

Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Mike Evans



The Board of Directors has approved the formation of a fundraising golf tournament with proceeds to be earmarked strictly for government relations issues and research projects. This will be a separate event, and will not coincide with our monthly meeting schedule. The inaugural tournament will be held August 21, 2000 at South River Golf Links. Teams will be comprised of a golf course superintendent, two club officials, and one guest who may be a MAAGCS affiliate member, politician, or university representative. Look for more details this spring.



A motion to raise dues for the year 2000 was unanimously approved by the Board. Dues for Class A, B and F members are \$140 per year, an increase of \$20. Dues for Class C members were raised \$10, to \$105 per year. Non-resident member dues will be \$70. This dues increase, the first in seven years, will help to offset the cost of ever-increasing member services.



A letter was sent on behalf of the MAAGCS to Bud Key, publisher of Chesapeake Golfer, expressing our extreme displeasure with the portrayal of golf course superintendents in an article that appeared in the October issue. When Mr. Key did not respond to the letter, he was contacted by telephone. He stated that the piece was meant to be humorous, with no malice intended, and that he would not offer a formal apology. Mr. Key did, however, extend an invitation to the MAAGCS to write monthly articles for the magazine. The first issue for the year 2000 will be published in March. If you would like to write an article for publication please contact the MAAGCS office.



In response to a suggestion that the MAAGCS, as an Association, endorse certain political candidates for election, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed that such endorsement would not be feasible. To do so would jeopardize our status as a non-profit organization.



The Board unanimously approved a motion to donate \$100 to the Joe Duich Foundation. For decades, Dr. Duich has been instrumental in advancing turfgrass research to benefit golf course superintendents.



The MAAGCS will again, sponsor a hospitality suite at the Maryland Turfgrass Conference and the GCSAA Conference and Show. The hospitality suite in Timonium will be Tuesday, January 4, at the Holiday Inn from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The hospitality suite in New Orleans will be Thursday, February 17, at the Radisson Hotel from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed in January for the GCSAA reception.



The Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be partnering with the MAAGCS to host the hospitality suite in New Orleans. We would like to express a hearty "Thank You" to all of our friends in the ESAGCS for your support.



Beginning with the first MAAGCS golf event in April, all golf participants must have a registered handicap card. A registered handicap card will be required for every MAAGCS-sponsored golf event. Please review the golf policy for the year 2000 in order to avoid a conflict before it arises.



The Board has recently become aware that many members are not wearing their name badges at the monthly meetings. It is nice to be able to attach a name to all the new faces in the Association. Conversely, wearing your name badge makes you readily identifiable to those who are not regular attendees. If you need a name badge please contact the MAAGCS office.

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