President's Message

Time is really flying by and soon 1981 will be at an end. I would like to take this time to publicly thank the 1981 officers and the members of the board for a job well done. It was a group that worked very hard and very well together for the good of the order. A very special thanks to Steve Nash for all of his hard work, long hours, and patience in producing the best Newsletter the Mid-Atlantic has ever had. Thanks again men!

The dues increase was not treated lightly! The board's biggest task this year was to make a realistic budget and live within that budget. I feel that we spent the associations' money wisely, but there was not enough income to keep up with our commitments. We transferred money from a 4½% interest savings account into a ready asset account to obtain the highest interest possible; then, if necessary, at the end of the year we could use the interest.

It is also that time of the year to make plans to attend the conferences. There sure are a number of good ones locally.

Those of you that missed the November Meeting at Mike Claffey's Chesapeake Country Club surely missed a fabulous meal and a very informative meeting. For those of you that did not get enough to eat it was your own fault.

Ken Braun is hosting our December 8th Election Meeting at Bonnie View Country Club. Now is the time to play your part in the association and vote for the person or persons of your choice. Attendance has been great this year so let's support this election and make 1981 a great year for the Mid-Atlantic.

Mike McKenzie

Bill Emerson nominated for GCSAA Director

My fellow Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, humbly, I thank the M.A.A.G.C.S. board for submitting my name to the nominating committee of GCSAA for consideration as a candidate for director of the GCSAA. As most of you know, the nominating committee of the GCSAA has given a positive response to the Mid-Atlantic's recommendation and I have accepted the nomination. Now I will stand for election as a director to the GCSAA board at the annual membership meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Having been a member of the Mid-Atlantic for eighteen years and having had the opportunity to serve on the board of directors for seven of those years, I am confident the basic training in organization operations I have experienced will allow me to function effectively for the GCSAA. The magnitude of the duties and responsibilities of a GCSAA director do not escape me. I will do what it takes to justify the faith shown in me by the Mid-Atlantic A. of G.C.S., the Chevy Chase Club and my family, Shawn, Sharen, Scott and Pat.

I have no earth shattering criticisms, plans or programs to offer the GCSAA. All I can offer is a willingness to work hard for the good of the Golf Course Superintendents profession in whatever capacity. I'm sure that if my fellow GCSAA members and their voting delegates will check my record, it will verify that fact.

Golf, the Golf Course Superintendents profession and my fellow Golf Course Superintendents have been good to and for me. I'll always be grateful to the almighty for allowing me to be part of all three.

Your fellow member,
BILL