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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHY ARE WE MEMBERS OF MISGA?

Until I became a member of the MISGA Board of Directors two years ago and heard this question raised, it had never entered my mind. I had been spending so much of my time enjoying the benefits of MISGA, I failed to realize that some members were questioning the need for such an organization. So, for just a moment, let us review what MISGA is, what it is not, and what it has become in the brief nine years of its existence.

MISGA was started to provide the senior golfers of Maryland with an organization which would meet the needs of a rapidly expanding group of retired or semi-retired golfers who desired to play other country clubs in an atmosphere of fellowship, at a moderate cost to each member and substantial returns to those country clubs which had the foresight to actively participate in MISGA events. The results of the efforts of those farsighted, dynamic men who launched MISGA have no doubt exceeded their fondest dreams.

The concept of the "mixer" is unique to MISGA and is particularly applicable to senior golfers who desire to compete, but not on an "our club against your club" basis. This is social golf and from it lasting friendships grow. We have our competition in MISGA, but that is reserved for our Division-sponsored tournaments as well as the annual MISGA Two-man Team Championship. In addition, several years ago, Spring and Fall trips to other parts of the East Coast were inaugurated, culminating in our first trip out of the country last November, when 106 members and wives went to the Bahamas.

Now let us consider what MISGA is not. The MISGA Board of Directors has never, to my knowledge, tried to tell any club how to run its affairs. Recent efforts by the Board to decentralize MISGA and bring more members into the main stream have been fruitful, whereby amendments to the By Laws must now be approved by the Club Representatives, and further delegation of authority to the Division Directors is under consideration. This is not a closed organization but is wide open for any suggestion or any discussion of problems imagined or otherwise. In a word, my door is always open to any MISGA member.

Now, where are we and where are we going? At this writing we have 39 active country clubs and over 2300 members. I feel that 1983 will no doubt be MISGA's most active year. There will be a pronounced increase in mixers and the Tournament Committee has set forth a program which will have more MISGA-wide events than ever before.

Are there advantages to being a member of MISGA? You bet there are! Your membership in your country club is enhanced by your MISGA affiliation, since you are able to play at a great number of other clubs sans green fees; you will have the opportunity to participate in low-cost trips to the South or off-shore and play in well-conducted tournaments; there will be three MISGA-wide tournaments in which you may play this year; your country club can benefit by your MISGA membership by sums up to thousands of dollars, limited only by their willingness to engage in MISGA activity; and how can you put a price tag on the fellowship and associations that you can develop in an organization like MISGA?

Nine years ago MISGA was an idea whose time had come. It is needed even more today. If there are still any doubts about how most members feel about MISGA, just ask those who participate regularly. And remember, all of this costs only \$2 per individual and \$25 per club each year.

MEMBERS - we haven't even scratched the surface in what we can do with the talent and the numbers we have today, and we are still growing. We are limited only by our own imaginations and our willingness to move forward.

Here's to a great MISGA year, clear skies, the wind at your back, and fast greens.

Herb Hudson

ATTENTION ALL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES :

The Annual Meeting of MISGA Club Reps and the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 1983, at the Prince Georges Country Club. Golf will follow. Let's make a special effort to have every MISGA club represented. More information will follow in the near future. See you there!

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TOURNAMENT NEWS

The Annual "Spring Fling" this year will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd, at the Talbot Country Club in Easton and Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville. (You will note that these dates differ from the tentative dates given in the previous issue of The MISGA-gram.) The format will be 4-man teams composed of one player from each of the four handicap divisions with the two best balls of the foursome counting for score. The starting time for Monday will be a twelve noon shotgun start at each of the courses, followed by a Happy Hour at 6 o'clock and dinner at 7 PM at the Talbot Country Club. On Tuesday the shotgun start will be at 9 A.M. with lunch to follow at both courses. Prizes will be awarded at both clubs both days immediately after play is concluded. There will be a limit of 288 players accepted to play in this tournament, so be sure to get your entries in as soon as possible after you receive the entry forms. Closing date for this tournament will be April 10th.

Our Fall tournament, to be held at a golf resort out of the state, is in the planning stage and should be finalized by the Club Reps' meeting at Prince Georges on April 27th.

Other tournaments scheduled are Division Championships, the Class A-B-C-D- Tournaments and the final MISGA-wide Championship Tournament at Indian Spring Country Club on September 30th.

Bob Evans
Tournament Chairman

"When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt."

..... Henry J. Kaiser

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1983 SPRING FLING

Entry forms for the 1983 Spring Fling are now in the hands of the Club Reps. The entry deadline is Monday, April 11th. This year's event will be played at Talbot CC in Easton and Prospect Bay CC in Grasonville, two of the Eastern Shore's finest courses. The dates are Monday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 3rd. The format will be 2 Best Balls of Foursome with 80% handicap. Separate prizes will be given for each day's play. There will be a 12 noon shotgun on Monday and a 9 A.M. shotgun on Tuesday. Entries will be limited to 288 players.

