



# MISGAgram

MARYLAND INTERCLUB SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### A New Golfing Season

The MISGA golfing of 1982 officially got under way on April 27, when the Annual Spring Meeting of Club Reps was held at the new Prince Georges Country Club in Mitchellville, although a few clubs had scheduled mixers prior to that date. Club reps from twenty-eight of the thirty-eight member clubs attended, along with members of the Board of Directors and chairmen of standing committees.

Following the meeting nearly all of those in attendance played golf which began with a shotgun start. Unfortunately, rain forced cancellation of play after only four holes had been completed.

The MISGA Board wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Golf Committee and the Board of Governors of Prince Georges Country Club, to the head professional, Mr. Jim Seeley, and to the Club Rep., Mr. Dick Cain, for their kindness and generosity in extending to MISGA an invitation to hold the Spring meeting at their club, and for their help in making the arrangements.

Now only in its second year of operation, we feel that the new Prince Georges layout, which was designed by Arnold Palmer, is destined to become one of the truly outstanding courses in the Middle Atlantic area. It is a pleasure and a privilege to play such a fine course.

### Organizational Changes

At a meeting of the MISGA Board of Directors on March 17, 1982, an important change was made in MISGA's Constitution and Bylaws. A resolution was adopted eliminating the office of Executive Director. At the same time, Mr. Al Hagen, who held that office, was named President Emeritus, with an invitation to attend all future meetings of the Board. Thus we will continue to have the benefit of his experience and wise counsel in the years ahead. As most of you know, Al Hagen, along with several of his friends in the Washington area, was the founder of MISGA and served as its first president for six years. He has been Executive Director since 1980.

There were two basic reasons for making the change. Primarily the Board concluded that, under the new decentralized Divisional structure of MISGA, the position of Executive Director had become somewhat redundant and was no longer needed. Secondly, the Board took into consideration that Al Hagen now resides in Florida for approximately half of each year.

In recognition of Al's extraordinary efforts on behalf of MISGA, and in acknowledgment of his being named President Emeritus of the organization, Al was presented with a certificate of appreciation at the Club Reps' meeting on April 27th and with a plaque at the Board meeting on May 11th. All officers and members of MISGA owe to Al Hagen a debt of gratitude for his vision, dedication, and devotion in founding MISGA and being chiefly responsible for making MISGA the tremendous force for Senior Golf it has become in our state.

William W. Woolston, Jr.

Hunt Valley Golf Club

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Potomac Valley Goes Public

In May, the Montgomery County Revenue Authority announced that they had purchased Potomac Valley from the owner, Frank O. Day Jr. and that the County would operate the course as a public facility with fees similar to those at Needwood and Northwest Park including, of course, discounts for seniors.

The course, now in operation, is called Poolesville Golf Course.

The impact on MISGA is small; we have lost one dues paying club but most of the Associates have or will transfer their membership to other MISGA clubs. Mike Deoudes, for example, has transferred to Montgomery Village --another Division 4 club-- so will be able to retain his post of Director of Division 4 until the expiration of his term this year.

### Sensational Performance at Tantallon

At the Tantallon-Greencastle May mixer, host club rep Rex Nelson fired an amazing 73 consisting of 17 pars and 1 bogey. Talk about consistency! Another notable event was the auspicious start by one team which on the par 3 18th had a net 34 (Two best balls.)

### MISGA POLICY ON PRIZE MONEY

Every year some question surfaces about prize money at mixers. MISGA's policy is that each Associate will pay \$2 in prize money at mixers --not \$1, not \$3, but \$2. Further all prize money shall be paid out in dollar amounts, not in merchandise preselected by anyone. This means that if 800 Associates play in a mixer, the host club will collect \$160 in prize money. The club rep or his assistant will be responsible for 1) determining the distribution of prize money and 2) ensuring that all of it is paid out.

### HAGEN HONORED AT SPRING MEETINGS

Al Hagen, President Emeritus of MISGA, was honored with a standing ovation from the club reps at their annual meeting held at Prince Georges this year for his dedication to the interests of Maryland senior golfers --specifically in being the prime mover in the formation and growth of MISGA. At the meeting, he was given a certificate noting his accomplishments. Later at the Board meeting held at Argyle on May 11, he was given a more permanent form of recognition --a plaque. The inscription on the plaque reads as follows:

The Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association owes much to the untiring efforts and skillful leadership of a dedicated individual. The association expresses its deepest gratitude to

Alvin T. Hagen

and proclaims him President Emeritus  
We all wish Al good golfing!

