



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year your president and the Board have tried to find solutions to problems created by the tremendous growth in MISGA membership over the past ten years. Since 1979 membership has increased from around 1000 associates to almost 4000. Maintaining communication with all of the members has been a problem. Our new system of keeping track of everyone through Division Associates Chairman still has a few bugs to be worked out. For example, we recently discovered that 50 of our members were receiving duplicate mailings and I am sure that some others receive no mail at all from MISGA. Our goal is to have a current, accurate and complete list of all associates. You can help by notifying your club representative if you receive more than one mailing or none at all.

Some duplicate mailings have resulted from an associate belonging to two clubs and being listed by both clubs. We suggest that if you do belong to more than one that you choose one to be your primary club and pay your \$2.50 per year MISGA dues to that Club Rep only. This does not mean that you can not play in MIXERS in both clubs.

As an officer in MISGA one gets lots of advice, suggestions and gripes when visiting other clubs. I welcome such encounters because it seems to be the only way I get feedback about how the associates feel about the way the organization is being run. However, since I nor any other Board members can visit all 43 clubs, I would be happy to receive letters from associates with suggestions and/or complaints. My term as president runs out Oct. 1, 1989, but I still have one more year on the board to serve you.

One of the areas I would like suggestions is that of allotting spaces for the various outings that we have out of our immediate area. With the size of our membership and with many resorts being willing to accept only around 120 golfers, it is difficult to come up with fair and equitable system. I think one change we could make would be to give associates who don't get accepted to an outing this year priority for that outing next year. I am not so big a dreamer to think that we can satisfy all of our members, but I do think that we must keep trying. To show that I am serious about welcoming letters, here is my address: 18952 Whetstone Circle, Gaithersburg Maryland, 20879.

Keep your head down, your left arm straight and do not pick up any lost balls till they stop rolling.

Bill Hulihan

EDWARD SCHMIDT

Ed Schmidt, President of MISGA in 1981 and leader of the movement to get Talbot Country Club into MISGA in 1976, died in late April at Memorial Hospital in Easton.

Through Ed's guidance and encouragement Talbot was one of the six original Eastern Shore clubs to join our organization and was the first to host a MISGA Board meeting in 1979.

Born in Kansas, Mo., he attended public schools in Lebanon, Pa., and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1937. He worked in the film products division of DuPont and later with Reeves Soundcraft Studios and RCA and was a member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

Our friend is survived by his wife, Kathrine, two sons, a sister, and five grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to them and deeply regret their and our loss.

TWO-MAN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

On a day better suited to lying in a hammock under a tall oak, but with Piney branch in fine shape, Lou Best and Ken Daly of Holly Hills won the MISGA Two-Man Championship on the first hole of a play-off with Bill Woolston and Bill Ensor of Hunt Valley. Both teams had shot sparkling 58's to lead the third place team of Jack Reader and George Leroy of Ocean Pines by two strokes.

Despite heat, high humidity and a rain delay of fifteen minutes, 25 of the 72 teams returned scores of 65 or better with 17 clubs being among the winners.

OTHER LEADERS

- 4 - Ed Bachtel & Jim Riddle, Eaglehead - 61
- 5 - Bill Mitchell & John Ford, Talbot - 61
- 6 - Bob Hawkins & Maurice Fields,
Nassawango - 62
- 7 - Sam Bebee & Carlton Melvin, Carolina - 63
- 7 - Ed Holler & Tom Lafley, Montgomery - 63
- 7 - Warfield Wilson & William Serets,
Prospect Bay - 63
- 7 - Al Bowden & Lee Rector, Hunt Valley - 63

There were 13 teams tied at 64 and 2 at 65 with 26 places being rewarded.

With a full field of 72 teams, and with the rain delay, the tournament was completed in five hours. Well managed and well played, congratulations to all who made it to this final round. Tournament Director Doug Moats expressed our thanks to the club, the pro and his staff for their great help.

NECROLOGY

Basset, Lonnie A.	Crofton
Hannond, Ken	Hobbitts Glen
Phillips, T. Willard	Eastern Shore Yacht & C.C.
Sandidge, Dabney	" " "
Weber, Jack	Kenwood

AN ACE!!!

We extend our congratulations to Frank Cochran of Sussex Pines for his hole-in-one shot on the 12th hole at Prospect Bay in a Mixer Tuesday, August 29. Frank, who is 67, took up the game in 1984 after triple bypass heart surgery. #12 is 161 yards long and he hit a 9 wood!! **Terrific!**

NEW OFFICERS

John Turner of the Greenhill Yacht and Country Club and Merle Shoemaker of Crofton County Club have been elected to be our President and Vice President for the 1989-90 year. The election took place without contest at the Naval Academy Petty Officers' Club, Thursday, September 14. We look forward their leadership with confidence.

BILL HULLIHAN

We extend our thanks and express our appreciation to Bill for his excellent job leading MISGA for the past year. The Board members and Club Reps know of his accomplishments and all MISGA members owe him a vote of thanks.

