

A HISTORY OF

MISGA

1976-1985



MARYLAND INTERCLUB SENIORS
GOLF ASSOCIATION



Sam Hastings, President 1985



MISGA Past Presidents *from left* Al Hagen 1976-1980, now President Emeritus; Ed Schmidt 1981, Herb Hudson 1983 and 1984, Bill Woolston 1982.

INTRODUCTION

The purposes of MISGA were clearly stated in the original Constitution and By-Laws in 1977 and remain unchanged. They are:

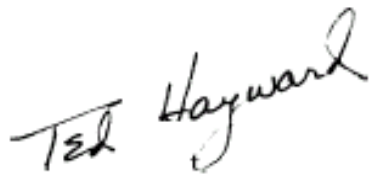
"1. To develop greater interest, enjoyment, communication and participation in the game of golf by senior members of golf clubs in the State of Maryland, and specific contiguous areas, to the mutual advantage of the individual members and clubs to which they belong, and to promote interest in the game of golf in general.

"2. To provide a new dimension through a formal procedure for interclub mixers, thereby giving each individual the opportunity to play at other area golf and country clubs."

That these purposes have been fulfilled, at least in part, is suggested by the ten-fold increase in membership in the past decade, and by the number of men who have contributed their efforts to it.

It was a pleasure to have been part of the evolution of MISGA, and doubly a pleasure to re-live so many happy memories in the writing of this history. It is hoped that it will provide all members, and especially the newer ones, with a surer knowledge of the origins of MISGA and the ways in which it works, and an added sense of pride in its customs and practices, which are truly unique in the world of golf.

Many people have assisted this work. Herb Hudson initiated the project during his term as President and Sam Hastings, the current President, ably continued it. John Wheeler, MISGA Historian, was a constant source of enthusiasm and help, as was Bill Woolston, Editor of the MISGAGram and Past President. Bud Jackson of Lakewood provided much early history, as did Bill Dorrell of Eaglehead and Bill Hartman of Bethesda. Material about the Eastern Shore was provided by Allen Eckel of Cambridge, Bill Long of Elks and Ed Schmidt of Talbot. Finally, gratitude is due the many Club Representatives who wrote the histories of their Clubs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Hayward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H" and "Y".

A.E. (Ted) Hayward
July 1985

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SECTION I

THE HISTORY OF MISGA

The Founding and Early Days of MISGA

MISGA-the Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association-was conceived in the early Fall of 1975 and became reality at its founding meeting on February 24, 1976. There is more to the story, however, than these mere dates, and it goes as follows.

MISGA really began, although no one realized it then, several years earlier when Kenwood Country Club and Lakewood Country Club held a home-and-away Mixer between the two clubs. This became a popular annual event, and by 1975 the experience gained had led the two clubs to develop and to follow many of the precepts basic to MISGA today, such as:

- waiver of greens fees,
- non-competitive format with the home club members acting as hosts to the visitors, and,
- a strong emphasis on interclub fellowship in golf.

These Mixers also lent emphasis to Senior golf at each of the two clubs, and each club developed a strong Senior organization, accepted and encouraged by their respective managements and pro shops, with a designated Seniors Day and a voice in scheduling and other decisions affecting Senior Golf. For example, in 1975 the Lakewood Seniors averaged 24 Senior golfers at their weekly Seniors Day, played home and-away Mixers with Army-Navy, Kenwood and Montgomery Country Clubs, and had established rules and regulations, a formal organization, and had recommended to the Board of Directors a Senior Golf schedule for 1976 of over 30 events. Kenwood was equally active, and in 1976 the late John McManus initiated a similar program at Bethesda CC.

Amid all this ferment of Senior golf activities it was inevitable that someone would envision an association to promote the type of programs which had proven so popular at Kenwood and Lakewood.

The someone was Alvin T. (Al) Hagen, Chairman of the Senior Golf Committee at Lakewood CC. The first step was to arrange an informal meeting at Kenwood G&CC, with the help of Joe Gambatese and Perry Lippit of that club, to discuss Senior golf activities. In addition to Al, Joe and Perry, the meeting was attended by Ted Hayward of Lakewood, John McManus of Bethesda, Wally Sager from Potomac Valley, Paul Dobrolowski from Manor and Max Ryan from Montgomery. From the discussion it was obvious that the participants favored an association of some sort, that they were enthusiastic about the

Mixer format rather than interclub competition, and felt that the concept could be acceptable to their respective Club managements.

The next major step occurred on January 20, 1976 and it was reported in the January 1976 issue of *Lakewood at Leisure*, the newsletter of Lakewood CC, as follows:

"On January 20, 1976 the Seniors Committee* will meet at Lakewood with representatives of more than 20 local golf clubs to discuss home-and-away Mixers, guest reciprocity, and other items of mutual interest."

The enthusiasm shown at this meeting led to the arrangement of a second meeting at Lakewood on February 24, 1976. *Lakewood at Leisure* for April 1976, reported as follows:

"Lakewood Seniors took the initiative in forming a new Senior Golf Association-the Seniors Golf Association of Suburban Maryland.** Al Hagen, Ted Hayward and Bud Jackson, together with Joe Gervasio from the LCC Board and Webb Maxson from the LCC Golf Committee arranged a series of meetings with representatives of other local golf clubs which led to the formation of the Association. It is now composed of: Bethesda CC, Brooke Manor CC, Congressional CC, Eaglehead CC, Indian Spring CC, Kenwood G&CC, Lakewood CC, Manor CC, Montgomery CC, Montgomery Village CC, Potomac Valley CC and Rossmoor CC."

A list of these founding Clubs and their representatives at the founding meeting is given in Appendix A.

A meeting of the founding Clubs was held on March 2, 1976 at which Officers and a Board of Directors*** were elected and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations were adopted. MISGA was in business.

Four major objectives were quickly established for 1976. These were:

- Establish a Mixer Schedule.
- Establish an organization together with policies, rules and operating procedures.
- Find means to finance MISGA.
- Arrange the First Annual Tournament.

Wally Sager from Potomac Valley and Bill Dorrell of Eaglehead soon had the Mixer Schedule arranged, and eleven of the twelve

* The Seniors' Committee was Al Hagen, Chairman, and Ted Hayward and Bud Jackson, members.

** The name was changed to Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association at a meeting of the Board of Directors on May 14, 1976.

*** Officers and Members of the Board of Directors are listed by year 1976-1985 in Appendix B.

founding Clubs played a total of 44 Mixers in 1976. Only eleven took part in the Mixers because Congressional CC was unable to get management's approval in 1976, and later dropped out of MISGA largely because of pressures for time stemming from its commitment to the Kemper Open. Argyle CC participated in a few Mixers late in 1976 and has contributed to MISGA through the years.

Wally Sager also took charge of arrangements for the First Annual Tournament and it was held at Potomac Valley Country Club on September 24, 1976 with the First Annual Banquet at the Club following the Tournament. Eaglehead CC won the team trophy. A list of Annual Tournaments with host Clubs and team champions by year will be found in Appendix C.

As noted above, Officers and a Board of Directors were elected in March of 1976 and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations were adopted. The Officers and Board went on to publish Mixer Guidelines, to have a MISGA logo designed largely through the efforts of Dave Watson of Argyle CC, and purchased bag-tags and stationery incorporating the logo, plans and objectives for expansion were developed, and the first annual Spring Fling was arranged for the week of March 27, 1977 at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

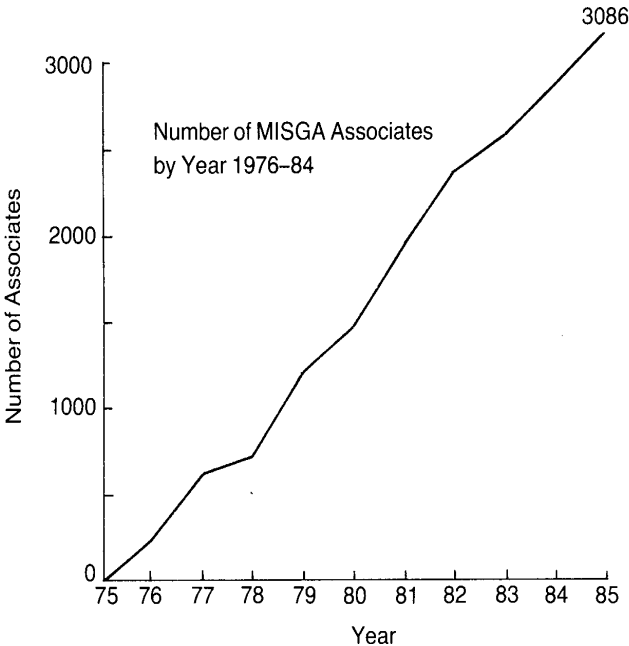
Financing MISGA turned out to be a tougher problem, and it would be several years before a truly sound financing system would be attained. Income for the year came from a \$10.00 annual fee charged to each Member Club, as well as ten percent of the prize money at each Mixer which was forwarded to the MISGA Treasurer by the host club. MISGA paid its bills in 1976 and had a balance of about \$100.00.

The first year was an exciting and a productive year for MISGA. It had weathered the early days, a sound organization had been built, plans had been laid for expansion, and a number of MISGA traditions such as the Annual Meeting, the Annual Tournament, and the Spring Fling had been started - truly a good year's work.

The Middle Years--Expansion and Growth of MISGA

Organizational and managerial efforts continued in 1977, and MISGA was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of Maryland in that year. A new Constitution and By-Laws were written as part of the articles of incorporation and these were adopted by the Board on February 3, 1977. In November of 1977 a newsletter was approved for MISGA and the first issue of the MISGAgram was published in May of 1978. The first Editor was Ted Hayward. He was followed by Joe Gambatese in 1980, then Lee Shimberg took over in 1981 and the current Editor, Bill Woolston, published his first issue in the spring of 1983. Seventeen issues have been published so far, and the MISGAgram is now sent individually to each Associate of MISGA.

The major activity in 1977, however, was expansion, and twelve new Member Clubs joined MISGA in that year. Participation in MISGA by clubs from Maryland's Eastern Shore also began in 1977, and six of the twelve new Member Clubs were from that area. They were: Cambridge CC, Caroline CC, Elks CC, Green Hill Y&CC, Nassawango CC, and Talbot CC. MISGA gained not only association with these fine golf clubs but also the participation of talented and dedicated men such as Ed Maguire, Allen Eckel, Ed Schmidt and many others who contributed much to the betterment of MISGA. This expansionist spirit continued during the next several years, and by 1981 fourteen more Member Clubs had joined MISGA, six of them from the Eastern Shore. A list of MISGA Member Clubs and their date of joining MISGA is given in Appendix D. The number of MISGA Associates in 1981 was about 1900, an increase of 1600 in five years. A graph showing the growth of number of Associates for the period 1976-84 inclusive is provided in Figure 1.



In 1979 the MISGA Board established the Fiscal Year as beginning on October 1 of each year and closing on September 30 of the following year. Earlier, on April 24, MISGA held its first Communication Workshop at Kenwood CC directed by Joe Gambatese and Ted Hayward. This reflected a recurrent problem for MISGA-how to get two-

way communication between the Associates at each Club and the Board of Directors--a problem only nearing solution in 1985. More will be said of this later.

A major improvement in MISGA's financial structure took place on August 16, 1979 at a meeting at Brooke Manor CC. Previous to this meeting, Joe Gambatese and John McManus had been asked by the Board to look into MISGA's finances, and at the Brooke Manor meeting they recommended to the Board that each Senior belonging to MISGA be charged annual dues and be issued a wallet-size card identifying him as a MISGA Associate. This plan was adopted by the Board and was implemented in the spring of 1980, the dues being set then at \$1.50 per individual. The practice of remitting ten percent of the prize money at each Mixer was discontinued at that time. Joe and John had discharged their assigned task well; this procedure solved the problem of financing MISGA and also made it possible to know precisely how many Senior golfers belonged to MISGA and who they were. This procedure is still followed by MISGA, aided by the advantages of computerized filing and accounting. In 1980 MISGA was able to set aside a \$5000.00 contingency fund to be used in the event that a tournament was rained out leaving non-cancelable debts for carts, food, and other costs attendant on a major tournament.

