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## Walter C. Montross, CGCS

I want to thank the membership for entrusting me with the presidency of your association for a second time. It is hard to believe that ten years has passed since my last time tenure on the Board, but as with most things in life time passes much to quickly. As I take the reins it would be foolish not to acknowledge those who came before me, as well as, the Board that you have elected for 1999. The people you learn from and ultimately imitate make us what we are, thanks go to Mike, Lee, Sam & Dave for the early years and Scott, Bill, Dean & Mike for their stewardship the last few years. You know who you are and your leadership was and is greatly appreciated. In addition, I believe the membership has elected a fine, hard working group to the Board this year and I look forward to working with them.

Every President comes into office with an agenda to complete. However, as our association has continued its dramatic growth and the demands placed upon us continue to escalate, we can no longer think or act in the short term. Long term strategic thinking and goals must be adopted to ensure future successes. Another factor of our rapid growth is a sense of isolation by our new members and some of the older ones as well. The perception of not feeling welcome must be eliminated. For any organization to succeed, it takes all of its members working towards a common goal. We also need to reach out to new prospective members, tell them what we have to offer and encourage them

to take advantage of our services. A little over a year ago our Past President, Mike Gilmore suggested meeting with all of our members to solicit feedback on the direction of the association. Many positive ideas emanated from these discussions and the Board began the task of trying to implement these suggestions. As part of this year's agenda, the Board hopes to expedite many of these issues. First, we have formed a "Welcoming Committee" which is chaired by Vice President, Nick Vance. The idea is to have personal contact with all new and prospective members. Second, we have created an "Industrial Advisory Group" that will be chaired by Past President, Mike Gilmore. The idea is to create a better rapport with our commercial vendors. These individuals and companies are an integral part of any success our association has or hopes to achieve. A strong educational program is another suggestion we heard loud and clear. We are working hard on, not only this year's program but next year's program as well. Our second annual educational conference in conjunction with the Audubon Sanctuary Program just concluded and we will sponsor two GCSAA seminars in December. In addition, we are working actively with the University of Maryland and the Maryland Turfgrass Council to help formulate and implement an outstanding 2000 Maryland Turfgrass Conference. I also wish to begin



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# MAAGCS Golf Notes

## Golf and Reservation Policy

The 1999 GCSAA Golf Championship was recently played February 8th & 9th in Tampa. The Mid-Atlantic fielded thirty-two players and five chapter teams for the event. "Thumbs Up" to Scott Wagner for winning his division a fifth consecutive year! One of the smoothest swings in golf, will be looking forward to Alabama. GCSAA past president George Renault, III took First Net in the Senior I Division. Florida must be agreeing with his game!

Congratulations To This Years Winners!!

### Golf Championship Results:

Scott Wagner - 1st Gross, Second Flight (5th consecutive year!!)  
 Jim McHenry - 3rd Gross, Third Flight  
 Sean Remington - 3rd Net, Third Flight  
 Gordon Caldwell - 2nd Gross, Fourth Flight  
 Nick Vance - 7th Gross, Fourth Flight  
 Steve Sweiderk - 2nd Gross, Fifth Flight  
 Steve Cohoon - 7th Net, Fifth Flight  
 George Renault, III - 1st Net, Senior I Division

### Chapter Team Results:

Sean Remington/George Renault/Nick Vance/Bob Wren - 3rd Net

### Two Man Team Results:

Steve Glossinger/Carey Mitchelson - 8th, Gross Division  
 Tim Norris/Douglas Browne - 10th, Gross Division  
 Jim McHenry/Nick Vance - 6th tie, Net II Division  
 Walter Montross/Joe Distefano - 9th tie, Net II Division  
 Jim Weaver/Bob Wren - 9th tie, Net II Division  
 Ed Gasper/Jefre Tschudi - 5th tie, Net III Division  
 Matt Richter/Steve Sweiderk - 5th tie, Net III Division  
 Sean Remington/George Renault, III - 11th tie, Net III Division  
 Mike Evans/Paul Masimore - 12th tie, Net IV Division  
 Tim McMahon/Mike Sullivan - 12th tie, Net IV Division

### Four Man Team Results:

Tim Norris, Doug Browne, David Gourlay, Doug Westbrook - 4th tie, Gross  
 Steve Glossinger, Jim Broughton, Carey Mitchelson, Michael Wilson - 5th, Gross  
 Jim McHenry, Nick Vance, David Fearis, Jim Moriarty - 2nd tie, Net II  
 Sean Remington, George Renault, Stephan Crain, David Kleymann - 4th tie, Net III  
 Matt Richter, Steve Sweiderk, Brad Johnson, Jim Knulty - 4th tie, Net III  
 Mike Evans, Paul Masimore, Joseph Alonzi, Robert Alonzi, 4th tie, Net IV

The following policies have been adopted by the MAAGCS Board of Directors. Please read each one carefully. Beginning with the first monthly meeting in March these policies will be strictly enforced.

**\* Reservations and cancellations must be made through the MAAGCS office.** Do not call the hosting club, pro shop, or superintendent. These reservations or cancellations are not valid!

\* Reservations for golf, dinner, or lunch must be received by the deadline set or you may not attend, **no excuses!!!**

\* Reservations not honored will be billed through the Association for reimbursement of no show. The Association must fund no shows for counts given to hosting clubs. Unpaid reservations are considered a special assessment and will be dealt with according to the by-laws.

\* Members on the permanent RSVP list will be removed after two no shows or not canceling by the reservation deadline, and not allowed back on until the following year.

\* Members signing up for golf will be automatically put on the dinner or lunch reservation list and pay for the whole day at sign-in. Members who play golf and do not attend the meeting for any reason will be reprimanded: 1st Offense - letter from the President; 2nd Offense - suspension from golf for a period of one year

\* As a courtesy, reservations for golf that can not be kept should be canceled ASAP.

\* Members will be allowed to sponsor guests at regular meetings provided they are in attendance. A member may sponsor one (1) guest for golf per meeting. Members may sponsor more than one guest for lunch or dinner.

\* MAAGCS members at a hosting club will be comped for lunch or dinner reservations. The hosting club will be responsible for their guests as determined prior to reservation deadlines.

**\* Shorts are proper attire for the golf course only!** Stated attire must be worn during the educational and social portions of each meeting.

## President's Message

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the process of hiring a part time media consultant. The idea is to work with an experienced media individual who can assist us in getting our story and ultimately our image in front of the general public. There are many other issues we are addressing but, suffice it to say many of these issues will have to be adopted by future Boards. Yes, this is an ambitious plan but I believe it can be done. It is my hope that you will notice our efforts and I encourage you to contact me or any board member with your thoughts, suggestions or even criticisms if we don't follow through on our goals.

I believe we have an exciting 1999 meeting schedule planned with a dynamic educational program. I hope to see everyone at the meetings this year and let's try to get our Assistants involved.