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MISGA ENTERS FOURTH GOLF SEASON

SPRING FLING AT MYRTLE BEACH IS KICK-OFF

THE MISGA SPRING FLING AT MYRTLE BEACH ON APRIL 2-6 WILL OPEN MISGA'S FOURTH SEASON. THE EVENT, AS ALWAYS, WILL BE WELL ATTENDED — 67 MEN GOLFERS, 24 LADY GOLFERS AND 26 NON-GOLFERS WILL PARTICIPATE. DURING THE FIVE DAYS OF GOLF, THEY WILL PLAY SEAGULL, QUAIL CREEK, PINE LAKES, BAY TREE (GOLD) AND MYRTLE BEACH INTERNATIONAL.

THREE SHORT YEARS AGO, TWELVE GOLF CLUBS JOINED IN MISGA TO GIVE THEIR SENIOR GOLFERS GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AT OTHER CLUBS AND BROADEN THEIR FRIENDSHIPS AMONG SENIOR GOLFERS. THIS YEAR, MISGA COUNTS 27 MEMBER CLUBS IN THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE AREA AND SIX CLUBS IN THE DELMARVA AREA. ALL OF US WHO ENJOY THE MISGA EVENTS OWE OUR THANKS TO PRESIDENT AL HAGEN AND THE MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE WORKED TO BRING THE CONCEPT OF MISGA TO REALITY.

MIXER PAIRING FOR 1979

ALL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES HAVE RECEIVED THE MIXER PAIRINGS FOR 1979. A COPY OF THE PAIRINGS ACCOMPANIES THIS ISSUE. BILL DORRELL WANTS TO GET THE MIXER DATES WHICH THE CLUB REPS HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO PLEASE SEND THEM TO HIM — BOX 175, ROUTE 6, FREDERICK, MD., 21701 OR PHONE (301) 663-9007. WE WANT TO INCLUDE ALL MIXER DATES IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE MISGA-GRAM (DEADLINE IS APRIL 25) SO DON'T HOLD THEM UP.

NEW MISGA MEMBER CLUBS

MISGA EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME TO CONGRESSIONAL CC, GREENCASTLE CC, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SENIORS WHO WILL BEGIN MISGA ACTIVITY THIS YEAR. BEST WISHES, TOO, TO CHARTWELL, HUNT VALLEY AND ROLLING ROAD CCs WHO JOINED MISGA LATE LAST SEASON AND WHO BEGIN THEIR FIRST FULL YEAR IN MISGA IN 1979.

UPDATE OF CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

A LIST OF THE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH CLUB IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE. WOULD EACH CLUB REP LET BILL DORRELL KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE. HIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE IN THE LIST OF OFFICERS.

MISGA GOALS AND GUIDELINES

LAST YEAR, THE BOARD MEMBERS SET OUT TO DEFINE A SET OF GOALS AND GUIDELINES FOR MISGA CLUBS. THEY STARTED BY FINDING OUT WHAT THE REALLY SUCCESSFUL CLUBS DID — THOSE CLUBS WITH A SENIOR'S PROGRAM THAT WAS ENJOYED AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY ITS MEMBERS. THE FIFTEEN GUIDES REPRINTED BELOW SEEM TO SUMMARIZE THE MAJOR POINTS THESE SUCCESSFUL CLUBS HAVE IN COMMON. HOWEVER, ANYTHING CAN BE IMPROVED — IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE GUIDELINES, GET IN TOUCH WITH AL HAGEN OR TED HAYWARD (MISGA-GRAM EDITOR).