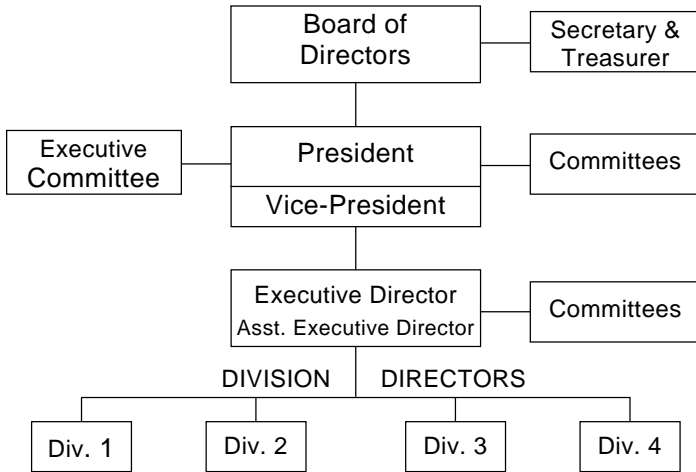
Some major organizational changes were also initiated in 1980. Until this time, the presidency of MISGA had been held for five successive years by its founder, Al Hagen. That this had been done was a considerable asset to MISGA for it gave continuity during the formative years, and MISGA needed the drive, the dedication, and the foresight which Al supplied so abundantly. There are, however, potential dangers in continuation of such a practice. It can stifle the emergence of other capable leaders, it may suppress innovative ideas, and it can give individual members a feeling that they have no voice in selecting the leadership of their organization. All of this was understood by members of the Board, by many of the Associates, and by Al himself who initiated numerous discussions to explore the problem and to weigh possible solutions. A consensus was reached by mid-summer and was recommended to the Board on July 15, 1980 by Ed Schmidt, then Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. Essentially the idea was to establish a position of Executive Director, the incumbent to be appointed by the Board. The President and the Board would establish policies and be the sole authority for expenditure of MISGA funds. The Executive Director would supervise day-to-day operations of MISGA under guidelines and policies established by the Board and be accountable to the Board. Al Hagen would be appointed Executive Director to maintain continuity of his contributions to MISGA while the President would be elected.

At the same time the Board was aware that the growth of MISGA was raising new managerial and communication problems. A possible answer was to establish a number of Divisions, each to be headed by a Director who would be a member of the Board, and to make the Directors pretty much autonomous in a number of specific areas.

For example, MISGA had gotten too large to hold an Annual Tournament, which could accommodate all who wanted to participate, and qualifying tournaments were clearly necessary. Each Division Director could be responsible to have a qualifying tournament for his Division, and the President and the Tournament Committee could concentrate their time and effort on the Annual Tournament itself. Scheduling of Mixers, participation in special events and much day-to-day management could also be carried out by the Division Directors.

MISGA operated for most of 1981 with seven Division Directors, however this proved somewhat unwieldy, and the matter was given to the Plans and Policy Committee (successor to the Long Range Planning Committee) chaired by Sam Hastings for study and recommendations. Plans were firmed up at a Committee meeting on July 30, 1981 and an organization of four Divisions was recommended to the Board at a meeting at Brooke Manor CC on August 6, 1981. Included in the recommendations of the Committee was that the new organization be implemented for a trial period of one year from October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1982. This plan was adopted by the Board at the Brooke Manor meeting, and a series of waivers and exemptions to the Constitution and By-Laws, effective for one year, were passed to make operation under the new organization possible. The MISGA organization at that time can be represented as shown in Figure 2 below.

MISGA Organization Chart for the Period Oct. 1981-Sep. 1982



Committees reporting to the President were: Plans and Policy, New Club Membership, and Audit.

Committees reporting to the Executive Director were: Tournaments, Associates, and Communications (including MISGAgram).

Division Directors and Member Clubs in each Division in 1981 are listed below.

Division 1-Eastern Shore
Ed Maguire, Director

- Cambridge
- Caroline
- Chester River
- Elks
- Green Hill
- Nassawango
- Ocean City
- Ocean Pines
- Seaford
- Shawnee
- Talbot

Division 3-Washington East
Herb Hudson, Director

- Brooke Manor
- Crofton
- Greencastle
- Hobbits Glen
- Indian Spring
- Leisure World
- Prince Georges
- Tantallon
- University of Maryland

Division 2-Western Maryland

Mel Gesell, Director

Beaver Creek
Eaglehead
Holly Hills
Hunt Valley
Piney Branch
Rolling Road
Sparrows Point
VFW (Frederick)

Division 4-Washington West

Mike Deoudes, Director

Argyle
Bethesda
Kenwood
Lakewood
Manor
Montgomery
Montgomery Village
Potomac Valley
Washingtonian

Under the able leadership of President Bill Woolston and the Board, the trial organization of four Divisions worked well and is still the organizational concept followed by MISGA.

However, the position of Executive Director did not turn out successfully, although through no fault of the individuals involved. In reality MISGA simply was not large enough, and it turned out that either the President or the Executive Director was not needed-there just weren't enough jobs for each. Additionally, the decentralization of management achieved by the Divisional concept lessened the need for a large central organization.

The matter was referred to the Plans and Policy Committee under the chairmanship of Gil Williams. The Committee determined that there was a substantial amount of dissatisfaction with the seeming overlap in functions of the President and the Executive Director as well as a feeling expressed by many Associates that they want elected, rather than appointed, officials running MISGA. Accordingly, on March 17, 1982 at a meeting at Hobbits Glen CC, the Board, in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, eliminated the position of Executive Director. Al Hagen, the Executive Director, was named President Emeritus of MISGA in recognition of his essential role in founding MISGA and his many contributions to it.

The Plans and Policy Committee was also asked to write a new Constitution and By-Laws for consideration by the Board to accommodate the organizational changes of the previous years. This was done by mid-Summer and the new Constitution and By-Laws, which are the current ones, were adopted by the Board at a meeting at Hunt Valley CC on July 27, 1982.

MISGA's Latter Years-Catching Up with the Computer Age

In 1983 Herb Hudson was elected President of MISGA and made it his priority to establish modern information and communication systems for MISGA. The first step was to enter all MISGA Associates in a

computer file, and to develop file and sort programs to maximize effective use of this capability. Herb did this using his own IBM/PC, and it is now possible to sort and print MISGA Associates by Club, alphabetically, by ZIP Code and to display or print each Associate's name, address, telephone number, club affiliation and handicap. Names and addresses can also be printed on address labels thus making direct mailing to each MISGA Associate practicable for the first time in MISGA history.

The second step was to obtain a formal designation of MISGA as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service and use this to get Postal Service rates for non-profit organizations. The IRS designation was received, but as of the end of 1984 the Postal Service had refused MISGA's application for non-profit rates. The matter is now under appeal, meanwhile MISGA has obtained a bulk-mail permit, and MISGAgrams, notices of Tournaments and special events, and other materials are sent individually to each Associate of MISGA.

Achieving all of this actually took two years, and Herb also served as President in 1984 so that the tasks could be more readily accomplished. In accomplishing all of this Herb was greatly assisted by the Board and especially by Sam Hastings, Vice President, and by Harry Bryan, Chairman of the Associates Committee. For 1985 the Board elected Sam Hastings as President.

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Although mention has been made in the preceding paragraphs, and in the Appendices where appropriate, of the Eastern Shore and the MISGA Member Clubs located there, many factors unite to establish Division 1 as a somewhat unique entity in the history of MISGA. Hopefully the following paragraphs will enlarge upon the history of Division 1 and its contributions to MISGA.

The leaders of MISGA were early aware of the fine golf courses and golfers on the Delmarva Peninsula, and spent equal effort recruiting there as they did in the Washington-Baltimore areas. Meetings were arranged at Green Hill CC on November 17, 1976 and at Talbot CC on November 30, 1976. President Al Hagen and other MISGA officials met with representatives of Cambridge, Caroline, Elks, Green Hill, Nassawango, Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Talbot CCs. The representatives of Ocean City and Ocean Pines felt that their Seniors programs at the time did not match with the MISGA program, but the other six Clubs joined MISGA. The Club Representatives established an Eastern Shore organization with Reed Kurtz of Green Hill as President and Ames Schuck of Caroline as Vice President. Other Club Reps in 1977 were Allen Eckel of Cambridge, Bill Grant of Nassawango, Bill Long of Elks, and Ed Schmidt of Talbot.

The Eastern Shore began Mixer operations in 1977 and began expanding their organization in 1978 with the addition of Seaford CC in Delaware. This was the occasion of one of several misunderstandings which occurred throughout the years between the Eastern Shore and MISGA. When the Seaford CC application reached the MISGA Secretary he returned it as unacceptable because Seaford was in Delaware and the MISGA By-Laws at the time specified only Maryland Clubs. In so doing, the Secretary was unaware of, or chose to ignore, the fact that the matter had been thoroughly discussed by the Board and specific authorization had been given to President Hagen to invite Seaford to membership.

Reed Kurtz, as President of the Eastern Shore MISGA, quickly advised Al Hagen and the By-Laws were changed at the next Board meeting, using wording proposed by Allen Eckel, to allow membership by Clubs in "contiguous areas," and Seaford joined MISGA in 1978. Shawnee CC became a member in 1979, as did Ocean City, followed by Ocean Pines in 1980, Chester River in 1981 and Prospect Bay and Sussex Pines in 1983.

The Eastern Shore MISGA activities by its Member Clubs ranged from Mixers through the full spectrum of MISGA events. With regard to Mixers, it was early decided that distances were too great to insist on routine Mixers between the Eastern Shore and other MISGA Member Clubs, however, the Eastern Shore Member Clubs have always been active in special events and invitational meets. One such in 1979 had Eastern Shore Seniors playing at Kenwood CC and Bethesda CC in August, then in September Caroline CC and Talbot CC were hosts to the Washington area group.

The Annual Club Representatives Meeting has been held at Caroline CC on October 4, 1982 and on April 30, 1984 and at Prospect Bay on April 9, 1985. The Spring Fling has been held on the Eastern Shore for the past four years: Nassawango and Ocean City (1982), Talbot and Prospect Bay (1983), and Green Hill and Nassawango (1984 and 1985). One of MISGAs most popular events, the Annual Tournament, was played at Talbot CC in 1982, and the Team Championship was won by Caroline CC in 1981 and by Ocean City in 1982. A number of MISGA Board meetings have been hosted by Eastern Shore Clubs, the first one (on the Eastern Shore) being at Talbot on June 12, 1979 and the most recent at Chester River on July 22, 1985.

Another very important aspect of the contributions made to MISGA by the Eastern Shore has been the effective leadership its members have given. It is impossible to list everyone, but special mention should be made of some. Reed Kurtz, first president of the newly formed Eastern Shore District was a strong leader through the sometimes troublesome early years. Allen Eckel of Cambridge CC was a member of the MISGA Board of Directors from 1978 through 1982

and proved to be a steady influence adept at representing Eastern Shore matters. Ed Schmidt of Talbot CC was President of MISGA in 1981 and was one of the founders of MISGA on the Eastern Shore. Ed Maguire from Caroline CC became a member of the Board of Directors, his term overlapping that of Allen Eckel, and ably represented Division 1 as its Director. In 1982 Sam Bebee, also of Caroline, was elected to the MISGA Board, his term extending through 1985, and in 1985 Francis (Mac) McKee of Elks was elected Director of Division 1.

In many ways it was fortunate for MISGA that it attracted the Eastern Shore Clubs to membership, for this group of Clubs became a steady stimulus for improvement in MISGA. For example, in 1977-78 the Eastern Shore Clubs protested the ten percent levy on Mixer prize money, terming it unnecessary and inequitable, and in 1979 Joe Gambatese of Kenwood CC and John McManus of Bethesda devised the MISGA Associates program and the levy on prizes was rescinded in 1980. In 1978, the admission of the Seaford, Delaware, Club advocated by the Eastern Shore Clubs led to revision of the MISGA By-Laws to permit membership by Clubs in contiguous areas. From its inception the Eastern Shore insisted on a degree of autonomy not realized by other MISGA areas until the reorganization of 1981-82 established the Division management system and each Division of MISGA attained a significant degree of autonomy. Finally, the Eastern Shore lent their voices to the growing feeling in MISGA that the President of the organization should be an elected official with limited tenure in office. This, too, was achieved in 1982.

It seems clear that both the Eastern Shore Clubs and MISGA at large have benefited from the association of the past ten years. On both sides of the Chesapeake Bay, all who have labored for so long in the cause of MISGA steadfastly believe in its future.

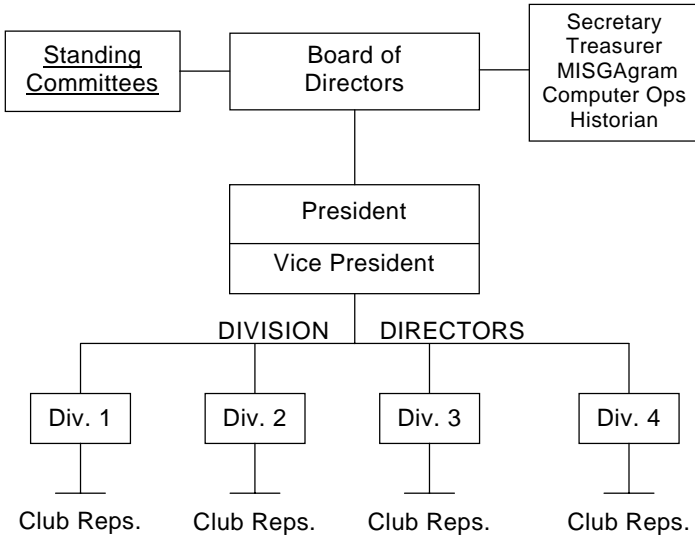
So much for the history of MISGA. Survival of an organization requires that it act prudently in the present and plan sensibly for the future. The next Section will describe the current organization and operation of MISGA and the golfing events that it carries out, from Mixers to the Spring Fling to out-of-country golf excursions. The future of MISGA seems bright-it is our job to keep it that way.

