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# President's Message - Chris Fernandes

As I'm writing this, it seems the weather is changing and spring is finally here but by the time you read this, I'm sure it will change again. There could be snow in the mountains and frost on the course. That is how our springs seem to be going in our area.

Looking back, it is crazy to think about where we were this time last year. Golf in Maryland was shut down and restricted in other Mid-Atlantic areas. No golfers on the course. No idea when we would open back up. No idea what golf was going to look like when we did open back up. Labor cuts and a lot of unknowns. Here at Rolling Road we were scrambling as I'm sure we all were to get everything punched and ready to go day after day just in case we got the call to open back up. And wouldn't you know 7 weeks later, on a Wednesday at 5:00pm, we got word that golf would be open the next day. A mad dash to get the course playable, grass cut, details done and ready for golfers. Even though golf was open, the game didn't look the same. No course accessories, noodles or upside down cups, flags left in, single riders in carts etc. We were happy to be open, but watching COVID-19 numbers everyday hoping not to see Governors closing golf back down was a mental challenge. Who would have known that we would see record numbers of golfers, new members and a record number of rounds. This pandemic has been and continues to be tough on everyone. I'm thankful that life seems to be a little more normal and I'm hopeful that there is an end in sight.

I'm sure everyone is busy getting the course ready for another demanding year. MAAGCS is busy as well, preparing for upcoming events and finalizing our 2021 schedule. Also, we are continuing to engage with other allied organizations in an effort to strengthen our industry.

Thanks for all that came out to Columbia for the Assistant/Super bowling event. It was a great turn out and it was overwhelming and relieving to finally catch up with other turfheads in person who I haven't seen in a long time. Thanks to Tyler Eastham and Joe Haskins for making this event happen. Our next event will be The Chesapeake Challenge held at Queenstown hosted by John Anderes III. MAAGCS needs to step up their game to get the trophy back on this side of the bridge. In addition, our Annual Match Play has started and the first round is set. Don't forget to get your first rounds in by the end of May.

As we start the 2021 season in our new normal, I hope everyone continues to work hard, stay safe, and don't forget we are all in this together, so don't hesitate to reach out.

## Christopher Fernandes

MAAGCS President  
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## SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, June 17, 2021

### MAAGCS U.S. OPEN SOCIAL

We will be hosting a Social Hour at The Pier Oyster Bar & Grill in Edgewater, MD, **on Thursday, June 17 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.** This event coincides with the USGA U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, the third major of the year. All MAAGCS members are encouraged to attend for drinks, appetizers and camaraderie. As always, it should be a great time and plenty of fellowship with your colleagues. There is no official registration for the event so please bring your assistants, mechanics and any staff members.

**The address for The Pier Oyster Bar & Grill is 48 South River Road, Edgewater, MD 21037.**



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# EMCP Test Prep and Spring Update

With Winter maintenance completed and as we grind our way through Spring cultivation practices, now is a good time to take the EMCP exams for those that are interested. The GCSAA Equipment Management Certification Program currently is a two-level system with eight exams in level one that cover technician competencies. Level two is one longer exam with a focus on management criteria (i.e., equipment bids, advanced diagnosis, safety protocols). There are study guides available for purchase on the GCSAA website along with several videos that cover the testing objectives. Each guide has sample questions, two of which is demonstrated below, and I wanted to extend the invitation to anyone who'd like assistance or a proctor for the exam to please contact me.

