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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Members:

In an effort to better serve you I would like to devote my space this month to informing you of each Directors' responsibility to you, the member, and by doing this hopefully it will generate a free flow of information that will improve both the

Directors' service to you and ease your search for whom to contact with each problem or question you have in regards to association business.

**David Fairbank**, *Past President* - David is our 1978 Employment Referral Director. It is David's function to handle all matters regarding clubs seeking superintendents that wish to have the Mid-Atlantic's assistance.

**Samuel Kessel**, *Vice President*: Sam's function is to assist the President and to operate the association in the event that the President cannot. Sam also is serving as procurer of meeting places for 1978.

**Ronald Hall**, *Secretary*: Ron's function is to keep the minutes of membership and board meetings, and to handle correspondence to and from the Board of Directors. The secretary's address is also the official address of the association. Ron's address is 2811 Collegeview Drive, Churchville, Maryland, 21028.

**Michael McKenzie**, *Treasurer*: Mike's function is to bill, dispense, receive and bank all official funds of the association. The treasurer also prepares monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements, and files all necessary tax forms. He is bonded.

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## May Meeting

Our May Meeting will be held at the Twin Lakes Golf Course in Fairfax, Virginia. Our congenial host will be Buck Whetsel.

As in past years May is our yearly Superintendent Pro tournament. It will be played exactly as it was last year. For tee times or information call Ken Braun at (301) 486-2054 or (301) 653-1365.

The Fairfax County Park Authority owns and operates four golf courses. These four courses are Twin Lakes, Burke Lake, Greendale, and Jefferson. The tournament will be held on the Twin Lakes course in Clifton, Va. This course was opened for play on October 6, 1967. The architect and construction superintendent was Charles Schalestock. The course has a fully automatic aqua-dial irrigation system and is a par-73 and measures 6,463 yards from the white tees.

The fairways are a mixture of baron, fylking, and South Dakota common bluegrass and are mowed at one inch, three times a week, with an F-20 mower. The fairways receive three to four pounds of actual nitrogen per year. Applications are made in March, September, and December.

The greens are Penncross bent, mowed at  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, four times a week. Greens are topdressed, aerified, and verticut in the spring and fall. Aerifying is done with a Cushman and greens-saver aerator. Greens receive eight to nine pounds of actual nitrogen per year. The greens are on a preventive spray program for disease and insect control. As most of you superintendents know, this does not always work. Example: One inch of rainfall and the temperature shoots to 95° and out comes the spray rig. This is one machine that never sits idle during June, July and August here at Twin Lakes.

The tees are a mixture of bent and bluegrass and are mowed at half an inch on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tees are topdressed and overseeded in the spring and fall.

The roughs are bluegrass and are mowed at 1½ inches once a week.

The course has two large lakes storing about 20,000,000 gallons of water that is used to irrigate the tees, greens, and fairways.

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**Angelo Cammarota, Finance Chairman:** Angie's function is to monitor the finances of the association and to inform the Board when and if finances are at issue. The Finance Chairman is also responsible for the preparation of the annual association budget.

**J. Ben Stagg, Social and Benevolence Director:** Ben is responsible for organizing and promoting the social affairs of the association, such as the picnic and Ladies' Night. Ben is also charged with the responsibility of handling the Benevolence Program of the association, such as bonds for babies, flowers when appropriate, and lastly, our in-house, self-insurance program.

**R. Wayne Evans, Editorial and Publicity Director:** Wayne's primary function is to compile, edit, print and dispense our monthly newsletter. As if that's not enough, he also handles the newsletter budget and advertisers procurement and problems. It is also Wayne's responsibility to promote the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents image whenever possible. Wayne has taken on the added responsibility of organizing and running our 50th Anniversary Celebration this year.

**Stanley Lawson, Membership Director:** Stanley's function is to process all new member applications. He verifies all information on the application and checks to be sure that the applicant is a member of G.C.S.A.A. When this is done, Stanley brings the application to the Board for approval. Upon Board approval, the applicant's name is then published in the newsletter. If there is no written objection by a member to the Board the applicant then becomes a member. Stanley also handles requests for reclassification by present members in much the same manner.

**Robert Orazi, Educational Director:** Bob's function is to provide quality educational programs for our

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monthly membership meetings, organize and run our Mid-Atlantic Annual Turf Conference, and to provide other educational programs from time to time that would interest the majority of Mid-Atlantic's members.

**Kenneth Braun**, *Golf Chairman*: Ken's function is to organize and conduct monthly golf events at our meetings, weather permitting, of course. Ken also is in charge of special golf events such as our Superintendent Pro Tournament, the Challenge Match with Philly, and our Annual Memorial Tournament in October. He also conducts the qualifying and selection of our annual G.C.S.A.A. Tournament Team.

I trust the listing of the Directors and their functions will be of help to you. If not, call me and I'll attempt to set you straight. That's my function as your President.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting Tuesday, May 9th at Buck Whetsell's Twin Lakes Golf Course. Buck is hosting our annual Superintendent Pro Tournament and meeting, and he promises a good day for all. See you there.

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