

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Included in this issue are the announcements and registration forms for the three Fall Frolics and the Golf Cruise next February (replacing the Florida Fling at Cape Coral). The Fall Frolics are:

Sea Trail - Oct. 26-31

Woodlake (near Pinehurst)-Nov. 2-7

Seabrook - Nov. 9-14

Success and continuation of these events is greatly dependent upon adequate participation by our Associates and spouses. This can be promoted more effectively if each Club Rep will "talk it up" at each of our MISGA Mixers, or other appropriate occasions. It probably will help to put copies of the announcements/registration forms on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room. Try to get a group together from your club to attend one of these. We promise - you will have a good time!

For the past several years we have benefited from the faithful, dedicated service of Merle Shumaker in editing and publishing each issue of our MISGAgram. Equally dedicated has been our Mailing Chairman, Dave Stevenson, who sees to it that every Associate receives a copy in a timely fashion. This Spring issue will be the last to be done by that team as they are "passing the baton" to Dick Hunt, Editor, and Nick Parker, Mailing, starting with the August issue. Simple words cannot say how grateful we are to you, Merle and Dave, for your outstanding service to MISGA. To Dick and Nick, we wish you every good fortune in your efforts.

The other day I heard about a very interesting variation of the standard net-two-best-balls-of-the-foursome format from Sam Hastings, a MISGA Past President and currently Chairman of our Trip Committee. In this ABCD 4-man team format, one net score each hole must be used from the two lower handicap players (A & B) and one net score from the two higher handicaps (C & D) players. However, the C and D players hit their second shot from the location of the best drive of all four players. As you can imagine, this could greatly help the team achieve

lower net scores from shorter hitters who otherwise might have difficulty getting over water or past other trouble areas. It could help speed up play! Club Reps should consider trying this format on some of your Mixers. It would work equally well in mixed events with ladies. Unless someone knows of the correct name for this format, I propose we call it "The Hastings Hybrid".

C. J. Myers

ANNUAL REPS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Reps meeting was held at Chester River C. C. on April 7, 1997.

1. President Myers introduced the Reps of two new clubs, Wild Quail - Div. I and Great Hope - Div. V. He also introduced the present Board to the Reps.
2. Roy Gauzza reported that MISGA membership is now 4510 associates and delivered copies of the latest printouts of associates for each club to Club Reps.
3. Ted Branthover reported that the Policy & Planning Committee is re-writing the Club Reps Handbook. He would appreciate any comments or suggestions. Please write or call him at 7033 Sully Lane, Rockville, MD 20852 - Phone 301- 881-4690.
4. Sam Hastings reported that the Scotland Trip is filled with two couples on the waiting list.
5. Paul Desmond reported that there are many openings for the Spring Fling.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There was a Special Board Meeting at Prospect Bay C. C. on March 18, 1997.

1. The Board approved the appointment of Duke Rowdon as Historian.
2. The Board referred the motions to change the By-Laws to allow public and semi-private clubs to join MISGA and to allow applicants to join MISGA at age 50 to the Long Range Planning Committee for further study.
3. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting (Jan. 3 at Walden G.C.) were amended to show that the Board approved a motion to increase the number of

MISGagrams to 4 per year. The Spring Issue will be printed in May, the Summer Issue in August, the Fall Issue in November and the Winter Issue in February.

OBITUARY

On February 20, 1997, MISGA lost our founding father and President Emeritus, Alvin T. "Al" Hagen, who died at age 85 in Fort Myers, Fla. Al was President of MISGA from its founding in 1976 to 1981 when he was appointed Executive Director. The Board decided to eliminate the Executive Director's job and appointed Al President Emeritus in 1982.

I think that the feelings that we all have for Al are best expressed by Jack Hutson who was Al's MISGA Rep for many years:

"I am Jack Hutson, a member of the Lakewood Country Club, Rockville, Md. where I had the pleasure of knowing Al Hagen and playing golf with him on many occasions."

