

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Douglas A. Moats

With the golf season well underway, I am still concerned about how our game is being played.

On page 97 of "Rules of Golf" reference is made to "Preferred Lies" and "Winter Rules" and I quote: "A ball lying on a 'fairway' may be lifted and cleaned, without penalty, etc."

At my Club, our seniors have been playing the ball as it lies, fairway and rough. The Club Representative spoke to me the first week in July about changing to "Winter Rules" as numerous players, both from our Club and visitors, were not adhering to rules of play. These violations also occurred during the two-man qualifier.

To say that I am disappointed is an understatement. I suppose it is difficult to change a bad habit. You can be assured there will be three (3) at my Club who will play it as it lies, one (1) grandfather and two (2) grandsons, age 10 and 14.

For those that have been accepted for the Fall outings - best for a wonderful golf vacation. Our committees will do their best to operate successful events.

One of the agenda items discussed at our recent Board meeting was Junior Golf. The future of our clubs, to some degree, will depend on the next generations. If your club does not have a Junior Program, speak to your Pro.

Our membership is near the 4,300 figure again, which indicates a large number of seniors are enjoying the great game of golf. In addition, there are several prospective new clubs who may apply for membership. The word of something almost great and perfect gets around.

Finally, a thumbs up and deep appreciation is extended to all those who work for the betterment of our organization.

Stay well and enjoy.

SPRING FLING

This annual MISGA Outing was held at the Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club on May 18 and May 19, 1994. The ladies played at the nearby Beach Club Links. 228 men

participated in this two day event with half the field playing the Seaside Course and the other half at Bayside Course. On the second day players switched courses. 53 ladies played The Beach Club with Two Best Balls format the first day and individual play (gross and net) the second day. The weather, while cool, was mercifully dry.

The banquet on Wednesday night was held at the Sheraton Resort Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. 400 MISGA members and guests attended and had a festive time. Numerous door prizes donated by local merchants and friends of MISGA were awarded including two night accommodations from The Carousel Hotel and Spinnaker Motel, dinners, beverages, green fees and cart certificates, and many other items.

Tom Exarhakis was the Event Chairman and was assisted by a committee consisting of Red Green, Bob Mead, Carroll Wagner, Jack Taylor, Al Alcantara, Dale Roderfer, Tim Conley and Bob McCoy and the spouses and friends of this committee without whose help it would have been difficult to pull off.

Tom Exarhakis

Editor's Comment: Many thanks to Tom and his committee. All of us who attended had a wonderful two days in Ocean City.

LADIES SPRING FLING

The ladies would like to thank Tom Exarhakis and MISGA for planning a great tournament at a very nice and conveniently located golf club. Of course we did have to play through some rain drops and wet spots! Fifty-three women participated in two well-run tournaments at The Beach Club. Following lunch the second day of play, winners were awarded gift certificates good at The Beach Club Pro shop.

Winning teams the first day were: 1st place - Naomi Henline, Dora Dompka & Joan Woodward; 2nd place - Ann Delancey, Skip Smith, Dorothy Mann & Winnie Conway; 3rd place - Virginia Brobst, Bernice Hardy JoAnn Breitbach & Sue Mumford; 4th place - Audrey Zink, Jeanne Green, Pat Podoley & Jane Murphy. Closest to the pin on #15 was Naomi Henline and on # 11 Dora Dompka.

Individual net winners on the second day were: 1st - Anita Sullins, 2nd - Jo Brunner, 3rd (tie) - Joan Frey & Charlotte Manning, 5th - Skip Smith, 6th (tie) - Pat Podoley & Dottie Watts.

The 9-hole winner was Winnie Cavanaugh.

Thank you to all involved in the 1994 Ocean City Spring Fling.

Barbara Briers & JoAnn Breitbach

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The following Associates have been elected to the Board of Directors and will take office on Oct. 1, 1994:

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FAREWELL TO BROOKE MANOR C. C.

On September 25, 1993 golf was discontinued at Brooke Manor. The owners of the land started to construct housing on the golf course. Brooke Manor C. C. was one of the founding clubs in 1976. In 1977 the BMCC President, Gene Walsh, asked Neill Turner to organize a complete program for BMCC Senior men. Neill was the first Club Rep as well as Secretary of MISGA from 1979 to 1982.

Marks Jaillite served three years on the Board of Directors as Director of Div. III. BMCC hosted many Div. III and MISGA Special Events. George Lipscomb was appointed Chairman of the MISGA Tournament Committee in 1990 and still holds that office (he is now a member of Montgomery C. C.). BMCC started with about 35 members and increased to 154 MISGA Associates. Note: Many of BMCC MISGA Associates have joined Montgomery C. C. and Patuxent Greens G. C.

WELCOME QUAIL VALLEY G. C.