SECTION II

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF MISGA

The current organization of MISGA as of early 1985 is shown in Figure 3 below.

ORGANIZATION OF MISGA 1985



Standing Committees and appointive officials are shown reporting to the Board, however much of the day-to-day coordination and work is done with the President and Vice-President. Further, the By-Laws require that the Vice-President coordinate the activities of the Associates, Interclub Activities and Tournament Committees. A list of all Standing Committees and their specified duties is given later.

The following material lists the four Divisions with their Member Clubs, the Directors, and Members of the Board, and MISGA officers for 1985.

Division 1—Eastern Shore
Director, Francis McKee
Member, Sam Bebee

Cambridge
Caroline
Chester River
Elks
Greenhill
Nassawango
Ocean City
Ocean Pines
Bay
Seaford
Shawnee
Sussex Pines
Talbot

Division 3—Washington East
Director, Gill Williams
Member, Harry Bryan

Brooke Manor
Crofton
US Naval Academy
Hobbits Glen
Indian Spring
Prince Georges
Tantallon
Univ. of Maryland
Leisure World
Norbeck

*Division 2—Western Maryland
and Baltimore*
Director, Don Falconer
Member, Hal Renegar

Beaver Creek
Eaglehead
Holly Hills
Hunt Valley
Piney Branch
Rolling Road
Sparrows Point
VFW (Frederick)
Wakefield Valley

Division 4—Washington West
Director, Sam Hastings
Member, Dick Redinger

Argyle
Bethesda
Kenwood
Lakewood
Manor
Montgomery
Montgomery Village
Washingtonian

Officers for 1985

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Computer Operations
Editor, MISGAGram
Historian

Sam Hastings
Gil Williams
Ted Hayward
Sid Rapoport
Herb Hudson
Bill Woolston
John Wheeler

The following paragraphs will describe the duties and responsibilities of each organizational segment and the manner in which the incumbent(s) are selected. Because it makes for easier understanding, and because the Club Representatives are the truly indispensable members of the MISGA organization, they will be described first.

Club Representatives. The Club Reps are MISGA Associates, one from each Member Club, who are elected annually by the Seniors organization of their respective Clubs, to represent the Club in MISGA activities. The Club Reps perform the following functions:

- Arrange Mixer Schedules with the Club Reps from other Clubs
- Manage each Mixer which the Club has scheduled when his is the home Club and provide rosters and handicaps to the host Club Rep for Misers away.
- Meet with other Club Reps in the Division to elect Directors and Members of the Board when vacancies occur.
- Meet with Division Directors to carry out business and activities of the Division, and advise the Directors on matters to come before the Board.
- Set up methods to select teams for qualifying Tournaments
- Ratify all changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Represent his Club at the MISGA Annual Meeting
- Maintain communication between MISGA and the management of his Club.

Most of the Club Reps time on MISGA affairs is spent on Mixers. The By-Laws specify that each Member Club have at least three Mixers annually with Clubs within its Division and at least one with a Club in another Division. The requirement for Mixers with Clubs from other Divisions does not apply to Clubs in Division 1 because of the distances involved in traveling to and from the Eastern Shore. The Club Rep arranges a schedule with other Club Reps, usually with more Mixers than the minimum stated above, reports the schedule to his Division Director, and then coordinates each Mixer with his counterpart. Mixer Guidelines have been developed which outline the duties of the home and away Club Rep. These Guidelines are reproduced in Appendix G. The other Club Rep duties stated above seem self-explanatory.

Division Directors. The Division Directors really have two different jobs, one as a member of the Board of Directors and the other as the Director of his MISGA Division. In the latter role, the Director coordinates Mixer Schedules among his Clubs to assure that each Club plays each other Club with reasonable frequency, helps to arrange for Host Clubs for Board meetings or other MISGA events, and serves as a conduit of information between the Board and his Member Clubs. In addition, the Director and his Division have considerable autonomy to

carry out such activities as they feel will further the purposes of MISGA and provide greater enjoyment of golf among the Associates.

As a member of the Board of Directors, the Division Director casts a vote for the Officers of MISGA annually and votes on such matters of business as may come before the Board, and he may initiate motions to bring matters to consideration by the Board.

It should be noted that each Division also elects an individual to be a Member of the Board of Directors, thus bringing the number of elected Members on the Board to the minimum of eight required in the Constitution. The Member has the same duties and privileges as the Division Director insofar as Board activities are concerned. He has no responsibilities for Divisional affairs. Both Division Directors and Division Board Members are elected by vote of the Club Representatives in their Division. Directors and Members hold office for three years and may not succeed themselves. They may be re-elected to the Board after an absence of one or more years from it. Their terms are staggered to maintain Divisional continuity on the Board.

Officers. The President is elected each year by the elected Directors and Members from among themselves; that is, the President must first have been elected by the Club Reps in his Division as either a Director or Member and is then selected by his fellow elected officials on the Board to be the President. The same is true for the Vice-President. The election takes place as soon after the start of the new Fiscal Year (on October 1) as possible. It has been the custom for both the outgoing and incoming Boards to meet together, the old Board finishes any old business and then the new Board holds its election of Officers for the ensuing year. The By-Laws require that the Board of Directors meet at least three times in each Fiscal Year. The duties of the President specified in the By-Laws are as follows:

- To preside at all meetings of the Board and at meetings of MISGA such as the Annual Meeting of Club Representatives, the Annual Tournament Banquet, etc.
- To appoint Committee Chairmen, ad hoc Committees, and Consultants, with the approval of the Board.

In addition to these duties prescribed in the By-Laws, the President has traditionally acted as Chief Executive Officer, coordinating the various Committee activities, assuring the arrangements for Tournaments and Special Events are made in timely fashion, calling meetings and developing agenda for them, and leading in the response to any problems which arise.

In these duties the President is assisted by the Vice-President, who has the following duties specified by the By-Laws.

- Act for the President in event of his absence for any reason.

- Coordinate the activities of the Associates Committee, the Interclub Activities Committee, and the Tournament Committee.

In practice, the Vice-President works closely with the President and is accountable to him. The President is ex officio member of all Committees, and he and the Vice-President are required by the By-Laws to be members of the Budget Committee.

The Secretary is appointed annually by the Board. He must be an Associate of MISGA and, being appointive, he has no vote in Board actions. His duties are to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board and to distribute copies of such minutes to Board Directors and Members within 15 days of such meetings. He also maintains the official records, correspondence, and papers of the Association except those pertaining to financial matters, which are kept by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is appointed in the same manner as the Secretary, and has no vote on the Board. The Treasurer collects and deposits all funds accruing to the Association and makes such disbursements of them as are authorized by the Board or the President. He furnishes an accounting at each meeting of the Board, and provides an annual report to the Audit Committee within 30 days of the end of the Fiscal Year, maintaining current records and accounts in accordance with sound accounting practices.

Other appointive offices in MISGA are the Editor of the MISGA-gram, the Historian, and the Chief of Computer Operations. All are ex officio members of the Board, without vote, as are all Chairmen of Committees.

Committees. Standing Committees named in the By-Laws will be given in alphabetical order with a brief description of their responsibilities.

The Associates Committee prepares and distributes Associate Membership cards to the Club Reps and receives from them the annual dues for each Associate and a roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers, Club affiliation and handicaps. The money for dues is sent to the Treasurer, and the total dues he receives divided by the amount of the individual dues (currently \$2.00) must tally with the number of Associates reported by the Chairman of the Associates Committee. The rosters are forwarded to the Chief of Computer Operations for entry of all changes necessary. The Chairman coordinates activities of this Committee with the Vice-President.

The Audit Committee is composed of at least three individuals qualified by training and background for this work. The Audit Committee performs a complete audit of the accounts of the Association and reports the results of the audit and any recommendations they wish to make to the Board within 60 days of close of the Fiscal Year.

A Budget Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer prepares a proposed budget for the next year just prior to the end of their year in office. This budget is accepted provisionally by the new Officers and Board subject to such changes as events of the year may require. The budget is thus prepared by those who have the benefit of a year in office and direct experience in the costs of operating MISGA.

The Interclub Activities Committee is composed of the four Division Directors who elect one of themselves as Chairman. The primary purpose of this Committee is to coordinate Mixers and other events so that conflicts do not occur. The Committee establishes a master schedule of Mixers and is also responsible to formulate and publish general guidelines for Mixers. The Chairman coordinates the activities of this Committee with the Vice-President.

The Membership Committee is responsible to secure new Member Clubs and to provide them program development assistance and other aids in establishing successful MISGA Clubs. Their recommendations are made to the Board for consideration.

The Policy and Planning Committee is responsible for periodic appraisal of the organization and operation of MISGA. It is also the group to which the President and/or the Board refer problems for analysis and recommendation. In the event that changes in the Constitution or By-Laws are required, it is the job of this Committee to draft changes for Board review.

A Publicity Committee is responsible for public relations generally and the dissemination of Association information to news media and to the Associates through the MISGAGram or other means.

Finally, the Tournament Committee is responsible to schedule and manage tournaments staged by MISGA and which are open to all Associates. Generally, the Divisions run their own qualifying Tournaments, for example, and the Tournament Committee is involved only to assure that these events will be completed in ample time for the Annual Tournament. The primary concerns of the Tournament Committee are the Annual Tournament, the Spring Fling and the Fall Frolic (which will be described later). The Committee promulgates rules for all Tournaments and suggests different formats to achieve greater enjoyment of golf in MISGA. The Committee consists of a Chairman and four members, one from each Division of MISGA. The Chairman of this Committee coordinates its activities with the Vice-President.

The Board of Directors. The Board is truly the governing body of MISGA, and all officers and Committees derive their authority from the Board and are responsible to it. All expenditure of funds must be authorized by the Board, except that some recurring expenses may be authorized subject to review by the Treasurer or President. An example of this might be the expenses incurred by the Secretary in re-

producing and mailing the minutes of Board meetings. The location and format of all Tournaments held on a MISGA-wide basis are approved by the Board on recommendation of the Tournament Committee, and all Special Events require Board approval. Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws are approved by the Board subject to ratification by vote of the Club Representatives.

The Activities of MISGA

The paragraphs above have described the functions of the various organizational elements of MISGA, but only passing mention has been made to why they exist. What does MISGA do? What is it that attracts over 3000 Associate memberships?

The most important thing MISGA does, and what sets it apart from all other golf associations, is to schedule and hold several hundred Mixers each year. A Mixer is simply a meeting of senior golfers from two Member Clubs, one of which is the "home", or host, Club and the other the "away", or visiting Club. The date for this event had been scheduled by the two Club Reps and further coordinated a few days before by the visitor Club Rep providing the host Club Rep with a roster of players and their handicaps. The host Club Rep then makes up twosomes, one member from each Club, and combines them into foursomes attempting to keep total handicap roughly equal for each foursome. The format is frequently best-ball-of-the-foursome, but the host Club can decree other formats if its desires. After the round of golf it is customary for the players to lunch together on a "Dutch treat" basis, and to facilitate this shotgun starts are almost invariable. Usually each participant contributes a nominal sum for prizes, which most often are merchandise certificates from the host Club pro shop. Greens fees are not charged the visitors, but each participant pays his share of cart rental. It is important to note that this is not a competition between the two Clubs. It is an opportunity for the Visiting Club players to play a different course, to meet and form friendships with other senior golfers, and it is an opportunity for the enjoyment of golf and of fellowship in golf at its best. At some other scheduled date that year the roles will be reversed, and the Visiting Club members will be hosts to those who had previously been their hosts.

Perhaps next in popularity is the MISGA Annual Tournament and Banquet. The First Annual Tournament in 1976 was established as a two-man team (better ball) event, and this format has been retained. In that first Tournament it was possible to accommodate all who wanted to participate at one Member Club. The Tournament grew as MISGA grew, and it became necessary to have golf at two Member Clubs and the Banquet at one of them. Later it became necessary to have Divisional qualifying Tournaments with the winners of these advancing to the Annual Tournament. Various schemes of allocating

quotas for each Member Club have been tried, and the ultimate method has yet to be devised. Essentially the method customarily used is to give a quota of number of teams to each Division. The Division then makes its allocation based on number of Associates in each Member Club.

The Annual Tournament is frequently played at two Member Clubs, which must be in such proximity that players from both sites can attend the Banquet, which is held at the one that can best accommodate 250-300 or more people. A few Member Clubs having 27-36 holes can accommodate the Tournament at the one Club. Considerable planning and negotiating is required to get two Clubs which can agree on a specific date. Each Division must then find a Member Club to hold the qualifying Tournament. Usually it is left to each Member Club to set up a method to select the teams within its quota that it will send to the qualifier. This is a good example of the autonomy which MISGA practices with respect to its Divisions and Member Clubs. This year MISGA will hold its Tenth Annual Tournament at Argyle CC. A list of previous Tournaments, host Clubs and winning teams is given in Appendix C. A trophy has been established and each year the names of the winning team members and Club are engraved on it, the winning Club having custody of it until the next year.

