Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Nick Vance, CGCS

To date about 70% of the postcards that were mailed out with the dues statement have been returned. If you have not mailed your card to the office yet, please do so ASAP. We want to be able to make all of the necessary changes in the new directory.

The average attendance at our 1997 meetings were as follows: Class A & B - 43, Class C - 13 and Class F - 35. That means our average attendance for our monthly meetings was 91.

It looks like a Web Site is coming for the Mid-Atlantic in the near future. We are researching the costs at this time. We will keep you informed.

The Board of Directors would like to remind all Certified Superintendents that we need to update our list of attestors. If you would like to be an attestor please contact Walter Montross, CGCS at Westwood Country Club.

We are continuing to implement as many of the ideas taken from the focus groups this winter as possible. The one item that came up the most was communication, but we must all remember that communication is a party line. The membership must be a part of that line.

The MAAGCS has started a pretty good library of videos. We now have 134 tapes on hand and they are being kept at our office in Virginia. If anyone would like to borrow any of them please call Mrs. Charlotte Norris at 1-888-MID-TURF. The library at this time has some of the following tapes: Par for the Course - 1994 thru 1997, 1996 Opening Session (tapes #1 & #2), 1996 Gala (tapes #1 & #2), The Environmental Answer - Golf Course and Pesticides, 1996 Image Spots, ESPN Feature Segments 1-4, Special Interest Spots, Assuring Golf’s Value, The Softspikes Revolution, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools, Golf and the Environment 1995-96 and 1997, and last but not least To Serve...To Advance...To Enrich - GCSAA Membership Benefits & Services.

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From the initial planning stages to implementation and continued care, you should be able to increase your bluebird population immensely. Your enjoyment in this is equal to your involvement. Try to recruit members or regular golfers! They will have a great time.

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