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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THE VIEW FROM HERB'S TEE

I think that we all view golf as a gentleman's game - and that each and every MISGA Associate is, by definition, a gentleman - unless proven otherwise by his actions. It has been brought to my attention several times in the last few months that some of our members are, at the very least, becoming suspect. The problem deals with having lunch after a mixer, either when hosting another club or visiting as a guest.

If you were to invite a friend to your club to play golf, would you quickly put away your clubs and run for your car after the match, leaving your "friend" to shift for himself? The quotes were intentional, since I doubt that you would have that friend for long. On the other hand, if you had been invited to another club, how would you feel if your "friend" treated you that way? Now I know that sometimes emergencies arise which may make it impossible to stay for lunch, but shouldn't these situations be the exception rather than the rule? Unfortunately this matter of leaving immediately after golf is becoming a regular practice with an ever-increasing number of MISGA Associates and this has not been missed by many of our member-clubs.

Don't forget, it is only by the good graces of our member-clubs that MISGA is able to exist, using the present format of playing at other clubs sans green fees. But this pre-supposes that carts will be used, prizes will be disbursed through the Pro shop, and lunches will be enjoyed in after-golf fellowship. The various clubs have gone to great lengths to provide palatable, healthful lunches, taking into account varied tastes and dietary preferences, at reasonable prices. And yet, the decline in lunch participation has become so critical that some clubs are now collecting one fee, in advance of playing the mixer, to cover prizes, cart, and lunch. While this is not yet MISGA policy, the Board would find it difficult to disagree with it.

As important as the welfare of our member-clubs is to each and every one of us, we are really not taking advantage of the most valuable experience we can gain through MISGA membership if we pass up the opportunity to build fellowship and friendship during the after-golf session that takes place in the dining room and/or the 19th hole. After all, golf and what takes place immediately thereafter is what MISGA is all about. Try it - you'll like it!

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Herb Hudson
President

MISGA SPRING FLING A HUGE SUCCESS

The 1983 Spring Fling was, by all standards, the most successful event of its kind MISGA has ever sponsored. A total of 244 golfers took part in the event, played at the Talbot Country Club in Easton and the Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville. These two clubs really exemplified the true spirit of "Eastern Shore hospitality". Everything possible was done to provide for the comfort and enjoyment of all those who took part. As a result of the efforts of the MISGA Tournament Committee, the host pros, and the committees who assisted them, the entire tournament was conducted in a very smooth and efficient manner.

In addition to the MISGA golfers who played at Talbot and Prospect Bay, 58 ladies played at the famous Hog Neck golf course near Easton. The total number of people in attendance at the Spring Fling was 354, including the non-golfing wives. Participants stayed at three motels in the Easton area. At Monday evening's dinner, 200 people filled the dining room at Talbot Country Club to capacity, while the remaining 154 enjoyed an identical menu at Yesteryears Restaurant in Easton.

The non-golfing wives had a busy schedule of activities during the two days, including shopping tours in the Easton-Salisbury area and a visit to historic St. Michaels and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

Everyone who took part in the Spring Fling - golfers and non-golfers alike - seemed to have a good time and are looking forward to the next event.

MISGA extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the members and staff of Talbot and Prospect Bay Country Clubs for making their facilities available for the tournament and for doing so much to make everyone feel at home.

The results of the two days of competition will be found on an inside page.

MISGA FALL FROLIC AT FOXFIRE

The 1983 Fall Frolic will be held at the Foxfire Inn and Country Club, Pinehurst, North Carolina, from November 14th through November 18th. MISGA last visited Foxfire in November of 1981, and all of those who were there thoroughly enjoyed everything about the event - the lodging and dining facilities, the activities for the non-golfing wives, and most importantly, the two excellent championship golf courses.

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MISGA FALL FROLIC AT FOXFIRE (Continued from page 1)

In planning the Fall Frolic, the Tournament Committee has come up with what promises to be another real winner. The five days-four nights package is an exceptional value and includes all of the following: Four nights' lodging, four breakfasts, four dinners, green fees and cart fees (18 holes per day) for five days, and all service charges and taxes. There are special reduced rates for non-golfing wives.

The cost for two persons sharing a Fairway bedroom (motel-type accommodations) is \$306 per person for golfers and \$201 per person for non-golfers. The cost is the same per person if two couples (or four golfers) share a two-bedroom townhouse or villa. The cost is somewhat higher for two persons staying in a one-bedroom villa. (Golfers, \$342, non-golfers \$232 per person)

A golf program will be provided for golfing wives and an activity program will be arranged for those wives who do not play golf. Reservations are limited, and those who are interested should send a deposit of \$100.00 per person to your Club Rep as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to MISGA Tournament Chairman. See your Club Rep for Foxfire brochures and more details. (Note: Club Reps who receive deposit checks should forward them to President Herb Hudson, 4005 Rickover Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902 immediately.)

