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President's Message

Dean Graves



ust a couple of points of interest. Dealing with our newly appointed Executive Secretary Mrs. Charlotte Norris. She has been involved with golf course management some ten plus years during her marriage to Tim. Her orientation to the Executive Secretary's position was essentially starting and running a 450-member state wide chapter, the Lone Star GCSAA in Texas. Her experiences are wide spread and sometimes over whelming. We, the Board of Directors, are looking forward to her better serving our association needs.

It is time to give compliments to several deserving individuals. As you well know, Mr. Lou Rudinski has been spending too much time at home and in the hospital. He has recently undergone numerous procedures to patch a few circulatory concerns. Lou is finally on the mend and able to get out of the house. We should be honored that he came to the Kenwood meeting as his first social outing. I wish we had more dedicated members like Lou.

I want to thank Ed Brown of Rehoboth Beach Country Club and President of the ESAGCS for hosting the June meeting. The course was beautiful and greatly improved from the old. Ed thought the course played especially easy that day by shooting 65 with two double bogeys, way to go partner.

My second and heartfelt thanks goes to Andy Sheehan of Kenwood Golf and Country Club. The course was in its normal wonderful condition. It was nice to see a course without stressed turf and superintendent. I want to thank Kenwood for making us feel so welcome.

Everybody should receive a bulletin showing the necessary information for

upcoming MAAGCS events. I look forward to seeing more people at our monthly chapter meetings. The annual picnic was a grand success! Again, I want to thank Lou for making arrangements for having the entire park at Mayo Beach. It was great fun for the entire family to enjoy and relax. Hopefully, this will be our annual stop for the picnic. Mr. John Newcomb provided an excellent day for golf on August 12th. Our compliments to him and his staff for providing such a good course.

On a side note:

Many times I feel our staffers are not recognized by the golfer for a job well done. If I may share what Bethesda Country Club does to show its support for the golf course maintenance staff. Every year the club hosts a "Greenskeepers" tournament. It has a member/member best-ball format. The proceeds from the event are then given to each staff member dependent on their years of service and responsibilities. The income from the event amounts to several thousand dollars. We prepare the golf course with extra fast greens and "unusual" pin placements. It is a great and fun tournament we look forward to preparing. Maybe it is something you could introduce to your club, it really helps morale.

I hope this is your best season ever, Good Luck!

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President



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