

Turfgrass Matters

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

From the President...

Is it Spring already? Well, another winter has come and gone and the '95 golf season is here. I trust all took advantage of the many excellent educational opportunities that were available during the past few months.

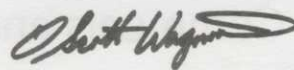
As we approach the '95 season, please remember to use our new address and telephone number when dealing with association business. Bruce Tharp, of The Tharp Group, is now the person responsible for administering the day to day affairs of the association. He brings to us a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, as he also assists in the operation of the Old Dominion GCSA, the Virginia Turfgrass Council, and the Virginias Chapter of the Club Managers Association. Look for a more detailed article on The Tharp Group further in this issue.

Thanks to Sean Remington and his education committee for our February seminar. As in '94, this education day focused on the environment and our role as its

stewards. By holding the session in Annapolis, we were able to attract both delegates and their staff to the event. A good day, indeed!

Since this is my first Presidents message, please let me remind all our members that being part of MAAGCS is much more than simply paying dues. It carries the responsibility of attending meetings, sharing ideas and giving a few hours of your time to make the association operate better for us all. I, along with the entire Board of Directors, need and value your time and talents. In today's world we are all busy, so frankly, that excuse doesn't wash! Collectively, we have much to gain!

With GCSAA holding the conference and show late this year, the first weeks of March will be a busy time for all of us. Please be sure to include our initial meeting, being held on March 14th at Leisure World, in your schedule. I look to see you then, so we can get 1995 off to a great start.



Scott Wagner

The new guy....

January is one heck of a time to start working with a new superintendents association! They say this is the light time of year? I say ha! Just what is June going to bring? I sure was glad to see the National Conference arrive so I could catch a breath with you all out west.

Already, I've had the opportunity to meet with several members, either by phone or at the Maryland and Virginia Turf Conferences. It certainly is nice to finally place a face with some of the names I know through a databases.

So, who or what is The Tharp Group? It is a group of people involved with association management. Their mission can be summarized in a brief three sentence statement:

- To assist associations by supporting and directing the efforts of their elected and appointed leaders.
- To maintain a role that involves and encourages participation of the members.
- To provide the utmost in an efficient and successful operation.

Having said that, it is understood by myself and the Board, I do not replace any person or board. I assist the board and membership in accomplishing their tasks as the Board directs.

Being the primary contact with the MAAGCS, I look forward to meeting each member at the monthly meetings.

I hope to see you at Leisure World in March.



Bruce W. Tharp

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