

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1997 marks the 22nd year of our organization and will see the growth of our clubs to 52, with the welcome addition of Wild Quail to Division I and Great Hope to Division V. Our Associates now total almost 4500.

Your Board of Directors has appointed an ad hoc committee to review and establish strategy and policies which MISGA should follow regarding future growth of our organization. Equally important, the committee will provide a set of guidelines to be followed by the Board for removal of member clubs which do not maintain a sufficient number of Associates.

At the December meeting the Board passed a motion to lower the age for admission to MISGA from 55 to 50. This will require a by-law change, to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Club Representatives at our Annual Meeting April 7, 1997 at Chester River. Lowering to age 50 could give significant help to our smaller clubs to gain more Associates.

Another recent action by the Board is to increase our MISGAgram publications to four per year; three to be mailed first class, one via bulk mail. This issue (Winter) will include the Spring Fling notice/registration forms. The Spring issue to be mailed in May will include the Fall Frolics' information and registration forms. The Summer issue (August mailing) will include the Florida Fling notice/registration. The Fall issue will be bulk mail in November.

On the subject of Fall Frolics for this year we are planning to return to Sea Trail and Seabrook. The third venue is still uncertain but it will be a location that can accommodate a group of the size we would expect. In future years we might return to Fripp Island if their dining facilities are enlarged. Each Club Rep is encouraged to gather a group to attend one or more of these fun affairs.

C. J. Myers

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met at Crofton C. C. on December 2, 1996.

1. The President presented the Treasurer's Report. The 1997 budget was amended and approved by the Board.

2. Associates Committee Chairman, Roy Gauzza distributed copies of the 1996 "MISGA ASSOCIATES REPORT OF DUES PAID" to all present. MISGA membership is 4480.

3. Tournament Committee Chairman, George Lipscomb, reported for his Ad Hoc Committee: a. Present tie breaking procedure shall be used (sum of last 9 holes, last 6, last 3, & last hole). b. Weather interrupted tournaments - a minimum of nine holes that are in common to each player in that flight must be played to determine winners. If there is no rain date, prize money must be returned to each player. c. All Division Tournament Directors must assure that enough score checkers are available to check score cards. (A minimum of 2 for each flight.)

The Board approved the report.

4. Frank Page, Chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee reported that his committee suggested that the MISGA By-Laws be changed to include public and semi-private clubs to be eligible for membership in MISGA. They also suggested that present club membership should not be changed at this time but that all new applications from clubs be double checked to be sure that they are qualified for membership.

5. Duke Rowdon announced that he was resigning as Director of Division I as of January 1, 1997, and that Ray Kroeger would succeed him. Ray Bryan (address: R.D. #1, Box 142, Milton, DE 19968 - phone: 302-684-4637) would become Assistant Director.

6. The nominating Committee nominated C. J. Myers for President and George Shenk for Vice President. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved and carried that the Secretary cast one vote for them.

7. Duke Rowdon moved that the age to become an Associate in MISGA be lowered from 55 to 50. The motion was seconded by Ray Kroeger and passed by the Board.

(All Associates are encouraged to contact your Club Rep and let him know if you agree or disagree with any change to the MISGA Constitution and By-Laws. All changes must be approved by a two-thirds vote of your Club Reps, one vote per Club.)

8. President Meyer turned the meeting over to newly elected C. J. Myers who announced that the new Secretary will be Bill Ahlfeld (address: 6004 Plainview Road, Bethesda, MD 20817 - phone: 301-320-3416), and the new Auditor will be Sam Nisbet

(address: 3025 Dubarry Lane, Brookeville, MD 20833 - phone: 301-774-7544). All the rest of the Board staff would remain the same.

The Board of Directors met at the Walden G. C. on January 3, 1997.

