

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As MISGA enters its twenty-first year, it is interesting to note its growth and success. We now have fifty clubs and over 4,400 members. Much credit is due those responsible for our founding.

Article II of our Constitution summarizes our reason for being: "The purpose of this association is to develop greater interest, enjoyment, communication and participation in the game of golf by senior members."

Section 2 "To provide a formal procedure for inter-club mixers thereby giving each individual the opportunity to play at other area golf and country clubs."

As we enter this year, it is important for your club representative to communicate effectively with each and every member. Your board, which is represented by two members from each division, will meet this year at least four times. Division Directors are required to hold regular meetings with club representatives just prior to stated meeting dates of the Board of Directors.

A major responsibility of the club representative is to communicate with each MISGA member in his club. Many representatives have at least an early Spring meeting and a late Fall meeting of all members. We urge all members to attend these scheduled meetings. If you, as a member, do not attend these meetings, we have a breakdown in communications.

Because of the size of the MISGA organization, more and more responsibilities are required of the club representatives making it imperative to have every member cooperate and appreciate what his representative must accomplish.

We, the Board of Directors, would like to see a greater participation in scheduled Spring and Fall Flings. These are well-organized, at attractive resorts, competitively priced, and are scheduled to complement our regular MISGA golfing season. Those members who attend have a wonderful time as evidenced by the fact that they keep returning year after year.

In analyzing past years, it seems certain clubs gather groups together for these affairs. They talk-up the flings and get others to participate. Each club representative could and should be helpful in promoting these flings.

What a wonderful way to include our wives in playing golf and enjoying the

nightly get-togethers.

This year, we have three Fall Flings planned at very attractive resorts. Inserted in this MISGAgram are complete instructions and application forms for these events. It was necessary to print the application form on the back of the instruction page to avoid exceeding the one ounce mailing rate. Anyone submitting an application, please copy any instructions you may need before mailing your application.

George Meyer

1995 FALL FROLIC AT SEA TRAIL PLANTATION

Oct. 29 - Nov. 3

By all accounts this was another bang-up affair. With 120 golfers plus 9 non-golfers, it was just the right group. The weather was cooperative with three lovely sunshiny days. Participants received a full refund for one day rain-out. Excellent course conditions prevailed, as all of the over-seeding had been done prior to our arrival. Everyone appreciated the well-appointed, conveniently located and comfortably furnished accommodations. Cocktail hours were quite sociable and well attended. The flavorful and well-presented meals were enjoyed.

The non-golfing ladies went on a one-day outing to historic Southport with lunch at rustic Ship's Chandler on the waterfront and a ferry ride across the Cape Fear River. There they visited the N.C. Marine Resources Center and the Confederate's Fort Fisher. Since the greater Myrtle Beach area is fast becoming Branson East (with about 15 theaters) something new was tried. A number of golfers and non-golfers went to the 3 P. M. matinee of the Gatlin Brothers Show. It was excellent and those who attended were most enthusiastic.

One third of the golfers who played won prizes. The organizers of the Event were Sam Hastings of Argyle and C. J. Myers, Bob Purcell, Barbara Purcell and Dottie Ward, all of Manor.

Sam Hastings

1995 JEKYLL ISLAND

Nov. 5 - 10

We had very nice weather for a change, a vast improvement over the past two years. We played all four days in 60-70 degree weather, a few "hardies" played in shorts.

Due to many, many physical problems our attendance dropped to a total of 69 people with 9 non-golfers. Our non-golfing ladies

enjoyed another wonderful lunch at the Millionaires Club.

It looks like we have played our last rounds at Jekyll. The Committee voted to cut outings at Jekyll due to low attendance. But the good news is that we are going to Fripp Island Resort. Fripp Island is just 19 miles East of Beaufort, S. C. The Resort has come up with a package deal that was hard to turn down. They offer one, two and three bedroom villas, with ocean or marsh view; two of three courses, Ocean Point, Ocean Creek and The New Boy which is rated by Golf Magazine as one of the new top ten. See you at Fripp.