"Al was a Christian Gentleman with a very pleasant and friendly personality. He proved his organizational ability in founding MISGA. He was very interested in his church. He was a workaholic in accomplishing projects which interested him, or that he had organized. It appeared to me that his main interests were his family, his religion and improving golf for the Seniors; from the latter interest came MISGA."

"During the years that I knew Al at Lakewood, he played golf regularly, entering tournaments, played in mixed events and was very interested in the Junior Golf Program. He was a better than average golfer and it was a pleasure to be in the same foursome with him."

"Thanks to Al Hagen, thousands of golfers are now enjoying the hospitality of many clubs and the pleasure of playing golf in many out-of-state MISGA events."

1997 FLORIDA FLING

With 80 degree plus weather each day, and only one late afternoon shower catching our last 4 foursomes, it was tough to ask for anything better for

golfing in Florida in February. Forty-nine men and twenty-four ladies participated in the golfing events and thirteen other ladies and gentlemen indulged in the excellent food served at the Cape Coral Golf and Tennis Resort. 86 people attended and we had 12 cancellations prior to arrival, including the untimely death of Art Hay, who chaired the 1996 trip and was assisting with the 1997 Fling.

The accommodations were nicely appointed motel-type rooms. The heated outside pool was a major attraction for either getting wet or "eye-balling". Dinner each evening was followed by dancing to two different but excellent combos. The golf course was interesting, (particularly if you like a lot of sand) plus there was much interest in the drawings for 13 \$50 gift certificates given by the Resort. For those who have not been on the Florida trip it is a good deal, especially in the "high rent" time in February.

Golfing results were as follows:

Monday: Scramble - 1st place: a threesome of Dick Hughes, David Lockwood and Retta Rose Frampton; 2nd place: another threesome of Jerry Frampton, Cary Meredith and Genevieve Perdue.

Tuesday: Modified Stableford: Ladies - 1st place: Doris Hutson, Sheila Helbeck, Patricia Smith and Genevieve Perdue. 2nd place: Terry Daisey, Sharon Lockwood, Hildy Mohler and Dunreath Jefferson. Men - 1st place: Landy Altman, Jack Winder, Harold Godfray and a good blind draw. 2nd place: Norman Arm, David Lockwood, Philip Lee and Bob Purcell.

Wednesday: 1 best ball on Par 5's, 2 best balls on Par 4's, and 3 best balls on Par 3's. Teams were paired ABAB and CDCD with 2 flights for the guys and 1 for the ladies. Ladies - 1st place: Terry Daisey, M. R. Rippeon, Irene Gouker and Genevieve Perdue; 2nd place: Nancy Soule Cryan, Edith Hoffmaster, Dura Dompka and Patricia Smith. Men - 1st flight, 1st place: Sonny Macklin, David Lockwood, Landy Altman and John Tarpey; 2nd place: Roger Mooney, Frank Gordy, Gary Cooper and Jack Hoffmaster. 2nd Flight, 1st place: Bill Gouker, Ken Sleeman, Ed Bowers and Morrie Schneider; 2nd place: Bob Ferris, Jim Loy, Philip

Lee and Augus Hutchings.

Thursday - Individual Gross and Net by flights: 1st flight; 1st gross: Frank Gordy, 2nd gross: Jack Hilbeck. 1st net: Landy Altman, 2nd net: Sonny Macklin. 2nd flight - 1st gross: Roger Mooney, 2nd gross: David Lockwood. 1st net: Bill Gouker, 2nd net: Nelson Smith. 3rd flight - 1st gross: Norman Arm, 2nd gross: Angus Hutchings. 1st net: Herman Perdue, 2nd net: Don Bombardt.

Ladies: 1st flight - 1st gross: Terry Daisey, 2nd gross: Retta Rose Frampton. 1st net: Hildy Mohler, 2nd net: Sharon Lockwood. 2nd flight 1st gross: Robbie Dean, 2nd gross: Irene Gouker. 1st net: Doris Hughes, 2nd net: Marie Willin.

