



MISGAgram

MARYLAND INTERCLUB SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Joe Gambatese, Editor

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is gratifying to state that MISGA is maturing. It is apparent that many of our learning processes are behind us, and we are confident that our future will demonstrate a controlled and smoother operation.

The control and management of our treasury has always been excellent. Expenditures have been accounted for to the penny; receipts have totalled precisely. The annual audits have invariably re-affirmed the precision of the treasurer's book-keeping methods.

This year our new treasurer has re-arranged the system and instituted modern accounting techniques designed to furnish our officers with current data, and at the same time we have improved our overall control of expenditures. This will give us current, accurate and timely data during our operating summer months.

The MISGA board, looking toward the future passed a resolution that a reserve of \$5,000.00 be created and invested at interest. This money to be available on a contingency basis to avoid bankruptcy should we have a total washout of major tournaments for which we have made commitments for carts, food, motels, etc.. During 1982 we expect to reach this figure.

We anticipate a moderate increase in operating costs in 1981. Primarily because many of our functions must be put on a basis where the men who work so dedicatedly for us should be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses.

This year the Executive Director has operating responsibilities for on-going MISGA affairs. His tournament director will be intimately and closely associated with each major tournament in-so-far as arrangements, protocol and format are concerned. His liaison director has launched an ambitious program to improve communications and the flow of information. Through the creation of seven local division representatives better local control is anticipated.

Under the direction and guidance of many dedicated men, the future pleasure of more and more Senior Maryland golfers is assured.

*It's just in knowing friends like you that adds a special cheer
To holidays and other days throughout the busy year
And it brings a special pleasure in sending this to say,
"May all God's special blessings be yours on Christmas day!"*

EDWARD SCHMIDT
President

Alvin T. Hagen
Executive Director



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

1981

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Their functions are to:

1. Formulate, determine and act on all policy considerations.
2. Appoint and supervise the Audit, Budget and Nominations Committees.
3. Maintain total financial responsibility and control of all MISGA funds.
4. Annually elect is President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Officers and Board Members:

President:	Edward Schmidt, RDF 1, Box 320, Easton, Md. 32601	(822-6123)
Vice President:	T. Neill Turner, 9228 Kirkdale Rd., Bethesda, 20034	(530-7962)
Treasurer:	Sidney Rapoport, 10297 Crimson Tree Ct. Columbia 21029	
Secretary:	David Watson, 830 Snider Ln. Silver Spring, 20904	(384-9542)
	Frank Buddle, 11911 Rocking Horse Rd., Rockville 20852	(770-7436)
	Allen W. Eckel, 213 Sandy Hill Rd., Cambridge 21613	(228-2925)
	Geo. W. Fisher, 616 Marion St., Hagerstown 21740	(733-0909)
	John E. McManus, 4807 DeRusy Parkway, Chevy Chase 20015	(654-6837)
	Waldo E. Sager, 5101 Wissioming Rd. Bethesda 20016	(229-6295)
	Gilbert T. Williams, 9251 Limestone Pl., College Pk	(935-3116)
	Wm. W. Woolston, 13711 Summer Hill Dr. Phoenix	(666-2505)

OPERATIONS

Executive Director:	Al Hagen, 323 Waterford Rd., Silver Spring, 20901	(593-0384)
Assit. Exec. Director:	Gil Williams, 9251 Limestone Pl. College Pk	(935-3116)

COMMITTEES

Mixers and Major Tournaments:

Chairman: David Watson, 830 Snider Ln., Silver Spring 20904 (384-9542)

Assistants: Al Sonheimer, Argyle; Mike Deoudes, Potomac Valley

Members for Special Tournaments:

Rex Nelson, Tantallon; Al Strachocki, Lakewood, Frank Corbett, Piney Branch;
Ed Maguire, Cambridge; Vic Rickey, Ocean Pines; George Fisher, Beaver Creek;
Jack Byrnes, Holly Hills.

Liaison:

Chairman: Gil Williams. 9251 Limestone Pl., College Pk. (935-3116)

Members: Seven Division Representatives: Ed Maguire; Maurice Peacock; Bill Dorrell;
Vern Mergl; Doug Moats; Bill Hartman; Charles West.

Membership: Al Hagen

Communications: Joe Gambatese, 7119 Exfair Rd., Bethesda 20014 (656-6877)

Misga Associates: Sam Hastings, 15416 Tierra Dr., Silver Spring 20906 (598-6171)

Special Projects: Doug Moats, 508 Kerwin Rd., Silver Spring 20901 (593-2567)

MISGA LIAISON COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

To establish an up and down channel of communication between the membership at large and the MISGA Board of Directors.

