



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I must claim part credit for the lateness of this MISGAGRAM (ME CULPA). No excuses meant.

As it turns out, I can include some comments on one of my favorite outings, the Spring Fling.

Our Constitution and By-Laws provide that "There shall be an annual meeting of the Club Representatives of all member clubs of the Association which shall be held before May 1st of each year at such place as the Board will determine".

In the past several years, this meeting was held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club in Chestertown. The meeting date was April 27th. We have forty-five clubs in MISGA and almost all were represented. I feel that "the purpose of the meeting.... to generate enthusiasm, disseminate information.... and allow direct communication... to members of the Board was met.

There was lively discussion and several items were brought to the Board's attention for inclusion in the Agenda of the next Board meeting on July 14th.

The Spring Fling was a truly enjoyable experience. The organization and operation were first rate and the hospitality of our Eastern Shore members was outstanding. I find the Eastern Shore a delightful place to visit in spite of a misguided observation by one of our high ranking officials. A great deal of credit is due Dick Bevan, Mary Taylor and each of the members of their committee who worked so hard to make this the success that it was.

I took the opportunity to visit the newest club to join MISGA, Nutters Crossing. It is located east of Salisbury about one mile off the Route 13 by-pass on Route 12. It is a beautiful looking course with a fine clubhouse and a personable pro, Willis Johnson. If you visit the Eastern Shore and are looking for a place to play, give it a try. I am sure you will be cordially received.

FRED SHAFFER

(Almost all of the credit for lateness belongs to me because I've been involved with doctors, nurses and medical institutions and a pleasant vacation. All is well thanks to the afore mentioned.-- The Ed.)

WESTWINDS

It's a whole new world up there in Frederick County on Gas House Pike at the rejuvenated, rebuilt Westwinds. This picturesque and testing course has six new tees, one on the number seven "Periscope Hole" which has been shortened to a 185 yard beauty from the gold tees. And, a major improvement, an underground watering system has been installed.

The old clubhouse is no longer in use, to be replaced by a handsome new building for which groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for this Fall.

John Forsman's "master-planned community of quality homes" has twenty-nine luxurious houses completed and twenty-six additional lots have been sold. Fairway views and great settings abound.

The gold tees offer a short 5,742 yards with three holes on the front presenting challenging water. Eight holes add to the fun by featuring doglegs.

It's a treat.

SPRING FLING

As always, the Spring Fling at Green Hill and Nassawango was an unqualified success. We had 228 male players and 51 ladies, with an additional 23 non-golfing ladies being in attendance. Our newest club, Nutters Crossing, hosted the ladies and a summation of their comments is, "they really enjoyed the course".

Twenty-three ladies toured the preview showing of the new Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury and twenty-nine took the luncheon cruise on the Wicomico River aboard the Maryland Lady. It was reported to be a delightful trip.

With great weather prevailing, the foursomes turned in many fine scores. We list only the first place winners because of space limitations:

Thursday, Green Hill - Dave Frey, Charles Bloodsworth, Charles Fieldhouse and Fred Shaffer. 127

Friday - Lou Seiler, Leo Welch, Dick Pegram and Dan Sniadecki. 126

Thursday, Nassawango - Lou Seiler, Harold Dailey, Dan Sniadecki, and Dick Mehaffey. 116

Friday - Bob Evans, James Twigg, Robert Graham and Harry Hopkins. 119

Thursday, Nutters Crossing - Joan Frey, Skip Smith, Irene Couker and Thelma Gaines. 115

Friday - Bettie Nichols, Betty Black, Shirley Henriksen and June Beatty. 122

Congratulations and many thanks to all who worked long and hard to make this a fantastic Fling.

ANOTHER ACE!

We salute Joe White who had his first hole-in-one April 15th at Crofton on the 165 yard seventeenth. And another! Div. II Dir. Bob Allchin had one at Jacksonvill Beach, June 19th on the 130 yard fourteenth.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

Our Directors have announced the dates and locations of the Qualifying Tournaments for the Two-Man and the President's A,B,C,D affairs. We wish all of you well.

Div. I A,B,C,D - July 13, Caroline C.C., shotgun start at 9 A.M.

Two-Man - August 3, Talbot C.C., shotgun start at 12:30.

Div II A,B,C,D - June 25, Piney Branch

Two-Man - July 27, Sparrows Point C.C.

Div III A,B,C,D - July 17, Brooke Manor.

Two-Man - August 31, Prince George's C.C.

Div. IV A,B,C,D - July 1, Leisure World.

Two-Man - July 22 at Montgomery Village.

