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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Members:

Turf Grass 78, the first educational conference and trade show for the "Green Industry" of Maryland is now history. The Mid-Atlantic's portion of the conference was outstanding. Our Educational Director, George Thompson, and his

committee deserve high praise for putting together such a terrific educational program. George will give a detailed report on Turf Grass 78 and the results of the Mid-Atlantic's participation in it at the March Board of Director's meeting. I'm sure George would appreciate your comments prior to that meeting, so why not drop him a note.

The Mid-Atlantic would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the members of the Board of Directors and the Maryland Turf Grass Council for their efforts involved in Turf Grass 78. And also a special thanks to Dr. Chuck Darrah, the General Chairman. Gentlemen, you proved it could be done; it is viable; we thank you.

As is tradition, February brings with it the annual Turf Conference of The Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America. This year's conference is being held in San Antonio, Texas, February 12-17. Our own George Cleaver is a candidate for President of our National Association. We wish him success and pledge him our support through his tenure as our national spokesman.

In closing, I thank the membership for re-electing me president of our association. I'll give you what I have. I ask for the participation of all members for the good of the "entire" Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Yours for better turf for better golf.

Bill Emerson

## "Congratulations Al" Superintendent of the Year

At the banquet during our annual Mid-Atlantic conference we awarded the Superintendent of the Year award to a most deserving super! This year's recipient was Alex Watson from Sparrow's Point Country Club in Baltimore. Anyone who knows Al knows that there is no more deserving person than he.

Al was born in Glasgow Scotland and came to the United States when he was two years old. Al was raised in Warwick, Virginia. He attended and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute class of '49. Al also graduated from the American Landscape School. Al became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1976. Al has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Sparrow's Point for 17 years.

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Left to Right: Sherwood Moore, Bob Shields and Ted Roberts

## A Salute to Sherwood Moore

On November 12, 1977 a surprise party was held for Sherwood Moore. The party was put on by a group of Connecticut superintendents who worked as student trainers over the past twenty years. Yours truly was one of the first.

In addition to inviting all previous students that had worked for Sherwood, they invited past members of the GCSAA that had worked with him. Sherwood is a past president of GCSAA.

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# WAYNE'S PLACE



Our 1978 Mid-Atlantic Conference is now history. There were many comments, some good, some bad, but there was one comment that I heard from all. That comment was that George Thompson did a fantastic job of putting together the best group of speakers we've had in a long time. George really deserves a well done from us all. The amount of time spent in correspondence, both by phone and letters, is staggering, and it literally takes months.

George, thanks, you're great!



By this time most of you are getting ready to board the plane to San Antonio for the National Conference. This year promises to be another good meeting, and I understand that the conference facilities are outstanding. This year, however, will be a little different for the Mid-Atlantic representatives, in particular George Cleaver. George is running for President of GCSAA. To say this is a great honor for George is a gross

understatement. George has served his fellow superintendents for years and has held every office there is to hold on both a local and national scale. Now George will be elected President of GCSAA, and as far as I'm concerned, you can't find a better individual. Besides the fact that it's a great personal honor for George, we of the Mid-Atlantic are honored also. It's great to see one of our own make it to the top. I hope as many members as possible will make it out to San Antonio to give George your backing. Those of us who won't be making the trip will be with George in spirit.



Doesn't it seem funny that the Magazine *Golf Business* which is a large circulation trade magazine, still allows advertising for "Greenskeepers". We've come a long way . . . I think.

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Others in attendance included Joseph Troll and Ralph Engel. I was privileged to ride along with two other past GCSAA presidents, Bob Shields and Ted Roberts. Ted is presently superintendent at Kingsmill on the James in Williamsburg, Virginia.

It was a thrill to attend a testimonial for such an outstanding individual as Sherwood. Sherwood has given much to his profession and truly deserved the honors given him by his peers.

Doug Hawes

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