## Question 1 from the Drivetrain Systems Exam:

**What is the gear ration if the drive gear has 15 teeth and the driven gear has 32 teeth?**

- A. 0.468:1 **Incorrect- this has the right format but the drive divided by the driven**
- B. 2.13:1 **Correct- 32/15 is 2.13 and the colon with 1 symbolizes one rotation**
- C. 15:32 **Incorrect- this is a distractor and shows familiar numbers to the question**
- D. 32:15:00 **Incorrect- this is another distractor with a colon and familiar numbers**

## Question 2 from the Internal Combustion Engines Exam:

**A four-stroke engine malfunction is suspected, beginning with a loss of power. The symptom is high crankcase pressure. What will cause this?**

- A. Worn piston rings **Correct- this is the most suitable direct cause of the symptom**
- B. Worn camshaft lobes **Incorrect- this would result in loss of power but not pressure**
- C. Worn crankshaft gears **Incorrect- not a cause of high crankcase pressure**
- D. Worn crankshaft bearings **Incorrect- a distractor to direct attention to crankshaft**

I covered two types of practice questions- one with an absolute answer derived from math and one with a most suitable answer. The important part with the latter type of question is to select the most likely to cause the condition option. If you could argue one of the choices is fitting after a citing "that one time your friend saw..." then it is probably not the answer to that particular question. Reading and using the study guides are helpful for understanding the categories and your experience will demonstrate the competencies. This is a great way to advance yourself professionally and I encourage everyone to check out [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org) or reach out to me for additional information.

## Spring Update-

COVID-19 is still hindering the opportunity to hold an in-person meeting. We were fortunate as a group to be included in the 1C vaccination plan and the peace of mind for myself and family after receiving both doses of the Pfizer shot is huge. I am looking for a sufficient venue to hold a summer meeting with education relevant to cutting unit optimization and accessory selection when purchasing mowers. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!



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Elliott is an agronomist in the USGA Green Section's Northeast Region based out of Oxford, Pa. He helps golf facilities maintain better playing conditions through USGA Course Consulting Service on-site visits, educational outreach and research throughout the region.



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## GCSAA CERTIFICATION & EXAMS

GCSAA offers professional certification programs that enable golf course superintendents and golf course equipment technicians to be recognized at the highest level of their professions. Learn more about [Class A membership](#), including eligibility and renewal requirements.

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The Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) designation is bestowed upon those who voluntarily meet the requirements. The CGCS designation is the most widely recognized in the golf industry and the highest recognition that can be achieved by golf course superintendents.

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The Assistant Superintendent Certificate Series is composed of certificates covering key competency areas of:

- Agronomy
- Business
- Leadership and Communications
- Environmental Stewardship

The certificates are golf-centric, available to GCSAA members and non-members, and can be completed in any order. It is strongly recommended that an assistant superintendent has at least two years of work experience before beginning any of the ASCS certificates. However, the certificates are available to all and not limited to assistants.

## CERTIFICATION FOR EQUIPMENT MANAGERS

The certification program for equipment managers is in development. In the meantime, begin working to complete the Equipment Management Certificate Program Level 1 and Level 2. Successful completion of these programs will be prerequisites to enter the certification program.

Visit <https://www.gcsaa.org/education/certifications-exams> for more information and to get started.

# Rounds4Research Auction Runs April 26 to May 2

## Please Promote to Bidders

Rounds 4 Research helps MAAGCS raise funds by auctioning donated rounds of golf through an online bidding forum. Funds raised are split between MAAGCS and the Environmental Institute for Golf, GCSAA's philanthropic organization. Funds raised can be used to further efforts in the areas of research, advocacy and education. Golfers and golf facilities are the ultimate beneficiaries of funds raised.

### How can you help?

- Courses can simply fill out an online or paper donor form and send to the EIFG. The courses determine the restrictions. [Click here to donate!](#)
- Be sure to **designate MAAGCS** as the chapter to receive the proceeds.
- GCSAA will take care of the rest and can even create the winner's certificate for you!

### When is the auction?

- The 2021 R4R auction will be held online from April 26 to May 2.
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# Getting to Know You

## 1. How did you get into the industry?

I worked under Ed Gasper for a few summers during high school and after I graduated, I took a year off deciding what I wanted to do with my life. At that point Ed talked to me about the Institute of Applied Agriculture. After speaking with Dr. Mathias and learning about the program, I knew it was the right fit.

