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President's Message - Chris Fernandes

Welcome to 2022! I hope everyone had a safe and pleasurable holiday season. First, I would like to thank all the vendors, partners, and members that provided our association with support and resources this past year that has helped our association continue to grow. Thank you.

Most of the board members are now entering their second year in our respective positions. We are ready for another great year and cannot wait to hit the ground running. We have a strong board once again this year that has put in a lot of hard work and time to make 2022 a successful year for our association. I would like to welcome our new board member Luke Simon from the Chevy Chase Club. Luke will be taking over the position as the MAAGCS Assistant Representative. He will be filling this role, as Alejandro Baiocchi has decided to become the Education Director for the association. Thank you to Luke and all the board members for your service.

Now that winter has finally showed up, I hope everyone gets some time to recharge. One thing that I have always appreciated about being a Superintendent in this region, is the offseason. Having the time to reflect on the previous year and looking back at all the things we were able to accomplish. Analyzing all the things that work and the things that did not work, recognizing the staff, all of which will help prepare and plan for the upcoming year. With all that goes on during the season and in the off-season, one thing that is always difficult for me is remembering to take time for myself. Please don't forget to leave time for yourself. I am looking forward to spending time with my family, seeing all the people that I did not get a chance to see, and catching up with friends that are always there for me.

A busy year is in store for the association. We have some great events lined up for this year with solid education. We hope to have the schedule finalized very soon. One highlighted event that is about a month away is our yearly education seminar. This year our education seminar will be held on February 16th at Turf Valley Golf Resort. We have an outstanding line up of speakers and some new items in store for the event. I hope to see everyone there.

Lastly, I wanted to give an update on Outreach and Education/ Workplace Development. As most of you know the board made the decision a few years ago to tackle chapter outreach to grow our workforce pool and highlight the career opportunities that are available in the golf industry. Led by Dean Graves, we hit the ground running and had some awesome momentum. Then March 2020 came and Covid19 is still very much a limiting factor. The majority of our initial relationships were centered around public education, but their priorities shifted towards safety and creating the online lifestyle for today's students. During that time, Dean was still able to create some exciting new opportunities for the board to explore. Dean was a tremendous help in guiding the board through the goals and expectations of this outreach program. Moving forward the board has now decided that it is time to double down and send some more horsepower into this fight. Some new details will be coming soon, and we think our members will be very excited.

I look forward to a great 2022 and I hope to be able to see everyone throughout this upcoming year. Work hard, stay safe and don't forget we are all in this together so don't hesitate to reach out.



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Assistants Update - Staffing Shortage

As we enter 2022 it is a great opportunity to look back at last year to learn and grow from some of the challenges we may have faced as an industry. One challenge I am reminded of everyday is the major shortage of employees in the workforce. The ripple effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still being seen in a great way with clubs all over the country seeing record numbers in terms of rounds played and limited staffing. The drop off in play expected with people going back to work has not been as great as once predicted, this likely due to the fact that more people are playing golf now than ever, which is great for the game, but it creates a unique challenge for us managing golf courses.

Managing crews with limited numbers on golf courses that are seeing increased play is a great challenge. It is taking creativity on the part of us managers to create the same high-level golfing experience with less labor. In many cases this means more triplexing on greens and tees, mowing fairways with less guys, sandproing bunkers instead of handraking (or avoiding them alltogether). Whether or not any of these practices affects the overall golfing experience much is one to be debated, but at many courses it is something that has never been considered due to the luxury of having proper staffing numbers. Whether its clubs with 'unlimited' resources or a municipal course that's always had to get creative when deciding and how to complete everyday tasks, everyone has seen the affects of this labor shortage.

Recruiting new staff can be handled in many different ways. The important thing to remember is to make your posting look as appealing as possible. Don't short yourself when it comes to 'bragging' about the perks your club has to offer. Whether it is a free meal every day, uniforms, PTO, unique scheduling for weekend work, etc. it needs to be made clear in those postings. What does your club do for staff that is unique and attractive for John Doe off the street? Include those details in your job postings to better enhance the view of the job.

