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Call to Order - The MISGA President, Ralph Starkey, opened the meeting at 9:52 A.M. and went over the administrative details, facilities, lunch and golf.

Attendees: Ralph Starkey, Bob Turner, John Babyak, Gary Sorrell, Dick Dale, John Kennedy, Tom Tarpley, Tom Taylor, Earl Gayler, Phil Tilghman, Willis Hall, Lloyd Stimson, Byron Keadle, Charlie Fieldhouse, Howard Taylor, Jim Ewalt, Pete Sorge, Mike Giuffrida, Ken Wallgren, Dick Crone, Jim Brittingham, C.J. Myers, Dave Cook, Wayne Stultz, and Jim Wilcox.

Vice President's Remarks – Bob Turner, the current vice-president and incoming President thanked Pete Sorge for the wonderful job he did with the Fall Flings at Seabrook and Amelia Islands. He had previously asked all of the committee chairs to stay on and all have agreed to do so. Two small changes, Earl Gayler will take over Policy and Planning and Ken Wallgren will take Past Presidents Committee. The schedule for 2008 is not completed but would be available by the end of the year.

Secretary's Report – The minutes had been distributed to the Board via e-mail prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved. The Secretary asked if it was acceptable to distribute the minutes via e-mail rather than through the normal mail. No one objected. Agendas and directions for future meetings will go out through the regular mail.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. MISGA is very solvent. We are up to date with all of our IRS filings and the IRS has not said anything about our carry-over. He has been putting in some contingency funds in the 990 forms that he has submitted. Gary discussed the budget and expenses for 2007 and said that there would be a surplus of about \$3,500 for the year. The year-end fund balance at the end of 2008 may present an IRS problem. He recommended that we develop a plan to spend the surplus or reduce the revenue. Gary also reviewed the proposed budgets for 2008 and 2009. The cost of the insurance policy was also discussed and was determined to be reasonable. The policy protects the MISGA person involved in MISGA business only. It was suggested that we have a Board of Directors liability also. A motion was made that the Legal Counsel should review the current policy and report his evaluation of the policy back to the board. The motion was approved.. The mileage allowance will be raised to \$0.50 per mile as of January 1, 2008.

Committee Reports

Associates – Associates Reports had been distributed. Bear Trap Dunes would be club #125, Fairway Hills #642, Ft. Meade #643 and Beach Club #525. He will be putting a "W" on the roster for each associate that indicates that they do not need to have the MISGAGram mailed to them. Those associates will access the MISGAGram via the MISGA website. Ralph then introduced Mike Giuffrida who will take over as the Historian.

Audit – Howard had two reports, one for the Summer Frolic that he has not approved yet and still has the one for the Spring Frolic open, he has some incorrect numbers that don't match and funds that have not been redistributed according to our guidelines. And the other one was the two-man event. The two-man event and the ABCD tournaments should be done according to the guidelines that we have in the handbook, i.e. separate accounts, documented and tracked. Any use of cash needs some kind of documentation. In the case of the two-man tournament, did not have a contract with the club. At the end of the event there were some charges that the club did not expect, such as 14 additional carts, and we shouldn't have the club rep contracting for additional carts. The club should have provided those. It was mentioned that next year the sponsoring clubs only need to allow as many players as they have carts for. i.e. 55 carts, 110 players. The Event chairman and the Tournament chairman need to be involved in these tournaments to improve coordination.

Counsel – Nothing to report.

Events – Pete Sorge discussed a mailing that went out to some MISGA members from a travel company that was planning a trip. He did not know anything about it and it is not a MISGA sanctioned event. He did know who this group was and he did use them about three years ago for a non-MISGA sanctioned trip to the Dominican Republic. He is assuming that they somehow got a copy of a MISGA list, possibly from the website or an old list. He said that they were a good company but the trip would not be a MISGA sponsored trip. The company did not imply that it was a MISGA sponsored trip, only that they have run trips for MISGA in the past. The legal counsel did not have a problem with the way the letter was written. All accounts set up for any outside event should have MISGA spelled out because otherwise there may be a problem with the IRS being unable to match the tax number correctly. The Articles of Incorporation as well as a copy of the MISGA by-laws should be given to the bank when the account is set up. The 2007 Fall Frolics sold out in two days. We are limited to 128 golfers but are also limited to the accommodations that are available. We have a number of non-golfers that take up rooms so there may not be 128 golfers, it could be 106 golfers and 22 non-golfers. The other requirement that MISGA has is that for every bedroom, there must be a bathroom. Refunds depend on the contract, and all contracts are different. A discussion about credits and deposits followed.

Historian – Ralph asked the new Historian, Mike Giuffrida, to introduce himself to the group. Mike said that he has read some of the MISGA history and is looking to find out what he should be doing.

Membership – Little to report, we bought in two new clubs this year and will be voting on two additional clubs later in the meeting.

MISGAGRAM – Herb Hanson was not at the meeting.

Policy and Planning – A report had previously been distributed. The committee held a meeting on October 1st at Hobbits Glen and decided that for tournaments we are talking about two committees. The first is the MISGA Tournament Committee which establishes when and where the tournaments will be held and the second is the Committee on Competition which is controlled by the USGA. “The committee must establish the conditions under which the competition will be played” and “The committee has no power to waive any of the Rules of Golf.” (Rule33-1). P&P looked at the current two sets of instructions and reorganized them into one document, consisting of two parts, the first, MISGA tournament policy and the second, information, instructions and procedures. The Tournament policy section consisting of two subsections. The first states who is on the committee; the MISGA Tournament Chairman, the host club rep, the Division Director, the host Division Tournament Chairman, the host club pro and anyone else designated by the Division Director. The second policy section states the players Handicap Verification Policy, “failure to post championship tournament scores will result in ineligibility to participate in MISGA Tournaments the following year.” We would like the Board to approve the documents inclusion in the guidelines. A motion was made to accept the report as written and its inclusion in the guidelines. The motion was approved.

Past Presidents Committee – Tom said that as the chair, he was given two charges; cut down on the number of reports which tend to lengthen meetings so he did not present a report and second it was suggested the excess verbiage was to be limited to facts or factors pertinent to the discussion. In this matter, he failed.

Rules & Handicaps – Dick Crone thanked the board for approving the Tournament Policy report. He reiterated how the information in the report would be used and reviewed what happened at Tantallon at the ABCD event. He then discussed the failure of some players to post their scores for State tournaments and the steps being taken to remedy that situation. The committee will continue to monitor score posting next year. He also mentioned that a new version of the Rules of Golf will be available in January. He discussed the one major change, identifying a ball in a hazard. There was further discussion about tournament eligibility.

Tournament Chairman – A report had previously been distributed. It was pointed out that there are new clubs coming into MISGA in their divisions and that the allotments should reflect the increase in associates. C.J.’s preference was to have the allotments based on the counts available on May 1st. It was pointed out that membership info is not due in to the Associates Chairman until June 1st. A motion was made to allow the Tournament Chairman to allocate the allotments based on the information available on May 1st. The motion was passed.

Website – A report had been distributed. There were a couple of changes to allow ‘type-on-able’ ability for two forms. It was pointed out that the newly approved MISGA Tournament Policy document should be put on the website and the two documents it replaced should be removed.

Division Reports

Division I – Wayne Stultz, of Jonathan’s Landing, was introduced as the new Assistant Division Director to incoming Director John Kennedy.

Division II – A report was distributed. The division had a successful year. The division had a successful pro-am and the date for next year has been set. The Summer Fling Board Bash had better attendance this year. Tom Taylor will be the Director next year and Bob Loun will be the new Assistant Director. Tom Taylor gave us an update on this year’s Summer Frolic and next year’s Frolic. This year we had 92 golfers, 33 women and 59 men. Thirty clubs were represented. Next year the event will be held at Carroll Valley on September 3rd and 4th with a Board meeting on the 2nd.

Division III - The division had a drop in revenue and participation this year but that should improve next year. The new Division Director, Dave Cook from Clearview, was introduced. The new Assistant Director, Mal Peterson, of Prospect Bay, was not at the meeting. Dave said that his club has made a lot of improvements and they have the best food on the Eastern Shore.

Division IV – Montgomery Country Club will be closed for greens replacement till at least August 1st of 2008. That club will be playing its mixers at Challedon. The division participation was down this year. The new Assistant Division Director, Jim Wilcox of Hobbits Glen, was introduced.

Division V – The division is healthy with nine clubs. We lost the Bay Club with most of those members moving to Bear Trap Dunes in Division I. The Beach Club will be voted on later in the meeting. The management of the Beach Club is driving the membership in MISGA. The new Director for the Division next year will be Willis Hall.

Division VI – A report was distributed to the board. Lloyd discussed his recent reps meeting. He mentioned the passing of Bob Nicholson a former Division Director. At the meeting, the reps discussed the Scheduling Matrix and the use of the mandatory matrix was defeated by a 6-5 vote. The cost of State Final Tournaments was discussed and the reps felt that the cost, \$70, was appropriate. The reps also felt that the MISGAGram should not be mailed, but only available through the internet.

Items for Discussion

Chartwell – In September, the membership committee was asked to look at Chartwell to find out if they were in compliance with various aspects of MISGA policy. A committee met with the rep from Chartwell and what they found was that most of the complaints against Chartwell addressed items that were not mandatory. The committee recommended that the Board take no action against Chartwell. The committee felt that the Board could suggest that Chartwell invite clubs, that they would prefer not to, but limit the number of participants. Tom did not feel that MISGA should force a club to invite a club that it chooses not to. A discussion about the use of the matrices followed. It was suggested that we change the guidelines so that the use of the matrices is not mandatory. A motion was made to accept the Chartwell committee report. The motion was passed.

Annual Meeting – This topic was brought up for discussion because a member of the board questioned the appropriateness of Tom Tarpley's request for funding for Operation Second Chance. Tom wanted to clarify that his request was made at a Board Meeting called following the 2007 Annual Meeting. Tom felt request and approval was done within the bounds of conduct of business within the association. A discussion about the request followed.

