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HARRY V. BRYAN

We lost a warm, good humored, competent and dedicated man when Harry Bryan, our MISGAGRAM EDITOR, died February 15, of cancer, at North Arundel Hospital in Glen Burnie. While fighting a long, tough battle, Harry continued to do a splendid and thorough job with the MISAGRAM, as a member of Crofton Country Club.

Harry, a retired electrical engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration, was an air transport navigator in the Army Air Force in World War II.

Our friend is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, a son, two daughters and five grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to them.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Although it may seem to most that we Seniors don't need any written rules to guide our behavior on or off the golf course, it has been decided by our Board that some of us do indeed need guidance and, as a result, Rules of Conduct have been formulated and placed in the hands of our Reps for review. A copy is available to you through them. In June the Board will vote on the final draft and then the Reps will vote on them before they can be adopted.

Your Editor has learned that MISGA occasionally has been embarrassed by the thoughtless actions of a few of our members and, in one instance, we were told that our organization would not be invited back to a club. As a result, our Policy and planning Committee has formulated a set of rules aimed at remedying the situation.

We look forward to satisfactory results.

RHYME WITH TIME

If you can't play a lick,
At least play quick.

A FOND FAREWELL TO FOXFIRE

All who have attended our outings at Foxfire in North Carolina will be saddened to learn that they have declared bankruptcy. However, the Board, on the ball as always, have settled on a replacement, Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach, N.C. The dates are October 30 and November 6 and you will be receiving details about the outings in the near future.

FLORIDA WINTER FLING

More golfing pleasure is planned with a winter outing at Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Club, Cape Coral, Florida, February 5-9, 1990. Golf, lodging and meals will be included in the package. More information will be coming your way soon.

HOLE-IN-ONE-CLUB

A MISGA Hole-In-One-Club has been suggested and is in the incubation period. A possible plan has associates who wish to join contributing a dollar each year with the money being divided at the end of the season for those who have made an Ace in any MIXER or other MISGA sponsored event. The maximum given to a winner would be \$400 to conform to USGA rules regarding amateur standing.

Please let your rep know how you feel about this plan and offer any suggestions you may have.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sep. 11 - 2-Man Championship at Piney Branch
Oct. 29 - Jekyll Junket
Oct. 30 - Sea Trail Plantation
Nov. 6 - " " "
Nov. 12 - Jekyll Junket
Feb. 5 - Cape Coral

THE FUTURE OF BROOKE MANOR

Unfortunately, the future of this venerable course is hard to predict. Owned and operated by the Johns family and one of the founding members of MISGA in 1976, it is now slated to become a home for 400 townhouses, villas and individual homes. However, present zoning for the area permits only one house per acre. The property consists of 177 acres with 40 of that slated to be used for the inter-county connector.

Obviously rezoning is needed by the prospective buyers. Unfortunately a request for rezoning can not be acted upon until 1991; the Greater Olney Master Plan will be reviewed by the Greater Olney Community Association at that time.

The Johns family, the owners, hope to sell the property by the end of this year. If they do, the new owners can continue to operate the club, lease it for operation or allow it to lie unused until 1991.

All of MISGA looks on with great interest. We'd hate to lose an old friend.

UPDATE THE HISTORY BOOK

Since the publication of "A History of MISGA 1976-85", We have welcomed four new clubs and have lost two. Harbourtowne at St. Michaels, Chartwell Country Club, Bowie Country Club and Eastern Shore Country Club (Melfa, Va., just over the state line) have joined us and we are delighted that they have.

Eastern Shore C. C. is our fourth slightly-out-of-state club, joining Seaford, Shawnee and Sussex of Delaware in that honor.

We have lost Washington C.C. and Andrews Airforce Base, the former no longer exists and the latter could not conform to our rules.

UNCOVERING A NEW SHOT

Ten inches of rain had made the course at Chester River Yacht and Country Club a little soft. The mowing machines rested in the barn and the grass was growing, and growing. This presented no problem for the club reps and board members who had completed an excellent meeting and an even better lunch. Just use one more club.

Our host told us that No.8, our next hole, was a little wet. Yep, and a hurricane is a strong wind. Our tee shots disappeared in at least ten inches of grass and a smidgen of water. My tee shot went to a watery grave. I dropped, or rather placed the ball over discreetly folded grass. Another one gone. No problem. We plan this game for fun and we had a great day.

And learned of a most innovative shot. One of our men played a shot off a carefully placed club cover, one that had been dropped to mark a ball. He explained that he was out of the hole and wanted to try it. We applaud his excellent shot, and his ingenuity.

NECROLOGY

Powell, Walter	Manor
Smith, Ashby	"
Griswold, A.	Sparrows Pt.
Wiherle, L.	"
Clark, Basil	Wakefield Val.
Rider, Charles	Cambridge
Cole, Cy	Caroline
Yurwitz, Pete	Ocean City
Haden, Bob	Ocean Pines
Minner, Fred	Shawnee
Paturzo, Victor	"
McCarriar, Lee	Hobbit's Glen
Roby, John	"
Rice, Charles	"
Gorman, Tom	Montgomery
Fisher, Tom	"
Grimes, Ralph	"
Schmidt, Ed	Talbot



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

THE STATE OF MISGA

I hope I am not being too pretentious by stealing the concept of another President by calling this a State of MISGA report. In counting back I see that I am the ninth President of MISGA; I hope I do not imitate the ninth U.S. President who died in office.

I am honored to have been elected President of this fine organization. I am also fortunate to have Vice-President, Board of Directors and Staff who are experienced, knowledgeable and inovated. I believe this team will make this year another outstanding one for MISGA.

Some of the things we have accomplished this year were initiated under the able leadership of Bob Fuchs. Changes were made in the election process for Board Members, the most important being increasing the terms of all future members from three to four years.

As mentioned in our last MISGAGRAM, we now have a general counsel, Joe Malinowski, and that should aid us and give us comfort. And now we have Division Association Chairmen to report to our MISGA Associates Chairman to help us keep track of our members and improve communication.

I have asked the Policy and Planning Committee to prepare a Handbook For Club Reps that should insure uniformity and fairness in the conduct of all MISGA events. And we have under considerations forming a hole-in-one club.

Now I would like to sermonize a bit about things that bother me and, I am sure other MISGA associates.

There seems to be a trend, in some instances, away from the Basic MISGA Principles as we have grown bigger but not necessarily better. The wise men who founded MISGA envisioned a friendly, non-competitive organization whose members would visit and play at other clubs and then sit down to break bread and get to know each other better. Prize money was kept low so that the competition would not interfere with friendship. That was 13 years ago and the original proud 12 clubs have grown to 43 and membership will probably top 4,000 this year.

I think it is time to reaffirm our principals. Clubs must be willing to play all clubs on their assigned schedules. Associates should participate in at home as well as away MIXERS. Participants in MIXERS should stay after the match for lunch and members of the home club should act as hosts. And, finally associates should participate in the whole MISGA program including weekly play, Mixers and tournaments. MISGA was not set up to be a travel agency promoting cut-rate golf vacations.

I hope that the Board will set up guidelines whereby the faithful MISGA associate who participates in home and away mixers and who doesn't head home after the golf is over (and he happened to have a bad round) and who treats his guests with hospitality will be given priority on sign-ups for all MISGA events.

Bill Hulihan