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| MAINTAIN AN ORGANIZED SENIORS' PROGRAM | MAINTAIN A SENIORS' BULLETIN BOARD |
| HAVE AN EFFECTIVE SENIORS CHAIRMAN | COMPLY FAITHFULLY WITH THE "GUIDELINES FOR MIXER EVENTS" . . |
| HAVE A FORMAL SENIORS' TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE | EACH CLUB MUST FIELD A MINIMUM OF 12 PLAYERS AT EACH MIXER |
| MAINTAIN A ROSTER OF SENIOR MEMBERS - PROVIDE THREE COPIES TO MISGA | MAIL MIXER REPORTS AND 10% OF MIXER FEES WITHIN ONE WEEK TO MISGA'S TREASURER |
| HAVE A WEEKLY SENIORS' DAY | DESIGNATED CLUB REPRESENTATIVES OR THEIR ALTERNATES ATTEND REQUIRED MEETINGS |
| HAVE A REGULAR FREE GUEST DAY AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH | PARTICIPATE IN THE MISGA FALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT |
| SET A MINIMUM AGE OF 55 FOR SENIORS. (THE BY-LAWS PERMIT AN EXCEPTION FOR CLUBS WHO HAVE LESS THAN 20 ACTIVE MEMBERS OVER 55). | COOPERATE WITH MISGA LEADERS IN CARRYING OUT ASSIGNMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING THE MISGA PROGRAMS. |
| PUBLISH NEWS ABOUT SENIORS' ACTIVITIES AND CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND SEND COPIES TO MISGA | |

MISGAGRAM NEEDS NEWS FROM MEMBERS

WE WANT THE MISGAGRAM TO BE MORE THAN THE OFFICIAL MOUTHPIECE OF MISGA; WE WANT IT ALSO TO SERVE TO SPREAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEMBER CLUBS AND THEIR SENIOR GOLFERS. WE CAN DO THIS IF YOU SEND US THE NEWS. WHO MADE AN EAGLE, A HOLE-IN-ONE? WHO WAS YOUR MOST IMPROVED GOLFER? WHAT SPECIAL SENIOR PROGRAMS DO YOU HAVE — LIKE A HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB, A SENIOR'S SCRAMBLE. DID YOUR SENIORS TAKE PRIZES IN CLUB TOURNAMENTS? WHO WON YOUR SENIOR TOURNAMENT? DOES YOUR CLUB PLAN A SENIOR PRO-AM THIS YEAR? LET TED HAYWARD OR JOE GAMBATESE HEAR IT FROM YOU SENIORS.

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR SENIOR CLUB IN LOCAL MEDIA? SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GAMBATESE/HAYWARD COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP IN THIS ISSUE.

3RD ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP BIG SUCCESS

4TH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28TH

THE THIRD ANNUAL MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29 LAST YEAR AT MANOR AND MONTGOMERY COUNTRY CLUBS WITH THE BANQUET HOSTED BY MANOR CC. CHARTWELL COUNTRY CLUB WAS THE 1978 MISGA CHAMPION. THEIR WINNING TEAM WAS:

Joe Rodgers and Charles Vaughn
— (played at Manor)
Jack Lynch and Richard Machelski
— (played at Montgomery Village)

OTHER WINNERS WERE:

At Manor

1st Gross	Max Bost Harry Ocherhousen	- Kenwood - Kenwood
2nd Gross	Dick Davis Pat Staubs	- Lakewood - Lakewood
1st Net	Charles Zink Frank Woodward	- Manor - Brooke Manor
2nd Net	Norm Shorb Gene Houpert	- Manor - Manor

At Montgomery Village

1st Gross	Bill Burnett Val Williams	- Argyle - Argyle
2nd Gross	Ben Long John Noonan	- Rolling Road - Rolling Road
1st Net	W. McPherson George Boys	- Lakewood - Lakewood
2nd Net	Jack Lynch R. Machelski	- Chartwell - Chartwell

PRINCE GEORGES AND WASHINGTONIAN TIED FOR SECOND PLACE IN THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AND MONTGOMERY VILLAGE WAS FOURTH.