Admission of two new clubs – A motion was made to accept the Beach Club (#525) into Division V and Fort Meade (#643) into Division VI. The motion was approved.

Division Allotments and Distribution – The Treasurer said that Division II had put in a request for reimbursement of \$278 for travel and he had denied that request. The Division II Director thought that at the meeting at Carroll Valley, approval was given that excess division expenses could be submitted to the Treasurer directly when the division ran out of money for travel. He would also like to see the division allocations be equal for each division. He would like to see all travel expenses be submitted directly to the Treasurer. Tom Taylor said that at his first reps meeting of 2008, the division will use up \$674 for travel out of an annual allocation of \$758. The \$278 request was for travel to their last meeting that they have been unable to reimburse. A motion was made that next year we use the same percentage allocation per division but that we multiply the budgeted amount of \$3530 by two to \$7060. The motion was carried. It was also agreed to reimburse Division II for the \$278.55 that they had previously requested.

2008 Annual Meeting at Prospect Bay – Ralph said that because of a management change at Prospect Bay, we are now being asked to sign a contract with guaranteed counts and a cancellation policy. Ralph said that he will work on negotiating the contract or deciding on an alternate site.

Spring Fling – The Spring Fling will be moved from Ocean City. Attendance was down from 220 to 100 attendees. They are working on having the event in Williamsburg, VA. The plan is for May 13-15 and accommodations will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Golf will be at Williamsburg National and the Green Course at the Golden Horseshoe.

State Tournament Travel – It was suggested that we're traveling too far for State Tournaments and we should try to limit the courses we use to the central area of MISGA. Earl will do some research into this before making a proposal.

Amelia Island Refund – Pete mentioned that he might have three to five thousand dollars as a refund from Amelia Island. If we go to Amelia again in 2008, he would like to apply that money to prizes or to reduce costs instead of refunding the money to the 2007 participants. It was pointed out that this violates the guidelines which state that if the excess funds are greater than a certain amount, the money should be refunded to the 2007 participants. A motion was made to apply the funds to the Amelia trip in 2008. The motion was approved.

Ralph summarized the year's activities and hopes for the future of MISGA and thanked many people for the help that they provided to him. He turned the meeting over to Bob Turner, the incoming President. Willis Hall was elected as MISGA Vice-President.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

MISGA Treasurer's Report

December 4, 2007 Board Meeting

- Financial condition is that we are very solvent, and perhaps too solvent, as shown on the attachments which are included with this report. We are up to date with IRS tax filing requirements.
- The Year-to-Date actual income and expenses versus the approved 2007 budget are shown on Attachment 1 with notes on significant variances. Note that the projected \$7,460 surplus for the year was partially offset by the \$5,000 donation to Operation Second Chance.
- IRS announced a rate of 50.5 cents per mile for business travel reimbursements for 2008. If we adopt this rate, as approved previously by the Board, I propose using 50 cents per mile (IRS rate for 2007 was 48.5 cents and MISGA used 48 cents).
- The Draft 2008 Budget and a projected 2009 budget are shown on Attachment 2 with notes indicating how each proposed amount was calculated (generally 5% increase over amounts for 2007). Questions on (1) donation amount, if any; and (2) costs for MISGAGRAMs with revised procedures for mailing and postage. Note our carryover amount continues to grow. I recommend we either (1) develop a plan to spend the bulk of the surplus; or (2) consider a reduction in associate dues and/or club dues for at least 2008. I think a carryover of \$15,000 is probably alright, given cash flow needs early in the year before revenue is received.
- Proposed Division Operations allotments for 2008 are shown on Attachment 3, as previously proposed in the budget for 2008 based on membership for 2007 by division. We need to discuss these allotments and decide on how division costs above the allotment amount should be funded, if at all. On Oct. 18 Division 2 requested a reimbursement of \$278.55 to cover division-level travel calculated at 45 cents per mile – I did not pay this request pending actions taken at today's Board meeting.

YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS VERSUS 2007 MISGA BUDGET					
as of 12/1/07, rounded to nearest dollar					
Category Description	Year to Date	2007 Budget	Budget minus		
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Approved 3/2/07</u>	<u>actuals to date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	
INCOME					
ASSOCIATES DUES	39,790	39,380	(410)	41 more members than projected	
CLUB DUES	2,900	2,950	50	58 versus projected 59 clubs	
EVENTS REVENUE	0	300	300	event surplus retained for next event	
INTEREST -- CDs + Savings	636	850	214	spent some of the expected carryover	
TOTAL INCOME	43,326	43,480	154		
EXPENSES					
BOARD MEETINGS	0	320	320	meeting hosts did not charge us this year	
BUSINESS INSURANCE	0	2,930	2,930	to be paid in December	
BUSINESS SUPPLIES & FEES	614	450	(164)	new supply of checks and envelopes	
COMPUTER/TELEPHONE	0	70	70	no updates to membership data file	
COMPUTER SERVICES	115	100	(15)		
DIVISION OPERATIONS	3,360	3,360	0		
DONATIONS	5,000	0	(5,000)	approved after budget approved	
MAILING & POSTAGE	160	120	(40)		
MISGAGRAM	14,464	16,610	2,146	postage and maybe printing to be paid in December	
PRINTING/BINDING	3,216	5,090	1,874	did not print as expected	
TRAVEL	3,048	5,980	2,932	travel for 12/4 Board Meeting to be paid; overestimated travel	
TROPHIES & AWARDS	2,345	990	(1,355)	cart rental (\$640), extra awards (about \$500)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,322	36,020	3,698		<u>Account Balances</u>
2007 INCOME LESS EXPENSES to date	11,004	7,460		Gifted Certificate of Deposit	5,916
				Checking Account	288
Funds available at end of 2006 *		24,364		Savings & Short-term CDs	28,346
Projected funds at end of 2007 *		27,931	(with remaining 2007 expenses)	Total	34,551
* includes Gifted Certificate of Deposit (\$5,916 as of 12/1/07)					

DRAFT 2008 MISGA BUDGET				
as of 12/1/07 with projected 2009 budget				
		Draft 2008	Projected 2009	
	Category Description	Budget	Budget	Notes for draft 2008 budget numbers (increases are above 2007 actuals)
INCOME				
	ASSOCIATES DUES	41,000	40,180	projected increase with 2 or 3 new clubs for 2008; 2% decline 2009; at \$10 each
	CLUB DUES	3,000	3,000	60 clubs times \$50
	EVENTS REVENUE	0	0	assumes events revenue retained for future events
	INTEREST -- Gifted CD	270	280	4.5% interest rate
	INTEREST -- SAVINGS	1,125	1,175	estimated based on carryover funds and 4.5% rate
	TOTAL INCOME	45,395	44,635	
EXPENSES				
	BOARD MEETINGS	210	220	5% increase, assumes 4 meetings and hosts charge us
	BUSINESS INSURANCE	3,080	3,230	5% increase
	BUSINESS SUPPLIES	470	490	5% increase
	COMPUTER/TELEPHONE	75	80	5% increase
	COMPUTER SERVICES	120	130	5% increase
	DIVISION OPERATIONS	3,530	3,710	5% increase
	DONATIONS	??	??	unknown for now
	MAILING & POSTAGE	170	180	5% rate increase
	MISGAGRAM	12,800	13,440	5% increase, but reduced from 2007 due to lower postage cost
	PRINTING	3,360	3,530	5% increase
	TRAVEL	3,750	3,940	uses new mileage rate of 50 cents per mile
	TROPHIES & AWARDS	2,100	2,205	5% increase
	TOTAL EXPENSES	29,665	31,155	
EXPECTED	INCOME LESS EXPENSES	15,730	13,480	
	Projected funds available at end of 2007 *	25,204		
	Projected funds at end of 2008 *	40,934		
	* includes Certificate of Deposit (\$5,916 as of 12/1/07)			

Proposed 2008 Three-Stage Allotments Based on 2007 Paid Membership Per Division										
		Per Charlie								
		11/26/2007			Amount of	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed		
Division	2008	Paid Up			total	Allotment	Allotment	Allotment		
	Clubs	Members		Percentage	Allotment	for March 2008	for May 2008	for later (7/1/08)		
1	9	484		12.3%	432	144	144	144		
2	13	756		19.1%	675	225	225	225		
3	8	459		11.6%	410	137	137	136		
4	10	1,110		28.1%	993	331	331	331		
5	9	523		13.2%	467	156	156	155		
6	11	619		15.7%	553	184	184	185		
Totals	60	3,951		100.0%	3,530	1,177	1,177	1,176		
					Proposal =>	Give to DDs	Give to DDs	Assuming all Associate		
						at March 2008	in May 2008	Dues are in, give to DDs		
						Board Meeting		July 1, 2008		



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

MISGA Board Meeting

@ CAROLINE COUNTRY CLUB

Date DECEMBER 04, 2007

Associates Chairman Report

Appendix 13.1

A. Associates

1. Roster:	3951	8. Assoc. added	875 from Westwinds 37
2. Paid:	3980	9. Assoc Deleted	775
3. Surplus:	29	10. Assoc Deceased	27
4. Owing:	0	11. Roster Chg	1819
5. Clubs Accepted	2		
6. Club Resigned	1		
7. Total Clubs	60		

The surplus exists because of the termination of paid-up MISGA associates because they have passed away or because they have left their golf club for some reason. As long as club reps continue to do an outstanding job of managing their rosters we should continue to show a surplus in the future.

MISGA in 2007:

Added 2 new club(s) (BEAR TRAP DUNES & FAIRWAY HILLS) and had 1 club(s) resign (WESTWINDS). The 2 clubs added 0 (TO BE ENTERED ON THE ROSTER 2008 – NO DUES PAID) new roster members 875 and we lost 802 left. Membership in MISGA and at most clubs is decreasing at a slow rate.

