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President's Message

Chris Ayers, CGCS



I am sure you will indulge me if I take a moment to touch on the events, which occurred on September 11. I know every member of our Association will join me in offering condolences to every family or friend affected by the heinous attack on our country. Words can not describe the horror, concern and anger I felt as I began to learn of the enormity of the devastation. I am still filled with sorrow both for the victims and for our way of life that used to be. None of us ever could have imagined that anything like that could happen in our lifetime. No one can predict what the future holds for our country, but I know we will be stronger and more united.

Unfortunately, our September meeting was scheduled at Hope Valley GC for September 11th. Upon learning of the tragic events, we decided to cancel our meeting. Approximately 35 members gathered at Great Hope and watched in astonishment as events unfolded. There was no formal meeting, but those in attendance conducted a moment of silence and heard member, Ray

Finch pray for our country, our leaders and the victims. There was already a sense of togetherness evident that I have never before witnessed anywhere or anytime.

The 2nd annual *Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament* was held at Queenstown Harbor GL on August 27th. Over 120 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golf and camaraderie to benefit MAAGCS education, research and scholarship. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Tournament Director, Mike Evans, Golf Director Dave Burkhart and Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris for helping to make this event a success. My thanks go to all the fine people at Atlantic Golf for hosting the tournament again this year. It is my sincere hope this tournament will continue to grow in the years to come and provide necessary funding for supporting and improving our profession.

Our Association is strong and having a good year overall. Your Board is working hard to provide you with a variety of events throughout the region and year. It is our hope that what we offer is attractive to you and you will choose to attend as many events as you can. I begrudgingly have accepted that we will not be able to please every single member of this Association, but I want you to know we have tried and will continue to do so to the best of our abilities.



Please remember the
victims and families
of the September 11th
tragedy in your
thoughts and prayers



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