A FINE BANQUET AND MEETING WOUND UP A GREAT DAY FOR EVERYONE. ONE OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING WAS A DISPLAY OF CLIPPINGS OF SOME OF THE FINE ARTICLES THAT JOE GAMBATESE HAS HAD PUBLISHED ABOUT MISGA AND HIS SLIDES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AND OTHER MISGA EVENTS. THANKS, JOE.

MISGA'S FOURTH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28TH THIS YEAR AT KENWOOD AND MONTGOMERY VILLAGE COUNTRY CLUBS. THE ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING THAT EVENING WILL BE AT KENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB. THE GOLF FORMAT WILL BE AS IN THE PAST: EACH CLUB WILL NOMINATE TWO TWO-MAN TEAMS, ONE TO PLAY AT KENWOOD AND THE OTHER AT MONTGOMERY VILLAGE. EACH TEAM WILL PLAY TWO-MAN BEST BALL AND THE LOWEST COMBINED NET SCORE OF THE TWO TEAMS WILL DETERMINE THE 1979 MISGA CHAMPION CLUB. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICIAL TEAM FROM EACH CLUB, WHICH WILL TAKE 108 OF THE 288 SPACES AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPACES WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS NOW — A NOTICE WILL APPEAR IN THE MISGA NEWSLETTER AND CLUB REPS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

NEW LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN MISGA

IN ANY ORGANIZATION THE BEST IDEAS COME FROM THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE. IN MISGA THESE PEOPLE ARE THE CLUB REPS WHO RUN THE MIXERS AND THE SENIORS WHO PLAY IN THEM. ONE OF THE BIG PROBLEMS IN MISGA HAS BEEN TO GET EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THOSE WHO KNOW THE PROBLEM AND THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. TO REMEDY THIS, A LIAISON COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED AS PART OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE PRIMARY JOB OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE WILL BE TO VISIT MISGA MEMBER CLUBS AND GET IDEAS, PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTIONS FIRST HAND BY TALKING WITH PEOPLE. THESE VISITS WILL PROBABLY BE AT MIXERS, BUT COULD BE AT MEETINGS OR OTHER EVENTS IF A MEMBER CLUB SO DESIRES. THERE ARE A FEW RULES THE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW:

1. NO SURPRISE VISITS. ALL VISITS WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH THE HOST CLUB REP.
2. THE DATE SCHEDULED FOR A VISIT WILL BE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.
3. THE HOST CLUB REP. DOESN'T HAVE TO ARRANGE FOR THE LIAISON MEMBER TO PLAY GOLF, BUT IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED — AFTER ALL, PLAYING GOLF IS WHAT MISGA IS ALL ABOUT.
4. VISITS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR EVERY MIXER. IT IS HOPED THAT EACH CLUB CAN BE VISITED AT LEAST ONCE, BUT IT WON'T BE A BURDEN ON THE HOST CLUBS.

FIRST COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP SET FOR APRIL 24TH

JOE GAMBATESE (NOTED GOLF WRITER AND MISGA CONSULTANT) AND TED HAYWARD (MISGAGRAM EDITOR) WILL HOLD A TWO-HOUR COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP AT 10:00 A.M. APRIL 24TH AT KENWOOD CC. LUNCH AND GOLF (GREENS FEE WAIVED) AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDEES STARTING AT NOON.

THE WORKSHOP WILL EMPHASIZE USE OF MEMBER CLUB NEWSLETTERS, LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, BULLETIN BOARDS AND ROSTERS TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS. EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS, LISTS OF LOCAL AVAILABLE MEDIA, ESSENTIALS OF A NEWS STORY, ETC. WILL BE USED TO MAKE THIS A PRACTICAL USEFUL SESSION.

WE URGE EACH SENIORS GROUP TO APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS. HE AND ONE OTHER (CLUB REP., SENIORS PRESIDENT, WHOEVER) ARE INVITED FOR THE WORKSHOP. PLEASE LET JOE OR TED KNOW WHO WILL ATTEND BY APRIL 17TH.

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