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President's Message

Congratulations are in order to the Maryland Turfgrass Council officers, committee chairmen, and University of Maryland personnel for their outstanding efforts put forth in the success of Turfgrass 80.

Selection of educational speakers, topics and equipment show arrangements were enjoyed by more than 550 that attended.

Turfgrass 80 is only our third conference and show for the turfgrass industry of Maryland and like all new programs they are faced with problems. But with continued efforts by MTC officials and 100% cooperation and support from grounds maintenance, golf course superintendents, sod growers and suppliers, can only make it a more productive conference and show.

March is here again and that means its time for us to get out on the links and start preparing them for the golfing season. With the relatively mild winter, the majority of us were able to keep crews outside making improvements and repairs that can't be done during the busy growing season.

Hopefully we will all implement some of the tips and new ideas that were picked up during the conferences and shows attended over the winter.

Gerry Gerard was kind enough to invite us all out to Bretton Woods for a day to show off his fine facility. Let's make it a big turn out before the busy season starts.

Wishing you all a successful season —

Ron



Turfgrass 80 A Huge Success

To say that "Turfgrass 80" was a success would be an understatement. More than 550 turf-oriented individuals took part in some or all of the three days of educational seminars and trade show.

Maryland's secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wayne Cawley, started the conference on a positive note by acknowledging that turf has the greatest economic impact of any form of agriculture to the state of Maryland. It was good to hear this stated publicly. Maryland's Turf people have though as much for years, but have been treated by the powers in agriculture, in this state, worse than step children. Maybe now turf will get its fair share of state funds for the advancement of the Green industry.

The three day educational program for Golf Course Superintendents was well attended, nearly all sessions were at or close to capacity and one afternoon session had interested listeners standing in the hallways. Many thanks to speakers such as Bill Buchanan, who brought along his sidekick Pat O'Brien, from the U.S.G.A. Green Section, Dr. James Watson, Vice President of Toro Corporation, Mr. James Wyllie, Canadian Golf Course Superintendent and Director of G.C.S.A.A., Dr. Charles Darrah, Director of Research and Development for Chem-Lawn Corp., Drs. S. W. Bingham and Jack Hall from V.P.I. & S.U., and also Dr. Richard Smiley, Cornell University for taking time from their busy schedules to come to Maryland and to leave us with

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