Every club has a different standing when it comes to staff numbers. Whether its full time or part time staff, the number one trait of a good employee in this industry for the most part is, do they show up every day and on time. A lot of times assistants are the ones dealing with staff on a regular basis, so it is important to remember the benefits of an employee being consistently available. Although there are often times when a worker can be tough to deal with, try to remember how difficult it can be to replace a body that shows up day in and day out. In the end that is something we look for more than anything. Every team has their horses that depend on when it comes to technical jobs, but people that show up every single day to do the work that no one else wants to do is vital for the success of a team in this industry.

Getting to Know You: Luke Simon

- 1.) Where did you go to school? Purdue University
- 2.) What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Working hard to try and provide a high-quality golfing experience, no matter the environmental conditions. Also, working with a team to achieve that goal.

3.) What do you look forward to most with the MAAGCS this year?

Bringing assistants from all over the Mid-Atlantic together to learn, network, and grow. February 15th we are having a GPS sprayer education, which is the first meeting I have put together, and I think it will be extremely useful to any assistant/AIT/spray technician in the industry.

- 4.) What's the best advice you have received in this profession? There's no one right solution to any problem. Always use the resources/people around you for help
- 5.) Where do you see yourself in the industry in the next 5 years? Working towards/becoming a superintendent.



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Annual Meeting - Rolling Road Golf Club - Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Chris Fernandes, Eric David, Brendan Rapp, Ryan Kruashofer, Joe Haskins, Shaun O'Connor, Andrew Harrison, Vince DiStefano, Chris Sandels, Anthony Lewis

Chris Fernandes called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. 2020 Meeting minutes were made available to the membership via email prior to the meeting. Scott Wunder made motion to approve 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mike Bostian 2nd the motion to approve the minutes. Chris Fernandes and asked for amendments or additions to the agenda. No amendments or additions were suggested.

Chris Fernandes introduced the current board of directors and welcomed new Assistant Representative board member Luke Simon. Chris Fernandes gave a year in review to include events reviews, donations, and obituaries. Chris made a motion to increase the \$2,459, 50/50 donation money collected to \$3,000, all of which will go to the Nathan Chris Baker Foundation. Joe Haskins 2nd the motion, all in favor, "ave".

Eric David gave Government Relations update.

- There are no major bills yet and prefilling will begin in January
- The legislative session will run January-April. Our lobbyist will inform us of any bills of interest pertaining to the industry in a couple of weeks. A ban on glyphosate will possible be introduced again.
- Eric David suggested most bills would be "bigger picture" items and not specifically target at golf.
- Eric noted our efforts testifying against the Chlorpyrifos ban was substantial to delaying the ban and has allowed the time for new chemistries to be developed to potentially replace it.

Joe Haskins presented the golf awards for 2021.

- Annual Championship at US Naval Academy Golf Club, November 1, 2021
 - Superintendent Division
 - Jeff Rice, Low Gross Champion, Rick Wakefield Award
 - Paul Masimore, Low Net, Walter Montross Award
 - Open Division
 - Brett Moore, Low Gross Champion, Mike Eder Award
 - Micah Lippy, Low Net Champion, George Barger Award

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- Champions: David McGregor & Stephen Britton
- 2nd Place: Josh Fuhrman & Tim Riismandel "Whiskey on the Rocks"
- Semifinalists
- Jeff Rice & Kevin Smith
- Ed Gasper & Mark Jewell "Whiskey on the Rocks"