### Planned Fall Meeting of Club Reps Cancelled

During the Club Reps meeting at Prince Georges, President Bill Woolston distributed a survey form asking Club Reps if they could/would attend a contemplated fall meeting at Caroline and if so to indicate whether they preferred a one- or two-day meeting. Because of a low return of forms and a diversity of replies among the forms received, the Board decided to forego the Club Reps meeting for this year. As a result, the Board rescheduled its meeting. The new location is Greencastle with tee-off at 9 A.M. --meeting to follow. In this connection Club Reps are reminded that they are welcome to attend Board meetings --particularly when the Board is meeting in the reps' Divisional area. To attend a Board meeting simply notify your Division Director for planning purposes.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF CLUB REPS A WET AFFAIR

A banner turnout of 56 club reps including assistants met with the Board of Directors for their annual briefing by the President and the Board of Directors at beautiful Prince Georges on April 27. Originally the date was April 20 but we were preempted by a ladies club match. This shift in date proved to be unfortunate because we got in only about three holes when the heavens opened. The carts at Prince Georges have contoured seats which are comfortable but also retain water. A few hardy souls tried to continue play but were soon involuntarily retired by the closing of the course.

During the meeting which preceded play committee chairmen gave brief reports following welcomes by President Bill Woolston and the host pro. These welcomes were followed by Ted Hayward's presentation of a Certificate to Al Hagen on the occasion of his change of status from Executive Director to President Emeritus. (See related story on page 2.)

The Treasurer, Sid Rapoport, submitted a report that projected a net deficit for FY '82 of 1400 but which is amply covered by our reserves. These amounted to 6785 as of 3/31/82.

The Chairman of the Associates Committee, Sam Hastings, reported that we appear to be headed toward a total membership but that he could only estimate the total because 13 clubs had not reported as of that date. Sam also reported for the Chairman of the Long Range Policy and Planning Committee, Gil Williams, the the revised Constitution and Bylaws was out for review and comment with comments due to him by 5/15 and an estimated completion date of June 1.

The Tournament Committee reported that the Fall Festival would be held in the Bahamas (New Providence Island with a package price of \$530 p.p.d.o. for everything for 5 nights and 6 days (except carts). All info has been supplied to each club in the form of a large poster which you should have already seen because the deadline

for reservations was June 15. The Committee also confirmed the previously announced date (June 24) for the two-man scratch tournament to be held at Sparrows Point. There were also corrections/replacements for some of the club reps as listed in the January MISGAgam. These are listed elsewhere in this issue.

### FALL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT CHANGED TO FLIGHT PLAY

As noted in the Board Meetings Highlights column, the Board of Directors approved a proposal by the Tournament Committee to conduct the Fall Championship in flights. As proposed and approved championship play shall be divided into four flights as follows:

Class A max. handicap	24	
Class B max. handicap	36	
Class C max. handicap	48	IN ANY
Class D	over 48	COMBINATION

Prize money will be allocated to flights in proportion to the number of teams in each flight.

Each Division may send up to 18 teams to the championship tournament. Clubs not able to meet their quota of teams will return their slots to the Division for use by other clubs within their Division. Qualifying rounds\* will be conducted by each Division; the flights will be as for the championship round. As formerly, each club will be guaranteed one slot; that slot should be filled by the team having the lowest qualifying round of the club teams entered. The number of teams allotted to each club will again be proportional to the number of Associates each club has. For additional information, see your club rep.

\*The qualifying site for Division 4 will be Montgomery Village. The other previously selected sites announced in the January MISGAgam are Caroline (Div. 1) Holly Hills (2) and U. Of Md. (3).

## BOARD MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

### March 17 Meeting

The March 17 meeting of the Board of Directors was convened to resolve two problems: 1) to clarify the management responsibilities of the Executive Director to determine whether the position was actually necessary; and 2) to elect a successor to the late George Fisher, Vice President.

The question of pinpointing the duties of the Executive Director vis-a-vis the President was raised by Division 1 which, through its Director, Ed Maguire, stated that the duties of the two positions seemed to be redundant or, at least, overlapping. The Division recommended elimination of the post of Executive Director. President Woolston had referred this recommendation to the Long Range Policy and Planning Committee which, after careful consideration, agreed with the position of Division 1 and recommended that the position of Executive Director be abolished. After considerable discussion it was m/s/p that the position be abolished.

The Board thereupon approved a motion that Al Hagen be recognized for his contributions with a certificate and a plaque and be named President Emeritus.

The President then called for nominations to the office of Vice President. Wally Sager was nominated and, as there were no other nominations, Sager was elected by acclamation.

There was also some discussion of the ability of the Tournament Committee to handle its workload, but it was decided to defer this problem until the May 11 meeting.