## 2. How did you get into your existing role?

Most of my career has been at Timbers. I worked here in high school and throughout the IAA. After I graduated, I was promoted to Assistant Superintendent and worked in that role for 6 years before moving on to Assistant Superintendent at Hobbits Glen. After 2 years there, the Superintendent role was open at Timbers and it was an easy transition back with all my knowledge of the property. Plus, it's only about 4 minutes from my house, which has its pros and cons.

## 3. Why did you get involved in the MAAGCS on the Board of Directors?

Getting on the board of Directors has never crossed my mind. When the opportunity was brought to my attention there wasn't really any reason to say no. I believe networking is really important and being on the board allows more outlets of communication. I'd like to build those relationships within the industry just as the previous members have done in the past. Also, I think Ryan would not give me my Stewards jacket unless I joined.

## 4. What are some things you look forward to in the 2021 golf season?

Getting back out and golfing! Courses were so busy during 2020 that I didn't play as much as I am used to and MAAGCS didn't have many events. So, getting back out there and seeing everybody at the social and golf events will feel like we are getting back to normal.

## 5. Any new technologies that you are excited about?

GPS technology on sprayers and automated mowers. I think they will definitely have their place on the course especially with all of the challenges finding and retaining good labor.

## 6. What is one thing people wouldn't know about Shaun O'Connor?

I've never been on a roller coaster. They're not made for tall people and I prefer to be the one in control when going fast.



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# Government Relations Update

The Maryland General Assembly finished their 2021 session on April 12. There were 2,347 bills introduced and 817 passed. Many of these bills focused on economic and health care due to Covid, which was clearly the priority. Our industry did not see much impact this year since agricultural and pesticide regulation was not as important as many of the other bills. With the amount of bills introduced this year, it was tough for lawmakers to spend a lot of time on each piece of legislation. However, we did see a ban on glyphosate introduced in the House of Delegates, which did not make it out of the Environmental and Transportation Committee. This bill is sure to be re-introduced next year, creating another battle for the green industry to fight. It was nice to have a quiet year with legislation and we only had to testify once in opposition of glyphosate. Each legislative session brings a new challenge and there is always a surprise each year. This year was certainly a win, with minimal impact on golf and the green industry.



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# Letter from the Editor

Greetings and salutations,

The Mid-Atlantic region is experiencing a reluctant spring. Our last hard frost was April 3rd, a Saturday morning. In Myersville we were 23 degrees, a record low. Now soil temperatures are just at the threshold for everything to start happening so I am trying not to let the cool temperatures distract me because it is time to get spring applications done.

I hope you are enjoying the new digital version of Turfgrass Matters the seasonal publication of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the GCSAA. The modernization of this publication is a joint effort and will evolve as we find new ways to bring you information in varying forms. Inside you will find all the familiar aspects from the printed version. The biggest difference will be that now the advertisements and articles come alive with links that will take you directly to web pages and other content.

Advertisers can now add links to whatever they want end users to see and hear. Articles can include content that would not fit into the printed version. We are no longer confined to space so I look forward to where a little creativity will take us.

I have an idea to begin a new page as a Members' bulletin. Please submit any content to myself that you would like us to publish. This will not have any limitations. Post used equipment you are selling, congratulations to a coworker, personal milestones, highlight a project or anything you want other members to know. Submissions can include pictures and links.

As with each issue we hope you find our newsletter to be informative and at times entertaining. As the digital version evolves there is an opportunity to include suggestions made by members and partners so please let your ideas be known.

Thank you for reading Turfgrass Matters, and thank you to our partners for making it possible.