1. President Myers introduced new members of the Board: Assistant Director Div. II, John Rooney, 11310 Scenic View Court, Monrovia, MD 21770. 301-831-9401
Assistant Director Div. III, Gladston (Tim) Harris, 339 Lynwood Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146. 410-647-1519
Assistant Director Div. IV, Robert McMinn, 5107 Duval Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816. 301-229-0844

Assistant Director Div. V, Jack Nichols, G-108, 228 Canal Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804. 410-749-9237

2. Sam Hastings reported that the Scotland trip has had a poor response with only 15 applications in hand of the 24 needed.

3. The President appointed George Shenk to chair an ad hoc committee consisting of Bob McMinn, George Lipscomb, Frank Page, Ted Branthover and Tim Harris to report on the issue of playing from the forward (Seniors) tees.

1996 MISGA FALL FROLIC AT SEA TRAIL
October 27 - November 1

The Fall Frolic at Sea Trail was perhaps the best ever. The weather was absolutely superb, with record high temperatures being set one day. In attendance were 68 associates, 31 lady 18-holers, 15 lady 9-holers and 7 nongolfers for a total of 121 people. Several new things were added and were well received. There were assigned seats at dinner one evening as a way of mixing up the group and promoting an even greater spirit of camaraderie. This was found enjoyable. The last day a two-man team event was played with the field being divided into two handicap groups. This was well received. During the Monday Scramble all of the players were videotaped during play by the teaching pros from the golf school. This tape was shown at the cocktail parties and was a source of great entertainment to all. At the banquet on Thursday evening there was a band playing 50's music for dancing and listening. This added greatly to the ambiance and enjoyment of the evening. And, of course, there were winners and more winners. Since

today's trend is toward tracking the top money winners, never let it be said that MISGA is far behind.

THE TOP MONEY WINNERS

MEN

Bill Browning	Holly Hills	\$58.50
Bill Woolston	Prospect Bay	56.50
Hank Stromberg	Harbourtowne	54.50
Merle Shumaker	Crofton	53.50
C. J. Myers	Manor	50.50

LADY 18-HOLERS

Margaret Pillips	Crofton	50.50
Robbie Dean	Lakewood	48.00
Gloria Grossnickle	Holly Hills	44.50
Dottie Wilamowski	Manor	38.75
Nancy Runkle	Holly Hills	36.75

LADY 9-HOLERS

Mae Rippeon	Glade Valley	53.00
Helen Leroy	Ocean Pines	44.50
Ann Meyer	Holly Hills	41.00
Carol Mills	Ocean Pines	33.00
Jean Fluharty	Sussex Pines	30.00

Bob Penington had a hole-in-one on hole #7 on the Byrd Course.

Sam Hastings

OUR FIRST MISGA TRIP

This past October, my husband and I joined the Sea Trail Fall Frolic, and based on the great time we had, it won't be our last MISGA trip. We shared accommodations with some fellow club members who were veterans and they had told us about previous enjoyable experiences.

Starting with the accommodations, the six of us shared a three bedroom condominium that couldn't have been nicer. It was beautifully furnished and close to all of the activities. It was nice to be able to drop the clubs off at the pro shop and not have to worry about getting them from one course to the next for all four days. The SEA TRAIL staff members were very friendly and courteous. All of the tournaments were well organized and a lot of fun. The welcome cocktail party got things off to a great start, and from then on, all meals were excellent and nicely presented. We especially enjoyed the last evening. It was Halloween and several of the group dressed in costume. We had an excellent dinner, and a terrific combo played our kind of music during dinner and for dancing after dinner. It was just the perfect ending to our trip.

Cindy and Jerry Longanecker
Crofton Country Club

1996 MISGA OCEAN FROLIC
November 3 - 8, 1996

The 1996 MISGA Ocean Forlic was held at Fripp Island Resort, South Carolina which features 3½ miles of beach, restaurants, lounges, swimming pools, bike trails, fitness center and marina.

A total of 211 people enjoyed the Frolic, consisting of 112 associates, 77 18-hole lady golfers, 6 9-hole lady golfers and 16 non-golfers.

Two championship golf courses were used. Ocean Creek, opened in 1995, A Davis Love signature, par 71, featured wide fairways, views of ocean inlet, marsh, forest and lagoon scenery. Ocean Point, designed by George W. Cobb, par 72, recognized as a Golf Links award winner, featured water on 17 holes, shifting sea breezes, and five holes along the ocean. Both courses had Bermuda greens and fairways which were in great condition. Both courses were used each day.