### May 11 Meeting

There were several items of unfinished business from earlier meetings, particularly that of the March 11 meeting, the most important of which was the resolution of duties of the Tournament Committee. Some members of the Board felt that the Tournament Committee had been given too much to do and had suggested that the Committee be relieved of non-Tournament events. Members of the Tournament Committee did not agree that they were overloaded. After considerable discussion, it was m/s/p that the Tournament Committee be allowed to retain responsibility for non-Tournament events as well as Tournaments.

Discussion then turned to the proposed joint Board and Club Reps' Fall meeting at Caroline. After a short discussion it was agreed that not enough interest had been shown to have the meeting this year (see related story p. 2). The other major piece of business was the Tournament Committee's proposal that the Annual Fall Championship be restructured into flight play. This proposal was approved and the details are covered elsewhere in this issue.

### Know Your Rules

In a recent match between contestants who shall remain nameless, one player's ball picked up some mud on a pitch to the green. The player wiped the mud off the ball by brushing against the green. The opponent immediately called a one stroke penalty for touching the green. Was the call correct? The answer is that it was chicken AND not correct. In some apparent rule violations there must be intent. In this case there was no intent to check the condition of the green, so the "offending" player should have rejected the call.

### TWO-MAN SCRATCH TOURNAMENT

Reminder --as announced in the January MISGagram the two-man scratch tournament will be held on June 24 at Sparrows Point. Maximum combined handicaps is 25.

## *A Prayer for the Senior Golfer*

The following quote is adapted slightly from a quotation from an unknown source. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows who the original author was.

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs [especially chipping and putting]. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; make me helpful, but not bossy [especially about and during tournaments]. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest

Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains [and choke shots] . . . I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' [especially my partner's] pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I do not ask for improved memory [about where I have strayed or sprayed before], but for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken [about which way the wind is blowing, the grass is cut, or how many yards I have to the green -- especially when the card is marked in meters].

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint [I just want to make a one on Lakewood's ninth or Greencastle's fifteenth before I go to that great sand trap in the sky]. A sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil [and that's because he can't putt]. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. [Do all these things and I'll be a winner every time, whether I shoot my handicap or not.]

## Speeding Up Play With Carts

The following tips are provided courtesy of the Women's District of Columbia Golf Association (WDGA). As the WDGA is one of the best organized groups in this area, it might pay us to take a few minutes to read them.

### For the driver

Drive your partner to his ball and then drive to yours unless the two balls are fairly close to each other. You can go back to pick him up after hitting your ball or meet him mid-way -- or he can walk back to the cart.

Drive to and stop the cart to the right of your ball; drive to the left of your partner's ball (but not too close). If you do this, neither of you has to walk around the cart to get to his ball. If the balls are near each other, stop the cart midway between them.

### For driver AND passenger

After you have hit, take the club you've just used into the cart with you (except a driver). Wait until you reach your ball put that club into your bag and select the next club. Take as little time as possible fooling with head covers and changing clubs. If either of you wants to walk ahead to your ball, take several clubs with you. If the driver wants to walk to his ball, (taking his clubs with him), he should ask the passenger to drive the cart and pick him up after he has hit his own ball.

In the case of a lost ball: While looking for a lost ball, the other players should hit their own balls first and then come over to help.

ALWAYS BE READY TO HIT!

Also when you approach the green, take the cart as far around towards the next tee and come back to the green. DON'T LEAVE THE CART NEAR THE FRONT OF THE GREEN. It will save time in the long run, and your cart will not be in the way of the group behind you.

# EASTERN SHORE SPRING FLING A SMASHING SUCCESS

One hundred and ninety seven Associates from 21 clubs participated in the Eastern Shore Spring Fling held May 5th and 6th at Nassawango and Ocean City. The dinner was attended by 240 persons and, from all reports, everyone had a fine time. Club participation was as follows:

Argyle	22	Holly Hills	8	Ocean City	16
Bethesda	8	Hunt Valley	3	Ocean Pines	23
Brooke Manor	5	Indian Spring	10	Potomac Valley	18
Cambridge	15	Lakewood	4	U. of Maryland	14
Caroline	2	Montgomery Village	2	V.F.W.	8
Eaglehead	6	Montgomery CC	10	Wakefield Valley	2
Greencastle	4	Nassawango	11	Piney Branch	6

And here are the daily winners at both locations (not too many repeaters!):

