



## Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president for 1990, I would like to thank all of the Board members and committee chairmen who have agreed to serve another term (you know the big salaries they pull down).

Dick Allchin has joined the Board as Director of Division II replacing Bill Woolston who is a legend in MISGA. Charlie Szymanski has been a member of the Board one year and is taking over as Director of Division I.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Bill Hulihan for his accomplishments last year as our President and for filling the position of Committee Chairman of Policy and Planning replacing Don Falconer. Don was instrumental in helping develop a new handbook or guide for MISGA Club Representatives which should be available this spring. This will be an important tool to keep us legally sound and strong in a growing membership.

Many of MISGA's members know Doug Moats, our Tournament Director. Doug has given his time and efforts generously for many years. He has decided it is time for someone to replace him. He leaves some big shoes to fill. At this time the committee is studying several suggestions to fill this position. Good luck and many thanks, Doug.

We welcome Waynesboro Country Club of Waynesboro, Pa., to our MISGA organization. Fred Shaffer, Frederick VFW, Harry Sayers, Beaver Creek and Doug Moats met with Irv Panko of Waynesboro and explained the workings of our organization. They will be a part of Division II.

For your information - the Spring Fling will again be at Green Hill, Salisbury, and Nassawango, Snow Hill. The dates are May 10 and 11. Watch

for the applications in March. Ocean City is building a new clubhouse and Georgetown, Del., (Sussex Pines) has opened a new nine completing their eighteen. They are considering the Fling for 1991.

And here's to a great golfing year; keep your health and have fun!

JOHN TURNER

### A WARM WELCOME TO WAYNESBORO

We are delighted to welcome a new club, Waynesboro Country Club, of Waynesboro, Pa., in beautiful country about twelve miles north of Hagerstown.

Irv Panko, their representative, advises that the club has about 340 members of whom 250 are golfers and that they will have approximately 40 MISGA members.

The course plays to a par 72 is about 6,300 yards and has water come into play on one par three. Their rating is 69.3 with a slope of 115.

We wish the members of our 44th club as much pleasure and companionship as has been enjoyed by those in MISGA since its inception in 1976.

### ALL IN THE NAME OF MARYLAND

At last count we had 3,882 members, of whom 3,364 live in Maryland. Delaware is the home state of 340 of our swingers, Virginia 98, the District of Columbia 65, Pennsylvania 6, Florida 5 and West Virginia, Connecticut, Missouri and North Carolina 1 each. And the Pennsylvania figure will jump this season.

Perhaps we might consider a slight change in our name, replacing Maryland with Mid-Atlantic. Our distinctive initials could remain the same and we would be indicating the breadth of this fine organization.

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WEST WINDS

With a goal of making the club "the best in the middle Atlantic region and better than Avenel", Mr. John Forstman, the new owner of what was known as Eaglehead Country Club and is now West Winds, has already made great strides. Several tees have been rebuilt or replaced, the greens are improved and they "expect to play summer rules all this season".

Mr. Forstman, a builder in the Frederick area and a seven handicapper, also plans a new swimming pool, tennis courts, a health facility and a new clubhouse. The club, which opened in 1970, has approximately five hundred members of whom about ten percent are in MISGA. We wish him great success.

MY CUP LIPPETH OVER

If the folks who started this fairway game,  
Had cared for the human race,  
They'd have made the cup two inches wider  
And the world a better place.

O. O. Dormie

LOOKING AHEAD

May 10 & 11 - Spring Fling at Green Hill and Nassawango  
Oct. 28 - Jekyll Junket  
Nov. 11 - " "  
April through October - MISGA COMPETITION

## WE WIN EVERY TIME

Golfers, especially Seniors, know at golf is not necessarily meant to be fun, nor does it qualify as great exercise. It is meant to be a challenge, something that so occupies the mind that other cares and worries can not intrude. It's a beautiful escape because it is competition in the best of settings. And, of course, it is humbling, demeaning, humiliating and frustrating but, primarily, it is competition.

We soon come to the realization that our primary competition comes from within as we try to overcome fear of failure. We strive to learn to master sticks that are strangely balanced and weighted, fourteen different ones and each reacts to the slightest variation of grip, hand and finger pressure, the arc and speed of the swing and various unplanned and uncontrolled movements of parts of our body.

But Seniors, after decades of competition, on and off the course, ultimately come to be serene in the knowledge that they have seen it all, that nothing can happen to upset their steady, rhythmic progress around the course. Being the most tolerant, humorous, understanding and competitive players of the game, they find each day on the course a victory, with occasional winning just frosting on the birthday cake.

This is written in the midst of a prolonged cold snap with snow on the ground and it may magnify my feelings but I'll stand by all of the above on the hottest day in August and, I suspect so will most MISGA members. See you on the first tee soon. Smiling.

## A NEW OLD RECORD

What I considered a record for total age of a foursome was surpassed three years ago at Kenwood Country Club when the late Harold Boyd and three companions totaled 322 years. And our MISGA Historian, Ray Keany, says they played in four hours and five minutes!

All golfers live by statistics so let us hear from you regarding special happenings to which you may be privy.

## JEKYLL ISLAND JUNKETS

The JEKYLL ISLAND JUNKETS went smoothly as has been the case each year. 127 golfers played the first week, 130 the second with 85 lady golfers included in the total. 66 non-golfers made the trip and had daily programs of sightseeing, lunch and shopping. Thirty-seven MISGA clubs were represented.

Chairman Jim Bell reports that arrangements have been made for this year's Junkets which will run from Sunday, October 28 through November 1 and from Sunday, November 11 through November 15.

## HUGO FAILS TO STYMIE SEA TRAIL

Hurricane Hugo had its effect on the three weeks at Sea Trail Plantation but didn't spoil the golf on two excellent courses. Chairman Doug Moats advises that meals were a problem the first two weeks as the clubhouse had suffered severe damage from the big blow. A long ride for breakfast wasn't unknown but all was well by the advent of the third week.

158 attended the first week, 146 the second and 36 the third. Included were 50 non-golfers.

Peggy Craven of Ocean Pines produced a hole-in-one on the 120-yard third hole during the first week and husband Bertram sprang for drinks for the nine-hole ladies.

Doug says that Sea Trail's third course will be ready for play this year and that plans are under way for another three week extravaganza.

## FLORIDA FLING

The MISGAGRAM was in the process of being printed during this event. John Turner, our President, has reported a full complement of applications for the seventy rooms at Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Club. We assume they had superb weather and a fine fling.

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## POSSIBLY ANOTHER RECORD

Charlie, a hearty, feisty and well-liked senior, always walked the course, stating that riding in a cart destroyed the game. And so it came to pass, on the sixth hole of Emerywood Country Club in High Point, North Carolina, that his first experience in one was memorable. He had again turned down the opportunity to drive or ride in one until the moment when, with a cart parked with its back to the edge of a brook, on a steep slope and in the way, he offered to move it.

In his excitement of a new experience he unaccountably pushed the reverse lever after which he stepped on the gas pedal and then, realizing his error, slammed on the brakes. These rapid and unfortunate actions resulted in twenty-seven clubs rising in graceful and concerted movement through the air and into the brook. Charlie, along with being a good guy, was the president of the company of the other members of the foursome and it was a moment of greatly mixed emotions. And I believe that we witnessed a record for clubs finding the water for one foursome on one hole.