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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 ¼ 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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