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**President's Message****Jim Halley**

This spring and early summer has been one of the wettest on record in our region. The extreme weather patterns have decreased play and impacted revenues. The season to-date has made providing quality playing conditions to our customers and members a difficult challenge. The one lesson I have learned during my tenure within the Mid-Atlantic Region is the weather is unpredictable, there's no such thing as a typical or a normal year. I have been praying for 85-degree days, low humidity and a stiff wind to dry out the course. I hope everyone is coping with the weather and doing well.

The Association has hired a new Executive Secretary, Theresa Baria. The office has been relocated and the 1-888-MID-TURF line has been redirected to Theresa's home office. We are excited to have Theresa and feel she will add a great deal of value to our association going forward.

During the coming months the Board and myself will be refocusing on our goals and addressing our deficient areas. It takes time to implement changes and I'm asking for your patience and support.

Our new web-site is finally on-line. The new site will help enhance our membership and dramatically improve communications within our association.

Please feel free to visit [www.maagcs.com](http://www.maagcs.com), and set-up your user name and password. I would like to thank Drew Scully, Randall Pinckney, Charlotte Norris and Theresa Baria for all their hard work on this project.

Like anything in life, if you invest time and effort into something you value, you can only benefit. That is how I feel about getting involved into our association. I look forward to seeing you at our annual Picnic (Mayo Beach).

**2003 Calendar**

7/8/03 - Mayo Beach - Family Picnic

8/12/03 - Army/Navy Fairfax - Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament

9/9/03 - Glenn Dale G.C. - Supt/Assistant

10/22/03 - Bretton Woods - Annual Tournament, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

11/11/03 - Woodlands G.C. - IAC Elections

12/9/03 - Greenbelt Marriott - GCSAA Seminar, Annual Meeting



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