Joe Haskins went over the 2021 Event Schedule

- Education Seminar Wednesday, February 16, 2021 Turf Valley Resort
- GCSAA Golf Industry Show, February 5-10, San Diego, CA
- BMP Workshop January 19th Virtual
- Equipment Managers Meeting with Tesco in February about Tier4 Maintenance, Diagnostics and Repair TBA
- Super/Assistant Challenge Bowling in March, Bowlero in Columbia, MD
- Match Play Presented by Syngenta April October
- Social Hours
- April Frisco's Tap House in Columbia
- June Pier Oyster House in Annapolis
- Assistants Meeting TBA
- National Golf Day TBA
- Chesapeake Challenge Queenstown Harbor, May 31, 2022
- The Stewards of the Chesapeake TBA
- Annual Championship Rolling Road Golf Club, Oct.17th
- Assistants Meeting Fall TBA
- Annual Meeting Fall, Rolling Road Golf Club

Chris Fernandes discussed new business of dues increase. The CPI increase will be in the amount of \$10 for Superintendents and Affiliates. Corporate membership will increase by \$40 and Facility memberships will increase by \$20. Superintendent and Equipment Manager dues will remain the same.

Chris Fernandes presented the scholarship Awards.

Scholarship winners are:

- Member/Child Scholarship Each student to received \$1,000
- Claudia Wendt
 Father Pete Wendt
- Jamie Andres
 Father John Anderes
- Mason Hofmeister Father Dan Hofmeister \$1,000 child & \$1,000 Turf

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- Brandon Kline
- Jarret Maynor Baltimore Country Club
- Josh DePyper Chevy Chase Club
- Kyle Masters Caves Valley Golf Club
- Mason Hofmeister Rattlewood Golf Club \$1,000 child & \$1,000 Turf

Brendan Rapp gave a financial update noting the association is in a sound fiscal position. Through the first eleven months the association is slightly ahead of budget and should finish the year right on budget. Brendan noted 2021 donations to include funds to support the Community Foundation of Carol County, Jerry Ashby Memorial and research donations to UMD Turfgrass Pathology Fund, Dr. Mathias Fund and Virginia Tech Warm Season Winter Study.

Chris Fernandes announced there are no by-laws updates for 2021. Chris Fernandes asked if there was any new business for this portion of the annual meeting. No new business was presented.

Vince DiStefano and GCSAA Mid-Atlantic Field Representative Katrin Wolfe gave the GCSAA report from the Chapter Delegates Meeting. This report included updates on certifications, facility BMPs, First Green, GCSAA Membership App and the conference and trade show.

Election of Officers:

Nomination Committee Chairman (Chris Fernandes)

Chris Fernandes, Brendan Rapp and Chris Sandels have just completed the first year of their two-year term, elected in December 2020. The current members have agreed to fulfil the final year for the following two-year positions:

- Past President Ryan Kraushofer
- President Chris Fernandes
- Vice President/Treasurer Brendan Rapp
- Secretary Chris Fernandes
- Director Vince DiStefano

Chris Fernandes asked if anyone is opposed to this slate of officers? Nobody opposed.

Election of Board Directors:

Election Committee Chairman Chris Fernandes outlined who was running and asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented.

• Eric David, Alejandro Baiocchi, Joe Haskins and Shaun O'Connor have all agreed to serve another year as directors on the board. Ballots were passed out with their names on them, and the winner will serve another two-year term while the others will serve a one-year term. Ballots were collected and tallied. Eric David will serve a two-year term.

- Andrew Harrison gave out ballots for the new IAC rep with the names Aaron Wells, Rob Larsen and Jim Weaver. Ballots and collected and tallied. Aaron Wells will serve as the IAC rep for two years.
- Chris Fernandes asked for a motion to destroy the ballots. Chris Sandels motioned, Joe Haskins 2nd. The Ballots were destroyed.

Ryan Kraushofer announced results from the elections.

