



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On December 4, 1990, our Realignment Committee, consisting of John Turner and Hilary Taylor of Division I, Chester Petranek and Tom Ogilvie of Division II, George Fralley and Emery Adams of Division III and Alton Anderson and Herb Hudson of Division IV met and recommended that Divisions II, III and IV be divided into five divisions with six clubs in each. Herb Hudson was appointed chairman of the committee.

Ted Branthover held several meetings of his Policy and Planning Committee, Bill Hulihan and Tad Yates, in February 1991. He submitted the necessary changes to our By-Laws to allow for the expansion recommended by the Realignment Committee.

On March 8, 1991, the MISGA Board of Directors decided that our present alignment of Clubs and Divisions should be continued. This does not mean that MISGA will not expand. When a new club is approved for membership it will be added to one of our present divisions.

I was able to attend one week of all of our special Fall and Winter events (Sea Trails, Jekyll Island and Cape Coral). I want to thank all Associates and their spouses who worked on the Committees of these events. They did an outstanding job. I know that each of them donated many hours of work in planning and supervising each of these events.

The highlight of my first six months as President of MISGA was to spend the evening of February 7 with our founder, Al Hagen. Betty and Al attended the banquet at the end of the first week of our Florida Fling. Al still has the drive, the dedication and foresight which he supplied

so abundantly during the early years of MISGA. He is interested in everything that happens in MISGA. It was very encouraging to hear his comments and suggestions.

Merle Shumaker

WHAT IT IS

The following is from a GOLF magazine article of several years ago that was originally published as a quote from David R. Forgan of the famous Forgan clubmakers of St. Andrews:

"Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime in which you may exhaust yourself but never the subject. It is a contest, a duel, or a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control. It is a test of temper, a trial of honour, a revealer of character. It affords a chance to play the man and to act the gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping of mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of tired tissues. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship with friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health but moral force."

And we belong to an organization that magnifies all of the above for us.

CHARITY

At the Club Reps' meeting at the fine Chester River Yacht and Country Club Monday, April 29, a proposal was accepted to dedicate some of each club's income to some non-profit entity or charitable fund. Various methods were discussed, both for raising the money and distributing it and it was pointed out that as little as one dollar per man would raise a large sum. The Board of Directors will consider implementation of the proposal.

PRESIDENTS' TOURNAMENT

The final round of our new Presidents' Tournament will be held at Green Hill Friday, August 23. Prior to that time a qualifying round will be held at each club and Div. Tournament in each of our four area groups. The number of associates to be qualified by each club will be based on the number of their associates in relation to the number of associates in the division. (A club with eighty associates would have twice as many qualifiers as one with forty.)

Approximately 50% of those who qualify will be based on low gross scores and a like percentage on low net. Entries will be divided into A, B, C and D flights with approximately 25% in each flight.

All prizes will be gift certificates with ties being broken by a match of cards starting with the number one handicap hole, then the number two, etc., until a winner is determined.

The top winning prizes will be named as follows (all for past presidents of MISGA):

Flight A

First Low Gross - Al Hagen Prize
Second " " - Bill Hulihan "
First " Net - Sam Hastings "

Flight B

First Low Gross - Ed Schmidt "
Second " " - John Turner "
First " Net - Gil Williams "

Flight C

First Low Gross - Bill Woolston"
" " Net - Francis McKee"

Flight D

First Low Gross - Herb Hudson "
" " Net - Bob Fuchs "

Any additional prizes will be identified by flight and standing in low gross or net.

We will be receiving additional information regarding dates, fees, starting times, location of Division Tournaments, prize monies, etc., in the near future.

NAME TAGS

Name tags for your shirt or cap are available through your club rep. The tags are enclosed in plastic and are clearly and well printed with your club affiliation and logo as well as your name. These should be a help at all Mixers and out-of-club events. Faces and shots we can remember but names are getting tougher.

SPRING FLING

As this goes to press, another successful SPRING FLING is underway at Green Hill and Nassawango. The 240 places were oversubscribed by 6 but the usual few last minute cancellations may have given all an opportunity to play in this always well run event.

FLORIDA FLING

Reports of the FLORIDA FLING in February at Cape Coral make us aware again that these out-of-the-area events are always immensely enjoyable because of the amount of time spent planning for and executing the many details involved. There were 67 golfers and 6 non-golfers in attendance the first week and 86 and 8 the second. Congratulations to all who attended and our sincere thanks to all of the many workers.

ACES

Belated congratulations to Mary Haverstein of Kenwood for her hole-in-one at the Florida Fling. Mary, whose husband is Paul, was playing with Cherie Koster of Chartwell, Ingrid Weise of Bethesda and Ellen Trimble of Hunt Valley. Her ace was on the 150 yard third hole.

