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COULD BE ANOTHER RECORD

Lou arrived wearing cowboy boots and I suggested that he stay away from the Pro Shop for the man there was a stickler for details. Big, friendly Lou was considering taking up the game and had borrowed clubs, bag and balls from his cousin. We went off as a twosome.

Lou was strong, in good shape and had an easy smooth swing but the ball proved to be elusive. Although he had a few whiffs and some shots that strayed off course, we were having a good day. Then came one of those highlights that you remember forever. On the twelfth, Lou unaccountably decided to use his two-iron for what may have been the first time. Again his swing looked good and powerful but he was a bit low and sent a huge divot off into space. He hit the divot so far that he used the golf cart to retrieve it and I'd never seen that before. I paced it off and measured it at 65 yards. The ball? Maybe a foot. That night, at an awards banquet, Lou was given a box of grass seed to take along on his next outing and topped that by saying "I hit that sucker so far that it was dry by the time I got it back". A good man Lou, and he's now taken up the game and has four pairs of golf shoes.

CAPE CORAL

When the last MISGAgram went to press our visit to Cape Coral was in progress. All reports tell of excellent organization, service, food and links. A contract has been signed for next year for two weeks of play accommodating fifty each week. Dates are Sunday, February 3 to Friday, February 9, and February 10 to 16.

NEW MISGA TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

Replacing Doug Moats, our long-time tournament director, is a difficult job but it's in excellent hands again as George Lipscomb of Brooke Manor has agreed to take over the position. We thank him and wish him well.

NECROLOGY

Harold Beiderman	University of Md.
George Bendler	Green Hill
Fred Bucceroni	V.F.W Frederick
Ralph Currens	" "
Tom Gill	Chester River
Ross Hooker	" "
Pete Huskey	Wakefield Valley
Winnie Kelly	Prince George's
Floyd Lankford	Seaford
Robert Lantz	Prospect Bay
Joe McAllister, Jr.	Bethesda C. C.
Lou Pikus	Shawnee
John Schultz	Ocean City
Al Winborne	Montgomery Vil.
Rutt Keller	V.F.W. Frederick
Carstens Slack	Talbert C. C.
Maurice Baker	Brooke Manor

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 5	- MISGA two-man championship at Crofton
Oct. 28	- Nov. 4 - Jekyll Junket
" 29	- Nov. 3 - Sea Trail
Nov. 5	- Nov.10 - " "
Nov. 11	- Nov.15 - Jekyll Junket
Nov. 19	- Nov.24 - Sea Trail
Feb. 3	- Feb. 9 - Cape Coral
Feb. 10	- Feb.16 - " "

I leaned and twisted to the left,
Its path I would disrupt.
The ball ignored my movements
And rolled on by the cup.

--always

SHAWNEE AT OCEAN CITY

A recent trip to Ocean City by the writer coincided with a Mixer between Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club and Shawnee Country Club and afforded an opportunity to visit briefly with several foursomes as they moved through the ninth hole. The first thing I learned was that "the men from Delaware really like MISGA." And many of the visitors were wearing good-looking golf caps with M.I.S.G.A. and Shawnee on them. And they cost the members only \$5. Seems like a good idea for all of us.

OUR BIGGEST

How big is our biggest MISGA club membership? Very, with Kenwood Country Club holding the honor with 206. When a member reaches the tender age of 55 there they automatically become a MISGA associate. Our smallest group is Tanttallon with 44 followed by Prince George's with 49.

CORRECTION

Vice President Merle Shumaker's correct Zip Code is 21054.

ADVISE ROY

Changes or corrections of addresses or names of those no longer members of MISGA should be sent to Roy Gauzza, 10907 Jolly Way, Kensington Md., 20895.

BILL AGAIN AND STILL

After noting that Bill Hulihan's name has appeared in this issue twice (once with an extra "l" but that's already set in concrete), we find that there is good reason to use it again. Bill is recovering from a triple bypass operation that took place in mid May. He sounds his usual cheerful and humorous self and says he's feeling great.

He's advised that he may begin swinging a club seriously in three months but may begin chipping and putting in one. His reaction was that it should be a boon to his game for he needs a better touch around the greens to compensate for a w touch of misdirection with his booming long clubs.

A \$5,000 GIFT!

An anonymous donor has offered SGA a \$5,000 gift to be used to support a yearly tournament using gross scores in Classes A, B, C and D. Our Club Reps, in their meeting at Chester River Yacht and Country Club April 23, approved acceptance of the gift after explanations were offered regarding its use. The interest will be used each year to supply the certificate prizes with different awards being named for past presidents of MISGA.

The tournament will begin in 1991, allowing for accumulating the money to be used for the prizes. Each division will run qualifying tournaments.

A delightful and much appreciated gift, whoever you are.

