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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March meeting was a huge success. In spite of inclement weather, 125 members and guests enjoyed the hospitality granted us by Bruce Zickafoose and the Norbeck staff.



Thank-yous are also in order for everyone in honoring the reservation requirements. We were exact with the count!

The second annual green chairman/superintendent seminar at Greenspring Valley Hunt Club was well attended. Through the joint efforts of the MAAGCS and the Maryland State Golf Association common goals are shared and respect for our profession is gained.

One More Time. As I stated at the March meeting, the pesticide issue is here to stay. We were very fortunate that RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) and MARRP (Maryland Alliance for Responsible Regulation of Pesticides, Inc.) were there

to guide us through this year's legislative sessions. Opponents to pesticide use on golf courses have studied our weaknesses and are already preparing for next year's proposed pesticide legislation. Thank-yous are also in order to members who wrote or called, especially to those who volunteered to visit with state legislators in Annapolis. The only way to get our message across is to unite and communicate directly with those who vote on proposed legislation. **Maximum** member input is essential if we are going to include professional expertise into future pesticide regulations. **Don't let misguided legislation pass before you respond!** Your Board of Directors cannot do it alone!

In our effort to provide immediate and complete information to members of impending issues the BOD reminds you to send us your fax numbers.

Kevin Mathias' educational program at Norbeck unveiled to those in attendance the ease of communicating a wealth of information through a computer network. Ag On Line is an invaluable new tool providing an enormous resource on a host of shared expertise plus a forum for rapid response to golf course related issues. Call Kevin for more details.

The next meeting (May) will be at the Old South Club. Our hosts will be Keith Hershberger and Bob Fretwell. For those who haven't played this course, it promises to challenge you! Get your entries in early as the field will be limited.

*Lou Rudinski, CGCS
President*



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