

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we wind up the 1996 season, our individual membership is up to 4,495 and member clubs number 50 with several others as possible additions.

In spite of all the rain, we experienced another fine year of get-togethers and making new golfing friends.

The Fall flings still have a few openings and we hope the extra promotion in resort brochures and the applications in the Spring edition of the MISGAGram will create more interest in the future years.

The Board of Directors, which is composed of officers together with the Division Directors and Assistant Directors from each Division, is greatly indebted to the fine work of the Committee Chairmen. These gentlemen and their committees are: Associates - Roy Gauzza, History - Ray Keany, Mailing - David Stevenson, MISGAGram - Merle Shumaker, Policy - Ted Branthover, Tournaments - George Lipscomb, Trips - Sam Hastings and General Counsel - Joe Malinowski.

Some of these men have chaired these committees for many years and without them, MISGA could not function.

Hopefully, to make each Representative's job a little easier, let me again emphasize several problems which occur with inter-club mixers: some members don't sign up but show up and others do sign up and are "no shows". Teams have to be revised, bags moved around and the shot-gun delayed. Please have consideration for your fellow members.

Slow play continues to create terrible problems at some clubs that are busy and don't want their courses tied up much longer than 4 to 4½ hours. For this reason, your Board wants the low handicapper in each foursome to be the Captain and see to it that the team does not fall behind.

As my term as President draws to a close at the end of the year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Officers, Division Heads and Committee Chairmen plus each and every Club Representative for their fine cooperation and support. It has made my Presidency a very rewarding experience.

George W. Meyer

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Prospect

Bay on September 26, 1996.

1. After an extensive discussion President Meyer appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Frank Page, Paul Desmond, Tim Harris and Joe Malinowski to examine the problem of MISGA Clubs having less than 25 members. They will report recommendations at the next Board meeting.

2. Historian, Ray Keany suggested that President Meyer send copies of MISGA's new history to St. Andrews, the USGA, PGA, MidAtlantic Golf Association, the Golf Museum, some major Golf Magazines and Maryland and Delaware State Golf Associations. It was moved and passed that the President should do so.

3. George Lipscomb suggested a new way of breaking ties in MISGA tournaments. After much discussion, President Meyer appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of George and all Division Tournament Chairmen to develop a proposal for consideration at the next Board meeting.

4. General Counsel, Joe Malinowski explained the By-Law changes that were distributed with the meeting agenda. The Board approved the changes which will become effective if approved by Club Reps at their Annual Meeting in April 1997.

Change Article II Sections 2 and 3 to read as follows:

"Section 2 - The term of office for newly elected Division Directors and newly elected Board Members shall be four (4) years and as their respective terms expire, the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the election of successor members; however, at the expiration of their respective terms, the Assistant Division Director will move up to Division Director and the newly elected Director shall become the Assistant Division Director. Such elections must take place prior to September 15th of the fiscal year. No elected Division Director or Assistant Division Director shall run to succeed himself on the MISGA Board until he has at least one year absence from the Board, whether he was elected to succeed an outgoing Director or assume a Directorship through a special election."

"Section 3 - In the event that a vacancy on the Board shall occur due to death, resignation or other cause, the affected Division shall elect a Board member to fill the unexpired portion of the term subject to the succession stated in Section 2."

4. Duke Rowden announced that there was a potential new MISGA club: Wild Quail (located near Dover, Del.)
5. Frank Page reported that John Rooney was elected to succeed George Meyer on the Board in Division II.
6. Wayland Coston announced that Bob McMinn was elected Assistant Director in Div. IV.
7. Otis Jefferson said that Jack Nichols was elected to succeed him in Div. V.

PAST PRESIDENTS TOURNAMENT

The Past Presidents Tournament was hosted by Chartwell C. C. on August 27, 1996. Due to heavy rain and wet conditions on the course the tournament was stopped. Each player had completed at least 9 holes so these holes were used to determine winners, since there was no rain date planned. For this reason no scores will be given. Home Club names were not supplied.

