



## Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Based on our excellent growth, we found that a need for change brought us to a need for reorganization."

These are the words of Al Hagen, President Emeritus, taken from our MISGAgram #9, Jan. 1982. At that time we had 1,782 associates from 38 clubs. Roy Guazza reported at our last Board meeting that we now have 4,015 from 46 clubs.

It appears that history has repeated itself for the major problem that MISGA faces now is a realignment of clubs within divisions. After Waynesboro joined us, clubs in Division II asked for realignment so that travel time within divisions would be one hour or less. Travel time to Waynesboro from Sparrows Point and Chartwell would be about two hours (93 miles).

President Turner appointed Fred Shaffer to chair an ad hoc committee to study the problem and make a report to the Board. The committee consisted of the Directors of all MISGA divisions, John Turner, Dick Allchin, Marks Jaillite and Claude Wideman. Because I hosted the last two meetings at Crofton, I became slightly involved in the deliberations.

Fred's committee report at our July Board meeting recommended:

A. That Sparrows Point and Chartwell be moved to Div. III from II and that Hobbit's Glen move from III to II.

B. That the President appoint a new committee of associates other than Board members to recommend realignment of divisions foreseeing future expansion of MISGA. Both of these recommendations were approved.

One of the problems confronting Fred's committee was that our Constitution and By-laws are specifically

written for four divisions. To allow for future expansion, we must have more divisions. I have asked the new chairman of our Policy and Planning Committee, Ted Branthover, to prepare changes to our By-laws that will allow the Board to create new divisions. I hope that the Board can act on these changes at our next meeting so that we can present them at our annual Reps' meeting in April, 1991. If the Reps approve the changes with a two-thirds vote, our Realignment Committee can be free to recommend smaller divisions and the creation of new ones. You can see that the theme of the "President's Message" is Change and Growth.

Since I became a member of the Board, Roy Guazza, who succeeded Dick Quinn as Chairman of the Associates Committee, has asked division directors to appoint associate directors to receive and check all changes to the associates roster before sending them to him for entry into our computer files. This action greatly reduced errors in our printouts and mailing lists.

George Lipscomb, our new Chairman of the Tournament Committee, reminds that Division Directors have been asked to appoint Division Tournament Directors to help him supervise MISGA events within their divisions. I think this is great! Decentralize and get a more efficient organization!

Continuing this chain of thought, you, EACH ASSOCIATE, have elected or approved the appointment of a MISGA Rep for your club; your Reps elected two Board members who elected me to be your President to serve from Oct. 1, 1990 to Sept. 30, 1991. In accordance with our By-laws, Article IV, I am your spokesman during my term of office. I plan to give you my ideas and hopes in this column. If you agree with me - fine. All I must do is convince the Board to agree with us. If you disagree, let me hear from you. My address is 2476 Bell Branch Road, Gambrills, Md., 21054. Most of you don't have the time to devote to MISGA that I have, but I really would like suggestions or ideas to improve MISGA.

Merle L. Shumaker

## PRESIDENT'S TOURNAMENT

1991 will see the inauguration of a President's Tournament with forty winners. That's places one through five in each of four flights, both net and gross. The event was born as a result of a splendid gift of \$5,000 to MISGA last year. Part of the prize certificates will be paid for from the yearly interest that accrues from the gift. The receipt of the money and the plans for the tournament were approved by the club Reps at their meeting this year.

Division I will be the 1991 host, followed in order by Divisions II, III and IV. The format will be individual play and each division will run its own qualifying tournament.

Tournament Chairman George Lipscomb announces that the regular Two-man Championship will be hosted by Division IV in 1991.

### TWO-MAN TEAM WINNERS

Pete Weller and Henry Gallagher of Ocean Pines won the 1990 MISGA Two-man Championship returning a net 58 in the Crofton based event. Frank Lewis and Jake Jacobsen of Montgomery Country Club took second honors a stroke back.

The seventy-two teams that qualified came from thirty clubs with Montgomery C. C. leading the way with eight teams followed by Sussex, Kenwood, Ocean Pines, Waynesboro and Sparrows Point with four each.

Congratulations to all who made it to the final round.

### TWO ACES FOR TRACY BRUCE!

MISGA member Tracy Bruce of Montgomery Country Club had a hole-in-one on their par three, 135 yard third hole on the 16th of June and came back three days later, in a Mixer with Leisure World with another ace on the 145 yard fourteenth. He beat astronomical odds and we add our congratulations and hope that his bar bills weren't too big. Keep him in mind for a partner in the next Mixer you have with them.

## GOOD NEWS

"Golf is a sport you can play until you die. I played a guy who is ninety and he beat me."

"The competition keeps us going; it keeps us younger."

"It's amazing how well they play. They all recognize the benefits of golf."

"Golf is everything for many of these men. They can make friends and stay in shape."

These words come from an excellent article in the Frederick News-Post by Stan Goldberg and were supplied to us by our new Vice-president, Fred Shaffer of Frederick VFW. The story, which included three pictures of our seniors in action, related the history of our fourteen year old organization and gave the feelings of several of our members.

It was excellent and accurate publicity and we send our thanks to the Frederick News-Post and Stan Goldberg.

### ANOTHER GOOD TIME WAS HAD

All reports from our members who have returned from Jekyll and Sea Trail Plantation indicate that the weeks of golfing and recreating went very well. The weather was at its best, the courses in excellent shape, our leaders did their usual fine job of organizing and orchestrating, the accommodations were first rate and the cuisine as good as advertised.

