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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Another abnormal spring with snow on Easter and a very dry month of May it wouldn't be the Mid-Atlantic region if it weren't for inconsistent weather. At least for the most part the weather has been cooler. We recently had our Superintendent/Pro tournament which was hosted by Piney Branch Golf Club. I'd like to thank Scott Wunder and the staff at Piney Branch Golf Club for providing us a great day of camaraderie and enjoyment on their beautiful golf course. Our next meeting will be our 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot on June 28th at the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center. Our last two meetings will be golf meetings; "The Stewards of the Chesapeake" hosted by Chevy Chase Club, Dean Graves, CGCS Golf Course Superintendent on August 6th and the MAAGCS Annual Championship hosted by Columbia Country Club, Steve McCormick Golf Course Superintendent on October 15th. Once meeting announcements have been posted please respond with your entry to Theresa quickly for spots tend to fill rapidly for both of these golf events.

On another note, I posted a recent job referral for an Assistant Superintendent position. I did not receive one single resume or phone call about this position. I know many of you are in the same situation. Luckily, I do have one assistant already so I'm not complaining. I'm just surprised. Turf program admissions are down at universities and there seems to be a plethora of vacant assistant jobs available for the taking. This is only good news for those who can stick it out. I think most of us turf-heads worked at a golf course at a young age and liked it so much that you went to turf school and became an assistant. I remember over the last 10 years a lot of competition not for just Superintendent jobs, but also assistant jobs as well. With more vacant assistant jobs that should mean more available Superintendent jobs in the future. This is why it is important for you to make these meetings the MAAGCS offers. I hope everyone has an excellent summer and I look forward to seeing you at the meetings

Thank you!

Randall S. Pinckney  
MAAGCS President



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