## MAY 5th AT OCEAN CITY

1st	Argyle B. Clark	Montgomery V. G. Saunders	Indian Springs W. Stern	Ocean Pines E. Schoppert
2nd	U. of Maryland S. Commings	Indian Spring E. Abel	Montgomery F. Ascoli	Holly Hills H. Eselrod
3rd	Argyle J. Conway	Bethesda H. Thornsen	U. of Maryland F. Buddle	Ocean City McLarney
4th	Argyle B. Burk	Montgomery V. B. Burnett	U. of Maryland E. Phillips	Potomac Valley I. Kline
5th	Indian Spring I. Levine	U. of Maryland D. Kady	Piney Branch W. Davis	Potomac Valley R. Winkler
6th	Ocean City C. Herbert	Potomac Valley E. Taisey	Caroline E. Maguire	Ocean Pines P. Lamaccalia

## MAY 5th AT NASSAWANGO

1st	Ocean City J. Sanford	Holly Hills D. Barth	Lakewood Al Hagen	Potomac Valley C. Swingle
TIE	Holly Hills H. Renegar	Ocean City P. Yurwitz	V.F.W. C. Locke	Lakewood J. Giblin
	Cambridge R. Smith	Ocean Pines Prete	V.F.W. J.R. McLaren	Bethesda D. Redinger
	Ocean Pines N. Clark	Potomac Valley P. Oaks	Ocean City R. Allnutt	U. of Maryland J. Brown
6th	Montgomery CC W. Forsythe	Piney Branch E. Stull	Nassawango B. Dryden	Cambridge H. Creighton

MAY 6th AT OCEAN CITY

1st Ocean City J. Griffith	Eaglehead Ted Hayward	Holly Hills J. Byrnes	Ocean Pines C. Grimes
2nd Brooke Manor Townsend	Ocean Pines Kerrick	Lakewood Ocean Pines H. London	E. Holland
TIE {	Ocean City M. Brown	Ocean Pines J. Stein	Argyle C. West
	Potomac Valley W. Sager	Nassawango C. Marion	V.F.W. H. Reid
	Holly Hills H. Renegar	V.F.W. B. Yurwitz	E. Holland (draw)
	Nassawango Hunt Valley C. Nelson	D. Dorman	Lakewood J. Giblin
		Ocean City B. Phillips	Argyle B. Peterson

MAY 6th AT NASSAWANGO

TIE {	U. of Maryland P. Lipski	Holly Hills B. Ruehl	Ocean City T. Cocker	Montgomery CC J. Hurd
	Argyle D. Silling	Ocean City P. Fleming	Ocean Pines R. Teeter	Eaglehead W. Forte
	Hunt Valley R. Allchin	Ocean Pines D. Rost	Eaglehead M. Klein	Argyle J. Dunn
4th Argyle P. Fry	Indian Spring H. Hudson	U. of Maryland J. Conner	Piney Branch E. Purnell	
5th Cambridge A. Eckel	Eaglehead H. Meem	Potomac Valley D. Rice	Eaglehead D. Rice	
6th Bethesda B. Thornton	Indian Spring B. Robbins	Ocean City A. Klotz	U. of Maryland D. Reese	

*Achtung! Attention! Noticias!*

New Newsletter Editor Sought

How would you like to take over this newsletter and get the word out to your fellow Associates? In addition to official Association news, you'll be able to get some of your likes and pet peeves aired (objectively, of course). The current editor is retiring from this job at the end of this season and would welcome assistance on remaining issues as a sort of transition. If you are interested, notify your Division Director.

LATE FLASH.!!!

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION  
ISSUES NEW NEWSLETTER

The District of Columbia Golf Association has recently issued the first issue of a newsletter that promises to be packed with items of interest for the local golfer. For example, in the current issue a new rating system that more accurately assesses the relative difficulty of each course is described. This course rating service is free for DCGA clubs and the newsletter tells those interested how to request it. If you'd like to be put on the DCGA mailing list write to them at 512 Maple Ave W. Vienna VA 22180.

## Update Your Club Reps List

In keeping with your management's policy of giving you as much information about MISGA events and organization as we have when we have it, we published a list of club reps in the January MISGAgram. Except for one or two rare mental lapses by your editor, that list was accurate based on information then available. At the club reps' meeting of April 27, a number of updates were provided. Here they are by Division:

### Division 1

CHESTER RIVER - Ed Meyer 120 Pine Chestertown, 21620 778-1505

### Division 2

BEAVER CREEK - Don Dysert 408 Wilsa Blvd Hagerstown 21704 733-2829

WAKEFIELD VAL Dick Reese 504 Old Westminster Pike Westminster 21157 848-5767

### Division 3

BROOKE MANOR - Frank Thornton 6624 Sulky Ln Rockville 20852 881-7068

### Division 4

BETHESDA - Dick Redinger 9514 Kentsdale Dr. Potomac 20854 365-1661

KENWOOD - Ray Keany 702 Winslow Bethesda 20817 320-3335

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