President's Message

A sincere thank you for electing me President of our Association. I hope to continue my predecessors' endeavors of keeping the Association financially strong and growing. I trust the winter has given you some much needed relaxation and time to prepare for the upcoming year. I, as I am sure you do, hope not to see a single weather record set this coming year. Moderation in the weather patterns would be greatly desired, but moderation for our Association is unacceptable. I believe we need to promote our recognition in the golf community, encourage participation in our Association and provide the educational programs necessary to keep pace with a fast moving and challenging industry. The Mid-Atlantic Board of Directors is already striving to meet these goals. First, we will be making every effort to achieve name recognition for the Association as well as our individual members. Under the guidance of the new Editorial and Publicity Chairman, Lou Rudinski, we will be working locally with the news media, other affiliated associations in the golf industry and golfing members of the area. Also we hope to work with the GCSAA in their same efforts. Secondly, our new Membership Chairman, Donn Dietrich, will be trying to recruit new members. Over the last 4 years our roster has increased by over 75 new members and we hope to continue this trend. Donn will also be involved in a survey of the membership that will update our records. Lastly, the Educational Chairman, Steve Cohoon, will continue his fine efforts of last year in providing quality educational programming. This is only a part of next year's activities. The rest of the Board will be carrying out their duties to provide the membership an Association of which it can be proud.

Please plan on attending the March 14th Mid-Atlantic meeting at the Chevy Chase Club, with our host George Renault. This is also a joint meeting with the USGA so bring your Assistants, Green Chairman or Club Presidents and enjoy a terrific day.

Walter Montross, CGCS, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Donn Dietrich, Membership Chairman

The following have been approved for membership by your board of directors. Please get to know them and make them feel welcome when you see them at our meetings or when they visit you.

- Gregory Holstetter, Class G
  Superintendent, Bon Air Country Club
  Glen Rock, PA

- Walter Smith, Class D
  Assistant Supt., Winters Run Golf Club
  Bel Air, MD

- David Boniface, Class D
  Assistant Supt., Maryland Golf and C.C.
  Bel Air, MD

- John McDonald II, Class F
  Vice Pres., McDonald and Sons
  Jessup, MD

- Eric McDonald, Class F
  Vice Pres., McDonald and Sons
  Jessup, MD

- John Haley, Class D
  Assistant Supt., Lakewood Country Club
  Rockville, MD

- Edward Childs, Class F
  Sales Rep., Finch Golf and Turf
  Westminster, MD

OUR SYMPATHY

Your editor received a note from our good friend and retired member Al Watson. He wanted to let the membership know that Esther Reid, wife of Jim Reid passed away on the tenth of January. Esther had been living in Kingwood Texas so she could be near her daughters' families. She had moved there after Jim's death in 1974. For you new members, Jim was the superintendent at The Suburban Club of Baltimore for 15 years and had been the Mid-Atlantic voting delegate and politician in residence for many years. We all miss them. God bless them both.