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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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