- President Chris Fernandes Rolling Road GC
- Past President: Ryan Kraushofer Westminster National GC
- Vice-President/Treasurer: Brendan Rapp University of Maryland Golf Course
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- Director Education: Alejandro Baiocchi Woodmont Country Club
- Media Public Relations/Newsletter: Vince DiStefano Musket Ridge Golf Club
- IAC Rep: Aaron Wells BASF
- Assistant Representative: Luke Simon, Chevy Chase Club

Chris Fernandes thanked the membership, speakers and board of directors for their attendance.

All board members agreed to The Oath to serve as MAAGCS board members.

Adjourn: 2:25 pm

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings and salutations,

I am finishing this article with snow on the ground and ice in trees hoping everyone is safe and warm.

Every winter I use notes and ideas about my irrigation practices and look to incorporate them into how I water the course. I look at my water use history, weather and applications to find winners and losers in my watering practices. A few years ago I made it a priority to use the Temporary Programs in Toro's Lynx central program to create a dry program. To begin with I had one program for the whole course. I put in all the heads I had listed as stations we were running regularly during the day. My only goal was to save the time and inconvenience of watering right ahead of golfers and around the crew.

The temporary program in Lynx allows the user to create programs that are independent of the regular location-based programs or Greens and Tees. This means that assigning stations in a temporary program does not remove that station in the regular program or change its percentages. The first season I used my Dry Program we saw that it worked well in reducing the time watering with radios in the morning. I quickly found that our sand-based tees and native soil fairways were not needing the same water supplement so I broke up the stations into Dry Fairways and Dry Tees.

Watering our programs at night compared to the morning has huge advantages as we know. Watering the hotspots at night does the same. I can water more per station where I need it and there is time for the water to soak in before the crew or golfers get out on the course. On nights that I water just Dry Programs my water window is smaller and my water use is cut to less than half.

Eventually I decided to try taking out all the different percentages that were in the main tee and fairway programs. This is where I really started to make a big difference in the firmness of the course. I set all the stations to default and ran the regular programs according to inches per hour so Lynx can adjust the water times for the different heads I have. My base is 0.15" or ten minutes for the Toro 750s that were originally installed. I run both the dry programs and the

regular programs when it is hot and dry. If an area needs more water I go to the dry program to make changes. If the station is not included I will add it to the temporary program. If the station is there I increase the minutes.

Another great use of the dry program is after it rains and the course begins to dry out. Instead of chasing the dry spots during the day I just fire up the dry programs before the next hot or windy day. Over the years of using this method I have gotten better at running the dry programs before the dry spots show. I do this because I know watering in these limited areas is not going to keep me wet. The sooner the better when you know it's going to get hot again.

This year we missed many of the rain events between the mountains in Myersville. We were dry from May until soaking rains finally broke the dome in August. We enjoyed having control of moisture and got an idea how far I could push the full programs and limit watering to just dry spots. I was out inspecting for moisture around the middle of the summer and found multiple new dry spots in areas that were not in the Dry Programs. I realized that I had found the limit to exclusively running the dry spots daily for a few days at a time. Keep in mind because of how I am scheduling the dry programs there are many stations in there. I have added a dry program for greens and can draw the same conclusions of firmer, less wet conditions. I am sharing this methodology because it has changed how I think about the irrigation I schedule. I have a wider variable of water times for different situations. The course has improved. I am using less water and there is less stress to managing irrigation.

MAAGCS Superintendent/Assistant Challenge – Bowlero, Columbia, MD – Thursday, March 10, 2022 – Save the Date!

The Superintendent Assistant Challenge returns to the lanes! Superintendents are encouraged to team up with assistants for this exciting event filled with fun and competition at Bowlero in Columbia, MD.

There are two divisions: Superintendent/Assistant and Open Division. For the first division, superintendents team up with assistants for a two-man competition. Bowling scores are combined for a total team score. The team with the highest combined scores after play were crowned at the champions.

In the Open Division, any combination of superintendents, vendors, equipment managers, assistants, crew members and retired members may choose to team up to compete. Again, the team with the highest combined scores after play will be crowned the champions of this division.

