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President's Message

Dean Graves



Dear Members:

I would like to say "Happy New Year" and update you on three primary items of interest for the start of the 1997 season. The MAAGCS Board of Directors has resolved:

1. All MAAGCS golf events shall be mandatory spikeless. This means all tournaments and open play connected with the monthly meetings will be played with non-metal spiked shoes. The rationale behind this decision is to promote the increased quality of the putting surface and the positive agronomic attributes gained from spikeless play. Given a general movement toward spikeless play, this change makes good sense and good politics.

2. We are making a conscious effort to reduce the time spent in sign-up lines at Chapter meetings. When signing in for golf you may now pay for golf and dinner. This should shorten dinner registration lines, clearing a wider path to the cocktail hors d'oeuvres.

3. The BOD has voted on and approved a new emblem for the Association. It was the joint wisdom of MAAGCS and the GCSAA to have a consistent and nationally recognized emblem ascribed to all chapters. The more repeatedly the golfing public sees a consistent emblem associated with golf and golf course issues, it was felt, the more they will recognize our role in the game of golf and better

appreciate what we do for this great pastime. The approved emblem now appears in Turfgrass Matters and all Association correspondence in place of the old Capitol building MAAGCS logo.

In addition to these matters of great importance, I came across a very interesting opinion poll in the January edition of Golf Digest. The findings came from 500 randomly selected subscribers who participated in the GD survey. The question was "Who is the most important person at your golf course?" The results were:

Course Superintendent	48%
Golf Pro	25%
Club Manager	14%
Beverage-cart or halfway house person	11%
Handicap person	1%
Club Champion	1%

It is nice to be recognized for the responsibility and impact we have on day-to-day enjoyment of golf. Thank you and have a great 1997 with family, friends, and your jobs.

I hope every body takes the time to celebrate Mr. Lee Dieter's retirement from Washington Golf and Country Golf on March eleventh. The BOD has setup an agenda for a great evening for Lee.



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