



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At last, up north here, Spring has sprung, the grass is risen and 'tis the season for the hunt of those elusive birdies that we have dreamed about all winter. The MISGA program is in full swing with all clubs and their members actively engaged in their home and home events.

During the winter, MISGA lost one club when Waynesboro C.C. resigned because their members did not like to make the lengthy trips into the Washington and Baltimore areas with all of their traffic problems. The Board of Directors of MISGA accepted their resignation with regrets and wished the club well in their other activities. With this resignation MISGA becomes a three state organization rather than four.

However MISGA increased its total membership with the admittance of two new clubs, Glade Valley C.C. and Patuxent Greens C.C. Their Club Reps are Chip Murray and Jim Bell. We welcome them and trust their involvement in MISGA will be a most pleasant and enjoyable experience.

At the annual Club Reps meeting at Talbot C.C. on April 19, attention was brought to two questionable procedures that some clubs pursue in their Home and Home events. First is the practice of charging visiting associates for the coffee and donuts served prior to play. The Club Reps Handbook states that the Club Reps will plan for coffee and donuts prior to tee time but neglects to state where the funds are generated to pay for these items. I believe it is common courtesy that hosts do not charge their guest for any refreshments served and, therefore, the burden of cost is on the host club. I would suggest that if the local club's dues is not sufficient to cover these costs, then the club should raise their local dues or charge their own participants \$1.00 more than their guests for the packaged entry fee

to cover the cost.

Second is the practice of including the closest to the pin cost as mandatory in the entry fees. Even though I am not opposed to the closest to the pin contest, I know that there are some MISGA members who are not able to reach any of the par 3's and therefore should not be required to enter the contest. Entry into the closest to the pin program should be on a voluntary basis, entirely separate from the prize money charge of \$3.00. It was suggested that the closest to the pin money could be extracted from the \$3.00 prize money, but that in essence would make each entrant a mandatory participant. I believe that is contrary to the interest of each individual person and so I urge each club to discontinue the practice of mandatory enrollment in the closest to the pin contests and make it an option.

As we move into our regular playing season, I repeatedly hear remarks that suggest that "Some of our associates ain't playing this game according to Hoyle". I know that it's very tempting when your ball lands behind a tree to nudge it with either your foot or the toe of the club to get an unobstructed shot to the green, or it is a lot easier to hit when your ball is on top of that clump of grass in the rough instead of lying between the clumps or to forget that stroke or two when you attempt that short pitch to the green and you dig the wedge into the ground about a foot behind the ball and move it six inches or so.

Remember that golf is the only game where a player calls a penalty on himself, so if we do any of these things, we are not being honest with ourselves and our playing partners or competitors. It is the responsibility of the team captain to monitor the performance of his team in strict accordance with the rules and set an example for the members of his team to follow. Only then can we say, whether we win or lose, at least we have played the match "According to Hoyle".

Have a good season and I hope to see many of you during the season.

Dick Bevan

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PATUXENT GREENS

If you can hit them straight at Patuxent Greens you can be a winner. This course could be in Florida with water lurking and with most playing areas level. And it is green! Those who knew the old Laurel Pines will look hard to find the six former holes still in use. You might remember the many blue-birds and goldfinch that were a poor substitute for birdies. With luck you can still see them.

The clubhouse is excellent, in no way reminiscent of the old non-airconditioned building that dispensed hot dogs and hamburgers. The staff are pleasant and helpful and it is a public course that, however, sells memberships.

It plays to 6,201 yards from the white tees and carries a par 71. I found only two holes where no water could be seen, although on some it would be difficult to hit a damp shot, I hope. The slope rating is 124 from the whites. Gregg Perich is the pro and the phone number is 301-776-5583.

SHELLEY ALTERED

We look before and after and pine
For what is naught.
My game hasn't improved a stroke
With the beautiful clubs I bought.

IMPROVING CROFTON

For the past two years Crofton has been building new tees. On April 1, the new ones were opened to much acclaim. Crofton now offers four sets of men's tees with new USGA slope ratings: Gold - 114, White - 118, Blue - 130 and Black - 136. All MISGA Mixers will be played from the gold tees and so, we are advised, we should expect lower scores when we play there. And, new cart paths are being built to conform to the new tees.

Sounds great and we look forward to it.

AND HEALTHY!

MISGA is large! 4,280 associates in 46 clubs. That requires much scheduling, paper work, traveling and time. For which we thank our officers, directors, committee chairmen, club reps and assistants, all who make this fine organization a pleasure.