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MAAGCS / MAATEM -Equipment Manager & Mechanics Meeting

Thursday February 24, 2022

We are excited to partner with TESCO and MAATEM to offer an afternoon networking and education for equipment managers and mechanics. We encourage clubs to send their staff, MAAGCS members or not, to this valuable session.

<u>Click here</u> for event schedule.

All equipment managers and technicians are encouraged to attend! RSVP/Questions to Mike Huey <u>mikehuey@turf-equipment.com</u> or Mark Dupcak <u>markdupcak@turf-equipment.com</u> so that we have an accurate head count for lunch.

Presented by



A Tardy Winter

by Anthony Lewis

Historically speaking our repair and maintenance budget is loaded up in October and November for purchasing winter maintenance items and supplies for large scale projects/repairs. This has given us the ability to appraise the equipment needs during frost delays or from a less intense mowing schedule so that parts can be ordered in advance. Fall 2021 was warmer than usual and led to a delayed leaf blowing season and frequent mowing persisted well into November and even December. We performed minor maintenance while inspecting equipment for Winter rebuilds and continued our sharpening regimen further than ever before.

The temperature is currently 28 degrees, and our staff is sanding course accessories while equipment is finally in the shop for refurbishment, but this begs the question... How should we shape our monthly budgets, plans, and future equipment acquisitions if our growing season continues to lengthen in longevity? I recommend keeping tabs on monthly equipment usage, spending, and the ratio of normal maintenance to equipment repair time from Thanksgiving to the end of the year. This way you can correlate possible increase in revenue from rounds of golf to any overages in the repair and maintenance budget. For example, in mid-November one of our fairway mowers that is slated to be traded in had an electric reel motor fail during operation. This is a costly component and really case in point why we're replacing the higher hour unit- but I had to purchase the part, not forecasted during a winter parts month, so we could use the mower if need be, and have a viable machine for trade-in.

Turf Equipment and Supply Company is hosting a great event alongside MAATEM and MAAGCS that will feature product updates following GIS and Tier 4 equipment maintenance. We selected Tier 4 maintenance as a focus because most of us now have diesel engines over 25 horsepower in our rough or fairway mowers. The practicality of the subject relates to how fault codes in the emissions system need to be diagnosed through a distributor but learning what we, as Equipment Managers, can do on our own to extend component service life, and what really needs to be outsourced will help us navigate the current and future EPA mandates. Turf Equipment and Supply is hosting this event February 24th free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend, MAAGCS member or not. RSVP information is below, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Anthony Lewis, Chevy Chase Club MAAGCS Equipment Manager BOD Representative



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Assistant Superintendent Meeting GPS Sprayer & Golf Course Construction Education - February 23rd

Check in: 11:45 a.m. Reid Mitchell: 12:00-1:30 p.m. Field Education: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Joel Weimann: 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Social Networking: Location TBD 4 p.m.

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Thanks to Finch, there is no cost for the event. This will be a great opportunity to learn about GPS sprayers, their benefits, and the interface used to operate them. We are excited to offer a hands-on experience with the sprayers to give attendees a chance to see John Deere's units in the field. Also, Joel Weimann will be on hand to present an overview of the golf course construction updates his team has been making at Woodmont. After the presentations, there will be chance to network with other area assistant superintendents at a local establishment.

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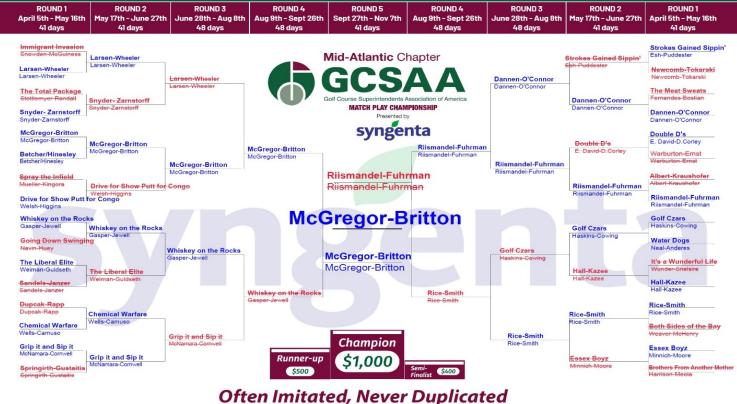
Congratulations goes out to McGregor-Britton for claiming the 6th annual MAAGCS Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta.

