

## Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary, Nick Vance, CGCS

By now a large number of MAAGCS members have been involved with a "Focus Group" discussion regarding the Association and its members. The Board of Directors have listened to ALL of the comments and already started to implement a few of your suggestions to continue to improve the growth and success of the Association. To help with the continual communication between the Board and the membership the following ideas have emerged:

1.) At the monthly meetings the board members will be seated at tables around the room.

2.) A board member will be present at the registration table to greet members and answer any questions they may have.

3.) The golf committee will have a Blind-Draw Tournament so that members will be able to acquaint themselves with fellow members they may not know.

The 1998 dues notice has been mailed. PLEASE fill out the 4x6 card that is enclosed and mail

it back to the office. It is our goal to have an "ACCURATE" Directory ready to go to press by June 1, 1998 and we need your help with the information on these cards to complete our database.

The Education Committee is working with the Class F members to have a day-long Educational seminar in March. Watch your mail for further details.

At the Annual Meeting in December the membership voted to change Article IX, Section A of the MAAGCS By-Laws to read as follows:

All members with dues or assessments that shall remain in arrears more than sixty (60) days after April first, or after notification of any special assessments shall be suspended from the Association without necessity of notice being of such suspension and upon the expiration of sixty (60) days, be divested of all rights, privileges, and immunities connected with or appurtenant thereto.

At the November membership meeting at Hillendale the MAAGCS was billed \$476.00 for dinners for members that did not honor or cancel the reservations they had made. Please read the By-Law above and understand that the MAAGCS can not continue to be responsible for those members that do not honor their commitments.

The Board of Directors would again like to thank all of our sponsors for their support during the past year and we are looking forward to working with all of you in the future.

Thanks to all of our committee volunteers during 1997. Remember we can only change things by paying attention to what is going on and by getting involved. Volunteer to serve on a committee.

Congratulations to Walter Montross, CGCS for winning the "Player of the Year" award and to all of our other winners in 1997.

## MAAGCS Wants You!!!!

*Become more involved in your Association.*

Committees are now being formed for 1998. The standing MAAGCS committees are:

- Communications
- Education
- Finance
- Golf
- Membership
- Social & Benevolence

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the MAAGCS office at

**1-888-MID-TURF**