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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Due to the dateline schedule of the newsletter, I am unable to report on the June meeting. However, I can thank Tom



Knoll and the staff at Chantilly National for hosting the MAAGCS.

At this time, the Long Range Planning Committee, headed by Mike Gilmore, is stepping up its efforts to procure a management company to handle the day-to-day affairs of the Mid-Atlantic. Several companies have detailed how they can best assist us. In the coming months interviews will determine the best course of action for an association of our size.

The government Relations
Committee has initiated steps to
hire a lobbyist for the 1995 legislative season. Media frenzy on golf
course pesticide use has continued
at an alarming rate. Call me if you
need more information. The
Maryland Department of Agriculture is under heavy pressure from

environmental activists to license all golf course spray technicians ASAP. In addition, at the most recent Governor's Pesticide Council Meeting, both the Council and the MDA were criticized by activists for not supporting the "reporting of golf course pesticide and nutrient use" bills during hearings at the 1994 legislative sessions. Look for much more about this topic in media ink. It is not too early to discuss these issues with your green chairman, club president or other club official.

If you have a friend who did not receive a newsletter or meeting notice, perhaps their dues payment is the answer! As of this writing, the number delinquent is more than 60 (sixty). Call Bill Shirk to confirm intentions for 1995.

The next meeting will be the 1994 Maryland Turfgrass Research Field Day and Exhibition. For those certified applicators in need of recertification, this meeting will meet MDA as well as D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs requirements. The field day will acquaint you with information being developed as a result of research the turfgrass industry requests and contributes to. Mark your calendars for Wednesday July 13 to update yourself on chemicals, equipment, grass varieties, or have your problems diagnosed or questions answered. Although there will be no golf played at this meeting, it promises to be an enjoyable and educational day.

Lou Rudinski, President

Don't Forget!

July's meeting will be at Maryland Turfgrass Field Day and Products Exhibition on Wednesday, July 13. Directions on page 1

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