President’s Message

As I write this month's president’s message, I think about the fact that another golf season is almost upon us. Hopefully, all your equipment and spirits have been sharpened and made ready for another Spring.

I look forward to those beautiful Spring mornings on the course, before the golfers arrive, when all of Nature seems to awake. It is those moments, when we find ourselves so in tune with Nature’s splendors, that make our jobs so rewarding.

For those of you who missed the March MAAGCS meeting at Washington Golf and Country Club, we started off the new year in grand style. A record number of 127 superintendents and assistants turned out for this first meeting. Congratulations are in order for Lee Dieter, who was honored by his club for his 25 years of service. Washington Golf members presented Lee with a beautiful plaque, and served champagne and cake with the presentation.

Our April meeting will be held at Chartwell Golf and Country Club and will see the beginning of our annual match play competition. Let’s everyone make an effort to come up with another record turnout. Once again, please remember to call our office at 301-964-0070 to make reservations for golf and/or dinner.

Jerry Gerard, President

Strickland Works For Turfgrass Council

John Strickland, an MAAGCS member who represents the Maryland Turfgrass Council on Maryland’s Agricultural Commission, reported to the Commission that the Council is supporting the Secretary’s efforts to improve seed standards, exemplified by the new regulations that went into effect on February 15. The Commission then passed a unanimous resolution supporting Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., in his efforts to introduce the new seed regulations.

John has also been working to have funds for the University of Maryland’s new turf research center reinstated as part of the supplemental budget. This money was deleted in the Governor’s original budget sent to the legislature this session, and it is essential to the operation of the center. Its buildings and fences have been completed, roads and irrigation systems are under construction, and the facilities are much needed for research.

Meeting Schedule 1986

April 8 — Chartwell C.C., Tom Walsh, host
May 13 — Springfield Golf & C.C., Walter Montross, host
June 10 — C.C. of Swan Creek, Daniel Rozinak, host
July 8 — Eisenhower G.C., Louis Rudinski, host
August 12 — Bretton Woods, Jerry Gerard, host
September 9 — Columbia C.C. (Tent.), Ken Ingram, host
October 14 — Hidden Creek C.C., Dick Gieselman, host
November 11 — Diamond Ridge, G.C., Howard Gaskill, host
December 9 — Open