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## 50/50 Proceeds to Support the Nathan Chris Baker Foundation



This year the MAAGCS will be donating funds received from the 50/50 to the Nathan Chris Baker Foundation. The purpose of The Nathan Chris Baker Foundation is to provide financial, physical, and emotional support to individuals, families, and communities in need. This support will focus on many areas, to include academic and athletic opportunities, that promote and develop the strength, confidence, and abilities needed to Go Out and Be Great.  
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## MAAGCS Schedule of Events

**April 1 - Nov 15, 2021** - MAAGCS Match Play

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**April 26 - May 2** - Rounds4Reserach Auction

**May 10-12** - National Golf Day, Virtual

**May 25, 2021: Tuesday** - The Chesapeake Challenge, Queenstown Harbor, Queenstown, MD

**June 17, 2021: Thursday** - U.S. Open at Torrey Pines Social Event, Pier Oyster Bar, Annapolis, MD

**October, 18, 2021** - Stewards of the Chesapeake, Bethesda Country Club, Bethesda, MD

**November 2, 2021: Monday** - MAAGCS Annual Championship, US Naval Academy Golf Course, Annapolis, MD

**November 8-10** - GCSAA Chapter Leader Symposium

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

**February 16, 2022: Wednesday** - MAAGCS Education Seminar, Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD



# JORDAN ELECTED 85TH PRESIDENT OF GCSAA

## Election took place as part of the virtual 2021 Golf Industry Show

**Lawrence, Kan.** – Mark F. Jordan, the certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) and natural resource leader at Westfield Country Club in Westfield Center, Ohio, was elected to a one-year term as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting Feb. 4, held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show. He is the 85th president in the association's history.

Jordan served as vice president of the association in 2020 and has been a member of the association's board of directors since 2014. A 34-year member of GCSAA, Jordan is also a member and past president of the Northern Ohio GCSA. Jordan has served as the natural resource leader at Westfield CC since 2007, but has been with the club since 1988, previously serving as general manager, club manager, superintendent and assistant superintendent. Prior to Westfield CC, Jordan had stints as an assistant superintendent at Winding Hollow Golf Club in New Albany, Ohio, and Hyde Park Golf and Country Club in Cincinnati.

"As Col. John Morley was establishing GCSAA in 1926, he used the altruistic principles of justice, faithful brotherhood and generous benevolence as foundational elements. These timeless principles continue to guide the association today," Jordan said. "I am humbled and honored to lead this same organization that Col. Morley and every single president before me has led."

He graduated from the Ohio State University – ATI in Wooster, Ohio, with an associate of science degree in turfgrass management; and the Ohio State University in Columbus with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy.

Other elected officers were Kevin P. Breen, CGCS and golf course superintendent at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, Calif., as vice president, and Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS, director of grounds at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club in St. Petersburg, Fla., as secretary/treasurer.

Board members Jeff L. White, CGCS and superintendent at Indian Hills Country Club in Mission Hills, Kan.; T.A. Barker, CGCS and superintendent at Fore Lakes Golf Course in Taylorsville, Utah; and Paul L. Carter, CGCS and superintendent at Bear Trace at Harrison Bay in Harrison, Tenn., were elected to serve again, while Marc E. Weston, CGCS and superintendent at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington, Conn., was newly elected to the board.

Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS, golf course superintendent at White Mountain Country Club in Pinetop, Ariz., continues his service on the board. John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS, grounds and facilities manager at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Country Club, will serve as immediate past president, while past president Rafael Barajas, CGCS and the director of golf course operations at Boca Grove Golf and Tennis Club in Boca Raton, Fla., retired from board service.

### 2021 Golf Industry Show highlights

The Golf Industry Show, the largest educational conference and trade show in the turfgrass management industry, transitioned to a virtual event in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While on a virtual platform, the 2021 event continued the GIS's long tradition of connecting attendees, exhibitors and industry experts through a progressive week of unparalleled education opportunities and access to golf facility solutions for those in the golf industry.

