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## President's Message

**Bill Shirk, CGCS**



I would like to start this message with a few "thank-you's".

First, I would like to thank our March meeting host, Rick Hildreth and the rest of Swan Point's staff.

Secondly, I would like to thank our April meeting host, Mike Legere, CGCS, and Holly Hill's staff.

Thirdly, I would like to give an early thanks to the rest of the Board of Directors. Through the first three Board meetings, a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished. Each Director's input has truly been a team effort in accomplishing many goals.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Turfgrass Matters Committee, Chris Ayers, Chairman, Dean Graves, Bruce Cadenelli, Doug Fleming, R. Tucker Mostrom, Kevin Pryseski, CGCS; and Lentz Wheeler for our first Turfgrass Matters, Volume I, Number I. It really was outstanding and shows the results of their hard work. When I became a Director, I had always wanted to see a better quality Newsletter, and now I realize that this can happen and that the quality will do nothing but get better. Great job!

May will find the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at Queenstown Harbor Golf Links. This event has been billed a steel spikeless event.

Although we hope everyone will be comfortable with this decision, we certainly don't want to offend anyone in wearing some kind of soft spike. Although it is not mandatory, we hope everyone can comply with this. After all, this is a fun event with good fellowship, not a chance to win the U.S. Open.

On a much sadder note, I was notified of the passing of a dear friend to me and to the turf industry, Ken Baker. I have known Ken for many years, and it will take a long time to adjust to the fact that Ken will no longer be around to visit and talk to.

Even though Ken was a salesperson for G.C. Cornell, I never felt that he was a salesman, but a real friend. When Ken would visit or during many trips to Superintendent meetings, both ESAGCS and MAAGCS, we talked about our families, our golf courses, our problems and many other topics. Ken was always there to help, no matter what the situation! Ken and I had some great times, as many of you did.

As I said above, Ken will no longer be visiting us, but I know he will be watching over his many friends, as he did for many years. Ken, you truly will be missed. ■

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