The Club reps and the Division Associates Chairmen have done a tremendous job. All the Associate Dues due MISGA was paid.

B. Roster

The membership database is maintained by the MISGA Associate Chairman

C. Budget

For 2007, \$0.00 was budgeted for Associates Chairman expenses to manage the membership database and to produce the required listings and mailing labels. We have \$0.00 outstanding invoice.

D. General

_____ will be the MISGA Associates Chairman in 2008

MISGA ASSOCIATE CHAIRMAN

Charlie Fieldhouse

MISGA YEARLY ASSOCIATES DUES REPORT

November 29, 2007		2007	2007		Latest Revision 11/26/2007	2007	2007		
DIVISION I	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF	DIVISION IV	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF
CRIPPLE CREEK	101	84	84	0	ARGYLE	432	119	119	0
EAGLE CREEK	104	68	67	1	HOBBITS GLEN	434	80	80	0
MAPLE DALE	106	67	67	0	KENWOOD	435	168	167	1
SEAFORD	110	47	46	1	LAKWOOD	436	91	91	0
SHAWNEE	111	63	61	2	MANOR	437	146	143	3
WILD QUAIL	115	48	48	0	MONTGOMERY	438	28	28	0
JONATHAN'S LNDG	121	53	53	0	MONT. VILLAGE	439	85	85	0
SUSSEX PINES	123	59	58	1	NORBECK	440	218	208	10
BEAR TRAP DUNES	125			0	LEISURE WORLD	441	107	107	0
					BRETTON WOODS	442	82	82	0
Division TOTALS	9	489	484		Division TOTALS	10	1124	1110	
Club Total over paid	5	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	14	Club Total not paid		0
DIVISION II	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF	DIVISION V	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF
BEAVER CREEK	214	81	81	0	EASTERN SHORE	503	32	32	0
HOLLY HILLS	216	47	47	0	ELKS	505	42	42	0
HUNT VALLEY	217	51	51	0	GREEN HILL	507	34	33	1
PINEY BRANCH	218	73	73	0	NUTTER'S	511	77	77	0
ROLLING ROAD	219	64	64	0	OCEAN CITY	513	77	77	0
SPARROWS POINT	220	78	78	0	OCEAN PINES	514	139	139	0
VFW	221	35	35	0	GREAT HOPE	519	36	36	0
WAKEFIELD VALLEY	222	34	34	0	DEER RUN	522	57	57	0
GLADE VALLEY	224	83	83	0	BAY CLUB	523	30	29	1
QUAIL VALLEY	226	71	69	2					
BEAR CREEK	227	45	45	0					
WINTERS RUN	228	39	39	0					
RATTLEWOOD	229	57	57	0					
Division TOTALS	13	758	756		Division TOTALS	9	524	522	
Club Total over paid	2	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	2	Club Total not paid		0
DIVISION III	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF	DIVISION VI	CLUB	PAID	ROSTER	DIFF
CAROLINE	302	28	28	0	BAY HILLS	610	20	20	0
CHESTER RIVER	303	65	64	1	CHARTWELL	623	57	55	2
HARBOURTOWNE	305	70	69	1	CROFTON	625	84	84	0
PROSPECT BAY	309	86	86	0	PATUXENT GREEN	627	54	54	0
TALBOT	313	51	51	0	TANTALLON	629	78	78	0
EASTON CLUB	319	87	87	0	UNIV. OF MD	630	69	68	1
CLEARVIEW	320	23	22	1	US NAVAL ACDMY	631	136	135	1
HOG NECK	322	52	52	0	MARLBOROUGH	635	31	31	0
					WALDEN	636	38	38	0
					BOWIE	641	56	56	0
					FAIRWAY HILLS	642			0
Division TOTALS	8	462	459		Division TOTALS	11	623	619	
Club Total over paid	3	Club Total not paid		0	Club Total over paid	4	Club Total not paid		0

GRAND TOTALS	PAID	ROSTER	Over paid	UNPaid	TOTAL	Clubs	in	out
2007	3980	3950	30	0	2007	60	2	1
2006	4018	4007	18	11	2006	59	1	1
2005	4097	4073	45	21	2005	59	1	0
2004	4239	4211	43	15				
2003	4454	4444	27	17				
					29-Nov-07	PAID	ROSTER	OVER PAID
					\$ Income Total	\$39,800.00	\$39,500.00	\$300.00

29-Nov-07

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12/1/2006	229 RW	in
1/1/2007	215 WW	out
1/1/2007	610 BHs	out
4/1/2007	610 BHs	IN
9/12/2007	125 LTD	IN
9/12/2007	642 FH	IN

14-Dec-07

	1-Jan-07	TO	12/14	2007						Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
			2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001						
TOTAL CLUBS			62	59	59	58	60	58	56	5.1%	3	0.0%	0	10.7%	6
MISGA TOTALS			3951	4007	4073	4211	4366	4505	4477	(1.4%)	(56)	(1.6%)	(66)	(11.7%)	(526)
			-56	-66	-138	-155	-139	28							

			2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
DIVISION I			2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001						
JONATHAN'S LNDG	121		53	71	70	72	50	64	0	(25.4%)	(18)	1.4%	1	#DIV/0!	53
SHAWNEE	111		61	76	79	78	92	76	92	(19.7%)	(15)	(3.8%)	(3)	(33.7%)	(31)
SUSSEX PINES	123		58	69	78	79	91	99	114	(15.9%)	(11)	(11.5%)	(9)	(49.1%)	(56)
SEAFORD	110		46	49	62	65	75	83	101	(6.1%)	(3)	(21.0%)	(13)	(54.5%)	(55)
MAPLE DALE	106		67	70	70	76	73	87	100	(4.3%)	(3)	0.0%	0	(33.0%)	(33)
CRIPPLE CREEK	101		84	85	89	94	93	87	90	(1.2%)	(1)	(4.5%)	(4)	(6.7%)	(6)
WILD QUAIL	115		48	43	40	39	38	36	34	11.6%	5	7.5%	3	41.2%	14
EAGLE CREEK	104		67	58	56	49	54	46	49	15.5%	9	3.6%	2	36.7%	18
BEAR TRAP DUNES	125									#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0
Division Total			484	521	544	552	566	578	580	(7.1%)	(37)	(4.2%)	(23)	(16.6%)	(96)

			2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
DIVISION II			2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001						
HUNT VALLEY	217		51	62	74	67	72	73	66	(17.7%)	(11)	(16.2%)	(12)	(22.7%)	(15)
VFW	221		35	42	54	50	49	60	65	(16.7%)	(7)	(22.2%)	(12)	(46.2%)	(30)
HOLLY HILLS	216		47	52	47	54	62	58	63	(9.6%)	(5)	10.6%	5	(25.4%)	(16)
BEAVER CREEK	214		81	93	98	110	102	100	92	(12.9%)	(12)	(5.1%)	(5)	(12.0%)	(11)
GLADE VALLEY	224		83	90	87	108	109	98	100	(7.8%)	(7)	3.4%	3	(17.0%)	(17)
QUAIL VALLEY	226		69	73	72	62	60	58	55	(5.5%)	(4)	1.4%	1	25.5%	14
BEAR CREEK	227		45	44	51	52	50	50	50	2.3%	1	(13.7%)	(7)	(10.0%)	(5)
PINEY BRANCH	218		73	71	65	65	69	66	72	2.8%	2	9.2%	6	1.4%	1
SPARROWS POINT	220		78	75	79	90	82	88	83	4.0%	3	(5.1%)	(4)	(6.0%)	(5)
WINTERS RUN	228		39	37	44	47	0	0	0	5.4%	2	(15.9%)	(7)	#DIV/0!	39
WAKEFIELD VALLEY	222		34	33	33	40	37	34	36	3.0%	1	0.0%	0	(5.6%)	(2)
ROLLING ROAD	219		64	55	65	77	99	111	109	16.4%	9	(15.4%)	(10)	(41.3%)	(45)
RATTLEWOOD	229		57	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	57	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	57
WESTWINDS	215		0	37	38	49	57	51	65						
Division Total			756	764	807	871	848	847	856	(1.0%)	(8)	(5.3%)	(43)	(11.7%)	(100)

DIVISION III									Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001						
TALBOT	313	51	58	51	55	64	74	71	(12.1%)	(7)	13.7%	7	(28.2%)	(20)
CAROLINE	302	28	31	31	44	56	62	61	(9.7%)	(3)	0.0%	0	(54.1%)	(33)
EASTON CLUB	319	87	90	89	79	80	80	0	(3.3%)	(3)	1.1%	1	#DIV/0!	87
CHESTER RIVER	303	64	60	66	75	74	76	68	6.7%	4	(9.1%)	(6)	(5.9%)	(4)
HARBOURTOWNE	305	69	62	63	63	67	71	75	11.3%	7	(1.6%)	(1)	(8.0%)	(6)
CLEARVIEW	320	22	20	30	29	30	35	40	10.0%	2	(33.3%)	(10)	(45.0%)	(18)
PROSPECT BAY	309	86	78	78	79	97	83	76	10.3%	8	0.0%	0	13.2%	10
HOG NECK	322	52	41	0	0	0	0	0	26.8%	11	#DIV/0!	41	#DIV/0!	52
Division Total		459	440	408	424	468	481	391	4.3%	19	7.8%	32	17.4%	68

