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President's Message

Ken Ingram, CGCS

According to "Miss Manners" in the Washington Post the other day, one of the most embarrassing and traumatic things that can happen to a person socially is to throw a party and have nobody come. Those of us on the MAAGCS Board know what she means. We have scheduled some first class events and are lucky to get 10% of our membership to attend. After a few years as a Superintendent it's hard to get embarrassed or traumatized, we've seen it all, the feeling is more anger and frustration than anything else.

Associations have spent an inordinate amount of time nationally and locally discussing this trend. We hear the reoccurring themes of travel, expense, etc. and we try to change meeting times, formats, etc. but the problem still exists. Drastic and philosophic measures are taken such as PDI and Dual Affiliation, and the problem still exists. I'm beginning to feel like it's a "can't see the forest for the trees" situation. The problem isn't so much a professional one but more a social one, we are all just too darn busy.

Fortunately you are all so busy that you won't take the time to read this. But just in case this reaches you on a rainy day, listen to one of the older guys in this business today.

Nothing will do you more good than attending a Superintendents meeting once a month. Get away for half a day, look at some other guys' problems, talk about your problems with some people that have a much better than average chance of helping you. Do yourself, your employer, and your family a favor. Try and attend some meetings.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 6/8, Individual/Stableford, Hog Neck GC

Tuesday, 7/13, Picnic, Mayo Beach

Tuesday, 8/10, Stewards, Prospect Bay

Tuesday, 9/14, Two Man Team, Olde Hickory

Monday, 10/25, Annual Tournament, Towson CC

Tuesday, 11/9, IAC Election/Scramble, Hidden Creek

Tuesday, 12/14, Seminar, Greenbelt Marriott



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