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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to Mike Evans and the Prince Georges Country Club for making our day there so enjoyable. The



golf course was great thanks to Mike and his staff, the pro shop handled the tournament for us and the dinner was excellent.

During a season like we are having it is good to see that the job we do is appreciated by at least some of our employers.

I guess every year that Mother Nature makes her presence felt so strongly we are going to have a certain amount of displeasure at some of our courses, but it seems that the longer I am in this business the less tolerant golfers are.

With all the improved machinery, better irrigation systems, better pesticides and greater turf knowledge that is at our disposal, a better turf quality is and should be expected. However, we are also playing more people on shorter grass and when the weather is as bad as it has been this year, I don't think anyone can expect perfection.

I didn't think anyone was more critical of a golf course than the superintendent. I guess being critical and trying to take care of all the problems that come up during the year isn't enough all the time. What I really wonder is how many of us knew that when we decided to be golf course superintendents we were also putting on a politician's hat. Sometimes I am led to believe that hat means more than the job we do.

A good friend asked me the other day, "What are you going to do when you grow up?" I answered by saying that I didn't

think I could find anything else that would be as challenging to me as what I do.

I wonder if that is what makes me love what I do. I know we only have a small portion of the total control that keeps things going, but we thrive on it. Are we crazy or what?

See you all at Breton Bay for the annual tournament.

*Nick Vance, CGCS
President, MAAGCS*

GOLF NOTES

Our October meeting at Breton Bay will be the occasion of our 1991 MAAGCS Championship.

This year's Low Net Award will be given in honor of Mr. O.B. Fitts. Mr. Fitts was employed at the Arlington Turf Gardens from its beginning until 1928. At that time, he was hired by Columbia Country Club where he worked from 1928 until he retired in 1952. Mr. Fitts was one of the founding members of the MAAGCS and served as its first president in 1929. He was again elected president in 1938 and 1939.

Our Low Gross Award will be given in honor of Mr. W. H. Glover. The Bill Glover Award is presented annually to the low gross champion.

Also this year our Second Annual Long Drive Championship will be held prior to play on the driving range at Breton Bay. This event will again be sponsored by ProLawn Products and Mr. Tom Malehorn.

Any member of MAAGCS wishing to play should call for a tee time at 301-475-2300. Times available after 10 a.m. So get a foursome together, get a tee time and we will see you at Breton Bay.

Note: Three showers are available for those who wish.

*Scott Wagner
Golf Chairman, MAAGCS*

Attention Certified Pesticide Applicators!

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has approved our educational speakers for full credit toward recertification. That means we will not have to attend the Turfgrass 1993 recertification program if we attend all educational programs presented by our association. We must still attend the Turfgrass 1992 program to become certified for next year.

If you have any questions please call.

*Dean Graves
Education Chairman*