

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Included in the results of the 1995 MISGA Survey was a section devoted to the financial benefits our MISGA clubs receive from our mixers: Division One \$315,402.00, Division Two \$190,406.00, Division Three \$95,564.00 and Division Four \$180,753.00. The grand total for all mixers was \$782,125.00 - an important contribution to each of our club's profits.

One of the biggest problems club representatives have is the "No-shows" at mixers. If you sign up and don't show, this probably means a number of teams have to be revised, shuffling people around and delaying the shotgun start. Please have more consideration for your fellow members. If you must change your plans, call your representative or the club pro shop so changes can be made before people arrive.

By now, each member should have received a copy of the new "MISGA History" book which was updated in celebration of our twentieth anniversary. Every club representative should have enough copies for all members, so ask your representative for a copy.

In addition to the committee members who have been involved in this history update, the Board of Directors has approved a special recognition award to be presented to our 92 year old friend, Ray Keany, the MISGA Historian and to Merle Shumaker the Editor of this publication.

A reminder to those in charge of any MISGA tournament - your Board of Directors has unanimously agreed that when playing at a club where Seniors tees are available, all tournaments will be played from these tees.

Over the last few years, the Board has given much attention to the flings held each year. We are of the opinion that members participating in these golf outings can have a wonderful time and be at nice resorts for a reasonable price.

This year, to make sure everyone is properly notified, applications to each of the three Fall flings were included in the Spring edition of our MISGAGram. By now, each resort should have sent all members a brochure. By extra marketing effort, the Board is hopeful of a larger participation. In your club, try to get a group together and sign up for at least one fling this year. Hope to see you there.

George Meyer

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

The Annual Reps Meeting was held at Prospect Bay Country Club on April 22, 1996.

1. President Meyer presented commemorative plate awards to Paul Desmond (past Secretary of MISGA), James Lee (past Chairman of the Audit Committee) and Otis Jefferson (past President of MISGA).



George Meyer Otis Jefferson
(Photo by Kenneth Gutschick)

2. Roy Gauzza distributed copies of Associate Rosters to Division Directors and announced that the present membership of MISGA is 4485.

3. The representative of Potomac CC announced that as of April 1, 1996 his club has changed it's name back to Tantallon CC.

4. The representatives voted unanimously to make the following changes to MISGA's Constitution and By-Laws:

Replace Article VII, Section 1 with the following: "MISGA is organized in five geographical divisions. They are: Division I - Eastern Shore North, Division II - Western Maryland and Baltimore, Division III - Washington East, Division IV - Washington West and Division V - Eastern Shore South."

Replace Article VII, Section 3 with "Each Division will elect a Division Director and an Assistant Director each of whom will serve as Directors on the parent MISGA Board for a four-year term. They are elected by the Club Representatives in their respective Divisions."

Change Article V Section 9 to "Section

9. Trips Committee: (a.) this committee will consist of members from each Division, some of whom are responsible for each Trip (Fling) in the Winter, Spring and Fall seasons. (b.) The Committee shall decide which resorts and/or clubs shall be used for each affair, and recommend them to the Board of Directors for approval. (c.) The Committee Members involved shall have the responsibility and management for each trip (fling)."

Change the old Section 9 to "Section 10."

Change the old Section 10 to "Section 11"

Change the old Section 11 to "Section 12"

The board of Directors met at Holly Hills C. C. on June 4, 1996:

1. Roy Gauzza distributed new copies of Associate Rosters and announced that the membership was still 4485.

2. George Lipscomb distributed quotas for the State-wide 2-man team and Past Presidents Tournaments to Division directors.

3. Wayland Coston announced that he was resigning as Vice President today. C. J. Myers was elected by unanimous vote to serve the remainder of Wayland's term.

4. Otis Jefferson announced that the Great Hope Golf Club at Princess Anne, Md. had applied for membership in MISGA. The Board voted to accept their membership effective Jan. 1, 1997.

1996 SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling was held at Talbot C. C. and Prospect Bay C. C. with the ladies playing at Harbourtowne on May 13 and 14, 1996. Fortunately the rains of the previous weeks stopped a few days before the Fling and there was some opportunity for the courses to dry to a reasonable extent. The weather on both days was ideal for the Fling.

