President's Message

What a difference a year makes. The last two years have been extremely hot and dry and this year (at least to date) has been cool and wet. It is just what was needed for the rough, trees, shrubs and flowers but too much for the short turf areas. Like many of you I would rather add it than try to remove it. I think we have mowed more rough and shoveled more sand on the faces of bunkers this year than the last two combined. I do hope you were fortunate enough to miss the terrible storms that wreaked havoc in the Bethesda Chevy Chase area a couple of weeks ago. Not being from tornado or hurricane areas I have never seen such damage. To those who were affected I hope things are now better.

Thanks go out to Steve Nash and International Town and Country Club for hosting the June meeting. In spite of rain 22 of us braved the conditions to play. The course was superb (light weight fairway mowing) as was the meeting afterwards in which 85 people attended.

If you haven't heard, Steve Potter recently had back surgery. Best wishes to Steve for a speeded recovery. Congratulations go out to Dean Graves who became the new Golf Course Superintendent at Bethesda Country Club. Dean was previously at Kenwood Country Club.

Please join me at Ocean Pines Country Club with our host Randy Dayton on July the 11th. As noted in the golf article this will be the site for the first 2-man team championship. Pick your partner and come out for that special Eastern Shore hospitality.

Walter Montross, CGCS, President

Education Notes

by Stephen E. Cohoon, CGCS

The July 11, 1989 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will feature Dr. Karl Danneberger of the Agronomy Department at Ohio State University. Dr. Danneberger will share with us some of the problems he has encountered in the management of bentgrass putting greens. These problems include the use of sand as topdressing and soil mixes, and management of localized dry spots. Problems I am sure he has encountered in the bentgrass greens he maintains in his own backyard. Dr. Danneberger has been a speaker at the GCSAA National Conference as well as contributing articles to publications such as “Golf Course Management”, and the “USGA Green Section Report”. This meeting should be both informative and timely, and an excellent one to bring a club official or crew member to.

In other news, the Computer Seminar that was to be held on June 7 had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. This seminar will be rescheduled for this winter in hopes of getting a better response.

We are also looking for topics and speakers for the Maryland Turfgrass Conference and the 1990 monthly MAAGCS meetings. If you have any suggestions please contact me and we will try and accommodate your request. We have had many good ideas from the membership and are already working on the schedule for next year.