DIVISION IV									Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001						
MONTGOMERY	438	28	41	45	44	56	70	86	(37.8%)	(13)	2.3%	(4)	(67.4%)	(58)
HOBBITS GLEN	434	80	90	93	84	80	84	90	(14.0%)	(10)	10.7%	(3)	(11.1%)	(10)
LAKWOOD	436	91	102	102	103	120	124	118	(10.8%)	(11)	(1.0%)	0	(22.9%)	(27)
LEISURE WORLD	441	107	105	116	118	126	123	134	(7.8%)	2	(1.7%)	(11)	(20.1%)	(27)
ARGYLE	432	119	125	126	136	143	148	157	(5.6%)	(6)	(7.4%)	(1)	(24.2%)	(38)
BRETTON WOODS	442	82	85	86	86	90	93	82	(4.7%)	(3)	0.0%	(1)	0.0%	0
KENWOOD	435	167	168	164	164	169	173	177	1.8%	(1)	0.0%	4	(5.6%)	(10)
MONT. VILLAGE	439	85	83	92	98	114	121	121	2.4%	2	(9.8%)	(9)	(29.8%)	(36)
MANOR	437	143	140	132	143	169	177	184	8.3%	3	(7.7%)	8	(22.3%)	(41)
NORBECK	440	208	163	91	91	108	121	121	128.6%	45	0.0%	72	71.9%	87
Division Total		1110	1102	1047	1067	1175	1234	1270	0.7%	8	5.3%	55	(12.6%)	(160)

DIVISION V		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
OCEAN PINES (1&2)	514	139	189	201	214	216	251	262	(26.5%)	(50)	(6.0%)	(12)	(46.9%)	(123)
OCEAN CITY	513	77	93	96	79	88	99	103	(17.2%)	(16)	(3.1%)	(3)	(25.2%)	(26)
BAY CLUB	523	30	34	33	28	0	0	0	(11.8%)	(4)	3.0%	1	#DIV/0!	30
EASTERN SHORE	503	32	36	42	46	47	52	53	(11.1%)	(4)	(14.3%)	(6)	(39.6%)	(21)
ELKS	505	42	45	49	51	53	63	58	(6.7%)	(3)	(8.2%)	(4)	(27.6%)	(16)
GREEN HILL	507	33	35	38	37	33	40	49	(5.7%)	(2)	(7.9%)	(3)	(32.7%)	(16)
NUTTER'S	511	77	75	75	81	90	93	100	2.7%	2	0.0%	0	(23.0%)	(23)
GREAT HOPE	519	36	33	37	17	36	32	32	9.1%	3	(10.8%)	(4)	12.5%	4
DEER RUN	522	57	48	41	49	32	0	0	18.8%	9	17.1%	7	#DIV/0!	57
OCEAN RESORTS	524			24	33	35	38	0						
Division Total		523	588	636	635	630	668	657	(11.1%)	(65)	(7.5%)	(48)	(20.4%)	(134)

DIVISION VI		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Plus or Minus 2006 vs. 2007		Plus or Minus 2005 vs. 2006		Plus or Minus 2001 vs. 2007	
BAY HILLS	610	20	40	33	41	44	48	55	(50.0%)	(20)	21.2%	7	(63.6%)	(35)
WALDEN	636	38	51	66	67	67	61	64	(25.5%)	(13)	(22.7%)	(15)	(40.6%)	(26)
PATUXENT GREEN	627	54	60	58	58	69	66	54	(10.0%)	(6)	3.4%	2	0.0%	0
BOWIE	641	56	61	67	64	76	72	64	(8.2%)	(5)	(9.0%)	(6)	(12.5%)	(8)
CHARTWELL	623	55	58	61	62	59	63	73	(5.2%)	(3)	(4.9%)	(3)	(24.7%)	(18)
UNIV. OF MD	630	68	67	84	91	87	97	90	1.5%	1	(20.2%)	(17)	(24.4%)	(22)
TANTALLON	629	78	69	60	75	74	74	69	13.0%	9	15.0%	9	13.0%	9
MARLBOROUGH	635	31	26	33	38	41	43	42	19.2%	5	(21.2%)	(7)	(26.2%)	(11)
US NAVAL ACDMY	631	135	111	111	103	100	111	130	21.6%	24	0.0%	0	3.8%	5
CROFTON	625	84	49	58	63	62	62	82	71.4%	35	(15.5%)	(9)	2.4%	2
FAIRWAY HILLS	642								#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0
Division Total		619	592	631	662	679	697	723	4.6%	27	(6.2%)	(39)	(14.4%)	(104)

MISGA TOURNAMENTS POLICY, INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Purpose

This document contains policy, information, instructions, and procedures applicable to the following annual tournaments:

1. Past Presidents (A,B,C,D) Championship
2. Two-Man Team Championship
3. Division Qualifying Tournaments

POLICY

I. Tournament Competition Committees

The MISGA Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship and the Two-Man Team Championship Tournaments shall each have a Tournament "Competition Committee." Each Competition Committee for these Championship tournaments shall include the MISGA Tournament Chairman (See MISGA Bylaws Section H), the host Club Rep, the host Division Director, the host Division Tournament Chairman, the host club Golf Pro, and any others designated by the host Division Director.

Each Division which holds an ABCD or Two-Man Team Division Qualifying Tournament, or both, should establish a Competition Committee for each of the Division Tournaments it holds. Each of the Competition Committees for the Division Qualifying Tournaments should include the Division Tournament Chairman, the Division Director, the host Club Rep, the host Club Golf Pro, and any others designated by the Division Director.

The Competition Committees for each Championship Tournament shall abide by USGA Rule 33-1, by establishing and appropriately disseminating "Conditions of the Competition," which set forth the conditions under which the Tournaments will be played, which include the requirements of eligibility for entry and method of entry.

Other issues which could or should be addressed in the "Conditions" are: equipment specifications (only driver heads and balls on USGA conforming lists), one-ball rule, starting time (and penalty rule for lateness), conditions of suspension of play (due to excessive rain and due to dangerous conditions (thunder, lightning), tie-breaking method, and other issues, if warranted, such as prohibition of practice on or near putting green of last hole played, etc.

Competition Committees established by Divisions for their Division Tournaments should similarly establish and disseminate "Conditions of the Competition" for their events.

II. Tournament Score Posting

Every Associate who plays in any MISGA Tournament, either Championship Tournaments or Division Tournaments, is required to properly post his scores in a timely manner. Failure to post Championship Tournament scores will result in ineligibility to participate in the following year's Championship Tournaments and may result in ineligibility to participate in following year's Division Tournaments. Failure to post Division Tournament scores may result in ineligibility to participate in the current year's Championship Tournaments.

The Competition Committees for the two MISGA Championships, in their Conditions of the Competition, will make Associates ineligible to enter and participate in those events if they failed to timely post either of the previous year's MISGA Championship scores. Such Committees will consider making Associates ineligible to participate if they failed to timely post either of their current year's Division Qualifier scores.

Competition Committees for Division Tournaments, in establishing the "Conditions of the Competition," should consider whether to make Associates ineligible to enter and participate in those events if they failed to timely post either of the previous year's Championship Tournament scores.

INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES

I. Past Presidents Tournament (ABCD)

The current MISGA President and all Past Presidents who are currently members of MISGA will be invited to participate in the Past Presidents Tournament. They will not be required to qualify, but will be required to pay the entry fee. They will be placed in the appropriate flight according to their current handicap index.

Each Division will determine the method to be used within their Division to select individuals eligible to enter the Past Presidents Tournament. (The Division's eligibility determinations will not take precedence over eligibility determinations of the Competition Committee for the Past Presidents Tournament.) The method selected must be equitable for each MISGA Associate and for each club within the Division. Selection of individuals shall be based on the percentage of Associates each club represents of the total number of Associates in his Division. Division quotas will be based on the percentage of Associates each Division represents of the total number of Associates in MISGA, as reported by the MISGA Associates Chairman in the prior December MISGA Associates Report of Dues Paid.

Division Directors, in cooperation with their Division Tournament Chairmen, will determine the method to be used for selection of individuals at the Club and Division level. Some suggested methods are a qualifying tournament, a lottery, a combination of these, etc. If a qualifying tournament is used, instructions contained herein will be followed where applicable.

All Associates who have been designated as qualified by a Division will be eligible to enter the Tournament, unless they do not meet the eligibility requirements established by the Tournament's Competition Committee. If there are any unfilled quota slots in a Division, the Division will use the following procedure in attempting to find alternate replacement players to fill those slots, starting with one qualified alternate from the club with the largest number of Associates in that Division, followed by a qualified alternate from the club with the second largest number of Associates, and so on, until all quota slots, or as many as possible, are filled. If there are any drop-outs or ineligibles determined after a Division has submitted the names of qualified players to the host Division, it will be the responsibility of the Division incurring the drop-outs or ineligible players to try to furnish replacements for those unfilled quota slots, using, to the extent feasible, the method described above. If, at this stage, unfilled quota slots remain in one or more Divisions, the host Division will attempt to find replacement players from the lists of alternate qualified players from other Divisions which held a Division Qualifier for the Championship Tournament. If unfilled quota slots remain after the host Division has exhausted all Divisions' lists of qualified replacements, the host Club Representative may select replacements from among available Associates.

Information as to dates, fees, starting times, location, mailing of entries and fees, deadline for cancellation refund, etc. shall be issued a minimum of six weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Tournament. This information shall be prepared and issued by the host Division.

The USGA handicap index for each player must be the current index for the month in which the tournament is to be played, unless the Tournament is so close to the beginning of an index revision date that the Competition Committee determines that it would be impractical for the Division Tournament Chairmen to monitor and report the participants' revised handicap indexes to the host Club in sufficient time for the host Club Professional staff to divide the field into flights and print the scorecards before the event. Each player will play at 100% course handicap. If a participant has different USGA handicap indexes at different clubs, the lowest index must be used. Handicap brackets for the flights will be determined by dividing entries into A, B, C, and D flights with approximately 25% allocated to each flight. Adjustments may be necessary to avoid having individuals with the same course handicap playing in different flights. This may result in slightly more or less than 25% of the entries in a given flight. All flights will play from the same tees, which should be placed within the normal area used by the host club for their middle (white) tees.

In order to assure that a significant number of participants are in attendance at the announcement of winners and presentation of prizes, the host club shall make every effort to complete the scorekeeping, identify the winners, and award prizes prior to the time that dinner dessert is served.