Two other popular events are the Spring Fling and the Fall Frolic. The first Spring Fling was held in 1977 at Myrtle Beach. It has been held in other locales, most recently and successfully at host Member Clubs on the Eastern Shore. A list of Spring Flings and their locations will be found in Appendix E. Formats have varied, but typical would be two days of golf with a banquet after the first day. Wives of Associates are encouraged to attend, and golfing arrangements are made for golfing wives and sightseeing, shopping and other activities for the non-golfers.

The Fall Frolic is of more recent vintage and gained popularity after the resort of Foxfire, in Pinehurst, NC, was discovered by MISGA. It is generally four or five days of golf, the format varying each day, and at least one day's format is set up for golf by Associates and golfing wives. On the other days golf arrangements are made for the ladies and various activities planned for non-golfers. Both the Spring Fling and the Fall Frolic are over-subscribed and a quota system is necessary to provide opportunity for at least some Associates from each Member Club to attend.

MISGA has had three golf excursions at places outside of the United States. The first, in 1982, was in the Bahamas and provided a week of golf and sight-seeing for Associates and wives. In 1984 Duane Swindle was instrumental in arranging an excursion to Guadalajara, Mexico and this was repeated, by popular demand, in 1985. Duane was ably assisted both years by Sam Hastings and Warren

Dean with the whole affair facilitated by the fact that Duane and his wife, Ethel, spend the winter months at their home near Guadalajara.

A traditional, and important, meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Club Representatives, which occurs in early Spring each year. Board members are encouraged to attend, and it provides an excellent opportunity for communication among the Club Reps and the Board, and much of the Mixer Scheduling is done at this time. The meeting is traditionally chaired by the President. Weather permitting the meeting is followed by a round of golf at the host Club. A list of dates and host Clubs for the Annual Meeting is given in Appendix F.

In the past few years it has been the custom for the Board members to get together for one or two days in the Fall after election of new Board members and Officers. In 1984, the Club Reps were invited as well, the Host Clubs being Kenwood G&CC and Bethesda CC, and it proved to be a popular and enjoyable event. It seems likely that the Board Bash will become another MISGA tradition.

Board meetings themselves are usually held at a host Club, and an attempt is made to spread them around so that each Division has its fair share of responsibility to host the meetings. Board meetings are generally followed by golf at the host Club course.

SECTION III

HISTORY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER CLUBS

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

In 1985 Col. (Ret) Dick Barrett queried the MISGA group about Andrews joining the organization.

After negotiations relative to the assurance that MISGA mixers could be held on the base golf courses Andrews was admitted during the summer of 1985.

To date their active membership totals 49 and mixers are planned to continue in 1986.

ARGYLE COUNTRY CLUB

MISGA at Argyle was started in the year 1976. During this period F.W. (Bill) Burnett was the focal point. It is believed that four mixers were played at home and away.

MISGA's first Spring Fling was held in Myrtle Beach between March 27, 1977, and April 2, 1977. Argyle attendees were the Burnetts, Gibbons, Wests, and (Jerry and Ann) Pasquale. This was the year that Bill Burnett was President of Argyle Seniors Association.

Bill Burnett remained as MISGA Representative in 1978. Mixers were played with Eaglehead, Potomac Valley, Lakewood, Talbot/Cambridge, and Brooke Manor. Bill Burnett continued as MISGA Representative in 1979. Eight mixers were played at home in 1979 increasing to 10 in 1980.

Dave Watson was selected MISGA Representative in 1980 and established the first MISGA logo. The Annual Team Championship was played at the Argyle Country Club on 26 September. Dave Watson was voted to membership on the MISGA Board of Directors in the later part of 1980. Including 144 participants in the Championship match, 936 associates participated in the mixers with total revenue of \$11,665.

Sam Hastings was selected as the MISGA Representative in 1981, and immediately made a serious endeavor to give MISGA greater publicity at Argyle Country Club.

In 1982 Sam Hastings was elected Vice-President of MISGA as well as Director of Division IV. Dave Watson was reappointed to the MISGA Board of Directors. Again ten mixers were played.

In 1983 Art Browne was selected as MISGA Representative. Sam Hastings continued as Vice-President and Director of Division IV. Ar-

gyle played nine mixers at home, plus a mixed mixer with Lakewood. Argyle enrolled 114 MISGA Associates in 1983.

In 1984 Art Browne continued as MISGA Representative; Sam Hastings as Director, Division IV, and was elected President of MISGA in October. Argyle played eight mixers. In 1984, Argyle had a total of 128 Associate Members in MISGA.

Art Browne

BEAVER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Beaver Creek Country Club joined MISGA in 1977 with Bill Frank as the Club Representative. In 1979 George Fisher became Club Rep and continued in that job until 1982 when Don Dysert took over. In 1984 Harry Sayers became Club Rep and he is the current Club Rep. One of Beaver Creek's Associates, the late George Fisher, was elected to the MISGA Board of Directors and was Vice-President of the Board at the time of his death in 1982.

Beaver Creek had about 25 members when it joined MISGA and now has a MISGA membership of 73.

Harry Sayers

BETHESDA COUNTRY CLUB

The idea for the formation of a seniors men's golf group at Bethesda Country Club was conceived when representatives from 4 or 5 Clubs met in September 1975 at Kenwood Country Club. Bethesda was represented by the late John McManus.

Later in September 1975, John McManus chaired an informal meeting to determine if any interest existed among Bethesda seniors for the type of organization set forth above. The idea was enthusiastically endorsed. As a result John petitioned the Golf Committee through the chairman, Dr. Donald C. Brown, to grant a Seniors Day each week when seniors could have guest fees waived for a maximum of three guests.

The Board of Directors of Bethesda Country Club at their regular meeting on January 21, 1976, unanimously approved a request that one day per month be recognized as Retired Seniors Day.

In eight years the Association has grown by 218% from 44 in 1976 to 140 in 1984. Participation in home events has increased from 30 to 40 per event in the early days to upwards of 90 currently, and limited to 40 players each from Bethesda and visiting MISGA Clubs.

From 1976 to 1979 the seniors operated without benefit of a formal organization but in 1979 Sam Gibb and Bill Hartman introduced a set of by-laws which were accepted by the membership and which established an organization elected by the members.

The restriction to one Friday per month has limited senior activities at Bethesda. The seven days per year the seniors are allowed were generally filled with 4 visiting MISGA Clubs and 3 Member-Guests during 1976-80. Activities increased under the able leadership of Dick Redinger in 1982-83 to a yearly total of 19 events-still only 7 or 8 at home and the remainder as guests of other MISGA Clubs.

Bill Hartman

BROOKE MANOR COUNTRY CLUB

Brooke Manor CC was one of the founding clubs in 1976. In 1977 the BMCC President, Gene Walsh, asked Neill Turner to organize a complete program for BMCC Senior men. Neill was the first Club Representative as well as Secretary of MISGA from 1979-1982.

In 1980, a formal charter was developed for the BMCC Seniors and approved by the Club. Frank Thornton was elected President and Tony Grande, Vice President. Brooke Manor participates in MISGA Mixers and other events, and in 1980 hosted the Fall Qualifying Tournament and in 1983 the Flight C Tournament. In addition, the BMCC Seniors play three events with the BMCC Ladies Organization, annually, run a Winter League that is well attended, hold a Seniors Championship each year, and provide many services to help improve the BMCC course and operate special events.

Starting with about 35 members, BMCC now has 140 MISGA Associates.

Tony Grande

CAMBRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Cambridge Country Club was one of the original six Eastern Shore Clubs to become part of MISGA joining in 1977. Its first Club Representative was Allen Eckel who also served on the MISGA Board of Directors from 1978 to 1982. Cambridge has 35 Associates in 1985 and the current Club Representative is Chap Staley.

CAROLINE COUNTRY CLUB

Caroline Country Club joined MISGA in 1977 being one of the original six clubs from the Eastern Shore to do so. Ames Schuck was the first Club Representative. In 1981 the Caroline team won the MISGA Annual Tournament played at Lakewood CC. In 1982 and in 1984 Caroline was host to the Annual Meeting of the Club Representatives.

Caroline Country Club has 43 MISGA Associates in 1985. The current Club Rep is Sam Bebee, who is also a member of the MISGA Board of Directors.

CHESTER RIVER COUNTRY CLUB

Chester River became a MISGA Member Club in 1981 following an invitation from Green Hill to attend a MISGA meeting. Ed Meyer was elected Club Representative and has held that job since 1981. At that time there were 55 MISGA Associates; today there are 67.

Ed Meyer

CROFTON COUNTRY CLUB

In 1980 the Crofton Country Club was an active member of the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA). Through participation in the annual "Seniors Team Championship" sponsored by WMGA Crofton golfers met and talked to MISGA Associates. Ed Dosek, a past president of the Crofton Men's Golf Association and a member of the Board of Directors of WMGA, asked Gil Williams to address a meeting of Crofton Seniors on Feb. 11, 1981 with Club Management and the Club Pro present.

As a result of this meeting the Crofton Country Club applied for membership in MISGA, the Seniors organized the Crofton Men's Seniors Golf Association electing Mike Melvin President and Harry Bryan MISGA Rep. Crofton sort of staggered through the 1981-82 seasons with five mixers and a gradual waning of interest by those golfers in their early and mid fifties, partly because they were still working. However, there developed a core of senior golfers who recognized the merits of MISGA and faithfully provided their attendance, advice, and support.

In 1983, officers were elected who were dedicated to their responsibilities and it was a good year with nine Mixers, full support from the Club and the Pro. Although the number of paid up Associates decreased those that remained were active participants. Harry Bryan was elected to the Board of Directors of MISGA and became Chairman of the Associates Committee; Merle Shumaker became assistant MISGA Rep and was elected Crofton's MISGA Rep in 1984.

Merle Shumaker

EAGLEHEAD COUNTRY CLUB

Bill Dorrell was invited to attend a meeting at Lakewood Country Club on February 24, 1976 to discuss the organization of a Seniors Golf Association in the area.

Eaglehead CC immediately approved the concept that established a Seniors day, reciprocity with MISGA clubs on "no greens fees" at Mixers, payment of an annual membership fee to MISGA (originally \$10, now \$25), paid by the Eaglehead CC management. Later a "free" guest day for Seniors on a once a month basis was approved.

Since this beginning in 1976 with about 15 playing members, the ECC Seniors have grown in membership to well over 50. Intra-club Mixers have expanded from 4 to a maximum of 9 in 1984. ECC has two events with its Ladies' groups. The seniors at ECC strive for a minimum of 20% participation in the Spring Fling and Fall Frolic. ECC fills its quotas for all other MISGA tournaments.

Bill Dorrell formed and built the ECC Seniors over a 7-year period. Other ECC Seniors such as Marlowe Cline, Don Falconer, Ted Hayward, and Jack Hart have also contributed to sustain the operation.

In 1983, Bob Angel succeeded Bill Dorrell as Chairman and Club Representative to MISGA. The program has remained intact with an expanded effort to acquire more members. To date, there are 58 members.

The seniors at ECC have had a great experience in not only our own club associations, but in our membership in MISGA with its many mixers and other events.

Bob Angel
Bill Dorrell

ELKS COUNTRY CLUB

The Elks CC joined MISGA in 1977 with Bill Long the Club Representative and the individual who sold the concept to the Elks Golf Committee. There were 30-35 members in the MISGA program that first year. Bill Long continued as Club Rep until 1982 when Francis (Mac) McKee took over. In 1984, Elks had 71 MISGA Associates. Mac McKee was elected Director of Division 1 in 1984 and remains the Club Rep for Elks CC.

Mac McKee

GREEN HILL YACHT AND GOLF CLUB

Green Hill was one of the first of the Eastern Shore clubs to join MISGA in 1977. Its first Club Rep was Reed Kurtz, who also was President of the Eastern Shore MISGA organization.

In 1984 and again in 1985 Green Hill joined with Nassawango in hosting the Spring Fling. The current Club Rep is Bill Ransdell. Green Hill has 66 MISGA Associates at the present time.

Bill Ransdell

HOBBITS GLEN COUNTRY CLUB

In the Fall of 1976, Al Hagen met with the late Hans Marchand and Frank Koby of Hobbits Glen to explain MISGA. Permission was soon obtained from the Columbia Association for Hobbits Glen to join MISGA and membership was achieved in 1977. Hans Marchand was the first Club Rep, followed by Frank Koby in 1979 and Lee McCarriar in 1983. A formal Seniors Golf Association was formed in 1981 with Lee McCarriar as President and Sidney Rapoport as Vice President.

Hans Marchand was the first Chairman of the Audit Committee in MISGA's history, followed by Sid Rapoport who, in 1981, assumed the office of MISGA Treasurer, which he still holds.

HOLLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

The MISGA program at Holly Hills Country Club began in 1980. Since Harry Decker had been involved in the MISGA program when he was a member at Eaglehead CC, he was interested in establishing a similar program at Holly Hills CC to which he had transferred. As a result he became the first Club Representative.

We contacted Mr. Robert Ritchie, owner of Holly Hills, and preferred our suggestions for the operation of it. We chose Wednesday as our MISGA Day, with a schedule of seven to nine interclub events on a home-and-away basis. In accordance with MISGA policy, green fees for the visitors were waived. We also received management's consent to permit senior guests of Holly Hills MISGA members to join our outings on the last Wednesday of each month.

Our second Club Representative at Holly Hills MISGA was Jack Byrnes in 1981, to be followed in 1982 by Harold Renegar. The 1983 season was headed by Pete Oakes, and then Bob Fuchs was elected with Marlowe Cline as Deputy for the 1984 year. Bob and Marlowe accepted a second term for the current 1985 season.

With the sale of Potomac Valley Country Club in 1983, a large contingent of Potomac Valley Country Club members chose to join Holly Hills. This windfall of members increased our MISGA group and in 1984 we reached a total of 47 members.

We feel the MISGA program of Holly Hills is on solid ground and the participation of its members at various MISGA events such as Mexico,

Foxfire, and Florida is evidence of the growth and enthusiasm since our start in 1980 with 16 members.

Harry Decker
Robert Fuchs

HUNT VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Hunt Valley Golf Club became a member of MISGA in 1978. Dick Edgar, who had bought the club from McCormick and Company shortly before that, was the person responsible for bringing Hunt Valley into the organization. He felt that the fellowship and the opportunity to play at other courses would help to bring more Senior golfers into the club as members.

Walter Sibiski was the first Club Rep, but did not finish out the year. Vernon Mergl took over at Dick Edgar's request and served in that capacity until 1982, when he was succeeded by Bill Woolston. Mergl served a three-year term on MISGA's Board of Directors, and was responsible for bringing Sparrows Point Country Club into the organization. Bill Woolston also served on the Board of Directors and was President of MISGA in 1982.

When Hunt Valley first joined MISGA, things were difficult because it was a very young club. For the first year or two, only eight or ten seniors were active MISGA Associates. On some occasions, only four or five would show up for a Mixer, while the visiting club would have twenty or thirty players. Vern Mergl sometimes had to pay for the coffee and doughnuts out of his own pocket.

Since those early days, things have improved, and the club's MISGA membership has shown a steady, though not spectacular, growth. In 1985, the total number of MISGA Associates passed fifty for the first time. As more, older men became members of Hunt Valley and as more of the original members reach the "magic age" of fifty-five, the number of MISGA Associates should continue to grow.

Bill Woolston

INDIAN SPRING COUNTRY CLUB

Indian Spring Country Club is a charter member of MISGA, entering in 1976. Harry Gershenson was the first Club Representative and was elected and served on the first MISGA Board of Directors.

In the original agreement with the ISCC Board of Governors, Mixers were to be restricted to twelve (12) visitors and a like number from ISCC with a maximum of four mixers per season to be held at ISCC. Authorization was granted for the 1976 season and ISCC booked home and home mixers with Bethesda CC, Brooke Manor CC, Leisure World CC, and Potomac Valley CC.

In 1978, Buddy Robbins took the MISGA Representative responsibilities assisted by John Rollins. Membership grew very slowly, never rising to more than about 25 and participation in mixers was poor. In 1979, Buddy Robbins asked Herb Hudson to be his assistant.

In 1980, Ben Frank of ISCC indicated that he would like to be the ISCC Club Rep and he was given the job. It was at this point that the ISCC MISGA Associates began to grow rapidly. Frank worked diligently throughout the year and reached a total roster of 42 by the end of the year.

With the impetus started by Ben Frank in 1980, 1981 was an excellent year with the ISCC MISGA Associates reaching fifty-eight. In the Spring of 1981, Hudson was elected by the Division III Club Reps to the position of Division III Director.

The ISCC MISGA Associates roster continued to grow to 66 by the end of 1982, 68 by the end of 1983, and 78 by the end of 1984. Mixers expanded to seven at home and seven away. Participation has picked up so that 30 to 40 can be expected at a mixer. Hudson was elected President of MISGA in 1982 and re-elected in 1983.

In 1983, ISCC was the site of the MISGA 2-Man Team Championship where 144 golfers vied for the trophy and prizes awarded. MISGA is indeed healthy and thriving at ISCC today.

Herb Hudson

KENWOOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Kenwood Golf and Country Club in Bethesda is proud to have been a pioneer in formulating club senior golf programs, as it was in junior golf, and to have been one of the founders of MISGA.

Over the past 10 years both the club and its senior leaders have been deeply involved in the MISGA program. Its members, and particularly the late T. Perry Lippitt, who served many years as MISGA Treasurer, have shared in the management of MISGA activities. In addition, Joe Gambatese, a longtime leader in junior golf, has given of his expertise as a journalist and photographer in promoting senior golf as a MISGA consultant.

The Kenwood Club has been host to many MISGA meetings and conferences and provided overnight accommodations, particularly to Eastern Shore representatives who come to the Western Shore for two-day meetings and golf.

Over the years, Kenwood has usually led all clubs in number of MISGA Associates. From 104 in 1974, the first year of the Kenwood program, the number grew to 176 last year.

The idea of a Kenwood senior program was generated by Lippitt, Gambatese, and Jack Weber, and it was Weber who carried the ball to get it started after he was elected to the Kenwood Board of Gover-

nors in December 1973. But it could not have grown to its present state without the excellent support the Kenwood management has given.

Weber proposed at the January 1974 Board meeting that the club sponsor a senior program and, as usually happens, he was appointed senior chairman and asked to form a committee for the senior program.

A committee of Weber, Lippitt, Gambatese, Jim Somes, Bill Wohlfarth, Jim Eliopolo, and Bill Drake met on January 23, 1974.

The committee came up with three proposals: that Tuesday be designated as seniors day; that on one Tuesday each month seniors be allowed to invite a senior guest without payment of greens fee, and that a questionnaire be mailed to all members to solicit their interest in a senior golf program. The questionnaire went with the February 1974 club mailing and the responses proved very helpful to the senior team captain in selecting a team.

The Kenwood management agreed to a trial program, and registration forms for senior golfers over 55 went into the March mailing.

Senior tournaments were held each Tuesday during April and May. Twenty-five percent of the entry fees was accumulated and used for a complimentary luncheon at the end of the golf season, a practice that still continues.

Later, the third Tuesday of each month was designated as member guest day, with no greens fee for the guest, but the use of power carts was required.

Every Spring registration forms are sent out and a list of those seniors who are registered and become MISGA Associates is published and distributed with their handicaps and phone numbers. It's called the "Senior `Need a Partner' Roster" and is useful in arranging golf games.

Lippitt succeeded Weber as senior chairman. He was followed by Pat Boyle and Ray Keany, who proved to be excellent leaders.

In the Spring of 1974 Kenwood invited Lakewood to bring 30 seniors to Kenwood for what turned out to be its very first mixer and one of the seeds that sprouted MISGA. A few weeks later Lakewood reciprocated Kenwood's invitation. That Fall, eight or nine clubs held an informal meeting at Kenwood and the formation of MISGA was not far off.

Kenwood, of course, participated in the January 1976 meeting at which MISGA was founded. Lippitt was elected its first treasurer and served faithfully for many years. Gambatese edited and suggested the title for the first MISGAGram, and has since been very helpful in writing articles and taking photographs promoting the progress of both MISGA and the Kenwood seniors program.

Joe Gambatese

LAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Senior golf activities at Lakewood had become extensive by 1975. The previous year Lakewood had participated with Kenwood CC in home-and-away mixers, and in 1975 Lakewood Seniors organized a number of interclub Mixers, including Kenwood, Army-Navy and Montgomery, member-guest outings and had established Wednesday morning as Seniors day. In preparing for the 1976 golf season the Seniors Committee (Al Hagen, Chairman; William K. "Bud" Jackson, Secretary; and Ted Hayward) sent letters to some 18 Maryland clubs inviting them to attend an organizational meeting at Lakewood in January 1976. Clubs and attendees are listed below:

Manor CC	Paul Dobrolowski
	Kim Hand (pro)
Montgomery CC	J. Neil Ryan
	Keith Eynon (pro)
Norbeck CC	G. A. Schlesinger
Potomac Valley CC	Wally Sager
Bethesda CC	J. W. McManus
Montgomery Village CC	Ed Fitzgerald
River Bend CC	Ray E. Millard
Prince Georges CC	Jan Jankowski
Rossmoor (Leisure World)	Pat Patrizio
Argyle CC	Dave Watson
Brooke Manor CC	Dewey Ricketts (pro)
Columbia CC	E. Lester Barker
	Chester Jones
	William W. Dorrell
	Mike McGinnis (pro)
Indian Spring CC	Harry E. Gershenson
	Charles Bassler (pro)
Kenwood G&CC	T. Perry Lippitt
Lakewood CC	Al Hagen
	Bud Jackson
	Ted Hayward
Congressional CC	Ken O'Neil

Many of the basic concepts of MISGA were agreed to at this meeting, and a second meeting was scheduled for February. At this February meeting and a subsequent one in March, all held at Lakewood, the rules and format for Mixers were set forth, the name MISGA chosen, and officers elected. Al Hagen of Lakewood was the first President of MISGA and served in that capacity for five years, then as Executive Director and finally, in 1982, as President Emeritus and a Life

Member of MISGA. It is a source of pride to Lakewood that one of its members was the founder of MISGA and its President for so long.

Lakewood MISGA Associates have been growing in number at a rate of about ten percent per year and now have 115 Associates. The current Club Rep is Jack Hutson.

Lakewood has maintained an active role in MISGA events through the years. Lakewood has been host to two MISGA Annual Tournaments, in 1977 (with Potomac Valley) and again 1981. Lakewood has also hosted the MISGA Scratch Tournament as well as Division 4 events. Lakewood has consistently sent one of the largest contingents to the Spring Fling, Fall Frolic and various out-of-country excursions.

Jack Hutson

LEISURE WORLD GOLF CLUB (ROSSMOOR)

Leisure World Golf Club with 30 Associates joined MISGA when MISGA was first established in 1976. The Club Representative was George (Pat) Patrizio-assisted by Warren (Bud) Roudebush 1976 thru 1979. Patrizio was also a director of MISGA at that time. Other Club Representatives follow:

1980-81, Bud Roudebush, assisted by Joe Weber.

1982-83, Joe Weber, assisted by Harry Barker.

1984-85, Harry Barker, assisted by Frank Izenour.

Number of Mixers:

1976 thru 1981-3 or 4 at home and 3 or 4 away each year.

1982 thru 1984-5 at home and 5 away each year.

1985-6 at home and 6 away-scheduled.

Leisure World Golf Club has 105 MISGA Associate Members as of June 23, 1985.

Harry Barker

MANOR COUNTRY CLUB

Manor Country Club's involvement with MISGA dates back to the origins of that organization. When Al Hagen's group circularized area clubs in 1975 to sound out interest in the concept of a Maryland Inter-club Seniors Golf Association, the Chairman of Manor's Golf Committee referred the letter to the then head of the Club's senior golf program, Paul Dobrowolski.

Paul participated in the many meetings and discussions, most of them at Lakewood, which eventually developed the MISGA concept and developed it into the organization we know today. When the first slate of MISGA officers was elected in 1976 Al Hagen was President and Paul Dobrowolski was Vice President, an office he held for two years while serving concurrently as Manor's MISGA representative.

At the inception of MISGA, Manor had perhaps twenty associates who participated in the early Mixers. Today there are over 80 members of the club's Senior Golf Association, although it is admittedly sometimes difficult to get more than 20 to 25 to participate in any given mixer. We're still trying!

Paul Dobrowolski served as Manor's MISGA representative in 1976 and 1977, assisted at various times by Stan Kerkering, Gus Saridakis, Ashby Smith and, most recently, Spence King. Each of these served for two years, and Spence will be carrying on in 1985 with the assistance of Mel Fish.

Members of Manor have participated only to a minimal extent in outside activities organized by MISGA other than the routine Mixers. However, it did host the Division IV Individual Championship in July of 1984, a highly successful event.

Spencer King

MONTGOMERY COUNTRY CLUB

Montgomery Country Club was one of the founding Clubs in MISGA, its membership dating from 1976. The first Club Rep was Art Siler. He was succeeded by Doug Moats in 1980 at which time there were 40 MISGA Associates. Under Doug's leadership that number has doubled to 81 Associates in 1985.

There has been excellent participation by the Montgomery Associates in the ever-more-popular Spring and Fall Flings. Montgomery hosted the 1983 Division 4 Individual Tournament as well as the 1985 Division 4 2-Man Team Championship. Doug Moats has served as the MISGA Tournament Committee Chairman during the 1985 golfing season.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE GOLF CLUB

Montgomery Village Golf Club was invited into MISGA in 1976. After the initial contacts with the Club, Frank Buddle was designated as Club Rep. He participated extensively in the initial format and policies of both the MVGC Seniors program and the MISGA organization and programs.