GOALS

To use every means possible to have and maintain a well-informed membership.
To solicit new ideas from members as input to the MISGA Board.
To identify clubs' members with special talent who may be available for MISGA administrative assignments.
To encourage excellence by self-examination, then corrective action at Board and Club level.

DUTIES

Provide assistance and information to member clubs when requested.
Identify new clubs as potential MISGA members and help them to organize if asked.
Assist MISGA Tournament Chairman.
Distribute MISGA Associate cards.
Encourage sale of MISGA items.

PROCEDURE

Our member clubs will be broken up into units of 6 or less with a club representative as the primary liaison man. These units will be called Divisions, each headed by a Division Liaison representative who will be assisted by a Board member as an advisor. The Division liaison representative will in turn make contact with the Board through the MISGA Board Liaison Coordinator. Through this chain a continuous dialogue will be maintained from the members up and from the Board down.

The Liaison Committee chairman (coordinator) will meet twice yearly with each Division Liaison Representative in company with his club representatives. It is suggested that a meeting be held in October of each year to review the past season and solicit suggestions for next season. A second meeting should be held every June to review and assess the current year to date.

The Division Liaison Representative should touch base every month of the season with all of their club representatives by phone or in person. His findings should then be reported each month to the Liaison Committee Chairman by phone or mail. Any urgent matter should be reported immediately.

The Committee Chairman will refer any items received to the Executive Director for consideration and action. Meanwhile, information will be flowing back through the same channel to the membership.

MISGA EVENTS: Notices of all events will be mailed to each Division Representative. He will contact each of his Club Representatives by telephone to ascertain:

1. Has the club representative received his copy of the notice?
2. Is the notice on display on the Senior's bulletin board?
3. Is the senior's telephone committee notifying MISA Associates about the event?
4. Determine number of participants from each Club and coordinate with the MISGA Events Chairman.

If the club representative is not available (sickness, traveling etc.)
Make contact with the Assistant Club Representative and proceed as above with him.

By Joe Gamgatese
Communications Consultant

A major objective for 1981 is to improve our communications, both publicly and at our clubs. Effective communications can strengthen and help MISGA grow, but more important, it can be most helpful to your club seniors program and make your members more appreciative of the benefits provided by both your club and MISGA. And in these days of increasing club dues and other costs, that can be very vital to your club from a membership standpoint, as well as enhance the enjoyment of your seniors get from golf.

Communications as it pertains to MISGA clubs has been pretty much a hit-or-miss thing. It ranges from virtually nothing at some clubs to a well planned and executed program at others. One reason may be that effective communications takes some imagination, planning and determination, mixed with artfulness, and dedicated people to carry it out.

The first thing you must do is make up your mind you are going to have good communications, appoint an interested chairman, and give him a good committee to work with.

Here are some of the essentials of a good communications program:

1. See to it that the results of your Mixers and seniors tournaments get into the newspapers. All it takes is a phone call. This can be made by your pro, who normally has regular contacts with the papers. The call should be made early enough to meet their deadline. If you've followed golf news in the Washington Post and Star this past summer, you may have noticed that results of the University of Maryland's weekly seniors day tournaments appeared in the papers every Thursday without fail.

2. Within your club, one the first essentials is a seniors bulletin board for posting the seniors schedule, tournament results, clippings and notices, especially those regarding MISGA matters, such as the Mixer Schedule, Spring Fling, Major tournaments and the MISGA Associates program.

3. Regular notices in your club publication keeps those seniors who don't get to the club regularly informed of what they are missing and also makes other members aware of the fine seniors program they can look forward to in future years.

I am sure there are many other ideas being utilized which can be helpful to other clubs either as a special communication or through MISGAgram -- then we all can benefit from them. If we can help you, let us know.

Each year this tournament becomes more successful. MISGA's 36 club representatives were issued special invitations so that we could hold our Annual Meeting here the following day.

Notes from the Awards Banquet which was held at the Yatch Club:

Carl Myers, in-coming president Men's Golf Association, issued warm greetings.

Chet Smith, past president, said: "58 of Ocean Pines 155 total membership are in MISGA. We were looking for something like this. We couldn't be happier with MISGA. We're looking forward even more to enjoying golf next year. This has been a great day for all of us"

Ed Schmidt: "MISGA means fun for seniors. About 12,000 rounds of golf this year. I introduce Al Hagen. No man is more dedicated to golf than he."

Al Hagen: "Our thanks to Bob Haley your fine professional. You can be especially proud of your Tournament and Banquet Committee: Charlie Grimes, Nate Clark, Chet Smith Hap Schoppert and Frank Haley. Also many thanks to the 10 eastern shore clubs for hosting us. Please invite us again next year. "Good luck and happy golfing!"