All prize money will be gift certificates to be used at the Pro Shop of the host club. Approximately 50% of the money will be awarded for low gross and 50% for low net. The overall low gross and low net winners will not receive any prize money certificates, since they will each receive an engraved trophy of significant value. As soon as possible after the tournament, the engraved trophies shall be given to their respective Club Reps, who, with their Division Directors, should make appropriate presentations to the winners. In addition, they will have their name engraved on the respective silver bowl, which they may retain for one year, until the next Past Presidents Tournament. Results of the Tournament shall be submitted to the MISGA Tournament Chairman and the MISGAgram Editor as soon as possible after the Tournament. Arrangements shall be made by the host Division Tournament Chairman to have pictures taken of the winners. These pictures shall be submitted to the MISGAgram Editor for publication with the Tournament results in the next issue.

A. Weather Interrupted or Postponed - ABCD Tournament

Whenever possible a rain date should be provided when scheduling the Past Presidents Tournament and the Division Qualifying Tournament. If a Tournament is interrupted by weather or other circumstances and there is no alternate date provided for playing or completing the Tournament, the Committee on the Competition will decide whether a sufficient number of holes have been played to establish winners and award prizes.

In order for the Tournament to be considered official, each player must complete a minimum of nine holes that are "in common" to each player in that flight. This means that all players in a given flight will be scored on the same holes. If more than nine holes "in common" have been completed in any given flight, then all of the "in common" completed holes shall be used to determine winners. In order to apply this procedure, all players in each flight must be grouped together and start at contiguous holes. All prizes and trophies shall be awarded if the above criteria are met.

If a Tournament is postponed or the required minimum of nine holes in common are not played and cannot be played at an alternate date, all prize money and any other rebate of money from the host club shall be refunded to the players.

II. Two-Man Team Tournament

Each Division will determine the method to be used within their Division to select teams eligible to participate in the Two-Man Team Tournament. The method selected must be equitable for each team and each Club within the Division. (The Division's eligibility determinations will not take precedence over eligibility determinations of the Competition Committee for the Two-Man Team Tournament.) Selection of teams shall be based on the percentage of Associates each club represents of the total number of Associates in their Division. Division quotas will be based on the percentage that each Division represents of the total number of Associates in MISGA reported by the MISGA Associates Chairman in the prior December MISGA Associates Report of Dues Paid. Team members must be from the same club. Team members must be the same two individuals who qualified. No individual substitution will be allowed for the Tournament.

Division Directors, in cooperation with their Division Tournament Chairmen, will determine the method used in selecting two-man teams at the Club and Division level. Some suggested methods are a qualifying tournament, a lottery, a combination of these, etc. If a qualifying tournament is used, the following instructions shall be followed where applicable.

Information as to dates, fee, starting times, location, mailing of entries and fee, deadline for cancellation refund, etc. shall be issued a minimum of six weeks prior to the scheduled date of the tournament. This information shall be prepared and issued by the host Division.

Each Division Tournament Chairman shall submit the names of the individuals on the teams and their USGA handicap indexes to the designated representative of the host club. The handicap index must be the current index for the month in which the Tournament is played, unless the Tournament is so close to the beginning of an index revision date that the Competition Committee determines that it would be impractical for the Division Tournament Chairmen to monitor and report the participants' revised handicap indexes to the host Club in sufficient time for the host Club Professional staff to print the scorecards before the event. In addition, each Division Tournament Chairman shall submit the same information for two alternate teams with an indication of the order in which these alternate teams shall be selected. Each player participating in the Tournament shall be allowed 90% of his rounded course handicap, the strokes to be taken as they come on the card. If the course handicaps of partners differ by more than 8 strokes, the partners' individual course handicaps will be reduced by an additional 10%, calculated in accordance with Section 9-4(b)(ii) of the USGA Handicap System Manual. If a participant has different USGA handicap indexes at different clubs, the lowest index must be used in calculating the course handicap.

All teams which have been designated as qualified by a Division will be eligible to enter the Tournament, unless they do not meet the eligibility requirements established by the Tournament's Competition Committee. If there are any unfilled quota slots in a Division, the Division will use the following procedure in attempting to find replacement teams to fill those slots, starting with one qualified alternate team from the club with the largest number of Associates and one alternate team from the next largest, and so on, until all quota slots, or as many as possible, are filled. If there are any drop-outs or ineligibles determined after a Division has submitted the names of qualified two-man teams to the host Division, it shall be the responsibility of the Division incurring the drop-out or ineligible teams to attempt to furnish replacement teams, for those unfilled quota slots, using, to the extent feasible, the method described above. If, at this

stage, unfilled quota slots remain in one or more Divisions, the host Division shall attempt to find replacement teams from the lists of alternate qualified teams from other Divisions which held a Division Qualifier for the Tournament.

All teams shall use the middle (white) tees for play in this tournament. The tee markers should be placed within the normal tee area used by the host club for their middle men's tees. In order to assure that a significant number of participants are in attendance at the presentation of prizes, the host club will make every effort to complete the scorekeeping, identify the winners, and award prizes prior to the time that dinner dessert is served.

All prize money will be gift certificates to be used at the Pro Shop of the host club. The first and second place teams will not receive prize money certificates, since they will be awarded engraved trophies, which are of significant value. As soon as possible after the Tournament, the engraved trophies shall be given to their respective Club Reps, who, with their Division Directors, should make appropriate presentations to the winners. Results of the Tournament shall be submitted to the MISGA Tournament Chairman and the MISGAgram Editor as soon as possible after the Tournament. Arrangements shall be made by the host Division Tournament Chairman to have pictures taken of the first and second place teams. These pictures shall be submitted to the MISGAgram Editor for publication with the Tournament results in the next issue.

A. Weather Interrupted or Postponed - Two-Man Team Tournament

Whenever possible, a rain date should be provided when scheduling the Two-Man Team Tournament and the Division Qualifying Tournament. If a Tournament is interrupted by weather or other circumstances and there is no alternate date provided for playing or completing the Tournament, the Competition Committee will decide whether a sufficient number of holes have been played to establish winners and award prizes.

In order for the Tournament to be considered official, each and every team must have completed a minimum of nine holes. If more than nine holes have been completed by each team all of the completed holes shall be used in determining score, provided that the same number of holes are used for each team. For example, if thirty teams have completed twelve holes and thirty-four teams have completed eleven holes, then only the first eleven holes played by each team shall be used in determining each team score. All prizes and trophies shall be awarded if the above criteria are met. If a tournament is postponed or the required nine holes are not played and cannot be played on an alternate date, all prize money and any other rebate of money from the host club shall be refunded to the players.

III. Tie Breaking Procedure - for ABCD and Two-Man Team Tournaments

The procedure for deciding ties shall be announced prior to play and shall be applicable to both MISGA Championship Tournaments and the Division Qualifying Tournaments. The tie breaking procedure shall be based on a match of cards for low gross and low net for the ABCD Tournaments and for low net for the Two-Man Team Tournaments. The initial match of cards shall be based on the best score for the last nine holes (10-18). If the tying players have the same score for the last nine holes, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes (13-18), last three holes (16-18), and finally the 18th hole. If a tie still exists, match the number one handicap hole and so on until a tie is broken. It is requested that the host club report on any time delays in scoring and determining winners encountered when using this tie breaking procedure.

In an interrupted official Tournament (see I.A. and II.A. above), ties shall be broken by match of cards of the "in common" holes completed by the participants. This shall be accomplished by matching the highest ranked handicap hole of the "in common" complete holes, the next highest ranked, and so on, until the tie is broken.

Report of the MISGA Handicap Committee
to the Board and Officers of MISGA
for the MISGA Board Meeting
at Caroline C.C.
on December 4, 2007

Committee Activities in 2007

Developing Informal MISGA Handicap Contacts at clubs

Having begun to work on developing informal handicap contacts at the clubs in 2006, the Committee's plan for 2007 included continuing to develop informal contacts at the clubs, to facilitate the distribution of information. That work continued.

Monitoring Tournament Score Posting - Advance Tournament Sanctions

Because the Committee had found a poor posting record for one Division's Tournament scores in 2006, the Committee's plan for 2007 included further activities to monitor score postings for other Divisions' Tournaments and for the MISGA Championship Tournaments, and to try to have a consequence imposed for failure to timely post a MISGA Tournament score.

Therefore, in 2007, the Committee:

- monitored score postings for one Division's Championship Tournaments (Div. IV);
- made announcements at both MISGA Finals Championship Tournaments, stating the requirement for timely posting of those scores and warning that Associates who fail to timely post 2007 Championship Tournament scores **might not be eligible** to participate in Championship Tournaments in 2008;
- proposed to the Board that the Tournament Policy be amended to require that Associates who failed to post 2007 Championship Tournament scores **will not be eligible** to participate in Championship Tournaments in 2008.

Committee Plans for 2008

Continue to Monitor Tournament Score Postings - Work on Division Tournament Postings

The Committee plans to continue to monitor the posting of MISGA Championship Tournament scores, and to expand the monitoring to all Divisions' Tournaments.

Assuming that the Board approves changes to the Tournament Policy requiring the posting of a previous year's Championship Tournament scores as a condition of eligibility for participation in a current year's Championship Tournament, the Committee plans to continue to monitor all Division Championship Tournament scores in 2008 (and beyond), and to work with the Division Tournament Committees to monitor Division Championship score postings and to encourage those Committees to sanction Associates who fail to post those scores.

Continue to Develop Informal MISGA Handicap Contacts - Exchange Information

The Committee has not completed the task of developing informal handicap contacts at all MISGA clubs, and will continue to develop those contacts.

If contacts are developed at a significant number of clubs in each division, the Committee will again consider forming informal division handicap committees.

These actions should assist the Committee and the clubs in facilitating the exchange of handicap information. (This latter plan is repeated from the 2007 plans, because the work in this area continues.)