Lodging will be at two motels in Easton, and will cost \$16 per person double occupancy. Dinner is planned for 7 P.M. on Monday evening at Talbot CC. There will be a \$3.50 surcharge for any MISGA golfer not attending the dinner. The total package for MISGA golfers will be \$52 (double occupancy) and includes lodging, dinner on Monday and lunch on Tuesday, carts, and prizes. The cost for wives will be \$28 and includes lodging and dinner only.

Golfing wives will play at the famous Hog Neck GC both days, with arrangements being made for 18-hole and 9-hole groups. Cart fees and green fees for the ladies are payable in advance along with the registration forms.

For the non-golfing wives, arrangements have been made for sightseeing and shopping tours in the Easton-Salisbury area. Transportation will be provided. On Monday, arrangements have been made for visits to Second Best and other stores in Salisbury. Tuesday will be devoted to sightseeing in St. Michaels, with tours of historic homes and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Lunch will be served in a restaurant overlooking the beautiful Miles River.

In order not to miss out on this fun-filled event, it is important to sign up early! See your Club Rep for a registration form.

MESKIMEN'S LAW

There's never time to do it right,
but always time to do it over.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The MISGA Board of Directors met at Crofton Country Club on Wednesday, January 26, 1983. Reports were heard from the Audit, Associates, and Tournament Committees. The Audit Committee's report was very satisfactory, with all accounts and balances being verified by audit. Treasurer Sid Rapoport was complimented for the excellent manner in which he had kept the financial records for the 1982 fiscal year. Sam Hastings, outgoing chairman of the Associates Committee, reported a total of 2306 MISGA Associates for 1982, an increase of 18% over the previous year. The project to computerize the list of Associates has been initiated and should be completed by the end of the year. The Tournament Committee Chairman, Bob Evans, gave a very complete report, some details of which are reported on page 3.

The Treasurer, Sid Rapoport, reported a sound financial position, with a balance on hand of \$9742.15, which represents a substantial surplus. (More about the surplus under "Unfinished Business") Procedures for the future handling of funds collected by the Tournament Committee were discussed.

Under "Unfinished Business", the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider MISGA Operating Expenses were discussed. The question of divesting the MISGA treasury of surplus funds was considered at length. In addition to the funds needed for normal operating expenses (which totaled \$4163.28 in fiscal 1982), it has been the policy of the MISGA Board of Directors to try to build up and maintain a cash balance of approximately \$5000.00 to provide for any emergencies that might arise, such as the complete rain-out and cancellation of a major tournament, in which case MISGA might be liable for reimbursing the host club for such items as food already purchased, extra help brought in, extra carts that had been ordered, etc. It was the feeling of the Board that excess funds should be returned to the respective Divisions, but it was decided to refer the matter to the Policy and Planning Committee for consideration and recommendations as to the purposes for which these funds could properly be utilized at the Division level. The hope was expressed that this question could be resolved before the end of the current MISGA year.

Under "New Business" the application for membership from the Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville (Division I) was unanimously approved.

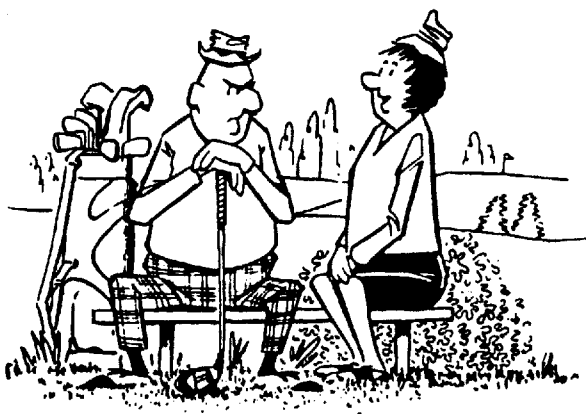
MISGAgram NEEDS NEWS FROM MEMBER CLUBS

We want the MISGAgram to be more than the official "mouthpiece" of MISGA; we want it also to spread information about our member clubs and their senior golfers. We can do this if you Club Reps or Publicity Chairmen will send us the news. Who in your club recently shot his age? Who had a hole-in-one? Who won your Seniors Championship? What special projects have your seniors sponsored? Does your club have a Seniors Member-Guest Tournament? Items such as these will be of interest to MISGA golfers in other clubs.

Don't be shy. Don't "hide your light under a bushel". Send news items to the editor, as follows:

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"I'd call Mr. Toski, dear. I'm sure he'll take you as a student once he realizes the enormous challenge you'd provide."



"We waited all winter to find out that we're worse this spring than we were last fall."