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# President's Message Drew Scully, CGCS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Association for 2005. It is a difficult time in the golf business and a volunteer organization is always susceptible to erosion when times get tough. Fortunately we have a dedicated Board of Directors and I look forward to working on behalf of the membership to grow this Association and focus on its future in the golf industry. We are in a period of change, adjustment, or correction for the golf business and the Association will need to adapt in order to survive.

The Board of Directors has spent the majority of the last two years getting the Association back into a member friendly environment. Establishment and improvement of the web site, improved vendor relations, improved scholarships, and successful fundraising for continued research support have been the focus. I would like to see the Association's membership grow as I stated in my article in the last issue. The primary areas for growth are the Assistant Superintendent, Student, and Affiliate classes. All three are vital to the success of the Association and the Class A & B members.

I look forward to the opportunities before the Association this year and to personally meet more members of the Association. As I finish this message on the eve of the March seminar, there is a sense of excitement for the coming year, almost 25% of the membership signed up for the seminar, we have received several new membership applications, we have a new event for April in conjunction with BASF, Phil Mickleson and Tiger Woods actually made golf fun to watch at Doral, let's have a great year. Thank you.

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### 2005 Calendar

April 5	Waverly Woods GC
May 11	Crofton CC (Supt/Pro)
June 14	Twin Shields Golf Club
July	Picnic Mayo Beach (Date TBA
Aug. 1	Sparrows Point CC (Stewards)
Sept. 20	Worthington Manor GC (Joint with GWGCSA)
Oct.	Suburban Club (Date TBA)
Nov.	(Date and Place TBA)
Dec.	Annual Meeting (Date TBA)



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