Inform Membership regarding USGA Rules of Golf Changes for 2008

The USGA Rules of Golf will be amended on January 1, 2008. The changes are relatively minor. The most notable change, which will affect most golfers, allows the lifting of a ball in a hazard to identify it (currently prohibited under section 12-2). The Committee plans to distribute information regarding the more important changes.

Respectfully submitted,

The MISGA Handicap Committee Co-Chairmen:

- Dick Crone (Kenwood - Western Divisions)
- Jim Brittingham (Shawnee - Eastern Divisions)

Cc: MISGA Handicap Committee Members (Division Handicap Chairmen & Jim Wilcox)
C.J. Myers, MISGA Tournament Chairman
Other MISGA Committee Chairmen

November 30, 2007

From: **C. J. Myers, MISGA Tournament Chairman**

To: Division Tournament Chairmen and Division Directors:

Div. I	Ed Daino, Tournament Chairman	John Kennedy, Director
Div. II	Clarence Moody, Tournament Chairman	Tom Taylor, Director
Div. III	John White, Tournament Chairman	Dave Cook, Director
Div. IV	Dave Keefe, Tournament Chairman	Bob Turner, Director
Div. V	Rick Bisker, Tournament Chairman	Will Hall, Director
Div. VI	Evan Davey, Tournament Chairman	Lloyd Stimson, Director

Subj.: **Past Presidents (A,B,C,D) and Two-Man Team Championship Tournaments for 2008**

Utilizing the Associates Dues Report for 2007, revised 11/26/07 by MISGA Associates Chairman Charlie Fieldhouse, I have established the quota or allotment of players from each division that will be qualified to play in the subject tournaments. These tournaments will be held as follows:

A,B,C,D Past Presidents	Piney Branch – Div. II	Monday, August 4, 2008
	Rain date	Monday, Aug. 11 or 18
Two-Man Team	Ocean Pines – Div. V	Thursday, August 14, 2008
	Rain date	Thursday, August 21, 2008

The Division allotments are:

	<u># of Associates</u>		<u>A,B,C,D Past Pres.</u>	<u>Two-Man Team</u>
Div. I	484 (12%)		15	8
Div. II	756 (19%)		23	12
Div. III	459 (12%)		15	8
Div. IV	1110 (28%)		34	18
Div. V	523 (13%)		16	8
Div. VI	619 (16%)		19	10
		Past Pres	6	
Total	3951		128	64

Attached is a copy of the recently generated *MISGA Tournament Policy, Information, Instructions and Procedures*. This document replaces the previous two documents containing *Instructions and general information* for the conduct of each of these tournaments. Please read this over carefully to become familiar with all requirements. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Each Director and Division Tournament Chairman is urged to stress the point with each Club Rep that if an individual signs up to play in a Divisional Qualifier, he is expected to play in the state finals, no matter where it is played, providing he scores well enough to qualify.

(For long-range planning) – in 2009 Div. III will host the Two-Man Team at either Prospect Bay or Caroline and Div. IV will host the A,B,C,D Past Presidents at Manor.

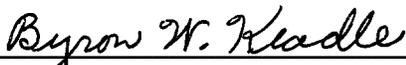
Cc: **Assistant Directors**
MISGA Secretary
MISGA Treasurer
MISGA Board Chairmen

Web Site Report

MISGA Board Meeting
December 4, 2007
Caroline C. C.

Recent Additions:

1. (11/11/2007) Associate Dues Summary (8/24/07)
2. (10/22/2007) Board Minutes, meeting of 9/11/07
3. (9/23/07) Posted Summer Frolic 07 pictures and winners.
4. (9/10/2007) Posted MISGAGRAM V89 for September, 2007.
5. (9/23/07) Removed links to the searchable ZIP file downloads of the MISGAGRAMS and the MINUTES, as promised.
6. (10/24/07) Posted Hanson's guide for the preparation of articles for the MISGAGRAM under Guidelines, "MISGAGRAM Preparation of Articles (PDF)."
7. (11/12/07) Posted Tournament Results History, accessible from the Documents page.
8. (10/26/07) Updates to the 2008 Event Schedule on Documents page.
9. (11/8/07) Posted Seabrook-07 pictures and results.
10. (11/12/07) Developed and posted MISGA Board History document (PDF) under Organizational.
11. (11/13/2007) Changed the MISGA_TE-Report (DOC) under "Forms" so that it is "type-on-able." The Fiscal Conduct of Misga Events (RTF) under Guidelines was similarly changed. To use, place cursor left of center on entry line; do not use TAB or ENTER to move to next line entry. PDF version remains unchanged and is not type-on-able.
12. (11/14/07) Posted Amelia-07 pictures and results.
13. (11/22/07) Added Leadership entries and Directions to new clubs: Bear Trap Dunes (Div I); Fairway Hills (Div VI); Beach Club (Div V); and Ft. Meade (Div VI).
14. (11/27/07) Posted December MISGAGRAM to web site; Also, posted Flyer for 2008 Spring Fling.



Byron Keadle
MISGA Web Chairman

Division II Report
Board Meeting Caroline CC
Dec. 4, 2007

A very successful year-

Everyone is mostly Happy.

WE had a profitable and enjoyable Pro-Am hosted at Holly Hills.

The Summer Fling (Board Bash) had better attendance this year and was excellently orchestrated by Tom Taylor.

Our training seminar was held in the spring-followed by a fall mtg. with a hotly contended race for new Assist.

Director—who is Bob Loun. Tom Taylor will be the next Director--I leave the Division in most capable hands.

I hope I have the numbers for the annual reports for Ralph.

Holly Hills has failed to send data—Dick Schwinger says this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tarpley, Director Division II

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Caroline Country Club - Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Division VI - Director's Report

1. On Monday, November 26, 2007, Division VI held its final *Club Reps Meeting* of 2007 at the University of Maryland. 25 Reps and Assistants from 11 of the 12 clubs attended. Because of illness and prior commitments, Crofton was unable to have a Rep in attendance.
 - a. The meeting began with a moment of silence for recently deceased **Bob Nicholson**. Bob was a longtime MISGA member, the Division VI Director during 2005-06 and served as Chairman or member on a number of MISGA program committees.
 - b. The Reps and Assistants from Fairway Hills and Fort Meade were introduced and welcomed into Division VI. The *associates* from these two clubs will begin full participation with MISGA in 2008.
 - c. After a lively and enlightening discussion, a proposal requiring mandatory application of the *Div VI Scheduling Matrix* was defeated by a 6-5 vote. It will be used as a guideline.
 - d. Club Reps expressed dissatisfaction with the contradictory substitution flexibility between the *ABCD State Final (any live MISGA associate was allowed to compete)* and the *2-Man Team State Final (individual substitutions on 2-Man Teams were strictly prohibited)*. The substitution policy for the two finals should be consistent.
 - e. Noteworthy comments concerning "fill-ins" for the MISGA *ABCD State Final* were:
 - (1) Non-qualified substitutes for the *ABCD Final* should not be eligible for any of the prizes. They should participate as "markers" to fill the field.
 - (2) If there are unfilled slots after the qualified and alternate rosters are exhausted, non-qualifiers, who have paid the entry fee, should be allowed to fill the slots and play as official participants and be eligible to compete for the prizes.

- (3) Increasing the tournament field with “fill-ins” is a fair-minded practice to the clubs that host the State Finals. The clubs have closed their course and facilities to members. Hence, MISGA has an obligation to provide the club with as much revenue as near to a full field as can be attained.
 - f. The amount of the entry fee for the MISGA *ABCD* and *2-Man Team* State Final tournaments was discussed. Considering the quality of two tournaments (*luncheon, plated dinner, beverages, table set-ups, prize pool, etc.*), the Reps agreed that a once-a-year \$70 fee for a state final tournament was reasonable and not exorbitant.
 - g. The Division VI Reps voted unanimously to discontinue mailing the MISGAGRAM via the USPS. Recommended modes of distribution included: (1) the MISGA website; (2) an e-mail attachment from the Editor to the District Directors to Club Reps to club *associates*; (3) an e-mail with a link to the document using the same chain; or (4) a combination of (2) and (3). For the very few *associates* who do not use the internet, Club Reps can post a hard copy of the MISGAGRAM on a club house bulletin board.
 - h. Concern was expressed about MISGA’s current budget surplus. Even with the cost of printing and mailing the MISGAGRAM, the allocations to divisions for operating costs, insurance and the contributions to charitable organizations, the MISGA bank account ended with a huge year-end budget surplus. For a non-profit organization, this is an undesirable practice. It was recommended that consideration be given to reducing the “associates dues” to \$5.00 per *associate* and deferring the collection of “associates dues” and “club dues” for 2008.
 - i. Concern was also expressed over the propriety of MISGA making charitable contributions. If MISGA continues to make such contributions a policy statement should be written into the By-Laws.
 - j. The monitoring of the posting of Divisional qualifier and State final tournament scores by the MISGA *Rules & Handicap Co-Chairmen* was discussed. It was suggested that MISGA set a finite date for posting of tournament scores. The last day of the month in which the tournament was played would be a reasonable period of time.
2. **Blair Turner**, of University of Maryland, has assumed the position of Division VI *Treasurer*. He replaces Bill Rupp, of Tantallon, who is moving his club membership to Fort Belvoir, Virginia ... making him ineligible for MISGA membership.

3. The Division VI *Historian* position continues to remain vacant.

4. **Division VI Financial Statement**

AVAILABLE	<i>(as of 1/17/07)</i>	\$ 1,171.85
INCOME		\$3,879.00
MISGA Allocation	\$ 498.00	
2-Man Team State Final	1,400.00	
ABCD State Final	1,400.00	
ABCD Refund <i>(Tantallon CC)</i>	581.00	
TOTAL		\$ 5,050.85
EXPENDITURES		\$3,898.76
Meeting Mileage	\$ 515.26	
2-Man Team State Final	1,400.00	
ABCD State Final	1,390.00	
ABCD Participant Refunds	581.00	
Purchase of checks	12.50	
BALANCE	<i>(as of 11/20/07)</i>	\$ 1,152.09

Prepared by:

Stim

Lloyd Stimson
Division VI - Director

To: Ralph Starkey President

CC: Gary Sorrell Treasurer

Subject MISGA Budget

Sorry to be the one to raise this issue but I think MISGA budget is out of control and members are beginning to question where all the money collected is going and believe much of it is wasted in today's electronic world. As I review the 2007 budget, I note a \$24K carry over from 2006 and a projected carry over of \$23K at the end of 2007 both excessive for a non profit. I also note a 6K donation to a charity that has been questioned by the members since this item was not part of the approved 2007 budget.