STATEWIDE A - B - C - D TWO-MAN TEAM COMPETITION

This year, for the first time, MISGA sponsored a series of four state-wide tournaments for two-man teams in each of the four handicap divisions. Both players on a team were required to have handicaps that fell within the range of handicaps for their particular handicap division. The ranges for the four handicap divisions were as follows: "A", 0 to 12; "B", 13 to 17; "C", 18 to 23; and "D", 24 and above. Players from all parts of the state were invited to compete in these events as follows: Handicap Division "A", Lakewood, June 14th; Handicap Division "B", Piney Branch, June 27th; Handicap Division "C", Brooke Manor, August 1st; and Handicap Division "D", Prospect Bay, June 28th. These tournaments were to be in addition to the competition in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of MISGA leading up to the annual statewide MISGA Two-Man Team Championship Tournament to be held this year at Indian Spring Country Club on Friday, September 30th.

For whatever reasons, the above program thus far has been something less than a howling success. The Handicap Division "A" event at Lakewood took place as scheduled on June 14th. Although only 27 teams from 12 member clubs participated, Chairman Dick Davis reports that those who did play were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the event very much. The Division "B" event, scheduled for Piney Branch on June 27th, and the Division "D" event, scheduled for Prospect Bay on June 28th, had to be cancelled for lack of sufficient entries.

The one remaining event on the schedule, the Division "C" tournament at Brooke Manor, slated for Monday, August 1st, is still on at this writing. We hope that the Club Reps will make a sincere effort to promote interest in that event. We would like to see a large number of teams from all parts of the state send in entries. We feel certain you will enjoy playing Brook Manor's interesting layout. If your handicap is between 18 and 23, why not plan to get a partner and enter. Your MISGA Club Rep has all the details.

The results of the Division "A" competition will be found under "Tournament Results".

ARE YOU A MAN OF YOUR WORD?

Most of us like to think that we are, and usually that is true. However, some Club Reps have been experiencing a problem in that area from time to time that has been causing them some concern. The trouble arises when someone signs up to play in a mixer and then fails to appear, without bothering to call his Club Rep to say that he can't make it. We realize that emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances do arise from time to time which make it impossible for us to honor a commitment we have made. If this happens to you and you find you cannot play in a mixer for which you have signed up, please take the time to call your Club Rep, the evening before the event if possible. If a problem comes up at the last minute, call your Club Rep at home by 7 A.M. on the morning of the event and let him know you won't be there. Your cooperation in this respect can make things much easier for all concerned. Your Club Rep spends a lot of time planning and organizing MISGA events. Help make his job less difficult by not being a No-Show.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MISGA SPRING FLING (Format, two best balls, net, of foursome)

Results for Monday, May 2nd

At Talbot Country Club

- 1st (134) Joe Gratton, Bill Neptune, Maxwell Taylor, Willis Briddell
- 2nd (136) Warren Dean, Chelsea Henson, Dick Paugh, George Steffens
- 3rd (137) Gil Williams, Bruce Holly, Frank Shirk, Clyde Phillips
- 4th (140) Ed Abel, Gene Miller, Norm Holland, Paul Wooden
- 5th (142) John Hardy, Bill Burleigh, Bud Newman, Harry Barker
- 6th (142) Art Browne, John Bean, Ken Harper, Clem Gaines
- 7th (142) Joe Benson, Arnie Brynner, Norm Wood, George Hoffman
- 8th (143) Bill Schulze, Frank Dunleavy, Barney Foy, Lou Wimsatt

At Prospect Bay Country Club

- 1st (124) Steve Comings, Chet Smith, Charles Rider, Nelson Bohn
- 2nd (131) John Coe, Charles Dixson, Ed Seidling, Cobble Heil

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Continued)

At Prospect Bay Country Club

- 3rd (131) Dick Allchin, Al Clements, Harry Olkerhausen, Bob Ross
- 4th (132) Jack Seckel, Fred Bascoli, Al Hagen, Frank Hughes
- 5th (133) Porter Matthews, Harry Meem, Bob Cole, Don McMullen
- 6th (133) Larry Weininger, George Patterson, Wayne Fort, Ray Godman
- 7th (133) Lee Ritger, Glen Littlefield, Rudy Korade, Bud Jones
- 8th (133) Larry Gibbons, Hal Renegar, Jim McClellan, Bill Griffith

Results for Tuesday, May 3rd

At Talbot Country Club

- 1st (128) Porter Matthews, Harry Meem, Bob Cole, Don McMullen
- 2nd (134) John Coe, Charles Dixon, Ed Siedling, Cobble Heil
- 3rd (135) Norm Szajkowski, Phil Brown, Ed Maguire, Charlie Williams
- 4th (135) Norm Hopkins, Harold Jump, Bernie Baldwin, Dick Redinger
- 5th (137) Dick Hall, Ed Horney, Bob Rawson, Allen Swingle
- 6th (137) Harold Daugherty, Earle Rowden, Burl Peterson, Walt Wessell
- 7th (138) Charlie Sekinger, Bill Ruhl, Jim McLaren, G. Calvert
- 8th (139) Reno Tucker, Bill Keller, Ben Richards, Logan Shutz