CALENDAR

Aug.	30	President's A, B, C, D - Woodmoor
Sep.	13	Two-Man at Rolling Road
Sep.	22-23	Board Bash at Carroll Valley
Oct.	24-29	Sea Trail
Oct.	31- 5	Sea Trail
Nov.	1-5	Jekyll Island
Nov.	7-11	Jekyll Island
Nov.	12-17	Seabrook

GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

When Sid Rapoport died MISGA lost its long time treasurer and respected advisor and many of us lost a close friend. Sid was MISGA, he loved it, served it and was a splendid example of what a caring associate should be.

He fought a wonderfully courageous battle for longer than was generally known. When he announced his retirement from the treasurer's post, he accepted a handsome, properly engraved wall clock in his usual modest and gracious manner, speaking of his love for MISGA. He hated to quit the post and the game. He was a competitor in golf and life. We will continue to miss him.

A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION

Joe Burks, a MISGA associate of Crofton C.C., celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday in wonderful style by shooting his age. He and three of his Senior friends played from the gold tees which have a slope rating of 124. Joe plays with 10.3 handicap index.

Heartiest congratulations Joe!

FLORIDA FLING

Reports from the Florida Fling at Cape Coral can be summed up in these final comments, "It was beautiful", "We had a great time" and "We hope we can come back again next year. We had 130 associates and their guests in attendance and, indeed, the F.F. will be held again next year, the dates, February 6-11 and 13-18.

HANDICAP REPORTING

This is a reminder. Under the new U.S.G.A. guidelines we now have a new and simpler method to be used when reporting, and reducing, our reported scores for handicap purposes.

If your handicap is from 0 to 9 you may report nothing higher than a six. If you're from 10 to 19, you may report nothing higher than a 7. From 20 to 29 your maximum reporting score is 8; from 30 to 39, report nothing above 9. That should be simple enough.

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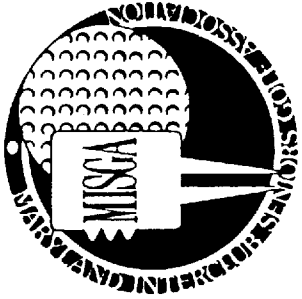
Take time to smell the roses
And remember all your strokes.

NECROLOGY

Atkinson, Kenneth	Kenwood
Ballard, Wes	Argyle
Barton, Frank	Sussex Pines
Boyle, Bob	Argyle
Di Francis, Ernest	Leisure World
Dixon, Gene	Leisure World
Fowler, Burt	Shawnee
Gretz, Charles	Sparrows Point
Gummerson, Kenneth	Naval Academy
Hayes, John G.	Eastern Shore
Heinsman, Karl	Argyle
Holler, Edward	Montgomery
Hudson, Alton	Sussex Pines
Hurlbut, Harold	Brooke Manor
Kady, Donald	University of Maryland
Lane, Earl	Montgomery Village
Leister, Russel	Sussex Pines
Murray, Charles	Manor
Nett, George	Shawnee
Norris, John	Crofton
Norton, James	University of Maryland
Parker, Dick	Leisure World
Patterson, George	Argyle
Pilaio, John	Ocean Pines
Randall, Sandy	Lakewood
Rapoport, Sid	Hobbit's Glen
Rue, William J.	Eastern Shore
Savidge, Paul	Montgomery Village
Scholl, Randy	Hobbit's Glen
Shallcross, Joe	Shawnee
Storm, Robert	Kenwood
Stromberg, Aubrey	Leisure World
Tennant, Ed	Lakewood
Thompson, Roland	Woodmore
Webb, Charles	Sussex Pines
Weisinger, Larry	Argyle
Wright, David	Montgomery Village

SPRING FLING

Rain stopped the Spring Fling on Thursday but Friday proved to be a banner day with 288 men playing at Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club and 72 ladies at Nutter's Crossing. TV Channel 16 taped segments and nine of our living past presidents played. Tom Exarhakis, Red Green, Bob Hussey, Carroll Wagner, Dave Quelland and Dick Bevan, who ran the popular event, should take a bow.



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OF COURSE, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A MAN

The starter asked if we minded having additional company and my brother and I replied in the negative and a lady, walking and pulling a cart, joined us. She proved to be good company, wasted no time and had no trouble keeping up to us in our cart. The course had too much water and sand, as is the norm in Florida, and ultimately we came to a complete over-the-water carry. Brother and I managed to put two on the green and she moved to the red tees. Her first shot landed in the drink and she re-teed and repeated the sad performance after which she turned to us and asked, "What do I do now?" Brother, showing great restraint, said, "Walk down to the edge of the pond and hit from there". She did and found the water again. She looked at us. "Go around to the other side and drop another." She did and skidded it i the trap. And now came the moment that makes me remember it so well, "How many can I take on this hole?" Brother said seven and we proceeded with the round. Good man my brother.