Tournament Results: Best two Balls of Foursome (all net prizes)

- 1 -- 126 -- Pratt Phillips, Claud Marion, Phil LaMacchia and (blind draw) Reed Kurtz
- 2 -- 128 -- Bill Thornton, Dave Watson, Al Lawson and Robert Holdren
- 3 -- 128 -- Alde Clements, Walt Kennen, Hap Schoppert and Jim Hancock
- 4 -- 129 -- Robert Bonifant, Bill Marsh, Jim Emerson and Ray Smyth
- 5 -- 130 -- Wally Sager, Bill Anger, Reed Kurtz and Joe Staley
- 6 -- 131 -- Rudy Lenczyk, Ben Frank, Jim Bryan, and Charlie O'Rourke

SIXTH ANNUAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AT ARGYLE CC
September 26, 1980

CHAMPIONSHIP - Sparrows Point won on match of cards.

Sparrows Point - Al Criswold - Otis Covell 61 + Frank Bucharewicz - John Spann 62 = 123

Kenwood - Max Bost - Harry Ockershausen 61 + Lou Semia - Farold Norris 62 = 123

LOW TWO MAN TEAMS - Low Gross: Max Bost - Harry Ockershausen - Kenwood 72
Tie Lou Semia - Farold Norris - Kenwood 72

- Low Net: 1 - Dave Brooks - George Boyd, Leisure World 56
2- Al Hagen, Lakewood-Ed Schmidt, Talbot 59
3- Paul Astalow - Bill Hochman, Tantallon 60
4- Allen Eckels - Irv Wilkinson, Cambridge 60
5- Hap Schoppert - Rudy Lenczyk, Ocean Pines 60
6- Chet Smith - Jack Jenkins, Ocean Pines 60

TEAM CHAMPIONS: 1976 - Eaglehead; 1977 - Manor; 1978 - Chartwell; 1979 - Greencastle
1980 - Sparrows Point

Argyle CC Tournament organization: Welcoming by Dave Watson, Chairman and Robt Bonifant, Club President; Registration and Scoring: Ann Pasquale and Mary Kennedy; Banquet: Al Fiorentino, Club Manager; Golf: Kent Keith, golf professional; Dick Hill, Photographer: Joe Gambatese, Publicity.

GUIDELINES FOR MIXER EVENT- refer to last page of May 1980 MISGAgram

1981 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. MIXER FORMAT: Frequently use the 2 man net best ball with 80% handicap and foursomes composed of A, B, C, D players in our MISGA Mixers. It is equitable for all players
2. CAR POOL: Make maximum use of car pools - conserves fuel & deepens friendships.
3. EQUITABLE STROKE-Review the handicap procedure at your club to assure that all scores are CONTROL (ESC): posted and that the equitable stroke control guidelines are understood & used.
4. MODIFIED SHOTGUN- To promote fellowship and speed play all Mixers should be run on a modified STRART: shotgun start basis.
5. SENIORS ON CLUB'S- Encourage Senior golfers to hold positions on their club's Board of BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Directors.
6. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS: Establish a chairman for publicity and communications within each club. Make more use of a senior's bulletin board, house organs, newspapers and most of all your telephone committee. Encourage on-going exchanges with the 7 Divisional representatives.
7. FELLOWSHIP: For the betterment and greater enjoyment of golf meet as many MISGA Associates as possible. This purpose is enhanced by serving coffee and donuts prior to play and everyone meeting for lunch after play.
8. BILLFORD SIZE SCHEDULES: These help our Associates with a ready reference.
9. MISGA MERCHANDISE: Most clubs have given this responsibility to the Seniors to handle. Look for a new procedure for ordering and supplying these items.
10. RELATIONSHIPS: Promote MS MISGA MIXERS to improve member relationships within you club.
11. COMMITTEE OF CONCERN: To contact those who are sick or otherwise need help and encouragement.
12. MAN-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD - Each club to honor its outstanding MISGA Associate.

1981 MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

(Please enter these dates on your clubs senior calendar)

- April 5 - 11 Spring Fling at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
April 28 Spring Club Representatives meeting for the Western Shore Clubs at the new Prince Georges CC
(Note: Date and place for Eastern Shore meeting to be determined)
- May 6 and 7 Eastern Shore Exchange Mixer when Western Shore clubs are hosted
May 6 at Ocean Pines CC and May 7 at Ocean City G & CC
- June 3 and 4 Western Shore Exchange Mixer when Eastern Shore clubs are hosted
June 3 at Holly Hills CC and June 4 at Beaver Creek CC.
- September 9 Fall Qualifying for Washington Area at Tantallon CC
September 10 Fall Qualifying for Western Md and Balto Area at Piney Branch CC
(Note: Dates for Eastern Shore qualifying to be determined)
- September 25 Fall Team Championships at Lakewood CC
- Early October Annual Meeting of Club Representatives. To be determined, but hopefully this will be held in conjunction with the Eastern Shore's Annual Fall Tournament.