At Prospect Bay Country Club

- 1st (131) Joe Gratton, Bill Neptune, Maxwell Taylor, Willis Briddell
- 2nd (134) Joe Brown, Dave Watson, Bob Chaney, Dave Wright
- 3rd (134) Doug Moats, Walt Piczak, Charles Angel, Red Green
- 4th (136) Ed Abel, Gene Miller, Norman Holland, Paul Wooden
- 5th (136) Sam Hastings, Dan Leonard, Marks Jailitte, Allyn Preston
- 6th (137) Doug Leonardsen, Roger Carlson, Duane Swindle, Jim Shields
- 7th (137) Art Browne, John Bean, Jen Harper, Clem Gaines
- 8th (137) Frank Buddle, Ed Schmidt, Russ. Arenz, Harvey Thorson

A-B-C-D Tournament (Format, better ball of partners) Two-Man Teams

Handicap Division "A" (0 to 12) Lakewood Country Club - June 14, 1983

Low Gross

- 1st (68) Howard Gunsten and Weldon Mathis, Bethesda Country Club
- 2nd (72) Dick Quinn and Phil Ryan, University of Maryland Golf Club
- 3rd (73) Bill Coy and George Fanshaw, Piney Branch Country Club

Low Net

- 1st (61) Norm Belt and Jim Peelman, Lakewood Country Club
- 2nd (62) Bob Pennington and Louie Best, Holly Hills Country Club
- 3rd (64) Joe Gervasio and Jim Fuller, Lakewood Country Club

CLUB REPS MEETING NOTES

The annual Spring meeting of the MISGA Club Representatives was held at the Prince Georges Country Club on Tuesday, April 26, 1983, with 31 of the 39 member clubs being represented. The meeting got under way at 9:30 A.M. with President Herb Hudson presiding. Several important items of business were discussed.

1. Treasurer Sid Rapoport reported a balance on hand as of March 31, 1983, of \$7862.48. (Note: \$5000.00 of this amount is kept in reserve as a contingency fund in the event of an emergency such as the complete rainout of a major tournament.)
2. It was decided that the low 16 or 18 teams from each of the four divisional championships would go on to the state championship tournament on September 30 at Indian Spring, even though some clubs might not be represented there.
3. It was announced that the proposed Fall Frolic to be held in Bermuda would be postponed until November, 1984, and that the 1983 Fall Frolic would be held at the Foxfire Inn and Country Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina, from November 14 through November 18.

President Herb Hudson then brought before the group several problems that had come to his attention.

- 1: The restrictions on the number of players a visiting club might bring to a MISGA mixer. It was felt that the establishment of good communications between the respective Club Reps could take care of this problem.
2. The problem of some players leaving immediately after a mixer without staying for lunch. (See President Herb's comments re this in "The President's Corner" on page 1.
3. The question of whether the prize money at a mixer should be raised to \$3 per man. After much discussion it was voted to keep it at the present figure of \$2.

The final item of business gave President Hudson the authority to purchase a quantity of MISGA patches which can be attached to shirts or other items of apparel but which are removable

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and can be used on another garment. These will be given to each of the MISGA Associates.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and golf at approximately 11:30 A.M.

MISGA wishes to thank the members and the Board of Governors of Prince Georges Country Club for once again hosting the annual Club Reps Meeting and giving those in attendance at the meeting an opportunity to play such an outstanding golf course. We are deeply grateful for their gracious hospitality.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RECORD ESTABLISHED

Harry Bryan of Crofton Country Club, Chairman of the MISGA Associates Committee, has announced that as of July 1, 1983, MISGA had a grand total of 2,320 individual members, or MISGA Associates. This surpasses last year's figure of 2,305, and represents a great deal of hard work on the part of Harry and his committee and also on the part of the Club Reps.

Harry is now hoping to reach a total of 2,400 members for 1983. We urge all of the Club Reps to try to persuade a few more of the seniors at their respective clubs to join up and join in the fun. Just two or three more members from each club would make it possible for Harry to reach his goal.

We extend our thanks and congratulations to Harry Bryan for the outstanding job he has done thus far. Let's all try to help him in his efforts to enrol a total of 2,400 members this year. If any Club Reps have signed up any additional MISGA Associates since making their last report to Harry Bryan, they should send a supplemental report to him immediately.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of the seniors at Sparrows Point Country Club, both of whom are active in the MISGA program there, recently had holes-in-one at the 210-yard fifteenth hole, probably the most difficult par-three on the course. Nick Nykula used a four-wood, while Vern (Gorilla) Schweiger made his a few days later with a three-iron. Good going, fellows.

Your editor is anxious to get similar items of interest from the Club Reps at other member clubs. The address is: Bill Woolston, MISGAgram Editor, 13711 Summer Hill Drive, Phoenix, Maryland 21131.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

It ain't what people don't know that causes all the trouble in this world. It's what they know for certain that just ain't so.

Josh Billings

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"That's the only time all day poor Ed's put two shots together."



"He has a great reputation for working with hopeless hackers. You should call him."