Brad Frapart

1995 SEABROOK ISLAND SAFARI Nov. 5 - 10 and Nov. 12 - 17

Week One at Seabrook had 111 participants. The weather was clear and cool all four days. The villa accommodations and food were excellent and there was a cocktail hour each evening before dinner.

The Ocean Winds course was played on Monday and Wednesday and the Crooked Oaks course on Tuesday and Thursday. The 9-hole ladies played the course not used by the 18-holers each day.

Week Two had 75 participants. Although the Tuesday tournament was cancelled because of rain at tee time, it abated a short time later and many of the Associates than played - some as many as 27 holes. Many of the others took the rain-out as an opportunity to visit Charleston.

Keith Hardeman, the head Pro at Seabrook, and his staff made all of the pairings, prepared the score cards and did the scoring each day. Susan Whitehill again coordinated the Event with the Management of Seabrook Island Resort. Jim Bell was the Event Chairman for MISGA.

As has been the custom each year, at the final banquet each week, each non-golfing lady received a gift.

Jim Bell

1995 SANTEE SOIREE' Nov. 12 - 18

This Event had 82 in attendance which included 46 men, 23 18-hole lady golfers, 3 9-hole lady golfers and 10 non-golfers. The weather was cold but no rain. We had two frost delays but completed all rounds each scheduled day.

On Monday, we played a modified mixed

scramble, the players drive that was chosen was prohibited from hitting a second shot. Tuesday, we played a modified Stableford, using net scores to calculate points. Wednesday was a rest day. Thursday, we played modified best balls, one best net ball on all par 5's, 2 best net balls on all par 4's and 3 best net balls on all par 3's. On Friday, we played the standard two best balls. Mon. & Tues. was played at the Lake Marion Golf Course and Thurs. and Fri. at Cooper - Santee Country Club.

Sandwiches and sodas were served at the golf course at the end of play each day.

Both courses have Bermuda greens and fairways but they were in excellent condition. Accommodations were in the Howard Johnson Hotel and were very good. A private dining room was used for breakfast, cocktail hour and evening meal. The food was varied and excellent. There were many comments that there was too much food.

For the non-golfing ladies there were nearby outlet malls and antique stores, boat tours on Lake Marion and historical Charleston only 65 miles away.

For years many of our older members and their golfing wives have suggested that we schedule a rest day rather than playing golf for four straight days. Our host, Otis Jefferson, arranged to take Wednesday as our rest day. Everyone seemed to enjoy the break day.

Many thanks to Jean Parks for making all the arrangements for the Outing and to Carroll Pifer, Golf Director, and his Pro Shop staffs for preparing the score cards and determining the winners.

1996 FLORIDA FLING Feb. 4 - 9.

This MISGA Outing was held at the Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Resort. There were 49 men golfers, 23 18-hole lady golfers and 5 9-hole lady golfers. The weather was good for the four days of golf.

As usual the Cape Coral organization was enthusiastic about MISGA visiting them again. They were extremely helpful in organizing the tournaments. The Pro Shop supplied score cards and sorted out the winners each day. The rooms and meals were very enjoyable.

Many thanks to Art Hay, the host of the Event, and the rest of the Florida Fling Committee for a well planned and managed Special Outing.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at The Country Club at Woodmore on December 12, 1995.

1. Division I announced that membership at Ocean Pines G&CC has reached 266, therefore, they will divide Ocean Pines into Ocean Pines 1 and Ocean Pines 2 so that more members can attend Mixers. The Associates Committee will prepare separate rosters for Oceans Pines 1 and 2 and each will pay Club dues.

2. Roy Gauzza distributed copies of Associates Form #10-90 showing individual club memberships as of December 1995. The total MISGA membership is 4454.

3. It was moved and carried that the December issue of Form # 10-90 be used to determine quotas for the 2-man team and the Past Presidents Tournaments.

