by attending any of the eligible events. The eligible 2022 events to increase your odds of winning are listed below:

- MAAGCS Education Seminar
- MAAGCS Social Events
- Superintendent/Assistant Challenge
- Participating in the Match Play Championship
- Chesapeake Challenge
- Stewards of the Chesapeake
- The MAAGCS Annual Championship

The Winner will receive \$2,000 to go towards attending the Golf Industry Show

- \$500.00 for Airfare
- \$500.00 for Registration
- \$500.00 for Hotel
- \$500.00 for Education and Per Diem

The Fine Print

- The drawing for the Superintendent winner will be held in November, 2022.
- The winner will be notified that day and will be asked to attend the Annual Meeting to accept their award.
- The winner should be present at the joint reception in Orlando.
- The winner will not receive any fees until MAAGCS has confirmation that registration for GIS 2022 has been completed.

Stipend for GIS is transferable to any Superintendent/Assistant member of the winner's choice.



Nominate your equipment manager today.
Win a trip to the 2023 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in Orlando for you and your equipment manager – and help your local chapter along the way!

The 2022 GCM MOST VALUABLE TECHNICIAN AWARD is designed to honor the best and brightest golf course equipment technicians in the industry. They are the men and women who keep the tools you use up and running.

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Don't wait! The nomination period ends on April 30.

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2022 Education Seminar Recap (cont.)



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Shields Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, May 13, 2022

University of Maryland Golf Course

In its history, the Shields Memorial Golf Tournament has raised over \$200,000 in scholarship endowments for Golf Course, Sports Turf, and Turfgrass Management students at the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA). Proceeds from the tournament have also covered the costs of student travel to various professional meetings and competitions.

Your involvement as a player or sponsor strengthens opportunities for turf students at the University of Maryland while recognizing the contributions of the Shields brothers and their families who have promoted the game of golf in Maryland for over 70 years.

This year's Shields Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the University of Maryland Golf Course. Registration is now open!

Questions?

With questions, contact [Geoff Rinehart](#), IAA Lecturer, and Advisor for Turfgrass and Golf Course Management.



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National Golf Day

May 10-11 - Virtual

American Golf
Industry Coalition

The 2022 National Golf Day Event will be held virtually May 10-11, 2022. National Golf Day celebrates the game's \$84.1 billion economy, nearly \$4 billion annual charitable impact and many environmental and fitness benefits. Registration for National Golf Day is open through April 8.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Community Service Project will not be held in 2022.

LOBBY DAY

On May 11, GCSAA and other golf allied organizations will spend the day meeting with Members of Congress in virtual meetings to discuss golf's 15,000 diverse businesses, 2 million jobs, tax revenue creation and tourism value. Congressional meeting prep will be provided online in advance of NGD on May 10. A registration link to the training will be sent to you in advance.

REGISTRATION

There are two ways to participate in the virtual NGD this year – meetings or no meetings. Learn more and register on the [American Golf Industry Coalition website](#).

For questions or more information, contact [Diana DeWald](#), government affairs administrative coordinator, at 800-472-7878, ext. 3675.

MAAGCS Hosts Educators for Outreach Program #getgrowing

In April, MAAGCS hosted two outreach sessions for Maryland County Public School representatives. A special thank you goes out to Baltimore Country Club and Woodmont Country Club for hosting. Over 60 educators from Baltimore County and Montgomery County attended the workshops. The setup was along the lines of a "First Green for Educators". After introductions and an overview of the schedule for the day, attendees formed small groups and navigated through different stations lead by MAAGCS members. Each station touched on different aspects of the golf industry and how the educators can expose their students to a plethora of opportunities they may have otherwise not been aware of or had access. This includes turf positions, clubhouse management, food services, IT opportunities and much more.

The purpose of these workshops is to build relationships with the state and local school systems with the ultimate goal of providing apprenticeship programs at all golf courses throughout the state. As we move forward with this initiative, we will be providing more resources for our membership to get involved. This is a great step towards building a pipeline of not only turfgrass managers but in all aspects of the golf industry. Be on the lookout for more updates.





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MAAGCS Schedule of Events

April-October

MAAGCS Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta, Various Locations

April 18, 2022: Monday

Assistants Meeting, TPC Potomac, Potomac at Avenal Farm MD

May 31, 2022: Tuesday

Chesapeake Challenge, Queenstown Harbor, Queenstown, MD

June 16, 2022: Thursday

MAAGCS Social, The Pier Oyster Bar, Annapolis, MD
First Round of U.S. Open

July 6, 2022: Wednesday

Equipment Managers Ventrac Education Meeting, TESCO Facility, Jessup, MD

July 25, 2022: Monday

Stewards of the Chesapeake, Country Club of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

September 14, 2022: Wednesday

Assistants Night Out at Nationals Park, Washington DC

October 17, 2022: Monday

Annual Championship, Rolling Road Golf Club, Catonsville, MD

Fall TBA

Assistants Meeting, TBA

Winter TBA

Annual Meeting, Rolling Road Golf Club, Catonsville, MD



MAAGCS Employment Referrals

As a service to members, the MAAGCS provides complimentary posting of jobs to MAAGCS members and Partners.

Please [click here](#) for a complete listing and details of available positions.

Here is a sampling:

[Rehoboth Beach Country Club in Rehoboth Beach, DE Seeks Assistant Superintendent](#)

[Irrigation Services, Inc. in Manassas, VA Seeks Irrigation Project Manager](#)
[The Montgomery County Department of Parks seeks MCPS Athletic Field Inspector](#)

[Turf Equipment and Supply Company seeks Finn Product Specialist](#)
[Turf Equipment and Supply Company seeks Commercial Territory Manager](#)
[Laytonsville Golf Course in Laytonsville, MD seeks 2nd Assistant Superintendent](#)

[Lakeside Park Club in Richmond, VA seeks Superintendent](#)
[Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent](#)
[Growing Solutions, LLC seeks Construction Foreman/Shaper](#)
[Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club in Gainesville, VA seeks 1st Assistant Superintendent](#)

[Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club in Gainesville, VA seeks Golf Course Mechanic](#)

[Hummer Turfgrass Systems in Manheim, PA seeks Turf Manager](#)
[The First Tee of Greater Richmond, VA seeks Senior Director of Agronomy](#)
[Summit Hall Turf Farm in Poolesville, MD seeks Assistant Manager](#)
[Fauquier Springs Country Club near Warrenton, VA seeks Equipment Manager](#)
[Fauquier Springs Country Club near Warrenton, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent](#)
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