Anyone who has been involved in one of these MISGA vacations, as a chief or an indian, or as a vacationer, is aware of the tremendous amount of planning and effort that goes into making them as successful as they are. You folks should know that you are appreciated.

### IN BOLD PRINT PLEASE

The MISGA Board has requested that the following be printed in this newsletter:

**"IF YOU DON'T COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS CORRECTLY FOR ANY OUT-OF-CLUB EVENT, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED."**

Incorrect and incomplete applications have reached alarming proportions and have caused committee members many long hours of extra work. Your help is needed.

## BOARD BASH

Each year all Board members, Club Reps, Assistant Reps, Committee Chair-  
r (MISGA), Past Presidents of MISGA  
a wives are invited to a Board Bash  
at Carroll Valley Golf Resort in Fair-  
field, Pa. This year's affair, held  
September 26th and 27th, was blessed  
with good weather, excellent accommo-  
dations, two competitive tournaments,  
a luncheon, banquet and enough prizes  
for each person or couple in attend-  
ance.

As in the past, all enjoyed the fes-  
tive affair at their own expense as  
they celebrated the winding down of a  
successful year of MISGA activities.

Fred Shaffer, VFW, chaired the  
Bash, ably assisted by George Lipscomb  
of Brooke Manor and Bill Woolston of  
Hunt Valley.

## ANOTHER NEW RECORD

The honor of being our largest  
MISGA club is now held by Ocean Pines  
with 220 members. Our smallest is  
Westwinds with 32 but they remain hale,  
hearty and vigorous.

## "LONG CLUB"

All fortunate enough to play a  
round of golf with our new president,  
Merle "Long Club" Shumaker, are aware  
that he has woods that are long and  
that he knows how to use them. They  
are long.

In 1983, becoming concerned about  
a slowly rising handicap, Merle, us-  
ing an aluminum rod which he machined  
to fit into the end of his driver  
shaft, achieved a three inch longer  
club. Later in the year he bought 1,  
3 and 5 Pinnacle metal woods and leng-  
thened them from 42 to 45". In the  
following year he dropped his handicap  
six strokes and captured the second  
flight club championship at Crofton.  
In '86 he bought a set of "Ram Laser"  
metal woods and lengthened them to  
48". Last year, in a further attempt  
to lower a slowly escalating handicap,  
he bought another Ram driver and made  
it 50".

Merle says he now averages from 200  
to 220 yards off the tee with 270 be-  
his longest. A quiet man, and ob-  
viously a determined one, he apparently  
will go to any lengths to improve his  
game.

## FLORIDA FLING

There are still a few openings avail-  
able for the first week, Feb. 3 - 8, of  
the Florida Fling at Cape Coral Golf and  
Tennis Resort which is about ten miles  
southeast of Fort Myer. Costs range from  
\$800 for a single to \$1,185 for a golfer  
with a golfing spouse or friend. You can  
reach Don Day at (301) 749-4410 for de-  
tails. This is a first rate resort where  
"they always take great care of us".

Your commitment and money are needed  
by December.

## FROM OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

I take this opportunity to thank the  
Officers, Division Directors and Committee  
Chairmen for serving with me during the  
89-90 year. To our 4,000 associates, when  
you see someone who has been active and  
served in some capacity, please take the  
time to say "Thank you" for their efforts  
and time--they would appreciate it as  
they work for the benefit of all of us.  
They keep us legally sound, make changes  
to the constitution and by-laws to stay  
current with the times, plan away events  
and manage our finances. If you are will-  
ing to help let your Club Representative  
or Director know. Every year we need  
fresh ideas and assistance.

My term on the board has expired and  
I wish my successor, Merle Shumaker, a  
great year. Here's wishing you a happy,  
healthy Holiday Season.

John Turner, President 1989-90

## NECROLOGY

Frank Haley	Ocean Pines
Ed Wainwright	" "
Art Willis	Lakewood

## AL HAGEN

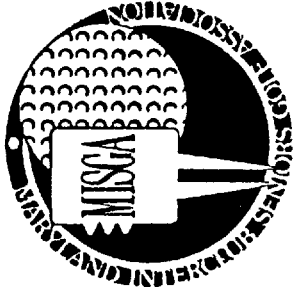
President Emeritus Al Hagen, who had a  
heart attack in July, advises from Fort  
Myer that he is "up and about and doing  
well", is in the midst of re-hab, stress  
tests, monitoring and medicine. He ex-  
tends his thanks for all the good wishes  
sent his way and we send along our hopes  
for his continued recovery and golf in 91.

## CALENDAR

Feb. 3 - 8	Florida Fling at Cape Coral
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Winter weather takes its toll

But frozen ground give lots of roll.



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## NEW CHIEFS

MISGA remains extraordinarily successful and has made its plans to continue in that mode with the election and selection of Officers, Directors, Board Members and Committee Chairmen for 1990-91. The new names to put on your organizational chart are:

President:	Merle Shumaker, Crofton Country Club
Vice President:	Fred W. Shaffer, Frederick VFW
Director, Division I:	Richard Bevan, Nassawango
" " III:	Robert Ludwig, University of Maryland
Member, Division IV:	Douglas Moats, Montgomery Country Club
Policy & Planning:	Ted Branthover, Montgomery Village
Tournaments:	George Lipscomb, Brooke Manor

Keeping MISGA in top running order requires devotion and long hours of its officers, directors, board members, committee chairmen and the constant cooperation of club reps and club officers. We thank them all for a job that we are certain will be well done.