We are in our 7th year of the annual Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta and registration will officially open at the Education Seminar on February 16th. This event has become increasingly popular every year and will sell out, so be sure to attend the seminar for a day of top-notch education and so you can register early for the Match Play Championship!

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Sixth Annual Match Play Championship - 2021



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2021 Annual Meeting Recap Rolling Road Golf Club

This year's annual meeting was held at Rolling Road Golf Club and hosted by MAAGCS President Chris Fernandes. Pete Wendt gave a spectacular presentation highlighting all the aspects that went into the recent renovation at Congressional Country Club. With the help of golf course architect Andrew Green, and McDonald & Sons Golf Course Builders, Congressional CC earned the #1 spot in Golf Digest's Best Transformation category in 2021.

Following the presentation was a fantastic lunch and the annual meeting. President Chris Fernandes gave a year-in-review accompanied by a slideshow highlighting all of the events and donations for 2021.

The business portion of the meeting included a Treasury report from Brendan Rapp and scholarships being awarded to turf students and children of members. The board also presented the golf awards for the Match Play Championship and Annual Championship. MAAGCS also welcomed incoming board members Luke Simon of Chevy Chase Club as the assistant representative and Aaron Wells as the new IAC representative. Eric David of US Naval Academy Golf Club was voted in to serve another two-year term.



Rolling Road Golf Club 814 Hilltop Rd Cantonsville, MD



Joe Haskins, Paul Masimore, Chris Fernandes



Pete Wendt presents to the Membership



Joe Haskins, Ed Gasper, Sam Camuso

Government Relations Update Maryland Session 2022 - MAAGCS

The Maryland Session 2022 has officially kicked off. This year a variety of bills that will be heard by the Maryland House and Senate as the session will try to revert to some level of normalcy. As the pandemic continues to complicate everything we do, many of the bills will address the excess funds the state has from federal relief aid. New distract maps will also be drawn this year from the 2020 census that could impact who will be in office in the future.

As far as our industry is concerned there have been no bills filed to date that will have a direct impact. We are currently monitoring any bills that could be introduced by February 4 in the House and February 7 in the Senate. It would be unlikely that nothing is introduced at all this session, so we expect an update at the end of the month, or sooner, if legislation is proposed.

As always, the MAAGCS representation at committee hearings for bills that affect the turf industry is very important. Sometimes it seems as though we don't make progress since there is a never-ending cycle of legislation. However, in the last couple of years our members made a direct impact in opposing the ban on chlorpyrifos. Even though the chemical has now been fully banned in the state of Maryland, we were able to make sure the ban didn't go into effect until we had new chemistries to rely on. We are a valued partner with agricultural through the Mid-Atlantic Green Industry and we work together to accomplish common goals. We are hopeful for a quiet session his year, but we are ready in case we need to make our voices heard.



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GCSAA Social Joint with VGCSA and ESAGCS! Save the Date!



Once again we will be hosting our annual social event joint with VGCSA and ESAGCS during the week of the golf industry show. This is a FREE event, and we encourage you and your guest to attend for a fun night of networking, food & drinks. Registration is not required, just show up!

<u>Bay City Brewing</u> is just a short walk from the Horton Grand Hotel. This cool brewery features locally brewed Pilsners, IPAs, Lagers, Ales and Stouts. Our venue consists of a private rooftop bar that has covered spaces, fire pits, ample seating and views of the San Diego Skyline. You don't want to miss it!