The first Mixer of the season at Crofton was highlighted by Gordon Lydick's ace on 155 yard fifth. Gordon was playing with Tom Ogilvie and Ted Honacki of Sparrows Point and Bill Larash of Crofton. A report, "We all enjoyed the round of drinks". A great and expensive shot and we all keep trying and hoping.

ROLLING ROAD PROGRESS

If you haven't seen the new clubhouse at Rolling Road, you are in for a treat for this is one beautiful building. You have to see it to believe it. Rolling Road's tight course (hookers beware!) is known to have greens that have an invisible but unvarying break toward Wilkens Avenue which is parallel to the second and fourth fairways. This large and imposing structure has its back close to the rear of the fifteenth tee and possibly will make us feel that everything falls away from there, toward Wilkens so it may help us read those tough putts.

The view from the dining room and the balcony will be terrific, including most of the course, parts of Catonsville and the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the city of Baltimore.

Completion is hoped for by the end of August and we congratulate the members of Rolling Road for their fortitude and good fortune. I'm going to new shoes and have my best plaids pressed and hope to get a chance to play there.

CALENDAR

Aug 23	Presidents' Tournament final at Sussex Pines
Sep 5	Two-man final at Argyle
Sep 24-25	Board Bash at Carroll Valley
Oct 27-31	Jekyll Island Junket
Oct 27-Nov 1	Sea Trail Plantation
Nov 3-8	" " "
Nov 10-14	Jekyll Island Junket
Nov 17-22	Sea Trail Plantation
Feb 2-7	Cape Coral
Feb 9-14	" "

IT MIGHT HELP

Golf teachers should emphasize that all exercises should be done with the head down. It might carry over to our swing or, at least, we might find money or a tee.

If your shots to the green have become consistently short, check your clubs; the manufacturer may have mis-numbered them.

NECROLOGY

Harold Cornelius	Rolling Road
Frank Coyle	Manor
James Dunlop	Kenwood
Norman Ednie	Ocean Pines
Nick Gassaway	Seaford
Eli Gold	Indian Springs
James Hancock	Nassawango
Melvin Irvin	Eastern Shore
John Kennedy	Sussex Pines
Charles Lowe	Seaford
Burley Lockett	Piney Branch
David Marsh	Eastern Shore
Will Merkle	Ocean Pines
John J. Noonan	Rolling Road
Frank Palmer	Green Hill
Edward Reddy	Bethesda
Ted Rothman	Indian Springs
Joe Sabin	Lakewood
Milt Stockausen	Piney Branch
Grant Turner	Manor
Fred Waldron	Rolling Road
Willis Warren	Lakewood
Bill Whoil	Kenwood

A mighty tough winter men.

TWO-MAN TOURNAMENT

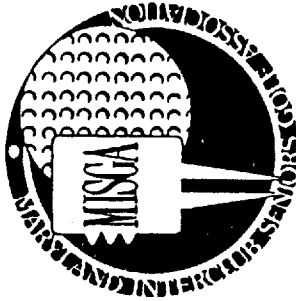
This year's two-man championship final will be held at Argyle, September 5th. Club and division qualifiers will be completed long before that date with some of the former already wrapped up. That's a fine course and finalists are in for a treat.

HOBBIT'S GLEN

Hobbit's Glen members and guests are about to add a full carry water hole to their excitement. A new number eleven has been inserted with the tee up in the woods to the left of the tenth fairway. The old eighteenth hole (also a par three) will be abandoned so the long, uphill seventeenth will become the closer.

Guests who haven't played for a year or so at the Columbia course will play a new number two, to the left of the lake, a new green on four and shorter tee shots on five. We look forward to your visit and first shot on eleven. The game never gets any easier.

Let us forbid the comment, "It'll play".



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IT'S NOT HOW

We were about to tee off when the starter asked if we would mind being joined by two other men. We, of course, agreed and introduced ourselves to two good looking fellows a bit more senior than we. We discovered that they played a different game for trees, shrubs, rocks and deep grass were no problem as they moved their balls to more desirable locations. We were intrigued and watched to see to what lengths they would go. And they seldom putted. They were short hitters and usually played their last approach shot from a spot near the carpet. Then they picked up their balls when they were still several feet from the hole. Finally we had to ask about their aversion to putting. The reply, "We concede putts inside the stick". The stick! Seven feet or less and the putt is good! A terrific idea and it really speeds up the game.

They played only nine and we reluctantly said goodbye. As they walked off a friend called and asked how they did. One of them replied, "Not bad, I had a forty-five." As has been said, it's not how but how many.