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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

In the 13 years of working in the golf course maintenance profession I remember a lot of droughts and periods of too much rain. This has been one of the driest years I can remember. It has been good for keeping diseases down, but it has been long days with a hose in hand and worrying about if they'll be water coming out of the hoses for most of us. Now that finally cooler temperatures have been arriving I hope that most of you are thinking about vacations and shorter days at work. We hopefully will get some much needed rain soon.

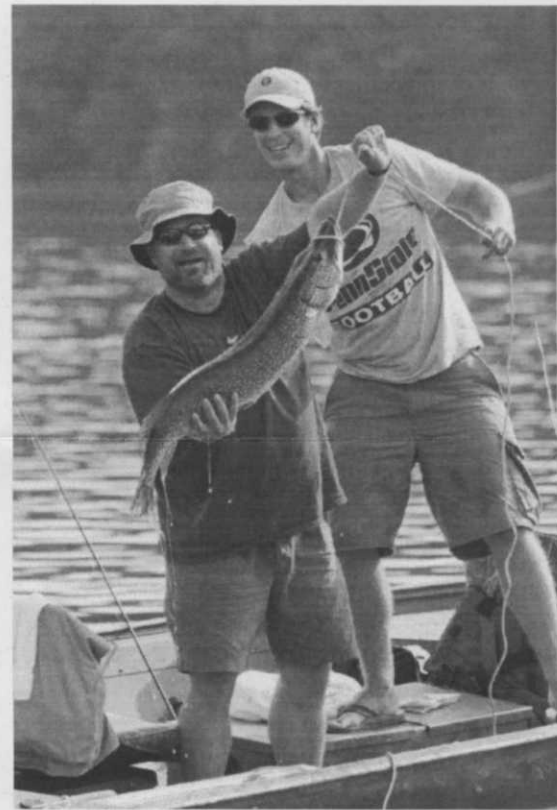
We've had several new members join the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents this year. We look forward to meeting most of you at our meetings. For those long time members who know some of these new members please encourage them to attend our meetings and don't forget about your Assistants. They need to experience the benefits of our association, from both the social and educational aspects of being a member. We've also had some long time members retire and move on to other green grass. I would like to congratulate Bill Nuess, Rhys Arthur, Tom Ritter and Wade Barrett for there successful years in our profession, and would like to wish them luck on their new endeavors.

For everyone who will be attending the 2008 GCSAA conference please look in the mail for you invitation to attend the MAAGCS reception evening in Orlando and I hope to see all of you there. Attached is a picture of member Charlie

Ulevich, Director of Agronomy for Hayfields Country Club and Turf Valley Golf Club, catching a trophy 42 inch 17lb Northern Pike out of Deep Creek Lake on my boat. Got to get away from work and have some fun!

Thank You,

*Randall S. Pinckney  
MAAGCS President*



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