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MAAGCS Schedule of Events

February 5-10, 2022

GCSAA Golf Industry Show, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

February 9, 2022: Wednesday

MAAGCS, VGCSA, ESAGCS Joint Social, Bay City Brewing, San Diego, CA

February 16, 2022: Wednesday

MAAGCS Education Seminar, Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

February 23, 2022: Wednesday

Assistants Meeting at Woodmont CC, Rockville, MD

February 24, 2022: Thursday

MAAGCS/MAATEM Equipment Managers Meeting, TESCO, Jessup, MD

March 10, 2022: Thursday

Superintendent/Assistant Challenge, Bowlero, Columbia, MD First Round of PGA Tour The Players Championship

April-October

MAAGCS Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta, Various Locations

April 7, 2022: Thursday

MAAGCS Social, Frisco's Tap House, Columbia, MD MAAGCS Match Play Draw, First Round of The Masters

April 12, 2022: Tuesday

First Green Event, Westminster National Golf Course, Westminster, MD

May 31, 2022: Tuesday

Upcoming

Events

Chesapeake Challenge, Queenstown Harbor, Queenstown, MD

June 16, 2022: Thursday

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

September 17, 2022: Thursday MAAGCS Social, TBA First Round of The Presidents Cup

September 14, 2022: Wednesday Assistants Event at Nationals Park, Washington D.C.

October 3, 2022: Monday

Stewards of the Chesapeake, Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, Owings Mills, MD

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 <u>click here</u> for a complete listing and details of available positions. Here is a sampling:

Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin, MD seeks Superintendent

Baltimore Country Club in Baltimore, MD seeks 2nd Assistant Superintendent

Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent

Columba Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD seeks Grounds Supervisor

Governors Club in Chapel Hill, NC seeks Director of Grounds

Cattail Creek Country Club in Glendale, MD seeks Assistant Superintendent

Hermitage Country Club in Manakin-Sabot, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent

The Club at Glenmore in Keswick,VA seeks Superintendent

The Cannon Club in Lothian, MD seeks 2nd Assistant Superintendent

Keswick Hall in Keswick (Charlottesville, VA) seeks Superintendent

Honey Run Golf Club in York, PA seeks Superintendent

Overbrook Golf Club in Bryn Mawr, PA seeks Assistant Superintendent

Needwood Golf Course in Derwood, MD seeks Assistant Superintendent

Rattlewood Golf Course in Mt. Airy, MD seeks Assistant Superintendent

<u>Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville, MD seeks Equipment Manager</u> Job Postings

MAAGCS Awards \$11,000 in Scholarships!

Each year MAAGCS is proud to award scholarships in two categories, Member/Child Scholarship and Turf Scholarships. Member/Child scholarships are reserved for children of members that are currently enrolled in college or university. Turf Scholarships are reserved for employees that have completed 1 year as an employee of a MAAGCS member and are enrolled in at least one class in a turfgrass management curriculum, to include online turf programs. This year MAAGCS awarded a total of \$11,000 among 10 deserving applicants. Here are the 2021 Scholarship Award winners.

Scholarship winners are:

Member/Child Scholarship – Each student to received \$1,000		
Claudia Wendt	Father Pete Wendt	
Jamie Andres	Father John Anderes	
Mason Hofmeister	Father Dan Hofmeister	
Max Kingora	Father Mark Kingora	
Megan Barrett	Father Mike Barrett	
Natalie Huey	Father Mike Huey	
Turf Scholarship winners are up this year – Each student received		
\$1,500 unless noted below	-	
Brandon Kline	Whiskey Creek	
Jarret Maynor	Baltimore Country Club	
Josh DePyper	Chevy Chase Club	
Kyle Masters	Caves Valley Golf Club	
Mason Hofmeister	Rattlewood Golf Club - \$1,000	

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