Good dinners at both clubs were enjoyed by 160 men golfers, 28 lady golfers and 27 non-golfing ladies. The massive power outage on the Eastern Shore on May 14th did not affect the lunch at Prospect Bay but Talbot C. C. staff prepared lunch without electricity. They are commended for doing such a good job. Both clubs are commended for the quality of food and service at the dinners.

A few ladies took advantage of the boat trip on the "Patriot" out of St. Michaels. Shopping and sight-seeing in St. Michaels and Easton attracted most of the non-

golfing ladies. Next year's Spring Fling is being planned for courses near the ocean so the benefits of the Ocean City area may be enjoyed by all.

Duke Rowdon

Fist place winners at each club were:
Harbourtowne May 13th - Zelma Harnes, Betsy McNamara, Dora Dompka and Reta Franpton.

Prospect Bay May 13th - Ed Fluharty, Chuck Irish, Horace Jones and Leo Landry.
May 14 - Rip Carver, Walt Brunner, Jack Winder and Bill Seeds.

Talbot May 13th - Jake Jacobson, Arthur Hay, Merle Shumaker and Jim Oliver. May 14th - Fred Graham - Yooll, William Neptune, Horace Daisel and Bob Bloomfield.

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Fegan, David	Kenwood
Galvin, Frank	Univ. of Md.
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Jones, Bob	Holly Hills
Kendall, H.	Seaford
Lantzas, T.	Manor
Leivis, H.	Shawnee
Leone, Henry	Rolling Road
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Marine, Al	Elks
Michael, Roy	Lakewood
Reichart, G.	Eastern Shore
Pepini, Victor	Bethesda
Retler, Ralph	Holly Hills
Riddle, Jim	Beaver Creek
Roden, Arthur	Leisure World
Stampone, John	Ocean City
Wenzel, R.	V.F.W.
Wetherall, R.	Shawnee
Wisher, Pete	Woodmore

Withers, Joseph	Bethesda
Wu, Kwang	Kenwood
Zimmerman, Les	Chartwell

CALENDAR

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. Entry data will be mailed Aug. 1.
 Sept. 26, 1996 - Board of Directors meeting at Prospect Bay.
 Feb. 2 - 7, 1997 - Florida Fling at Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Resort. Cost will be about the same as last year's.

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. 301-881-4690

EDITORIAL

Since we mailed Vol. 45 of our MISGAGram I have received over a dozen changes or corrections of addresses. I am not authorized to make these changes.

The proper procedure is to notify your Club Rep. of any change in your address or telephone number. The Rep. will prepare a "MISGA Membership Change Form # 5-89" and will send it to the Chairman of the Associates Committee via your Division Associates Director. The Chairman delivers the reviewed form to the computer company that prepares our mailing labels.

This process can take less than a month to correct your mailing label. If you send changes to me, I deliver them to your Division Director who sends them to your Club Rep. This procedure can take 3 or 4 months to complete.

Please follow the proper procedure to correct your address.

TRIPS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fall Frolics - Fripp Island oversubscribed on 2nd day, some openings still available at Sea Trail and Seabrook.

Out-of-State" Events Survey - The number of responses was very disappointing, 190 of a possible 4485, a 4.2% return, with only one-half of the member clubs represented. The results indicate that 84 had attended "out-of-state" events and 106 had not.

The reasons given for non-attendance: a. too expensive (10%), b. too far to travel (8%), c. event too long (3%), d. prefer traveling with smaller group (11%), e. need more information (11%), f. nothing for non-golfing spouses to do (15%), g. just not interested (20%). Most of the other reasons given involved their spouses, e.g. not interested, doesn't play golf, illness, still working, etc.

The response from the group who have

been attending "out-of-state" events was positive and indicated a general satisfaction with most aspects of the current program. However, this group did express concern about activities for their non-golfing wives. This concern has been duly noted. Although there has been no general dissatisfaction with the present venues, the overwhelming response to Fripp Island indicates a strong interest in new and different venues.

Scotland/Ireland - It has been 10 years since a MISGA group visited Scotland. So, at the last MISGA Board meeting the Trips Committee was authorized to plan another trip to Scotland/Ireland for September 1997. Note this on your calendar and we'll keep you informed.

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