- The winner, prize and flight were:
- J. GROSSO, the Al Hagen prize (1st low gross) flight A.
 S. NISBIT, the Ed Schmidt prize (1st low gross) flight B.
 B. HUBBARD, the Bill Woolston prize (1st low gross) flight C.
 G. SHENK, the Herb Hudson prize (1st low gross) flight D.
 B. PACKO, the Sam Hastings prize (1st low net) flight A.
 J. PETERKA, the Gil Williams prize (1st low net) flight B.
 F. LANGLEY, the Francis McKee prize (1st low net) flight C.
 C. PLATZER, the Bob Fuchs prize (1st low net) flight D.
 A. MILLER, the Bill Hulihan prize (2nd low gross) flight A.
 B. WILSON, the John Turner prize (2nd low gross) flight B.
 J. CONLEY, the Merle Shumaker prize (2nd low gross) flight C.
 K. WITKIEWICZ, the Fred Shaffer prize (2nd low gross) flight D.
 E. BOYNTON, the Dick Bevan prize (2nd low net) flight A.
 K. HENEIKEN, the Doug Moats prize (2nd low net) flight B.
 J. FLAIG, the Otis Jefferson prize (2nd low net) flight C.
 S. GRENLESKI, 2nd low net, flight D.

The tough Wakefield Valley course, 5,923 yards and sloped at 128 from the gold tees, succumbed to the best 64 Two-Man MISGA teams from 26 clubs of the state on Tuesday, September 17, 1996. During a wet, most of the day misty rain (the last hour of play in steady rain), the Champions, Guy Daniello and Bill Packo of Sparrows Point, came in with a fantastic low net score of 57.

Wakefield Valley and Pro Allen Harris and his staff did a superb job for the condition of the course and greens, an excellent dinner and, not the least, the handling of the tournament. Our thanks to all of them.

The winners, their home club and scores were:

1st: Guy Daniello and Bill Packo, Sparrows Point, 57.

2nd: Bruce Miller and Jim Peterka, Sparrows Point, 59.

Five teams were tied at 61 for third place: Dick Haley and John Swanson, Argyle. John McKenna and Bob Taleman, Eagle Creek. Corky Devlin and Richard Myler, Marlborough. Harry McCloskey and Paul Orr, Sparrows Point.

Jack Beeson and Joe Fluharty, Sussex Pines.

8th: Bob Kinghorn and Harold Lundy, Sparrows Point, 62.

9th: Bill Bond and Dick Borghese, Argyle, 63.

Two teams were tied at 64 for tenth place: Ed Boyer and Ed Fluharty, Harbourtowne. George Shenk and Al Slafkosky, Naval Academy.

Dick Allchin

NECROLOGY

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| Amy, L. | Elks |
| Blake, G. | Lakewood |
| Burke, W. | Chester River |
| Hay, Art | Ocean Pines |
| McCauley, T. | Piney Branch |
| Nisewaner, A. | Kenwood |
| Owen, C. | Naval Academy |
| Patryn, M. | Ocean City |
| Patton, H. | Beaver Creek |
| Saltarelli, G. | Montgomery |
| Seiland, J. | Ocean Pines #2 |
| Stull, R. | Glade Valley |
| Wrede, R. | Maple Dale |
| Yates, W. | Cambridge |
| Yetter, T. | Chester River |

CALENDER

December 2, 1996 - Board of Directors meeting at Crofton C. C.
February 2 - 7, 1997 - Florida Fling at Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Reasort.
August 18, 1997 - Past Presidents Tournament at Holly Hills.

ACE

Frank Street of Crofton C, C. playing in a MISGA Mixer on Oct. 15, 1996 had a hole-in-one on the 147 yard #6 hole at Marlborough C. C. He used a 7-iron to hit the hole. His playing partners were Bob Hagan and Creed Boatright of Crofton and Jack Winslow of Marlborough.

