This year’s tournament will be held at Glenn Dale Golf club and will recognize the many contributions of the Shields brothers and their families to the game of golf and to golf turf education in Maryland. Through their efforts, this memorial, now in its 35th year, has significantly increased financial support for student scholarships and continues to enhance turfgrass instruction at the University of Maryland. For example, this past year, 2013, six students received scholarship support totaling $5,750.

The Shields brothers, Bob, and twins Ray and Roy, were involved in the ownership and management of the Annapolis Roads Country Club in the 1940s. From this point on they spent the rest of their lives promoting the game of golf and the role of the golf course superintendent.

Ray and Roy were partners in the Annapolis Roads Country Club and purchased Glenn Dale Golf Club in 1958. In 1962 the brothers sold Annapolis Roads Country Club and in 1969 built Twin Shields Golf Club. During this period the two were instrumental in promoting the game of golf by providing golfing instruction and opportunities to thousands of golfers. Shortly after Ray’s death in 1980, the Glenn Dale Golf Association started the Ray Shields Memorial Golf Tournament.

Bob Shields left Annapolis Roads Country Club in 1948 to take his first superintendent position at Sligo Golf Course. That year he became the secretary-treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAAGCS). Bob dedicated and committed himself to enhancing the professional responsibilities of the superintendent and became president of MAAGCS in 1951, also serving in 1952, 1955, and 1958. He became president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1965. Bob was the superintendent at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, MD from 1952 until his death in 1982.

Proceeds from previous Shields Memorial golf tournaments have allowed the Turfgrass Management Program at the Institute of Applied Agriculture to enhance instructional programs and establish an endowed fund for student scholarships. Since 1991, 103 scholarships, totaling more than $100,000 have been awarded to deserving students.

Your involvement as a player or sponsor will continue to strengthen the teaching and scholarship programs at the University of Maryland and recognize three brothers and their families who have promoted the game of golf in Maryland for over 70 years.
Registration Information

Sponsors and players can now register and pay online at www.iaa.umd.edu/shields or fill out the registration form below:

To pay electronically, you will be transferred to the University of Maryland Foundation website. Please have a credit or debit card ready.

Registration Fees: $125 per individual, $750 per team (6 person).
Hole Sponsorship: $300

Team registrations accepted until tournament is full.

All players must indicate their handicap. If you do not have a handicap, please indicate your average score. Next year’s tournament registration materials will be sent out electronically, so please list each player’s e-mail address.

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