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President's Message

Bill Shirk, CGCS



Well, here it is! The last week of May and what a difference a year makes. Nineteen ninety-five was hot and dry and to-date, 1996 has been cool and wet! Is it possible that we won't need our irrigation systems this year? Fat chance!!!

I am always very thankful for what I have, who I know, what I am able to do, and many other things, so that's why I usually start this message with a few thank you's. Again, I would like to thank both my assistants, John Stern and Steve Raube, along with the entire staff at Queenstown Harbor Golf Links for their outstanding effort in preparing for our Superintendent- Pro Tournament. Even the weatherman gave us four dry days to prepare and just enough time to finish play. I also would like to thank our June host, Gerry Hasbargen and the entire staff at Prospect Bay Country Club for their fine efforts.

I would like to finish this message with an update on the BOD's work almost half way through 1996. Our first two board meetings averaged four hours and our May board meeting lasted one and one-half hours, which indicates to me that things are

very organized and running quite smoothly. Financially, our association is in very stable condition and our money is being managed very well. All of our paperwork on affiliation has been completed and sent to GCSAA. Our monthly meetings, even without the help of the weather, are having record attendance. This is in part due to the good educational speakers and the support each member is giving our association. Our Newsletter continues to improve with every issue and your comments can only help support or improve its efforts. In short, due to the entire BOD's team effort, our association has completely recovered from the management problems of last year. Any concerns or comments about our association may be directed to any director, and I assure you they will be addressed,

Lastly, I would encourage and invite every member to attend each monthly membership meeting. Among the MAAGCS greatest strengths are the fellowship and knowledge that are shared at these meetings. ■

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