62 of the 73 golfers cashed in at least once and the others got some golf balls to replace those lost or in a watery grave. One last thing - we had a honeymoon couple with us. At the 1996 Florida Fling, Jack Cryan was introduced to Nancy Soule by the Dean's and the Hutson's. A week before this trip, they were married. Congratulations Jack and Nancy. You never know what may happen on a MISGA trip.

Otis Jefferson

NECROLOGY

Adams, A.	Rolling Road
Brown, B.	Kenwood
Christian, W.	Ocean City
Cross, R.	Kenwood
Dorriycott, T.	Montgomery
Echols, E.	Kenwood
Fallon, M.	Leisure World
Hagen, Al	Lakewood
Honeycutt, T.	Shawnee
Metzger, H.	Shawnee
Owens, Ted	Sparrows Point
Pierson, Frank	Sparrows Point
Podojil, J.	Glade Valley
Rawson, R.	Argyle
Rhoten, Virgil	Piney Branch
Robinson, N.	Shawnee
Smith, J.	Shawnee

CALENDAR

May 22 & 23 - Spring Fling at Nassawanga and Green Hill.

June 17 - Board of Directors meeting at Rolling Road.

Aug. 17 to 27 - Scotland Trip.

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

Sept. 17 - Two-Man Team at Tantallon.

Sept. 24 & 25 - Board Bash at Carrol Valley.

Note: The three Fall Frolics listed in the President's Message have the instructions printed on the front side with the application form on the back. Please copy any information you may need from the instructions before sending in your application.

MISGA GOLF CRUISE new in 1998

In an effort to offer new golfing adventures, a Caribbean Golf Cruise replaces the Florida Fling in 1998. The Royal Caribbean is the official cruise line for both the PGA and the Senior PGA tours.

You'll spend four exotic nights aboard the Nordic Princess February 2-6, 1998. This beautiful ship, a product of the Nineties, was completely refurbished two years ago. It has a dramatic six story lobby with a cascading waterfall, lush tropical plants and the kind of sunshine you never get back home. Other features include a three level casino, floor to ceiling windows in your dining room, a sun deck with two swimming pools and three whirlpools plus a nightclub ten stories high.

You'll sail from San Juan, Puerto Rico. The package includes round trip air fare from BWI. Ports of call are: St. Thomas, home of the Tom and George Fazio designed Mahogany Run Golf Course. This layout boasts stately trees and breathtaking water views. The 13th and 14th holes are postcard perfect. Par is 70 for 6022 yards.

St. Maarten which has the Joseph Lee designed Mullet Bay Course with nine holes that play along a large, azure body of water known as Mullet Bay Lagoon. Par 70, 5757 yards.

St. Croix's golf course in Carambola. This is an original design of Robert Trent Jones. The links are set in a magnificently landscaped valley and the 18 holes are considered the most challenging in the Virgin Islands. Par 72 and 6843 yards.

Both before and after the cruise

stays are available in San Juan. There is Fort San Cristobal and other Spanish landmarks of the old city, the El Yunque Rain Forest, the making of world famous rum, fantastic beaches, unique shopping, casinos and two great golf courses at Dorado and Cerromar Beaches.

Package prices per person/double occupancy includes round trip air fare from BWI (or other arrangements for those who wish to fly from Florida, etc.), transfers, cruise, seven meals per day (yes, seven), port taxes and fees for three rounds of golf with carts.

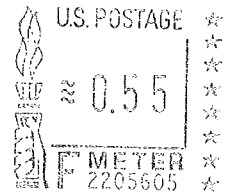
GOLFER:	NON GOLFER:
Inside cabin \$1236.59	919.50

Ocean view \$1286.50 969.50
 *optional insurance add \$49 per person.
 Please note we are limited to 40 golfers (first 40 to register). But there is no limit on non-golfers.
 There is a non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person. Please include a check in that amount with your registration. Register NOW to avoid disappointment, but no later than June 15, 1997.
 MISGA representative; J. Logan Schutz (301) 779-5623
 Travel Agent (Greenbelt Travel Service) Vicki (301) 474-1300
 FLYER AND REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDED WITH THIS MISGAgam.

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