CLUB REPS' GUIDE

A well-honed and much needed Club Reps' Guide was unveiled at the April meeting. The loose-leaf handbook contains guide lines for handling the reps' contact with MISGA, a code of conduct for all players, our constitution, rules for roster maintenance, regulations regarding fiscal conduct of tournaments and special events and the intradivision schedule for Mixers.

TWO-MAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Vice-President Merle Shumaker has announced that the MISGA two-man championship will be held at Crofton Country Club Wednesday, September 5, tee-off time at 11 A. M., cost \$35 per person. As always each club is required to have a qualifying tournament to be followed by Divisional qualifiers with each club allotted spots in the divisional tourneys on the basis of their number of MISGA associates.

STILL GROWING

Associates Chairman Roy Gauzza advises that we now have 3970 members not including those who have recently joined us from Waynesboro, Pa. We must be doing several things right.

DIVISION REALIGNMENT?

President Turner has appointed Fred Shafer of V.F.W., Frederick, and a member of our Board of Directors, to chair a committee to study the possibility of realigning Divisions II, III and IV. It's a tough subject and one in which geography doesn't always dictate where you should be traveling for intra-division play. Beltway traffic is a major factor along with the expressed desire of some of the earliest MISGA members to be in a position to continue their regular play and friendships with certain other clubs.

Good luck to Fred and his committee in a difficult job.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

MISGA Treasurer Sid Rapoport of Hobbit's Glen advises that when temporary accounts are opened by treasurers of MISGA tournaments/events, the following Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) must be furnished to the bank: 52-1318614.

The accurate use of this number is particularly important when MISGA tournament participants' entry fees are deposited into interest-bearing accounts. MISGA has been designated as a tax-free organization and has been assigned this number by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. In order to assure that local banks properly report interest earned by MISGA elements as tax exempt, it is essential that MISGA club, division or tournament treasurers accurately provide the TIN to respective banks.

MISGA is not exempt from the payment of Maryland sales tax.

WE BELONG IN THE HALL OF FAME

Division IV Director Claude Widerman reports that the Golf Hall of Fame at Pinehurst is missing many club identified scoring pencils from Maryland and environs. To make certain that your club's pencil is displayed there, send one to Sam Hastings, 15416 Tierra Drive, Silver Spring, Md., 20906. And tell you friends that you just sent some of your equipment to the Hall of Fame.

AMEN

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



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual spring Representative's meeting was held at Chester River Yacht and Country Club April 23 and was well attended with good discussions on various issues. The meeting was followed by a great lunch and golf, thanks to Ed Meyer, our host.

I would like to thank Don Falconer of Frederick for chairing the committee on Policy and Planning last year and starting the new MISGA "Reps" Handbook. Additional thanks to Bill Hulihan, our immediate past-president, and his committee for finalizing the publishing of the book and giving it out to the Reps at the meeting. If you did not attend, contact Bill at 18942 Whetstone Circle, Gaithersburg, Md., 20979, or telephone 301-840-1557. The book is an important tool with rules and regulations well spelled out and is necessary as we grow larger in numbers. (Waynesboro, Pa., has joined our group and I have had contact with two more clubs in Delaware and hope to have the results at the fall meeting.)

The Spring Fling held at Nassawango and Green Hill was well attended, a full field of 240 with 37 lady golfers at Ocean City and with 36 ladies on the Maryland Lady Paddle Wheel cruise. Unfortunately we were rained out Thursday but doubled up the prize money Friday. Our banquets and music went off well.

A whooping congratulation goes to Marcia Hankin, wife of Marty Hankin of Westminster and members of Wakefield Country Club. She had a "Hole-in-One" at Ocean City Bayside Course, hole #2, a 137 yard par 3. My wife was playing with the foursome and I believe she was just as excited. It was the first one she

had ever seen. A special prize was presented to Marcia and a cup is being engraved for her by MISGA. We don't usually mention tournament winners in the MISGAgram because of space allocation, but this is an exception.

I found out by taking applications for the Fling that 80% of our members do not know what their index is and what its relationship is to slope and calculations for play at other clubs. (Gain strokes, stay the same or lose strokes.) I suggest that every club representative have a meeting with his members to explain it, or get your "Pro" to do it. You are supposed to be using it now at every club--USGA rules.

Here are a couple of quotes from Golf Digest: Wife talking to husband, "You hate driving 5 miles to see Mother, but you'll drive 50 miles every Saturday to pick up a foursome." Patient talking to Ophthalmologist "I need trifocals, one for driving, one for irons and one for putting."

Have a great summer--see you in the fall.

JOHN TURNER

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

Bill Hulihan has introduced the possibility of name badges for MISGA members and asked the Reps to sound out their golfers regarding their desire for same. They could prove mighty helpful at Mixers where we might be at a loss to remember the name of our partner at some past event. Cost would be somewhere under two dollars. A decision can be made at the next Reps' meeting. Some clubs already have them so these would be optional.