NECROLOGY

Donald Cady	University of Maryland
Edward Heller	Montgomery C.C.
Harold Legg	Prospect Bay
Donald Pierce	" "

IT'S A PROBLEM

All persons who don spiked golf shoes
Should be taught to lift up their feet
And pass a test for walking
And keeping our greens smooth and neat.

What good does it do to drive straight
And hit that approach shot clean,
If three putts await the player
Because somebody tore up the green.

AND STILL ANOTHER!

Bob Van Bibber of Hobbit's Glen had a hole-in-one on the 115 yard fifth hole in a MISGA event, Thursday, June 25th. And he had closest-to-the-pin on the eleventh!

CLUB REPS

Once in a while our Club Reps get paid for all of the work they do in helping to keep MISGA the great organization it is. The pay isn't monetary but certain happenings that take place along the way. One is the semi-annual Reps' meeting at the Chester Yacht and Country Club. The meetings are informative, the luncheon excellent and a fine golf tournament follows. Sixty-eight Reps and Board members teed it up April 27th and we present the names and club affiliations of the winners:

- 1st Bob Ludwig, Un. of Maryland
Paul Desmond, Ocean Pines
Phil Rossbach, Elks
- Tie Roger Wooleyhan, Shawnee 122
Hilary Taylor, Green Hill
Otis Jefferson, Sussex Pines
Morgan Ridington, Eastern Shore
Francis McKee, Elks
- 3rd Roy Gauzza, Montgomery Village
Wally Ridgeway, Ocean City
Bob Whitman, Seaford 125
Ray Keany, Kenwood
- 4th Vern Sullivan, Piney Branch
Bob Brady, Prospect Bay
George Meyer, Holly Hills 126
Charles Miller, Naval Academy

Closest-to-pin:

Mel Wright, Piney Branch
Bob Spruell, Bowie

Congratulations and warm applause for all of the good work that you do.

A GOOD WAY TO KEEP BUSY

Past President Merle Shumaker found that he had "plenty of time on his hands" with his consuming job of being MISGA's president over so he has taken on the job of editor of Crofton's Newsletter. He says it's the only job he hadn't held in a golf organization. During the winter with no tournaments to report, he "threw in cartoons to fill space". Editors do have problems occasionally.

SENIORS FOR JUNIORS

Our hats are off to the University of Maryland Seniors who have sponsored a terrific Junior Golf Tournament at their course for the tenth consecutive year. This year's event saw 112 young golfers from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia (and a guest from Washington State) compete for trophies and pro shop credits in three age groups for boys and two for girls.

Age classes for the boys were 12-13, 14-15 and 16-17, the girls, 13-14 and 15-17. All but six of the entries were boys but that's the way it seems to be in junior competition. There were several handicaps from one to four and both net and gross prizes were awarded.

All competitors carried their own bags and no coaching was allowed. Parents and friends were allowed on the course but not as advisors.

Marshalling and cooking at the grill was done by the Seniors and the parents were invited to enjoy the lunch as well.

A great day for the kids, their parents and friends and for the members of the University of Maryland Senior Golf Association.

CALENDAR

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| July 1 | Div. IV A B C D Qualifier |
| 13 | " I A B C D " |
| 17 | " III A B C D " |
| 22 | " IV Two-Man " |
| 27 | " II " " " |
| Aug. 3 | " I " " " |
| 24 | " A B C D Championship, Sp. Pt |
| 31 | " Div. III, Two-Man Qual. |
| Sep. 15 | Two-Man Championship, Chartwell |
| 23) | |
| 24) | Board Bash, Carroll Valley |
| Oct. 25) | |
| 30) | Sea Trail |
| Nov. 1) | |
| 6) | Sea Trail |
| 2) | |
| 6) | Jekyll Island |
| 8) | |
| 12) | Jekyll Island |
| 15) | |
| 20) | Sea Trail |



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NO QUIT IN JOHN

John loved golf as much as anyone and had played for more than sixty years but his body had become bent and his heart was tired. He could walk no more than fifty yards without resting but his physical problems didn't stop him from playing one or two holes every day, weather permitting, on our three hole, par three course at our retirement village. He carried a five iron and it served as his driver, wedge and putter, and his cane. He played alone because he didn't want to hold up any of the "younger" players but, finally, he succumbed to our urging and joined us. We moved at our normal slow pace and he kept up, hitting straight and putting well and he played all three holes. Then he surprised us by walking up the hill to the first tee and playing three more with us, after which he said, "Thanks for letting me play with you". We thanked him and told him of our surprise when he continued after three. His reply, with his warm smile, was, "I forgot to quit". The sentence symbolized the man. He remains an inspiration for all who knew him.