President's Message

Here it is May already and our season is in full swing. A round of applause for John Johns and Brooke Manor for hosting our April meeting.

Shine your shoes and clean your clubs. Grant Pensinger and staff and Tom Regan, our Golf Chairman, have planned a super day for the annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament. There will be high talking and lots of fun as we compete for the Clare Emery Trophy.

Anyone catch the GCSAA promo which aired on “Inside the PGA” on the ESPN channel? Having been critical in the past of the National’s efforts toward publicity, this spot is right on the mark. It draws your interest and tells the public what we do with taste and speed. It’s a start that the regional associations can build on — not with costly ads but by our demeanor. How we view ourselves — as professional turf specialists. How we dress — as specialists ready for management oversight in the field or a quick meeting with committee members over lunch at the club. How we remain current in our field — by bringing officials to our meetings to hear guest speakers. All of this, from the ad on down to your day-to-day appearance is PR. It builds a positive image, an image we must have if we are to be readily accepted as professionals.

Mr. Lee Dieter is doing a fine job as our newsletter editor. Since Lee has indicated this may be a one-year post for him, we’re soliciting candidates for next year. While it may seem a bit premature and it would be great if Lee decides to continue on, there’s a good deal of groundwork that goes into a smooth transition. If you’re interested and have a sincere desire, notify the MAAGCS Board of Directors.

George Renault, President

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Relocations

Larry Ott, formerly Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Gallaudet College has been hired as Superintendent of Grounds at Breton Woods Recreation Center. Larry has worked part time at the course for the past four years.

David Kardos has recently joined John Laake at River Bend C.C. as his assistant. David is a Penn State Graduate (87) and has previously worked in Morgantown, W. Va. at the Sheraton Lakeview and at the Longue Vue Club in Verona, Pa.

The new assistant at Indian Spring Country Club is Calvin Nolke. He will be working with Wayne Evans. Wayne leaves June 1st to begin his new career as irrigation sales representative for the G.L. Cornell Co.

The Clare Emery Memorial Trophy

When Clare Emery died, a need to recognize him and what he stood for was felt by many of his friends. From this need an effort grew that materialized in the trophy that we will present as the award to the winning team on May 10th. This is the seventh year that the trophy has been awarded. It’s a traveling trophy that we hope will go back to the winners’ club to be displayed. Permanent matching cups are also presented to the winning team.

Let this award symbolize for us those things that we all admired so much in Clare Emery, a true professional and gentleman. A friend to all who knew him.

Tip of the Month

Congratulations are again in order for Carol Offenbacher. Carol was our scholarship winner last year. A recent graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, she works at Eisenhower Golf Course as Lou Rudinskis’ assistant. Carol is the winner of our May Tip of the Month.

The following are the reasons why Carol modified a TORO aerifier so that it could be pulled by a maintenance vehicle: 1. Man hour savings. 2. Convenience. 3. Decrease in operator fatigue. 4. Provides a vehicle to carry necessary tools; cup

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