Division operations \$3,360 and insurance \$2,930 both seem excessive but may be explained by detailing the expenses. The main expense \$21,700 for printing and MISGAGRAM is the primary issue I wish to discuss and offer alternatives. I know this issue has been discussed before with email being the cheapest way to distribute information and publish the MISGAGRAM. Electronic distribution has been rejected in the past because a few members do not have email or access to the web site. I am secretary/treasurer at University of Maryland and I can assure you we do everything by email with the exception of sign up sheets on a bulletin board.

My suggestions:

- 1) Eliminate all dues and fees for 2008 and burn off the excessive carry over.
- 2) Distribute all correspondence via email to each club in MISGA. This includes MISGAGRAM and fling announcements and any other currently mailed hard copy. Each club then will be responsible for forwarding to all members and mail or post copies for the few members with out email. In our club, that is one or two people. The email to each member serves as a reminder to all members that something important is attached for review and in the case of an event or trip they can print an application or better yet apply and pay on line as most of us do for airlines and other reservations. This would save printing cost, postage and any other expenses associated with publishing hardcopy of our newsletter and other announcements of outings or events.

Blair Turner
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To: Ralph Starkey, President
Board of Directors

From: Thomas Taylor, Membership Committee

Re: Request that MISGA take appropriate action to correct unacceptable actions by
Chartwell Country Club.

Per the request of the Board of Directors at the September meeting in Carroll Valley, an ad hoc committee consisting of Earl Gayler, Div. IV Director, Thomas Tarpley, Div II Director and myself met with Buck Linthicum, MISGA Rep from Chartwell and Mike Onorata, also of Chartwell on October 12, 2007 at Chartwell to discuss the charges that the club is failing to comply with MISGA standards. We will discuss the lesser charges first.

Chartwell was the only Division VI club not to send even a courtesy representative to the 2007 Club Reps Training Seminar at Tantallon CC. *The*

*Committee can find nothing that would require a club to attend a training seminar held by the division. While it is mandatory that the Division hold a training session, **it is not mandatory** that a club send a representative, even if it is desirable that they do so. **It is mandatory, however, that all new Club Reps.** attend a seminar. Chartwell acknowledges that new Assistant Reps. should attend a training seminar. They also can go to a closer seminar in another division as they objected to the long travel time to Tantallon.*

Chartwell did not submit a single entry to participate in either of Division VI's 2007 Past Presidents ABCD or 2-Man Team Qualifiers. *There is no requirement that anyone participate in any mixer, qualifier or tournament.*

Chartwell declined an offer to host either the Division VI 2008 Past Presidents ABCD or 2-Man Team Qualifiers. *It is a requirement that all clubs be willing to host a Division tournament but it is not a requirement that a club hold one when asked if it would make a hardship on the club or if they would have to change a schedule already made. Chartwell stated they would be willing to host a Division tournament if asked in a timely manner. They told us their 2008 June schedule was already full when they were asked.*

Lastly, Chartwell refused to schedule host and guest mixers with all of the other nine clubs on Division VI. Although listed on the 2007 Division VI scheduling matrix, Chartwell declined request to schedule mixers with Bay Hills, Bowie and Marlborough. In addition on the 2006 matrix, Chartwell declined requests for mixers with Patuxent Greens, Tantallon and Walden. *The MISGA Club Representatives Handbook is silent on the subject of matrix. It does state that “each club must have a mixer schedule with at least three (3) parent Division clubs and two (2) from neighboring Divisions unless authorized by the Board to follow a different system” A search of past Board actions gives no insight as to the use of a matrix. While it is very desirable for a club to schedule with all other clubs in its division each year, there is no requirement that they do so.*

Comments:

While the Club Representative Handbook is silent in regards to matrices a reference to them was found in the Board minutes of June 3, 1998 wherein it stated that Divisions 2, 3 and 4 would be meeting to prepare new matrices for the next few years. That is the only mention that we could find. It is known that several Divisions did try to implement the use of matrices, but that compliance to them was spotty from their inception. The use of them is now almost nonexistent.

In the matter at hand, the equity of other clubs facilities, food, course conditions and dues structures are of major concern to Chartwell. They stated that other clubs in Division VI are not following the Division matrix and that they always schedule at least three (3) clubs in Division VI for a mixer each year as well as at least two (2) from neighboring Divisions, thus meeting the set guidelines of MISGA. They were told a number of years ago that it was not necessary to follow a set matrix and that the matrix was only a guideline. Their primary problems are with Bay Hills and Marlborough which they do not want to schedule for many reasons. They prefer not to schedule with several other clubs due to distance and travel time. It is noted that distance, and especially travel time, is a problem in the DC area and has been for many years. There really is no solution to that problem.

Chartwell suggested four (4) solutions to the problem of matrices.

- 1, Eliminate all matrices entirely
2. Move their club to Division IV
3. Keep the requirement to schedule any three (3) clubs in Division VI only

4. Exempt any club that hosts an ABCD or 2-Man tournament for the state or the Division as all clubs are invited to participate in these events.

The Committee suggested to them that they consider inviting the clubs they consider as not offering comparable equity to a mixer and limit the number of gofers they could bring to 4 or 8 per club. This is their right as per the guidelines. They in turn do not have to reciprocate and attend a mixer at the offending club.

Committee Recommendation:

We recommend that the Board take no action against Chartwell. We do feel that the Board could suggest that to them that which the committee suggested, i.e. invite the clubs they consider as not offering comparable equity to a mixer and limit their participation to one or two foursomes. Certainly, it is not the foursome participants or personalities that will attend a mixer at Chartwell that are offensive to them. Thus Chartwell can feel that they do more for the visiting guests than the other clubs do for Chartwell. Many MISGA members do not go to various clubs for various reasons, but this should not keep the reps from making every effort to comply with the spirit of the overall organization.

Thomas Tarpley
Earl Gayler
Thomas Taylor, Chairman

Matrix or No Matrix? That is the Question. What is the Answer?

The following comments are in response to the Ad Hoc Committee's Report to the Board on its investigation of the Division VI complaint about Chartwell. This information will likely not alter the Committee's conclusions, but does supply some of the missing data.

I don't think the committee should refer to the clubs that Chartwell considers "undesirable venues" as "offending clubs." What have these clubs done to deserve that pejorative term from an "unbiased" committee?

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Under these circumstances, why on earth would anyone from an "inferior" club ever want to play at Chartwell?

It appears that some clubs are coming out-of-the-closet and openly expressing an intention not to participate in following the Scheduling Matrices, since there are no penalties for not following them. Even though *individuals* may choose to participate or not, according to their own criteria, the *clubs* are not given that same freedom. However, the sentiment seems to be growing among the MISGA leadership that the Mixer Matrix scheduling method is an anachronism that has been relegated to a bygone era.

It would seem, then, that some Board action is required to recognize the "fait accompli" and propose changes to the by-laws and other documents that are holdovers from an earlier time. The ad hoc committee did a search of board actions and come up with nothing substantive on the Matrix System.

*"The **MISGA Club Representatives Handbook is silent on the subject of matrix.** It does state that "each club must have a mixer schedule with at least three (3) parent Division clubs and two (2) from neighboring Divisions unless authorized by the Board to follow a different system" A search of past Board actions gives no insight as to the use of a matrix. While it is very desirable for a club to schedule with all other clubs in its division each year, there is no requirement that they do so."*

No, the MISGA Club Representatives Handbook is not silent on the subject of matrix.

This is what the Club Reps' Handbook says about the Scheduling Matrices in the By-Laws section. Although this passage occurs in the section on guidelines for new clubs, it certainly must also apply to current member clubs. Otherwise, it's a one-time pledge that means NOTHING. [See MISGA – New Club Application Agreement Form, Item 2 – Host and Attend at Least the Minimum Scheduled Matrix Mixers].

By-laws

E. Club Membership Committee

2. Applicant Member Clubs

- b. Conduct at least the minimum number of mixers established by the MISGA matrices.
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The grammar is admittedly poor; however, there is only one rational way to interpret the statement. The “mixers **that are** established by the MISGA matrices” can only mean the three clubs specified in the matrix for intra-divisional mixers and the one club in each of the two adjacent divisions as specified in the inter-divisional matrices. Those are the mixers established by the matrices. If the requirement were merely to schedule **any** three clubs within the division, it would have said so. Besides, that would not be in keeping with the spirit and purposes of MISGA.

“Comments:

While the Club Representative Handbook is silent in regards to matrices a reference to them was found in the Board minutes of June 3, 1998 wherein it stated that Divisions 2, 3 and 4 would be meeting to prepare new matrices for the next few years. That is the only mention that we could find. It is known that several Divisions did try to implement the use of matrices, but that compliance to them was spotty from their inception. The use of them is now almost nonexistent.”

Here are a few more board minutes references to matrix or matrices, in addition to the single one that the committee found: July 16, 1991; July 14, 1992; September 15, 1998; December 3, 1998; February 27, 2002; and December 9, 2004. In addition, the following Annual Minutes have references to matrix or matrices: Annual Meeting April 6, 1998; AM April 8, 2002; and Merle Shumaker’s summary MS-85-92.

“They [Chartwell] were told a number of years ago that it was not necessary to follow a set matrix and that the matrix was only a guideline.”

Who told them this and on what authority? Is there any documentation under Board actions or minutes?