MIXERS SCHEDULE

All clubs are requested to expedite mailing its schedule of mixers to Dave Watson, Tournament Chairman, so the master schedule may be prepared and mailed to each club.

Maryland Interclub seniors Golf Association

Annual Meeting - Ocean Pines Country Club - October 17, 1980 - 10:30 A.M

President Ed Schmidt opened the meeting by thanking Charles Grimes and his very fine committee for all the work they had done in making this meeting such a success. He expressed the hope that it could become an annual affair.

Gil Williams reported the new outreach that his Liaison Committee will take in 1981. He presented the 7 division concept for improving communications within the organization, and dates for meeting with each of them before Nov. 1, 1980. The first meeting was agreed to by the representatives of Divisions 1 and 2 from the Eastern shore. They met immediately following the annual meeting.

Dave Watson summarized a very successful fall championship tournament, and presented a schedule of dates for the major tournaments that will be held in 1981. These will be finalized and published in the next MISGAgram which is planned for distribution before Christmas.

It was announced that the amended By-Laws will be distributed at the Spring meetings of the club Representatives.

A new MIXER Sign-Up sheet which was designed and printed by Frank Haley of Ocean Pines was distributed to the club representatives present.

Dave Watson displayed the pictures that were taken of all 144 men who participated in the Club Team Championship Tournament at Argyle CC September 26, 1980.

Joe Gambatese also showed slides of previous tournaments. He also took both colored slides and black and white pictures of the tournament, the banquet and annual meeting.

Golf Card International, Inc. donated 4 Golf Cards as prizes for MISGA Associates. Two were given away at the fall tournament and two at the Annual meeting today.

MISGA COMMENDATION Logos were given to Charles Grimes and Frank Haley for their outstanding contributions to the welfare of the Association.

NO BOARD
ACTION
AS OF
11/20/80

Motion made, seconded and passed: That all Board members be exempt from qualifying for the Fall Team Championship Tournament. They may not bring a partner, but must play with another board member. However, if he elects^{to} qualify and does not become one of the two two-man teams who will represent his club, he cannot accept the exemption.

Spring Fling reservations have all been spoken for which is the first time we have had a "sell out" so early in the year. Stand by requests for reservations are still being taken because our experience has been that several people will withdraw for various reasons. We thank our MISGA Associates for their wonderful response and cooperation.

Potential member clubs for 1981: Martingham at St. Michaels; Chester River at Chestertown; Towson G & CC at Bel Air; Crofton CC at Crofton; Wakefield Valley at Westminster.

Respectfully submitted,

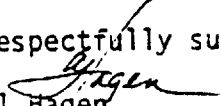

Al Hagen
Acting Secretary

Exhibit A

Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

Statement of Income and Expense

For the Eleven (11) Month Period Ending 30 September 1980

<u>Income</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981 estimated</u>
Dues	\$ 875.00	875
Sale of MISGA Membership Cards	2,167.50	2,500
Sale of Bag Tags	51.00	100
Interest from Savings Account	167.71	200
Miscellaneous Deposits	31.04	---
Revenue from Special Events:		
<u>Springfling 2/24 0 3/1/80</u>		
Collections	\$2,538.85	
Expenses	2,200.00	
Net Revenue	338.85	500
<u>East-West Mixer 5/22-23/80</u>		
Collections	\$3,558.86	
Expenses	3,547.58	
Net Revenue	11.28	-
<u>Total Current Period Income</u>	3,642.38	4,175
<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing	\$1,026.60	1,200
Travel	483.62	1,000
Office Supplies	422.47	500
Promotional Shirts/Caps	294.00	---
Bag Tags	273.22	350
Postage	235.12	450
Telephone	205.51	300
Refreshments	154.14	200
Miscellaneous	56.95	100
<u>Total Current Period Expenses</u>	\$3,151.63	4,150
<u>Net Current Period Income</u>	490.75	
<u>Prior Period Income and Expense</u>		
Mixers (1979)	\$118.10	
1979 Fall Tournament	45.00	
	163.10	
Less: Refund 1979		
Fall Tournament	22.50	
<u>Net Prior Period Income</u>	140.60	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	631.35	
Cash in Bank- Savings account	\$3,329.72	
- Checking account	2,136.43	
Total Cash in Bank 11/30	5,466.15	