Starting in 1977 Frank dedicated his efforts more to overall MISGA organization and activities including serving on the MISGA Board of Directors.

In 1977 Duane Swindle took over as Club Rep from Frank Buddle and served as Club Rep thru the 1982 season. He had substantial able assistance from several other members, principally Dave Wright, Gene Miller, George Wilson and Bill Hulihan. During this period

MVGC was privileged to host both Division and State MISGA Tournaments and participated fully in the MISGA Mixer Program. The Club's MISGA Associates numbered about 60 each year during this period from '77 to '85.

Duane was elected to the MISGA Board of Directors in '82 for a two-year term. While on the Board he served as Chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee. Under his Chairmanship the Policy and Planning Committee made recommendations to the Board that were accepted with regard to refunding funds to the Divisions for expenses and with regard to purchasing Liability Insurance and bonding MISGA personnel.

Along with Sam Hastings, Duane also set up and "Den Mothered" three Group Outings to Mexico, one in '84 and two in '85.

In 1982 Bill Hulihan took over as Club Rep and has been running the program like the real pro that he is. With the closing of the Washingtonian Country Club late in '84 the number of Associates increased to about 80.

Montgomery Village Golf Club is a privately owned course and from the beginning the owner has recognized the substantial cash flow from MISGA and Senior's activities. He has consistently given his support and cooperation to MISGA activities and the Senior's program.

NASSAWANGO COUNTRY CLUB

Nassawango CC received a letter from Al Hagen in January 1977 suggesting a meeting at Talbot CC the following month. Bill Grant was appointed to attend this meeting. Bill, impressed with the MISGA concept, worked up a schedule and in May 1977 Nassawango joined MISGA.

There were about 25 Associates at that time and the number has grown to 84 at the present.

Nassawango has been co-host for the Spring Fling in 1982, 1984, and 1985.

Jim Cabler

NORBECK COUNTRY CLUB

Norbeck CC is a member-owned Club in Rockville, MD with about 400 members. Facilities include an 18-hole championship course, swimming pool, outdoor and indoor tennis, and a clubhouse.

Norbeck joined MISGA in 1984 with 25 Associates. Max Posin was Club Representative and Matt Groff was Assistant Rep. There was some skepticism about MISGA at the beginning, but after a few Mix-

ers it became quite popular. Norbeck had four Mixers in its first year and has scheduled five for 1985. The initial membership in 1985 brought in 50 members and we hope to reach 75 before the end of the season.

OCEAN CITY COUNTRY CLUB

Ocean City joined MISGA in 1979. In 1982 it cooperated with Nasawango in hosting the Spring Fling and in that same year its team won the MISGA Tournament which was played at Talbot. Ocean City currently has 54 MISGA Associates. The Club Rep is Lou Brahin.

OCEAN PINES COUNTRY CLUB

In 1980 MISGA Associates from Green Hill and Talbot visited Ocean Pines and explained the goals and operations of MISGA. Chet Smith, President of the Ocean Pines Golf Association presented a proposal to join MISGA to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors and secured approval.

Ocean Pines thus joined MISGA in 1980 with 55 Associates and Charles Grimes the Club Rep. Today Ocean Pines has 105 Associates. Sid Taylor is Club Rep.

PINEY BRANCH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The MISGA program began in 1980 with Mel Gesell as the first representative. There were approximately 38 members in that first group. At the end of that year Mel Gesell was elected Director of Division II.

In 1981, Barney Corbett was the Club Representative. Piney Branch hosted the Division II team championship, which served as the qualifier for the state championship.

Bright and Edwards were again the Club Reps in 1983. Again the membership increased, this time to 68 members.

The year 1984 again saw Elmer Bright and John Edwards at the helm. Piney Branch was reorganized into a group with a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Chairman, Social Chairman, and Membership Chairman. The men filling those positions were respectively: Elmer Bright, John Edwards, Jim Kristof, Bill La Plante, and Bill Davis. It was felt that there should be more members involved in the affairs of the club and this was found to work very satisfactorily. There was an individual tournament for Division II mem-

bers hosted by Piney Branch in August of this year. 112 golfers signed up to play and 111 showed up.

Elmer Bright

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTRY CLUB

Prince Georges CC became interested in MISGA in 1976 and became a Member Club in 1977. Elmer Johnson was the first Club Rep. In 1978 Dick Cain became Club Rep and remained in that position for seven years. Ernie Hauser is the Club Rep for 1985.

PGCC has 45 MISGA Associates at the halfway mark in the 1985 golf season. In 1981 and 1983 Prince Georges was host to the Annual Meeting of the Club Representatives.

Ernie Hauser

PROSPECT BAY COUNTRY CLUB

Prospect Bay CC opened for golf in 1981. In 1982, Ed Maguire of Caroline contacted the golf professional, Joe Vincent and a meeting was arranged at PBCC with Herb Hudson, Sam Hastings and other MISGA officials. Later that year Carl Blakely, President of PBCC Senior Golfers and later to become PBCC Club Representative, wrote a letter requesting membership in MISGA. MISGA President Hudson responded affirmatively on January 26, 1983 and PBCC began MISGA Mixers that year and joined with Talbot CC in hosting the 1983 Spring Fling. In 1985 PBCC was host to the Annual Meeting of Club Representatives. There are about 40 MISGA Associates in the Prospect Bay Club.

Carl Blakely

ROLLING ROAD GOLF CLUB

MISGA has been a highly enjoyed group at Rolling Road for the past six years. It was originally organized by John McDonald starting in 1978 and officially joined MISGA in 1979. John was assisted by Ken Karr and Ben Long. In 1983 Mike Penyak took over as Club Representative. Lew Bauman assisted Mike in 1984 and became Club Rep in 1985. Rolling Road now has 73 Associates with good participation, averaging over 30 per event.

Lew Bauman

SEAFORD COUNTRY CLUB

Seaford CC joined MISGA in 1978 after Ed Schmidt of Talbot CC had explained the program. Dave Crader was the first Club Representative and there were 33 members at Seaford that year.

Seaford is actually in Delaware, causing some difficulty because the MISGA By-Laws at the time specified Maryland Clubs as eligible for membership. However, the By-Laws were changed, largely through the efforts of Dave Crader, Reed Kurtz (Green Hill), and Allen Eckel (Cambridge).

At the start of the 1985 golf season, Seaford had 76 MISGA Associates. Stu Sargent is the current Club Rep.

Stu Sargent

SHAWNEE COUNTRY CLUB

Shawnee Country Club joined MISGA in 1979. It now has 70 MISGA Associates with Lou Pikus as Club Representative.

SUSSEX PINES COUNTRY CLUB

Sussex Pines' first contact with MISGA came in 1981 when Bill Long (Elks) and Ed Maguire (Caroline) invited two members of Sussex Pines to a Mixer at Caroline. 1982 was spent in organizing a Seniors Group and making application for membership to MISGA. This was granted in the Fall of 1982. In 1983, Frank Poland and Lewis Eberly were elected Club Reps and a schedule of Mixers was established. There were 45 members at that time and 52 Associates in 1984.

Frank Poland
Lewis Eberly

SPARROWS POINT GOLF CLUB

Sparrows Point joined MISGA in 1979 and has been active in the organization since. The current Club Representative is Frank Bucharowicz and there are 73 MISGA Associates enrolled in 1985.

Sparrows Point is the only active MISGA Member Club to have won the Annual Tournament three times; the first time in 1980 when it was played at Argyle, the second time in 1984 when Sparrows Point was the host club and again at Argyle in 1985. Sparrows Point has also been host for many of the Division 2 Tournaments, most recently the Division 2 Team Championship in 1985.

TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB

Talbot CC, under the leadership of Ed Schmidt, was one of the original six clubs on the Eastern Shore to join MISGA in 1976. Talbot was the first Eastern Shore Club to host a MISGA Board Meeting in 1979. The MISGA Annual Tournament was held at Talbot in 1982. In 1979 Talbot joined with Caroline in holding a special two-day home-and away Mixer with Bethesda and Kenwood. In 1981, Ed Schmidt was President of MISGA.

Starting with 25-30 Seniors, Talbot now has 55 MISGA Associates on its rolls.

Ed Schmidt

TANTALLON COUNTRY CLUB

Tantallon-On-The Potomac takes its name from Scotland's fabled Castle Tantallon, near the Royal Burgh of North Berwick on the Firth of Fourth. Castle Tantallon was first built in the early years of the 14th Century and served as the seat of the powerful Clan Douglas. It now stands in ruins, but a modern country club operates on the site.

The original plans for Tantallon, among other things such as a marina, housing, a high rise or two and boat motel, called for two 18-hole golf courses and/or one championship 18-hole course and a par 3 course. The housing and marina were realized, but only one 18-hole course was built.

Members of Tantallon who joined between April and November of 1961 were designated "Pioneer Members". Present MISGA members Paul Astalos, Rex Nelson, Bob Noonan, Gene Rinta, and Russel Stephens comprise the remaining "Pioneers."

Tantallon's first contact with MISGA was through Al Hagen of Lakewood who called in 1976 to explain "mixers" and to ask if we would like to play them. We readily accepted.

We had our first full season in 1977 playing Brooke Manor, Montgomery, and Bethesda. Tantallon's original MISGA membership of 12 grew to 56 in 1984. MISGA operation at Tantallon has been a 3 way project-Bob Evans, Rex Nelson and Bob Noonan. Bob Evans also served as MISGA Tournament Chairman in 1983-84.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GOLF ASSOCIATION

In 1983 E.E. Christensen was invited to join a MISGA Mixer at Crofton CC by Merle Shumacher. Christensen became interested in MISGA and discovered that the USNA Golf Association had previously been contacted by MISGA but the rules of the Association did

not allow waiver of greens fees. Coincidentally, the rules of the USNA Golf Association were due for review and update, and Christensen recommended modification of the rules to allow membership in MISGA. These changes were approved by the Academy Superintendent and Christensen led the Seniors group in applying for MISGA membership. This was approved by MISGA in April 1984.

In 1984 the USNA Golf Association had 55 members who were Associates in MISGA, and thoroughly enjoyed the first year.

E.E. Christensen

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The University of Maryland Senior Association came into being in December, 1978 with approximately 50 members. MISGA Division III Vice President, Gil Williams, was one of the moving forces directly involved in the birth of the association.

In 1979, Gil Williams became the first president and Wallace Pederson the MISGA Representative. Gil was followed by Tom Hieber (1980), Mark Leonard (1981), Sam Wolk (1982), Ed Phillips (1983), Dick Quinn (1984), and Bob Ludwig (1985).

Since its inception, the Maryland Seniors have been involved in a golf course improvement program. We have planted azaleas, dogwood trees, financed the construction of a barbecue facility, and installed attractive and permanent 150-yard markers. Membership has steadily increased from the original 50 members to 82 in 1981, to 105 in 1985.

Gil Williams

V.F.W. GOLF CLUB

V.F.W. Post 3285, situated just off U.S. Route 40 West of Frederick, in a non-profit Veterans service organization, which owns and operates the VFW 9-hole golf course.

The Golf Club now has 272 active memberships, both single and family, of whom 62 are currently members of MISGA.

In 1976, the Post formally organized its senior activities, signed up a total of 32 members, and applied for MISGA membership under the leadership of Bob Harrington. Upon Bob's untimely death from a heart attack in 1980, James McLaren took over the reins of MISGA at VFW, with his brother, Robert McLaren, handling all funds as Treasurer. Dues at the time were only \$5.00 annually.

In 1982, Jim McLaren turned over the MISGA operation to Ken Palmer, who was followed in 1983 by his assistant, Ed Siedling, succeeded in 1984 by William B. Leberz.

Currently, Bill, as Club Rep, is assisted by Robert T. Wares, while G. William Stultz Jr. serves as Treasurer for the group. Membership, now priced at \$10.00 annually, totals 62 for 1985, with a few more potentials. Starting on April 10, the VFW lists 36 various functions, including:

- 18--home-and-away Mixers
- 12--local matches, including final championship
- 2--golf outings
- 2--Divisional tournaments
- 2--major MISGA outings

The MISGA seniors operation at VFW has grown in importance in recent years, bringing increased revenue to the Post, the Pro and Dining Room. Each year finds more members over 55 joining in the fun.

Bill Lebherz

WAKEFIELD VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Wakefield Valley Golf Club was admitted to membership in MISGA in April of 1981.

The Golf Course has been constructed several years previously by Dr. Earl Griswold who owned the land on which it was built.

Mel Gesell, with the enthusiastic support of Club Pro Bill Horney, outlined the advantages of belonging to MISGA to about 20 Seniors. They were quick to see the potential good times available under the organization programs and application for membership was made. Mel was elected Club Representative and Shorty DeFoe served as assistant.