LOGO SHIRTS & BAG TAGS

Ted Branthover still has MISGA logo 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

Ray Keany reminds all members that he still has many MISGA bag tags for sale at \$1.00 each. Contact him at 9707 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone 301-530-3335.

RALPH RETLER MEMORIAL

Holly Hills MISGA will be having an Annual Senior-Pro and MISGA Pro-Am starting in 1997. The funds for the prizes and trophies were bequeathed in the will of Ralph Retler who passed away this year. Ralph was very active in MISGA and loved playing golf and Gin Rummy with his fellow members. Prior to his death he told the Professional at the club he wanted to leave something for his fellow members to remember him by. Plans for the Annual tournament are being made by Betsy Retler, Mike McGinnis and John Rooney.

John Rooney

MISGA MEMORIAL

Holly Hills is having its fourth annual MISGA no Handicap tournament in September. The tournament is a memorial tournament for departed members. Players are placed in flights and then depending on their position in the flight hit from the white,

gold or red tees. Prizes have been donated by member Lou Best. Donations are collected from players and presented each year to the Jeanie Bussard Workshop in Frederick, in honor of deceased members.

John Rooney

MISGA GEARS UP FOR SCOTLAND

Status of MISGA's trip to Scotland in August 1997 follows. Starting times on the Old Course in St. Andrews have been requested from the St. Andrews Links Management Committee, whose tee times allocations for '97 will commence in November. Once these dates are established we can be explicit about the exact dates for our entire itinerary. Our travel agent is the respected firm of Haversham and Baker (purveyors of fine travel experiences).

The expedition includes:

- * 10 nights lodging (3 at the Golf View Hotel in Nairn, 3 at the Rufflets Country House in St. Andrews, 2 at Gleneagles, and 2 at Turnberry)
- * Welcoming party and farewell banquet
- * Full breakfast each morning
- * Lunch at Royal Troon (site of the '97 British Open) for the male golfers
- * Seven dinners: 3 table d'hote dinners at Golfview, 1 table d'hote dinner each at Turnberry and Gleneagles, 1 set menu dinner at Rufflets Country House and 1 traditional Scottish Banquet at Turnberry
- * Green fees for 9 rounds of golf: Nairn, Royal Dornoch, King's Course at Gleneagles, Old and New Courses at St. Andrews, Royal Troon Golf Club, Carnoustie Golf Links, the Ailsa & Arran Courses at Turnberry
- * The full time service of a Haversham and Baker representative
- * Chartered executive coach with driver/guide & beverage and snacks
- * Privately guided tours of Edinburgh and St. Andrews led by a certified Scottish tour guide retained by H & B
- * The exclusive H & B Field Manual with histories and descriptions of the courses you will play ; and Haversham's Hints on touring, shopping, dining and pubbing in the areas you will visit
- * Entrance fees for non-golfers to major points of interest, such as Culloden Battlefield, Edinburgh Castle, Steiling Castle, etc. are included

Land package tariff is approximately

\$3307/golfer dble occ and \$2555/non-golfer dble occ.

Coach airfare varies from \$700 to \$1000 per person, round trip.

It should be noted: - no riding carts - pull carts are available - caddie cost is approximately \$32 plus tip and are not always available (every effort will be made to secure caddies) - golfers should be able to walk 3½ miles and carry a light bag if absolutely necessary - be prepared for inclement weather - Scottish weather is unpredictable - Hdcp required to play

the Old Course at St. Andrews is men 28 and women 36.

THE TRIP IS ORGANIZED FOR GROUPS OF 16 GOLFERS OR LESS WITH NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF NON-GOLFERS.

Please call Sam Hastings at 301-598-6171 or C. J. Myers at 301-871-6644 for a registration form, complete itinerary and payment schedule. All initial deposits of \$750/person are required on or before January 1, 1997.

Sam Hastings

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