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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One day last week while I was standing near our starting board talking to one of our customers a gentleman walked up to the starter to find out how long he had to wait to get on the course. When he was told there was a 50 minute wait, he went to the phone to make a couple of calls. By the time he returned to get his name on the board, three more groups had moved ahead of him. As he went by us he said, "If this game really catches on we won't be able to get on a golf course. I used to take four hours leave, drive out here from D.C., and play 18 holes in the afternoon. I was still home by 6 p.m.



I think we all know this game "has caught on." As superintendents we also know our jobs are more demanding. The golfing public is better-informed than it used to be, but sometimes people know just enough to be dangerous.

The effect that has on each one of us is different, but the one thing that is constant is the fact that it

makes us realize we have to put our priorities in order. Perhaps we should not take anything for granted, but in these "hard times" the things we can appreciate most are good health, family and friends.

The last few weeks have been difficult for most of us, but it is a real treat to hear from superintendents who are concerned about their peers and how willing they are to help each other out where possible.

That is one of the things that keeps the MAAGCS strong. I personally feel very good about the friends I have made in this association and I know we have a strong and close group. During times like this, we must keep in mind that all of us are fighting the same battles and we must not lose sight of our priorities.

Our next meeting is at Turf Valley Country Club and our host Mike Gilmore has promised us a first-class day.

See you on July 9.

*Nick Vance, CGCS
President, MAAGCS*

GOLF NOTES

Congratulations to our June winners. Low net went to Tom Walsh with a fine score of 63. Our low gross winner was Tom Wojcik with a score of 73. Many thanks to Wayne Brissey and his entire staff for a great day of golf.

The July golf tournament is our annual two-man Team Championship. Mike Gilmore and Turf Valley will be our host. The two-man team will be a point system tournament with your handicap figured in at the end of the round. So get yourself a partner and come out for a fun day on the golf course.

*Scott Wagner
Golf Chairman, MAAGCS*

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