In 1982 Dick Reese became Club Rep, followed in 1983 by Ed Kennedy with George White as Assistant. In 1984, George White became Club Rep.

George White

WASHINGTONIAN GOLF CLUB

The Washingtonian Country Club joined MISGA in 1977. The first representative was R.C. Smith. The number of active members of the Seniors was only about 10 or 12, according to RC's memory. As a result, the "mixers" were as catch-as-catch-can.

R.C. Smith was succeeded in 1978 by Bill Burnett, now a member of Montgomery Village Country Club.

Initially, there was no support for the Seniors from the owner management of the Club. However, the Washingtonian Seniors were able

to win some concessions that enabled the Club to carry on the program.

Bill Burnett left Washingtonian for Montgomery Village and was succeeded by Tom Priolo in 1979.

During Tom Priolo's tenure, membership in the Seniors program at Washingtonian experienced an increase to about 40 members. However, during the greater part of 1981 and 1982, Tom Priolo was faced with health problems and his assistant, Yuke Kawahara, tried to keep the program alive. It was during this period that Mr. Sam Eig began to really support the Seniors program.

The year 1984 saw a great change in the Washingtonian program with the death (in 1983) of Mr. Sam Eig and the reversion of the property to Ackerman Associates. The Associates gave full support to the program.

The year 1984 also saw the advent of Joe Bouman as Club Representative and the program has seen increased support. But unfortunately, it looks as though the days of the Washingtonian Country Club are numbered.

Yuke Kawahara

APPENDIX A
MISGA CHARTER CLUBS AND
REPRESENTATIVES

Founding Meeting, February 24, 1976

Bethesda CC	John McManus
	Herb Rudd
Brooke Manor CC	Cliff Andrews
Congressional CC	Earl Audette
Eaglehead CC	Bill Dorrell
Indian Spring CC	Harry Gershenson
Kenwood G & CC	Perry Lippitt
	Jack Weber
Lakewood CC	Al Hagen
	Ted Hayward
	Bud Jackson
Manor CC	Paul Dobrolowski
Montgomery CC	Neil Ryan
Montgomery Village CC	Ed Fitzgerald
Potomac Valley CC	Wally Sager
Rossmoor GC	Pat Patrizio
(Now Leisure World GC)	George Felice

APPENDIX B
MISGA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
1976-1985

1976

President	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Vice-President	Paul Dobrolowski (Manor)
Secy-Treas.	Perry Lippitt (Kenwood)
Board Members	Wally Sager (Potomac Valley), Max Ryan (Montgomery)

1977

President	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Vice-President	Paul Dobrolowski (Manor)
Secy-Treas.	Perry Lippitt (Kenwood)
Board Members	Cliff Andrews (Brooke Manor), Bill Dorrell (Eaglehead), Harry Gershenson (Indian Spring), Pat Patrizio (Rossmoor), Herb Rudd (Bethesda), Max Ryan (Montgomery), and Wally Sager (Potomac Valley).

1978

President	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Vice-President	Bill Dorrell (Eaglehead)
Secretary	Neill Turner (Brooke Manor)
Treasurer	Perry Lippitt (Kenwood)
Board Members	Frank Buddle (Montgomery Village), Paul Dobrolowski (Manor), Allen Eckel (Cambridge), Wally Sager (Potomac Valley), Walt Sibiski (Hunt Valley)
Editor MISGAgam	Ted Hayward (Lakewood), Communications Consultant Joe Gambatese (Kenwood)

1979

President	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Vice-President	Bill Dorrell (Eaglehead)
Secretary	Neill Turner (Brooke Manor)
Treasurer	Perry Lippitt (Kenwood)
Board Members	Frank Buddle (Montgomery Village), Allen Eckel (Cambridge), George Fisher (Beaver Creek), John McManus (Bethesda), Vern

	Mergl (Hunt Valley), Wally Sager (Potomac Valley)
Editor MISGAgam)	Ted Hayward (Lakewood) Communications Consultant Joe Gambatese (Kenwood)

1980

President	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Vice-President	Ed Schmidt (Talbot)
Secretary	Neill Turner (Brooke Manor)
Treasurer	Perry Lippitt (Kenwood)
Board Members	Frank Buddle (Montgomery Village), Allen Eckel (Cambridge), George Fisher (Beaver Creek), John McManus (Bethesda), Wally Sager (Potomac Valley), Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland)
Editor MISGAgam	Joe Gambatese (Kenwood)

1981

President	Ed Schmidt (Talbot)
Vice-President	Neill Turner (Brooke Manor)
Secretary	Dave Watson (Argyle)
Treasurer	Sid Rapoport (Hobbits Glen)
Executive Director	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Board Members	Frank Buddle (Montgomery Village), Allen Eckel (Cambridge), George Fisher (Beaver Creek), John McManus (Bethesda), Wally Sager (Potomac Valley), Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland), Bill Woolston (Hunt Valley)
Editor MISGAgam	Lee Shimberg (Greencastle) Communications Consultant Joe Gambatese (Kenwood)

1982

President	Bill Woolston (Hunt Valley)
Vice-President	George Fisher ¹ Wally Sager (Potomac Valley)
Treasurer	Sid Rapoport (Hobbits Glen)
Secretary	Lee Shimberg (Greencastle)
Directors and Members	Division 1: Ed Maguire (Caroline), Sam Beebe (Caroline)

¹ George Fisher died, Wally Sager was elected Vice-President, and Ted Hayward was appointed Member of the Board to maintain two votes for Division 2.

	Division 2: Mel Gesell (Piney Branch), Ted Hayward (Eaglehead)
	Division 3: Herb Hudson (Indian Spring)
Hold-over Members	Division 4: Mike Deoudes (Potomac Valley)
	Allen Eckel (Cambridge), Ed Schmidt (Talbot), Dave Watson (Argyle), Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland)
President Emeritus	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Editor MISGAgam	Lee Shimberg (Greencastle)

1983

President	Herb Hudson (Indian Spring)
Vice-President	Sam Hastings (Argyle)
Secretary	Ted Hayward (Eaglehead)
Treasurer	Sid Rapoport (Hobbits Glen)
Directors and Members	Division 1 Ed Maguire (Caroline), Sam Bebee (Caroline)
	Division 2 Mel Gesell (Piney Branch), Hal Renegar (Holly Hills)
	Division 3 Herb Hudson (Indian Spring), Harry Bryan (Crofton)
	Division 4 Sam Hastings (Argyle), Duane Swindle (Montgomery Village)
Hold-over Members	Dave Watson (Argyle), Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland)
President Emeritus	Al Hagen (Lakewood)
Editor MISGAgam	Bill Woolston (Hunt Valley)

1984

President	Herb Hudson (Indian Spring)
Vice-President	Sam Hastings (Argyle)
Secretary	Ted Hayward (Eaglehead)
Treasurer	Sid Rapoport (Hobbits Glen)
Directors and Members	Division 1 Ed Maguire (Caroline), Sam Bebee (Caroline)
	Division 2 Don Falconer (Eaglehead), Hal Renegar (Holly Hills)
	Division 3 Herb Hudson (Indian Spring), Harry Bryan (Crofton)
	Division 4 Sam Hastings (Argyle), Duane Swindle (Montgomery Village)
President Emeritus	Al Hagen
Editor MISGAgam	Bill Woolston (Hunt Valley)

1985

President	Sam Hastings (Argyle)
Vice-President	Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland)
Secretary	Ted Hayward (Eaglehead)
Treasurer	Sid Rapoport (Hobbits Glen)
Directors and Members	Division 1 Francis McKee (Elks), Sam Bebee (Caroline)
	Division 2 Don Falconer (Eaglehead), Hal Renegar (Holly Hills)
	Division 3 Gil Williams (Univ. of Maryland), Harry Bryan (Crofton)
	Division 4 Sam Hastings (Argyle), Dick Redinger (Bethesda)
President Emeritus	Al Hagen
Editor MISGAgam	Bill Woolston (Hunt Valley)

APPENDIX C

MISGA ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS, HOST CLUBS, AND CHAMPIONS

Year	Host Club(s)	Winning Club	Champions
1976	Potomac Valley CC	Eaglehead CC	Bowers, Brandenburg, Falconer, McCotter, McSherry, A. Trout, H. Trout, Thompson
1977	*Lakewood CC & Potomac Valley CC	Manor CC	Brook, Furrows, Christ-mith, Deal, Dobrolowski, Doyle, Geibel, King
1978	*Manor CC & Montgomery Village	Chartwell CC	Lynch, Mackelski, Rod-gers, Vaughn
1979	*Kenwood CC & Montgomery Village	Greencastle CC	Flaherty, Graybar, Me-haffey, Wheeler
1980	Argyle CC	Sparrows Point CC	Bucharewicz, Chriswold, Covell, Spann
1981	Lakewood CC	Caroline CC	Bebee and Hastings
1982	Talbot CC	Ocean City Y&CC	McCallister and Taylor
1983	Indian Spring CC	Greencastle CC	Fields and Richards
1984	Sparrows Point CC	Sparrows Point CC	Adams and Valentine
1985	Argyle CC	Sparrows Point CC	Buchanan and Valentine

*Denotes Host Club for the Annual Banquet.

APPENDIX D

MEMBER CLUBS AND DATES JOINED MISGA

Andrews AFB.....	1985	Martingham*	1981
Argyle	1977	Montgomery	1976
Beaver Creek.....	1977	Montgomery Village.....	1976
Bethesda	1976	Nassawango.....	1977
Brooke Manor	1976	Norbeck.....	1984
Cambridge	1977	Ocean City.....	1979
Caroline	1977	Ocean Pines.....	1980
Chartwell*	1977	Piney Branch	1980
Chester River.....	1981	Potomac Valley	1976
Congressional*	1976	Prince Georges	1977
Crofton.....	1980	Prospect Bay	1983
Eaglehead	1976	Rolling Road.....	1979
Elks.....	1977	Seaford.....	1978
Fountain Head*.....	1978	Shawnee	1979
Greencastle*	1979	Sparrows Point.....	1979
Green Hill	1977	Sussex Pines.....	1983
Hobbits Glen.....	1977	Talbot	1977
Holly Hills.....	1979	Tantallon	1977
Hunt Valley	1977	University of Maryland.....	1979
Indian Spring	1976	US Naval Academy	1984
Kenwood.....	1976	VFW (Frederick)	1977
Lakewood	1976	Wakefield Valley.....	1981
Leisure World (Rossmoor)	1976	Washingtonian*	1977
Manor	1976	Woodmont*.....	1977
Marlboro*	1981		

*No longer in MISGA.

APPENDIX E
DATE AND LOCATION OF MISGA SPRING
FLINGS

1977	Myrtle Beach SC	Week of March 27
1978	Myrtle Beach SC	March 27-April 2
1979	Myrtle Beach SC	April 1-7
1980	Callaway Gardens GA	Feb. 24-March 1
1981	Myrtle Beach SC	
1982	Nassawango and Ocean City	
1983	Talbot CC & Prospect Bay CC	May 2-3
1984	Green Hill Y&CC and Nassawango CC	May 10-11
1985	Green Hill Y&CC and Nassawango CC	May 9-10

APPENDIX F
MISGA ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLUB
REPRESENTATIVES

Host Clubs and Dates		
1976	Potomac Valley CC	September 24
1977	Rossmoor CC	October 21
1978	Kenwood CC	October 31
1979	Hunt Valley CC	October 25
1980	Ocean Pines CC	October 17
1981	Prince Georges CC	April 28
1982	Caroline CC	October 4
1983	Prince Georges CC	April 26
1984	Caroline CC	April 30
1985	Prospect Bay CC	April 9

APPENDIX G

MISGA

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

(Prepared by the Policy and Planning Committee)

NOTE: These guidelines are suggestions to help you conduct the business of a club representative and are not to be considered as hard and fast rules.

1. Mixer dates should be established with "home" and "away" dates, mutually acceptable to both clubs, as early as possible to avoid conflicts with other club dates and activities.
2. The Mixer sign-up sheet should be up long enough (e.g. 2 weeks prior to date of Mixer) to enable all of your MISGA associates to sign up. If your club has an active telephone committee, you might notify your MISGA associates when the sign-up sheet is posted.
3. Host representatives of clubs that limit the number of guests that may play in a mixer should inform the visiting representative well in advance before a sign-up sheet is posted.
4. Some clubs require all players in MISGA mixers to pay for a package which includes prize money, cart and lunch. If this is the case, the visiting representative should be notified in advance so he can post this information with the sign-up sheet.
5. In any and all cases it is desirable to have as many players as possible join in the lunch period to: 1) participate in the good fellowship of the mixer, and 2) support the host club. The clubs support MISGA by waiving greens fees and in other ways and we should support them.
6. If your mixer is "away," provide the host representative with the names and handicaps of the players from your club two days before the mixer. One method being used by some representatives is to supply the host representative with an alphabetical list of all associates several days in advance of the mixer. Then two days before the mixer the visiting representative can call in the names and handicaps of those who have signed up. This avoids misspelling of names and reduces telephone time.
7. All representatives should impress on all their associates the problems caused by "no shows" and "walk-ins." Be helpful to the host representative by notifying him promptly of additions and/or deletions.
8. If it can be arranged, it is desirable for the host club to provide coffee and doughnuts before tee-off time.