I find support for my interpretation of the By-Laws section on matrices in the following quoted passages from former MISGA leaders.

Supporting statement by former president, Bill Hulihan.

AM-19890417

President's Report

Bill Hulihan gave a brief history of MISGA, outlining its purpose, with strong emphasis on the sociability aspects of membership. In this connection he commented that such actions as clubs refusing or failing to follow the inter-club mixer schedule; associates leaving guests alone at luncheons following mixers; and associates only attending away mixers or MISGA outings, violate the sociability concept of MISGA.

Supporting statement by a former president of MISGA, Merle Shumaker:

BM-19910308

Merle Shumaker responded that the minimum provision was established to obviate the chance of Clubs refusing to schedule mixers with certain other Clubs within their Division. He explained that it is the responsibility of Division Directors, by joint action together with their Club Reps, **to assure over a period of time, that all Clubs will**

play all other MISGA Clubs, both within and outside their Division.

Statement by Past President Sam Hall:

MG-2002-02

There are troubling reports that more and more MISGA associates are refusing to attend mixers and other events at courses which they deem to be undesirable. **This attitude runs counter to the spirit of MISGA. It has no place in the organization!** Remember this: some clubs have better course layouts than others and some have better facilities, but on the whole, each one represents an enjoyable day of golf.

Again, former president Bill Hulihan:

MG-1989-03

Now I would like to sermonize a bit about things that bother me and, I am sure other MISGA associates. There seems to be a trend, in some instances, away from the Basic MISGA Principles as we have grown bigger but not necessarily better. The wise men who founded MISGA envisioned a friendly, noncompetitive organization whose members would visit and play at other clubs and then sit down to break bread and get to know each other better. Prize money was kept low so that the competition would not interfere with friendship. That was 13 years ago and the original proud 12 clubs have grown to 43 and membership will probably top 4,000 this year.

I think it is time to reaffirm our principals. **Clubs must be willing to play all clubs on their assigned schedules.** Associates should participate in at home as well as away MIXERS. Participants in MIXERS should stay after the match for lunch and members of the home club should act as hosts. And, finally, associates should participate in the whole MISGA program including weekly play, Mixers and tournaments. MISGA was not set up to be a travel agency promoting cut-rate golf vacations. I hope that the Board will set up guidelines whereby the faithful MISGA associate who participates in home and away mixers and who doesn't head home after the golf is over (and he happened to have a bad round) and who treats his guests with hospitality will be given priority on sign-ups for all MISGA events.

Bill Hulihan

Statement from former president, Doug Moats:

BM-19890404

Old Business

A. Doug Moats questioned why the problem where a Division IV club (Manor) failed to schedule a Division III club (Leisure World) in accordance with the inter-division mixer schedule had not yet been resolved. Claude Widerman was asked to resolve the problem and assure that regrets would be expressed to the Leisure World club rep along with a promise that such a case would not happen again. It was further decided to place the matter of inter-divisional mixers and related schedule and by-laws requirements on the club reps meeting agenda for discussion.

B. The above problem generated further discussion about the by-laws requirements for inter and intra-divisional mixer

scheduling, and the need for revisions of the by-laws to avoid further problems. On motion by Bill Woolston, seconded by Merle Shumaker, the Board unanimously voted to table this matter for discussion and resolution at the special meeting of the Board convened to consider adoption of the proposed Code of Conduct.

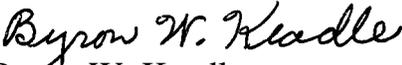
Comment from Bill Hulihan:

BM-19881201

B. Bill Hulihan called attention of the Board to Article VII, a. of the MISGA by-laws wherein each member club **must** schedule a minimum of three mixers within the home division and one mixer in another division during the golfing season. There have been several instances reported that certain clubs are not abiding by this requirement or are **purposefully avoiding scheduling certain clubs** because of location or desirability.

Bill advised that clubs must adhere to the by-laws.

I believe that these comments illustrate the intent of the early leadership. There are probably no written MISGA guidelines on standards of decency, but these honorable gentlemen's comments certainly run counter to some prevailing attitudes. What has happened to MISGA ideals? Even in the early days, a minority of folks exhibited the same negative tendencies we are witnessing today. There seems to have been a continual cultural clash over the years. Fortunately, it is only a minority, but it is a stain on an organization that is struggling to maintain its membership growth. Nevertheless, MISGA will survive in spite of those attitudes, and will be stronger for it.


Byron W. Keadle
Assistant Director, Division VI

Proposed Modification to MISGA By-Laws

For quite some time, a number of MISGA's clubs have failed to comply with the spirit and intent of MISGA's mission, goals and objectives, i.e., ...

..... to foster friendships and camaraderie through tournaments and mixers on a host and guest basis, and to provide an opportunity to play at other golf and country clubs.

Persistently, certain clubs have refused to schedule host and guest mixers with a number of MISGA clubs for a variety of reasons - some real, some camouflage – travel distance, driving time, rush hour traffic, starting times, course and dining facilities, etc. How can one club justifiably schedule a mixer with club “A” and refuse to schedule a mixer with club “B” when club “B” is closer in distance, shorter in driving time than club “A” and rush hour traffic is not a problem? By a process of elimination, the only remaining reason is not wishing to play at a club perceived as having inferior course and dining facilities. If MISGA is true to its mission and goals, this practice should not be permitted.

MISGA and its six Divisions are a family of senior linksters who enjoy playing golf with other venerable golfers. Like all families, MISGA has clubs that range from top tier venues to second tier venues. However, MISGA's mission, goals and objectives do not differentiate between the tier level of the clubs. Within MISGA, all clubs are to be treated as equals.

I believe all clubs within a Division have an obligation to exchange mixers with all other clubs within the Division. Divisions were established geographically for the purpose of reducing travel distance, driving time and rush hour problems. For this reason, I recommend the following modification to the MISGA By-Laws.

Section VIII, paragraph D of the MISGA By-Laws currently states...

“The principle duties of the Division Director are to:

- 4. “Insure that each club has a mixer schedule with at least three (3) parent Division clubs and two (2) from neighboring Divisions unless authorized by the Board to follow a different system.”*

I propose this requirement be modified as follows:

- 4. “Insure that, **annually**, each club has a mixer schedule with at least three (3) parent Division clubs **and one** from **each of** two (2) neighboring Divisions. **Each club will schedule a home and guest mixer with all other clubs within the parent Division following the three (3) clubs per year cycle. Requests for deviations from this requirement shall***

be submitted through the Division Director and approved by the Board.”

This modification will insure that all clubs within a Division have an opportunity to schedule mixers with all other clubs within the Division. It will prevent clubs, for specious reasons, from shunning other clubs within the Division. In Division VI, clubs would have to play each of the other eleven Division clubs only once every 4 years. That is not too much of an imposition on any club in Division VI or any club in the other five Divisions.

Lest we remember and not forget:

The goal of MISGA is to foster friendships and camaraderie through tournaments and mixers on a host and guest basis, and to provide an opportunity to play at other golf and country clubs.

MISGA must not continue as an organization that allows, condones and enables clubs to eschew scheduling mixers with clubs they perceive as having inferior course and dining facilities. Such a caste system is deplorable.

Submitted by;

Stim

Lloyd Stimson
Division VI - Director

Annual Meeting—Clarification
Caroline Country Club
Dec. 4,2007

The current Constitution states that under article IV –Administration section C. ANNUAL MEETING

A meeting of Club Representatives, chaired by the President and attended by the Board members shall be held annually for the conduct of any business within the Association's powers.

The Bylaws under SECTION I – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board shall not meet less than (3) times each year at such time and place as the Board shall determine.
 - D. The President may call a special meeting of the Board as may be deemed necessary for the conduct of business of the Association.
- Etc.

The reason for bringing this before you is that I have been accused of inappropriate action in bringing before you and the Club Representatives the request for funding for the wounded veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq and their families through Operation Second Chance, Inc. See MISGA web site for further information. The requested method by which funding was sought has been called into question by a member of the Board.

It has been my impression that the Annual Meeting has always been considered a Board Meeting whether stated or not. In over 10 years of attending the meetings it has never, to my knowledge, been anything other than a Board Meeting attended by the Club Representatives.

I maintain that the request made and the vote following is most certainly within the bounds of conduct of business within the Association and further that the Annual Meeting is in fact a Board meeting declared or assumed.

Respectfully submitted for your information and consideration,
Tom Tarpley, Director, Division II

Charity, Charitable

Board Actions, Cumulative - 2006

Constitution and Bylaws

- Proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws passed unanimously. (4/23/90)
- The Board decided that charitable events should be left to the Divisions and the respective Clubs to implement as they see fit. On this basis, there will be no MISGA wide charitable event. (4/27/92)

AM-1992.04.07

Old Business

At the previous Annual Reps meeting, a proposal was presented to conduct a MISGA-wide charitable event. By motion, duly seconded, the proposal was deemed a good idea in principle and that the Board of Directors should determine how to implement such a proposal.

Fred Shaffer reported that the Board had thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposal, and that it was the unanimous sense of the Board that each Club has its own needs in the community and that charitable events should be left to the Divisions and the respective Clubs to implement as they see fit. On this basis, there will be no MISGA-wide charitable event.

Division Allotments
Caroline Country Club
Dec. 4, 2007

Possible solution to funding for the Divisions:

- A. Increase funds
- B. Same allocation for each Division (Some have more members but others have greater distances to travel)
- C. Allow each Division two meetings per year with travel paid from MISGA Treasurer—One check twice a year to the Division Treasurer or designate for distribution (This was discussed and accepted at the last meeting as one way to handle travel.)
- D. Travel for Assistant Reps could be approved on as need basis
- E. Division funds to be accounted for and money left over at the end of the year be returned to MISGA Treasurer
- F. Hopefully the Treasurer will have covered this in his report and this will be unnecessary!

Respectfully submitted for consideration,
Tom Tarpley, Director, Division II