Attendance for the virtual GIS was strong with more than 9,300 attendees from around the world during the live event. The event also provides attendees with up to 30 days of on-demand access, so final attendance and education numbers will not be known until the conclusion of the on-demand portion on March 6. The education component of the event featured 88 sessions, with preliminary numbers for those presentations currently at 9,197 participants total. More than 200 exhibitors are part of the trade show, and so far, have recorded 213,299 in total booth visits. The 24-hour-a-day virtual trade show will be open through March 6 as well.



**Mark Jordan**

"Like so many organizations this year, a virtual show was uncharted territory for us, and frankly it was difficult to project how our traditional attendance would translate to the virtual world, so we are extremely pleased with the very enthusiastic response," GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans said. "I was particularly excited to see that many facilities that took advantage of our All-Access package for everyone on the team. It really shows the desire for education for every member of the facility, and we hope our curriculum helps enhance their careers and facilities."

The Golf Industry Show is produced by GCSAA along with its presenting partners the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) and American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA.)

The 2022 Golf Industry Show is currently scheduled to be an in-person event and will be in San Diego Feb. 5-10, 2022, at the San Diego Convention Center.

### In other news from the Golf Industry Show:

- A team from [Purdue University](#) won the annual GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition, which was presented in partnership with John Deere Golf. It was the Boilermakers' first win since 2009.
- Jim Nantz, three-time Emmy winner and lead anchor of CBS Sports' golf team, received GCSAA's 2021 Old Tom Morris award. He joined the GIS live from his home in California during the Opening Session on Feb. 2, which was presented in partnership with Syngenta.
- The General Session: Managing the Challenges of Disruptive Change on Feb. 3, which was sponsored in partnership with Bayer, featured Evans, PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan, LPGA Commissioner Michael Whan, USGA CEO Mike Davis and PGA of America CEO Seth Waugh in a live discussion of golf's reaction to the pandemic and how the golf industry is moving forward.

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## Tuesday, October 18, 2021

The Stewards of the Chesapeake

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The establishment now known as Bethesda Country Club began its illustrious history when the Bethesda Country Club Corporation purchased the current site from the Washington Aviation Country Club in 1947. In the following years BCC underwent major renovations and became a site for USGA Open Qualifying. In 1988 BCC hosted the First Greater Washington Open and in 1990, the Mazda LPGA held its first one-million-dollar event at Bethesda. For the next three years, the Mazda LPGA hosted impressive championships at BCC and brought international press coverage and national television coverage on NBC. In 1992 the club entered Phase I of golf course renovation under architect Arthur Hills with the final Phase IV being completed in 1995.



### Tournament History

The Stewards of the Chesapeake event was established in 2000 by the MAAGCS in order to develop a 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 club or company officials to participate in the event for the preservation and improvement of both the game of golf and our environment. The tournament has raised over \$200,000 since its inception, and proceeds benefit the Maryland Association of Green Industries (MAGI), various Universities, the GCSAA and other groups supporting environmental issues, such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

In 2017 the proceeds from the Stewards of the Chesapeake were used to help fund the Maryland Association of Green Industries. MAGI advocates on our behalf to help endorse the benefits of our industry with local, state and federal legislators. In addition, beginning in 2018 the MAAGCS committed \$25,000 over 5 years to The University of Maryland Turfgrass Pathology Research Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support turfgrass research infrastructure, such as campus labs and the Paint Branch Turf Research Facility. The fund also directly supports the turfgrass pathology position.

### Eligibility

The event is open to all MAAGCS members, their friends, colleagues (club professionals, GMs, board members) and associates at golf clubs in and around Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia. We encourage Maryland legislators to participate in this event, which gives promise to Maryland's environmental stewardship. Clubs are encouraged to support this important cause by fielding a team.

### Format and Rules

Format for the tournament is four-man Shamble. Each player drives and all players play from the selected spot. Two best balls net (80% handicap). USGA Rules govern play, as modified by Local Rules.

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners. Other prizes will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin and longest drive.