In 1993 the Board voted to accept Quail Valley G. C. as a member of MISGA. They hosted Crofton C. C. on April 19, 1994 as their first MISGA Mixer. They are located about 4 miles West of Littleton. Address is 901 Teeter Road, Littleton, PA 17340. PGA Pro is Jim Hayes. Total yardage from the Gold tees is 5788 yards.

You will enjoy playing hole #13, which has an island green. It plays at about 110 yards from the gold tees and 178 from the blue tees. Welcome aboard, we enjoyed playing your course.

NECROLOGY

Allen, D.	Leisure World
Booth, Lee	Eastern Shores
Boyle, R.	Argyle
Burke, W.	Argyle
Cermak, J.	Montgomery Village
Day, B.	Ocean City
Donnetty, W.	Kenwood
Dougherty, D.	Leisure World
Fox, W.	Argyle
Gottore, F.	Shawnee
Guilbert, E.	Norbeck
Helmsman, K.	Argyle
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Jarrell, D.	Shawnee
Kane, B.	Montgomery Village
Lafley, Tom	Montgomery
Lozito, Louis S.	Hunt Valley
Marion, Claude	Nassawango
Matthews, W.	Manor
Micalizzi, F.	Ocean City
Olinger, C.	Cambridge
Richards, B.	Argyle
Rosemary, V.	Sussex Pines
Walsh, J.	Naval Academy
West, C.	Argyle

CALENDER

Aug. 23 - Past Presidents Tournament at Lakewood C. C.
Sept. 30 - Two-Man Team Tournament at Sussex Pines C. C.
Sept. 21 & 22 - Board Bash at Carroll Valley
Oct. 9 - 14 Foxfire (at Pinehurst).
Oct. 23 - 28 & Oct. 30 - Nov. 3
Sea Trail
Nov. 6 - 11 & 13 - 18 Seabrook Island

Nov. 13 - 18 Jekyll Island.

Feb. 5 - 10 & 12 - 17 Florida Fling 1995 at Cape Coral

ACE

Congradulations to Jerry Longanecker of Crofton C. C. who made a hole-in-one on the ninth hole of his home Club while playing in a Mixer with Argyle C. C. Jerry used a four iron to traverse the 180 yards from the gold tees. He was playing with Walt Farrow and Ed Rieder of Argyle and Creed Boatright of Crofton. This was Jerry's fifth ace.

THE PAST PRESIDENTS TOURNAMENT

At a Div. III Reps. Meeting on September 25, 1987 Gil Willams presented the following motion: At the MISGA-wide 2-man Team Championship Tournaments the cumulative net scores of both partners should be added to determine a Low Net Team Champion. Also there should be a Low Gross Team Champion.

The motion was passed by the Div. III Reps. but was never fully accepted by the Board of Directors. However, it was tested at a 2-man Team Championship. It seemed to create confusion and a long delay in determining the winners.

In 1990 a group of Associates got together to try to solve the problem. Since Divisions II, III and IV were holding an annual A-B-C-D Flight Tournament, it seemed logical to try to start a separate MISGA-wide Individual Low Gross - Low Net Tournament. It was decided to name it the "Presidents Tournament" to honor all our past Presidents. To "sweeten the pot" one of the Associates offered to donate \$5000.00 to MISGA if they accepted the idea. Since I was Vice President of MISGA I was designated to be the spokesman for the group and everyone else would remain anonymous.

The only condition demanded by the group was: 1. That at least 40% of the prizes go to low gross winners and 2. That each past President shall have a prize named for him.

I typed a letter and sent it to John Turner, our President. At our Annual Reps. meeting on April 23, 1990 John asked me to explain the idea to the Reps

and Board. They approved the conditions of the letter and the Board designated 1991 for our first Presidents Tournament.

George Lipscomb, our new Tournament Chairman, was given the job of writing the Instructions for the Presidents Tournament. The assignment of President's names were made purely on the order in which the Presidency occurred.

First low gross:

- Flight A - the Al Hagen Prize
- Flight B - the Ed Schmidt Prize
- Flight C - the Bill Woolston Prize
- Flight D - the Herb Hudson Prize

First Low Net:

- Flight A - the Sam Hastings Prize
- Flight B - the Gil Williams Prize
- Flight C - the Francis McGee Prize
- Flight D - the Bob Fuchs Prize

Second Low Gross:

- Flight A - the Bill Hulihan Prize
- Flight B - the John Turner Prize
- Flight C - the Merle Shumaker Prize
- Flight D - the Fred Shaffer Prize

Second Low Net:

- Flight A - the Dick Bevan Prize.

At a Board of Directors meeting on July 13, 1993 at Hunt Valley C. C. the Board voted to change the name of the Presidents Tournament to the "Past Presidents Tournament."

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