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The President's Message

Hopefully, everyone who attended the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in Las Vegas had an enjoyable and profitable time. In 1985, this annual Conference will be held in Washington, D.C., and GCSAA Executive Director John Schilling is expected in Washington shortly to make the final arrangements for the meeting. As expected, the Mid-Atlantic Association will share some of the responsibilities associated with the Conference, and by April, I hope to have a clear understanding of just what these will entail for us.

I appreciate your support in electing me president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, and I look forward to the challenges of 1984. Our schedule of monthly meetings begins in March, so shake that case of cabin fever and join us at the Country Club of Fairfax, where Past President Sam Kessel will be our host.

In what could be an important step, the MAAGCS is, on a trial basis, sharing office space with the Middle Atlantic Section of the PGA in Columbia, Md. One initial benefit is a central office capable of taking messages. If you plan to attend the March meeting, call our number at the PGA, 301-964-0070, and register with the secretary.

Sincerely,
Michael Larsen, *President*



March Meeting Is 13th at C.C. of Fairfax

The Association's first meeting of 1984 will be held March 13 at the Country Club of Fairfax in Virginia, and, weather permitting, open play on the course will begin at 12 noon. Reservations for golf and/or dinner should be made by calling the MAPGA office, (301) 964-0070; reservation cards will not be used this year.

Sam Kessel, who has been superintendent at Fairfax since 1963 and who served as MAAGCS president in 1979, reports that his club, originally formed in 1950 as Courthouse Country Club, opened with six holes in play. The first

MANAGER'S WORKSHOP

Reinforcing a mailing done early in February, MAAGCS members are reminded that a High Performance Manager Workshop sponsored by the Association will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jim Pfafflin of the Performance Institute of Washington, D.C., who spoke last year at the Andrews AFB meeting, will conduct the workshop, which is aimed at improving management/people skills. For further details, contact Lee Dieter.



Jim Prusa

Jim Prusa Named Associate Ex. Director

GCSAA Director of Education for the past two years, James G. (Jim) Prusa, was promoted to the post of Associate Executive Director in January. In addition to becoming the Association's second in command, he will continue to serve in his education job.

A professional golf course superintendent who had been managing the well-known Pasatiempo course in Santa Cruz, California, before joining the GCSAA staff, Prusa had been an active and outspoken member of the Association. A B.S. graduate of Cal Poly in horticulture, he has taken graduate work in management and marketing and served in Vietnam during his four years of active military service. Concerning his new responsibilities, he said:

"As a profession, we have tremendously unsatisfied needs in the areas of self-promotion and quality assurance — and an insatiable hunger for information

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DIRECTORY IN WORKS

The new directory of members of the MAAGCS is ready for the printer and should be distributed sometime in March. Past President Ken Braun has used his computer to set the pages up, and the revised by-laws will also be included in the 1984 directory.

18 holes were designed by Reuben P. Hines, Jr., and William F. Gordon and R.T. Jones were used as consultants. Five new holes were added in the late 1960's, designed by Edmund Ault and completed in 1968, and the 3rd green and 4th fairway were redone in 1974 on the basis of designs by Algie Pulley and Buddy Loving. The most recent work on the course took place in 1977 when Russell Roberts reconstructed No. 14, adding a large lake for storage of irrigation water and redoing the tees at No. 8 and No. 17.

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