"As Col. John Morley was establishing GCSAA in 1926, he used the altruistic principles of justice, faithful brotherhood and generous benevolence as foundational elements. These timeless principles continue to guide the association today," Jordan said. "I am humbled and honored to lead this same organization that Col. Morley and every single president before me has led."

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# MAAGCS / ESAGCS Chesapeake Challenge!!

Queenstown Harbor Golf Links • Queenstown, MD • Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Chesapeake Challenge is a Ryder Cup style match between the MAAGCS and ESAGCS. Teams of two players from each association will play a best ball match. 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 have been 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 is defending after winning 8-5 in 2020, breaking MAAGCS' three-year winning streak.

**Get your game together and make plans to play one of the most fun events of the year!**

**Matches are handicapped so players of all levels are encouraged to play!**

## Education

In line with the theme of the event, this year we will have special guest speaker Jason Ruth of [Harris Seafood Company](#). He will share his expertise on the fascinating process of oyster farming and other aspects of the Chesapeake Bay.

## Sponsorships

Contact Tyler Eastham at [teastham@gmail.com](mailto:teastham@gmail.com) with questions and to confirm your sponsorship!

## Entry Fee

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# Superintendent/Assistant Challenge at Bowlero

## Champions Jeff Rice & Blake Bullock

In March, we kicked off the season with the Superintendent/Assistant Challenge at Bowlero in Columbia. As always, this was a great event for team building, camaraderie, networking and competition. Teams of two competed in a combined score bowling tournament. Players from each team bowled three games and combined their scores, each dropping their lowest score for a total team score. There was a superintendent/assistant division and an open division. A trophy was also awarded to the individual bowler that rolled the highest game of the day.

Jeff Rice and Blake Bullock of Oak Creek Golf Club took home the Superintendent/Assistant Division with a total of 642. In the Open Division, Ryan Kraushofer of Westminster Golf Course and Josh Reiger of Synatek Solutions rolled an impressive 752 to edge out Tom Tokarski and his partner Jim Weaver, who turned in a 743. Tom Tokarski did not leave empty handed, his 258 was the highest single game of the day, 30 pins higher than second-best Josh Reiger who had an impressive game of 226.

A special thank you goes to our year-long partners and to Synatek and Helena for sponsoring the event!

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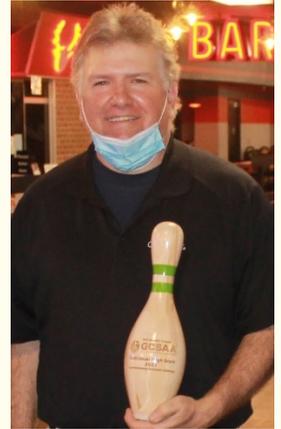


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# 6th Annual MAAGCS Match Play Championship

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The bracket is set for the 6th Annual MAAGCS Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta. The single elimination tournament will run through November and the champions will be awarded prizes and trophies at the 2021 MAAGCS Annual Meeting.

In the 6th year of the event, we have several storylines developing. Will last year's rookies and defending champions Craig Snowden and Nik McGuinness of "Immigrant Invasion" repeat? Will "Brothers from Another Mother" Ralph Meola and Andrew Harrison reclaim the championship after an early exit last year? Will Joe Haskins & Todd Cowing of "Golf Czars" suffer another late tournament loss in extra holes? Can Scott Cornwell and Patrick McNamara "Grip it & Sip it" finally make it out of the first round after winning the inaugural event? Follow the action to find out!

We hope to feature many pictures and updates of this year's matches. Please take photos of your foursomes, and of the golf courses you play, lets show off the spectacular venues our members maintain in the Mid-Atlantic! Please post on images and updates on Facebook and Twitter using #MAAGCSMP2021. You can also send them to Tyler Eastham at [teastham@gmail.com](mailto:teastham@gmail.com) to be featured in the weekly email and on the website!

Good luck to all of the competitors!

[Click Here for Official Rules](#)

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## Sixth Annual Match Play Championship - 2021

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