4. A motion was made and carried to transfer Hobbits Glen CC from Div. III to Div. IV to replace Indian Spring.

5. There being no nominations from the floor, George Meyer was elected President and Wayland Coston Vice-President for 1996 by unanimous vote.

6. George Meyer recommended that John Rooney be MISGA's Secretary, Harry Breitbach Treasurer, all current chairs except Jim Lee, and all other Board staff members continue to serve for 1996. The Board approved his recommendation.

The Board of Directors met at the Crofton CC on January 5, 1996.

1. The Treasurer submitted his fiscal report for 1995 and a proposed budget for 1996. Both were approved by the Board.

2. A motion was made and carried to form a new committee for "Out of State Trips" and that Sam Hastings be appointed Chairman.

3. It was moved and carried that the voting member of the Board from each Division be designated as the "Assistant Division Director".

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Secretary: John J. Rooney, 11310 Scenic View Ct., Monrovia, MD 21770. Phone: 301-831-9401.

2. Director Division I: Earl (Duke) Rowdon, 3012 Bennett Point Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658. Phone: 410-827-6841.

3. Assistant Director Division I: Ray Kroeger, 9531 Quail Hollow Rd., St. Michaels, MD 21663. Phone: 410-745-3383.

4. Director Division V: Otis Jefferson, 106 Vines Creek Rd., Dagsboro, DE 19939. Phone: 302-732-9229.

5. Assistant Director Division V: Paul Desmond, 4055 Ocean Pines, Berlin, MD 21811. Phone: 410-641-6149.

6. Chairman of the Audit Committee: Donald Linton, 1615 Shookstown Rd., Frederick, MD 21701. Phone: 301-696-0467.

NECROLOGY

Barnes, W.	Prospect Bay
Berry, Mike	Argyle
Fisher, Al	Manor
Ford, John	Univ. of Md.
Guillotte, Lou	Montgomery
Hanlon, Bill	Montgomery
Hauswirth, John	Ocean City
Jones, Robert	Univ. of Md.
O'Neal, Francis	Seaford
Perini, Victor	Bethesda
Peterson, B.	Argyle
Posin, Max	Norbeck
Sanford, Jack	Ocean City
Taylor, Bob	VFW
Wicklein, Lester	Argyle

ACE

At Lake Marion Golf Course on November 13, 1995 in the Mixed Scramble at the Santee Soiree', Lewis Lane of Chester River C. C. using a 7-iron had a hole-in-one on the 140 yard sixth hole. He was playing with John Rezendes of Rolling Road C. C. and Margaret Martin of Argyle C. C.

INVITATION

The clubs in Division Five extend to members throughout MISGA an invitation to participate in our regularly scheduled Mixers on a space available basis. We are aware that some of you vacation in the Ocean City-Rehoboth area during the summer months and might enjoy a reasonably-priced round of golf at one of our clubs. If you will contact the MISGA rep, he will inform you of prices, dates and times of play and the time to call to ascertain space-availability. We cannot guarantee you an opening but if any are available we would enjoy having your company. Division Five clubs not far from the beaches include: Cripple Creek, Sussex Pines, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Nassawango and the three clubs in Salisbury: Elks, Nutters Crossing and Green Hill.

Otis Jefferson, Div. 5 Director

CALENDAR

April 22 - Annual Reps. meeting at Prospect Bay.

May 13 & 14 - Spring Fling at Prospect Bay and Talbot C. C. (Ladies will play at Harbourtowne.)

June 4 - Board Meeting at Holly Hills CC.

August 27 - Past Presidents Tournament at Chartwell C. C. This tournament is stroke play in 4 flights determined by handicap. 50% of prizes will be awarded to low net

scores. Every MISGA Associate is encouraged to try to qualify.

Sept. 17 - 2-man Team Tournament at Wakefield Valley C. C.

Sept. 18 & 19 - Board Bash at Penn National.

MISGA LOGO GOLF SHIRTS

Ted Branthover still has golf shirts in all sizes and colors. If you are interested in buying a shirt, please contact Ted at 703 Sulky Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; phone 301-881-4690.

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