SEA TRAIL SET

The first two weeks of the Sea Trail trip are fully subscribed and the added third week is a "go" though with a smaller number planning to attend. That third week will include Thanksgiving Day and the Management of Sea Trail has promised a holiday dinner with all the trimmings.

JEKYLL JUNKET

The first week of Jekyll has been slightly undersubscribed and the second slightly over. It is believed that there will be enough members willing to switch from the second to the first to solve this problem. There is room for 128 golfers each week, up eight from last year.

HANDBOOK

Work continues on the Rep's Handbook which will contain our constitution, rules of conduct and instructions for keeping our rosters up to date and other helpful information. Rosters that are not up to date cost us large bundle of postage and waste valuable time.

YOU CAN ASK

Maximize your pleasure,
Minimize your grief.
Ask for a mullegan;
It's how you spell relief

ROLLING ROAD'S NEW CLUBHOUSE

The fairways are in excellent shape and the greens are lush and true (and still hard to read), the traps are raked and the pro shop is in good order and well staffed. All is well at Rolling Road Golf Club in Catonsville, or so it seems to the outsider. But there has been a major problem since a disastrous fire ruined a large part of the landmark clubhouse a little over two years ago.

If there were only three members of the club, a decision regarding repairing, rebuilding or demolishing and erecting a new structure, and the financing of same would doubtless have been most difficult. Cost, time, tradition and memories, convenience, and the updating and enlarging of the facilities entered the ring. And it has been a struggle but decisions have been made and the members and the stockholders of Beltway Realty look forward to the erection of a totally new clubhouse set immediately in front of the former mansion.

Exterior renderings and accurate floor plans of the new building are exhibited in the lobby of the old and they are impressive. President Harry Traurig advised that there is a commitment to take as much of the psst as possible to the new structure. The Beautiful cherry wood in the Coachlight room will be used in the new lounge. Some of the original stone from the mansion will be used to build a bulkhead behind the newly elevated fifteenth tee. The main rooms will center on that tee, being fairly close to it and will afford a striking view of that hole and much of the course as well as the spectacular panorama of the vastly changed skyline of Baltimore.

It is anticipated that the ground-breaking will take place late this Fall for the handsome new building. We look forward with the members to a beautiful and successful new Rolling Road Clubhouse.

MISGA REPS AND ALL ASSOCIATES

Your Board and the editor would be appreciative of any help that you can give to make the MISGAGRAM of greater value and interest to you. We would like news about your club or members that would be of interest to all MISGA members. And we are not opposed to humor, perhaps the single most important ingredient of golf. My name and address are on this 29th volume or, if you prefer, call me at (301) 465-6508. As a commercial puts it "Thank you for your consideration."

EASTERN SHORE YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB

Taylor Creek wanders with devious intent across and along eleven holes of this handsome testing course that was the Yeo Neck Farm until being purchased by L.W. Johnson for \$25,000 to be transformed into a golf course in 1962. Beginning life as a nine hole course it was expanded to eighteen in 1966 and there are boat slips, lighted tennis courts and a fine swimming pool and clubhouse to accommodate the 415 members of whom 205 are golfers.

Fifty-two of those are members of MISGA and participate in sixteen MIXERS with the longest rides being to Seaford, Delaware, and Cambridge, both over two hours away.

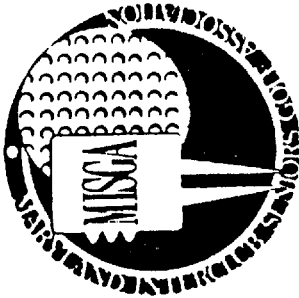
A unique plan for using gold tees is used with those with handicaps of 22 or more qualifying for same after posting ten scores. Club Rep Alta Bloxom advises that the water carriers go as long as 175 yards and some of the Senior find that a bit long from the Whites.

Located seven miles south of Onancock near the towns of Melfa and Pungoteague on the way to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, it sounds like a great place to play the game.

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 29	-	Jekyll Junket
Oct. 30	-	Sea Trail Plantation
Nov. 6	-	Sea Trail Plantation
Nov. 12	-	Jekyll Junket
Nov. 20	-	Sea Trial Plantation
Feb. 5	-	Cape Coral

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WE CHERISH RECORDS

Players of sports, and golfers are no exception, love records, numbers, averages, handicaps, percentages; any means of increasing our interest in a game appeals to us. We know our lowest score, the fewest putts we ever took, the most birds garnered in a round, our best nine holes, the lowest 72 holes ever shot on a pro tour, etc. Recently I enjoyed a record round in a "Mixer" at Leisure World on a beautiful day in a well run tournament. And it was in a category I'd never before considered, the total number of years that the members of our foursome had trod this earth.

We were lead by an 85, followed closely by an 81, aided slightly by the writer's 70 and completed by our leader, and a follower, with a 68, total 304, average 76. Terrific, easily my best foursome and I look forward to hearing of other special personal bests, Other areas come to mind, total foursome weight, total height, number of grandchildren; new records worlds beckon. We look forward to hearing from you. The name and address are on this MISGAGRAM.