9. If the club or caterer needs to know in advance the number of players staying for lunch, the head count should be taken when the players sign in before they tee off.
10. It is the policy of MISGA to collect \$2.00 from each player for prize money. The host representative determines how the prize money will be divided and awarded. It is suggested that the prize money be distributed as widely as possible. In any event, whatever method is used to distribute the prize money it should be done as promptly as possible.
11. A representative may disqualify cards not turned in within five hours after the start of play. If a representative plans to enforce this rule he should call it to the players' attention before play starts. Even then, circumstances causing slow play should be checked and considered carefully.
12. Every representative should be sure all of his associates are in the club handicap system and have a current USGA handicap. He should also be sure they hold a current MISGA membership card.
13. Where arrangements permit, each cart should be shared by a host club player and a visiting club player.
14. The format of play is determined by the host club. Best ball, four ball, best two balls of a foursome, etc. Play may be with full handicap, 90% with two best balls of a foursome, or 80% with one best ball of a foursome.
16. Having the score cards marked with the handicaps of the players ready in advance and having names of players and starting hole posted on the carts will speed up the organization of the start of play.
17. When the host representative feels it would be helpful, a map showing the best route to the host club may be provided to the visiting club.
18. Every representative can improve his program and make his job easier with the use of an active telephone committee. Seniors like to be called to be reminded of dates and to be encouraged to participate in activities. The fact that different clubs have different senior days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays) makes a telephone reminder even more appropriate.

APPENDIX H
MARYLAND INTERCLUB SENIORS GOLF
ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I-Name

The name of this Association shall be "Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association", which may hereinafter be referred to as the "Association" or as "MISGA".

Article II-Purposes

This Association is a non-profit organization with no part of its income inuring to the benefit of any member or class of members, but it is organized for the following purposes:

1. To develop greater interest, enjoyment, communication and participation in the game of golf by senior members of golf clubs in the State of Maryland, and specific contiguous areas, to the mutual advantage of the individual members and clubs to which they belong, and to promote interest in the game of golf in general.

2. To provide a new dimension through a formal procedure for interclub mixers, thereby giving each individual the opportunity to play at other area golf and country clubs.

Article III-Membership

a. Any golf and country club in the State of Maryland or contiguous areas as approved by the Board of Directors, which is a member of the United States Golf Association, is eligible to apply for membership in MISGA.

b. Any person who has attained his fifty-fifth birthday (except as hereinafter provided) and is a member in good standing of a member golf and country club may apply for Associate membership in MISGA. He shall become a MISGA Associate upon his submission of proof of age.

c. The Board of Directors will approve applications for club membership in MISGA. Associate members will be approved by a MISGA Representative who has been elected or appointed by the senior golfers of the member MISGA club.

d. Continued membership of clubs and their Associates in MISGA is contingent upon payment of such fees, dues and other charges as may at any time, or from time to time be established by the Board. Club membership may be terminated by the Board for failure to comply with the purposes and policies of MISGA.

e. If the applicant club has less than 20 active members who are over 55 years of age, the Board may approve MISGA membership if the club initiates a plan whereby Associate members will initially be limited to those 50 years of age and older but the age eligibility will be raised each year until the 55 year old eligibility is reached.

Article IV-Administration

This Association and its affairs, properties and assets shall be under the management and control of the Board of Directors, who shall not be less than eight in number. The principal place of business shall be at such place as the Board shall designate.

Article V-Amendments

The Board shall be empowered to amend, repeal, or modify the Constitution and By-Laws, as hereinafter provided, for the proper administration of business of the Association. Any such change must be submitted to all Board members 30 days in advance of the meeting when the change will be proposed. Initial approval of the change will require an affirmative vote by a two-thirds majority of the total Board membership. Final approval requires a two-thirds majority of the Club Representatives.

By-Laws

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon the Board of Directors (hereinafter called the Board), the following by-laws are adopted for the purpose of regulating the affairs of the said Association.

Article I-Board of Directors

a. The business of MISGA shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. It shall exercise general supervision over and have full powers to manage the affairs of the Association.

b. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Division Directors and a Board member elected from within each Division. In addition the Secretary, the Treasurer, and Chairmen of Standing Committees are non-voting members of the Board. Board Directors elected prior to the fall of 1981 will continue as Board members only until their tour in office expires.

c. The Board shall elect the President and Vice President from among the elected members of the Board.

d. The Board shall meet not less than three times each year at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

e. A quorum must be present to transact any business. A quorum is a simple majority of the voting members of the Board. A majority vote of those Board members present is required on all actions except where an affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the voting Board members is required in specific cases.

f. Committee Chairmen who are Board of Directors members shall exempt themselves from voting on matters pertaining to the activities of their committee when such activities are the subject of Board action.

g. The President may call such special meeting of the Board as he may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the business of MISGA, provided notice of the purpose thereof shall be received by all Board members no less than five days prior to the date thereof.

h. A simple majority of the members of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board, provided notice of the purpose thereof shall be received by all Board members no less than five days prior to the date thereof.

i. All business will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II-Election of the Board of Directors

a. Each Division will have an elected Division Director and an elected Board member whose terms will not coincide.

b. The term of office for elected Division Directors and Board members shall be three years and as their terms expire the vacancies thus caused shall be filled by the election of successor members. Such elections must take place prior to September 15th. No elected Board member shall run to succeed himself for reelection to the MISGA Board until he has had at least a one-year absence from the Board.

c. In the event that a vacancy on the Board shall occur due to death, resignation, or other causes, the affected Division shall elect a Board member to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

d. The new Board of Directors shall hold a meeting as soon as possible after October 1 each year for the purpose of electing its officers. These one-year positions shall be President and Vice President, which offices can only be held by elected members of the Board. These officers shall serve until their successors have been elected.

e. The non-voting one year Board positions of Treasurer and Secretary may be held by any MISGA Associate upon appointment by the Board. These offices may be combined or expanded. Only elected members of the Board are entitled to vote on non-elected offices.

f. All newly elected Board members shall assume their positions at the first meeting in the new MISGA year.

g. The MISGA year for fiscal and operating purposes shall be from October 1 through September 30.

Article III-Annual Meeting-Club Representatives

a. There shall be an annual meeting of the Club Representatives of all member clubs of the Association, which shall be held before May 1 of each year at such place as the Board shall determine. At least ten

days prior to the date of such meeting, the Board shall establish an agenda setting forth the items for discussion at the said meeting and, in addition to such items as may be set forth on said agenda, any member may introduce additional items from the floor.

b. The purpose of the meeting will be to generate enthusiasm, disseminate information important to all clubs, and allow direct communication by the Club Representatives to the members of the Board.

c. The meeting will be attended by the members of the Board and no more than two Representatives from each club.

Article IV-Responsibilities and Duties of Officers

The Board shall determine all policy matters, control all of MISGA funds, and shall approve all committee chairmen and members. The Board will establish and approve the annual budget for all operating costs at the first Board meeting of the new MISGA year.

a. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board any matter, which in his judgment, may be important to the Association.

The President shall appoint consultants and all committee chairmen annually, and may establish such other ad hoc committees, with the approval of the Board, as he may deem necessary as soon after the election as is feasible, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

b. Vice President. In the event of resignation, absence, death, or physical disability of the President, the Vice President shall act in his stead in all matters.

In addition he is responsible for the over-all coordination of the activities of the following committees: Associates, Inter-Club Activities, and Tournament. He will schedule meetings with his coordinating chairmen (Associates, Inter-Club Activities, and Tournament) prior to each Board meeting, or as needed, to assure that the various activities are progressing on schedule and that no date conflicts are present.

c. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board, and shall within 15 days of each meeting mail to each member of the Board a copy of the minutes of said meeting.

The Secretary shall have charge of and maintain the official records, correspondence and papers of the Association and perform such other duties as are incident to his office. The official records will be transferred to succeeding Secretaries.

d. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and deposit all monies due the Association in the depositories approved by the Board and to make disbursements under the direction of the President, and/or Board.

He shall furnish the Audit Committee, no more than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year, an annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Association for the preceding year.

He shall furnish an up-to-date accounting at each meeting of the Board, maintain proper records of accounts, and furnish such other reports as the Board may request. He shall report current budget control data at each meeting of the Board.

The Treasurer shall, within thirty days of his election or appointment, execute a bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Board (unless such requirement is waived by the Board), the premium for bond coverage to be paid from Association funds.

Article V-Committee Responsibilities

a. Associates. The Associates Committee is responsible for the preparation and distribution of Associate membership cards and the collection and recording of monies derived there from. An additional responsibility is the preparation of a roster of all MISGA Associates including handicap data. The chairman of this committee will coordinate his committee's activities with the Vice President.

b. Audit. This committee will consist of three members who are qualified for this function. The committee will make an audit of the books and finances of the Association and submit an audit report to the Board within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year.

c. Budget. The members of the Budget Committee will be the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Prior to the end of their year in office they will prepare a proposed budget for consideration of the newly elected Board at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

d. Inter-Club Activities. This committee will consist of the Division Directors, who will establish a schedule of mixers each year. The committee will be responsible to formulate and publish general guidelines for the mixers. The chairman of this committee will coordinate his committee's activities with the Vice President.

e. Membership. This committee is responsible for securing new member clubs and assisting them in establishing the best possible seniors organization. This includes program development assistance.

This committee will investigate all applicant clubs, and if need be, a member or members of the Board shall be appointed by the President to assist in the investigation. The committee's reports and recommendations will be submitted to the Board for action.

f. Policy and Planning. This committee is responsible for long and short range planning based on suggestions and information supplied by any Associate member.

They will evaluate the organizational structures of MISGA and if changes seem appropriate, will develop guidelines to effect such change for Board consideration and/or action.

If future events result in the need for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, the Policy and Planning Committee will be responsible to write said changes for review and consideration by the Board. Final approval by two-thirds vote of Club Representatives.

g. Publicity. This committee shall be responsible for matters relating to public relations and the dissemination of information to news media and member clubs concerning the affairs of the Association via the MISGAgram or other appropriate means.

h. Tournament. This committee will consist of a member from each Division in addition to the chairman. It shall have full responsibility to conduct any and all tournaments that are staged by MISGA and which may be participated in by all Associates. Under this responsibility the committee shall establish the locations and the format for these tournaments subject to approval of the plans by the Board.

The committee shall be the judge in all questions pertaining to the rules under which the tournaments will be played, relying primarily on the U.S.G.A. rules of golf and as supplemented by the local rules of the host club. In any controversies, the committee's decisions will be final.

In addition, the committee shall be responsible to formulate and publish general guidelines for these events that will be staged among the member clubs.

The chairman of this committee will coordinate his committee's activities with the Vice President.

i. Ad hoc committees such as History, Distinguished Senior Award, etc., may be appointed by the President subject to Board confirmation.

j. The President of MISGA shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

k. Members of committees should be chosen from the membership at large.

Article VI-Member Clubs

Each club will have an organization of seniors that will elect, designate, or select a representative who shall serve as its authorized representative for MISGA affairs. For such matters of MISGA administration he (1) may administer the club's senior functions; (2) casts the club's ballots for electing his Division Director and Board members and (3) attends the MISGA annual meeting and there casts votes on behalf of his club membership for the business being conducted.

Each Club Representative shall have a qualified alternate to substitute for him in conducting MISGA business.

Article VII-Divisions

MISGA is organized in four geographic divisions. They are (1) Eastern Shore, (2) Western Maryland and Baltimore, (3) Washington-East, and (4) Washington-West.

The Divisions are semi-autonomous and shall be organized to administer their functions within the established published standards of MISGA.

Each Division will elect a Division Director and a Board member each of whom will serve as Directors on the parent MISGA Board for a three year term. They are elected by the Club Representatives in their respective Divisions.

Each Division will be administered by the elected Division Director. His principal duties are:

a. Schedule, for each club, a minimum of three mixers within the home Division and a minimum of one mixer in another Division. The Division Directors will by joint action prepare these schedules and distribute them to their member clubs.

Division (1), Eastern Shore, is exempt from the above schedule ground rules. They will develop their mixer schedule on a unilateral basis.

b. Assist with the Associates program.

c. Coordinate with the Tournament Committee on major tournaments and coordinate mixer schedules with the Vice President.

d. Communications up and down with the Board.

e. Hold regular meetings with their Club Representatives just prior to the stated meeting dates of the Board of Directors.

f. Perform such other duties that will assure a smooth operation of his Division.

Article VIII-Dissolution

Upon dissolution of MISGA the assets of the Association, together with any and all accumulations thereto shall be distributed to such charitable organizations as are described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

Upon adoption of these revised by-laws and constitution, a copy will be delivered to each member club.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 1982.

Attest: H. Lee Shimberg
Secretary

William W. Woolston Jr.
President