Monday a Mixed Scramble Tournament was played on both courses. Tuesday Two Best Balls format was used. Wednesday a Modified Best Ball/Balls was played (1 best ball on par 5's, 2 on par 4's and 3 on par 3's). Thursday a Modified Scramble was used (par 3's each player played his own ball, par 4's all hit tee shots - picked best ball and everyone played his own ball until holed, and par 5's all players hit tee shot - picked best ball - all players hit second shot - Picked best ball and each player holed out with his own ball). Scoring - best two balls on each hole.

The weather was chilly with strong winds, making the ocean front holes very difficult and causing planned outside dinners to be moved inside.

The accommodations were fine (equal to Sea Trail & Seabrook) and the food was good.

This being the first time that MISGA visited Fripp Island, there were a few problems. Both courses were under different management. One course did not like the shotgun start and only agreed to it if we took earlier tee times. Since the two courses were about two miles apart, this caused a big transportation problem. The resort did not have enough space in their restaurant for breakfast on Monday. They solved this problem by serving breakfast in both the restaurant and grill room. As was the policy at Jekyll, each non-golfer

received a gift and all players who won no money received a sleeve of golf balls.

Estelle Slivka had a hole-in-one on hole # 6 at Ocean Creek.

MISGA SEABROOK SAFARI

The 1996 Seabrook Safari was held from November 10th to November 15th. The weather was bright and sunny each day and although it was cool at time of the 9:00 A.M. shotgun start it warmed up considerably during the course of play. There were a total of 78 people in attendance; 40 men, 25 ladies playing 18 holes, 4 ladies playing 9 holes and 9 non-golfers.

Events for the ladies playing 9 holes were coordinated by Emily Walsh of Montgomery Country Club.

Babara Purcell of Manor Country Club shepherded the non-golfers on several day-trips, most notably lunch in Charleston one day.

Although the total number of participants was below capacity most of those in attendance were quite pleased with the smaller group feeling. It gave them a greater opportunity to get to know one another.

Jim Bell

NECROLOGY

Gandry, H.	Harbourtowne
Gervasio, J.	Lakewood
Hatter, R.	Sussex Pines
Hay, Art	Ocean Pines
Holly, B.	Lakewood
O'Brien, R.	Sussex Pines

OBITUARY

On this occasion, I wish I had command of the written word in order to do justice to my friend Art Hay (COL USAF RETD). Art Passed away on October 20, 1996.

Four years ago, I met Art at the Cape Coral MISGA event. Art was a gentleman, with a courtly manner and a knack for telling funny stories with great good humor. If you heard his Scottish Kilt jokes, you know of what I speak. The longer you knew Art the more his qualities were magnified.

Last year, he with the help of Bill Frew, took over the Florida Fling coordination on short notice. He promptly wowed everyone with his sense of humor as emcee.

At that event Art demonstrated another quality. One or two individuals, evidently with their own agenda, began carping at him with some minor scoring or format gripes. Art handled these unwarranted criticisms with patience and diplomacy.

I will miss Art, my friend, very much. I'm sure his many MISGA friends will also miss him.

Jack Winder

CALENDAR

April 7 - Annual Reps Meeting at Chester River.

May 28 & 29 - Spring Fling at Nassawanga and Green Hill.

Aug. 17 to 27 - Scotland Trip.

August 18, 1997 - Past Presidents Tournament at Holly Hills.

Sept. 14 & 15 - Board Bash at Penn National.

Sept. 24 - Two-Man Team at Tantallon CC.

Oct. 26 to 31 - Fall Frolic at Sea Trail.

Nov. 9 to 14 - MISGA Seabrook Safari.

LATE BULLETIN: The Board has opened the Scotland Trip to friends of MISGA! There are openings for 2 golfers and several openings for non-golfers. Call Sam Hastings at 301-598-6171 ASAP.

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