

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season is here!! MISGA Mixers are being held every week. My wish for all associates is that you have fun playing golf. Some good scores would also be nice.

As I indicated in my first message, this year we are focusing on better participation in mixers and in our other events as well.



Clubs are holding mixers that are different from those we have held in the past. One division is conducting mixers at 90% of handicap instead of the traditional 100%. One club is conducting 2 contests -A and B players in one and C and D players in the other. Some clubs are offering gross score prizes in addition to best ball prizes.

All these variations are intended to increase participation, so come on out and play in Mixers this year.

Have fun and remember, "It's not how you drive but how you arrive", that counts.

Paul Desmond

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW REVISIONS

Club representatives attending MISGA'S Annual Meeting were asked to vote on a proposal to revise MISGA'S Constitution and Bylaws. The revisions were developed in response to the MISGA Board's need to be able to respond promptly to problems which arise during the year. Under the former Constitution, any change in the Constitution or Bylaws could only be approved by an

affirmative vote of a majority of the Club Reps attending the Annual Meeting. Over the years, a number of very detailed procedures and specific requirements had accumulated in the Bylaws. Many of these items are subject to change over time, and under the old Constitution, could only be changed at the Annual Meeting. This requirement often prevented the Board from responding rapidly to what are essentially its management duties.

The revised Constitution eliminates the need for approval at the Annual Meeting for Bylaw changes, but also incorporates a number of safeguards in the Constitution to prevent the Board from taking actions which should be approved by the entire Club Rep body. The Constitution now contains descriptions of the Board of Directors and the term limits of Directors. The Constitution cannot be revised unless two-thirds of all Club Reps approve the changes at the Annual Meeting, but the Board can make changes to the Bylaws. The Board intends to notify the membership throughout the year, and at the Annual Meeting, of any changes made to the Bylaws. If the Club Reps object, such changes can be reversed.

Discussion of the proposed revisions at this year's Annual Meeting demonstrated the Club Reps' concern for the new provision that Assistant Division Directors will automatically succeed the Division Directors when their terms end, or when they resign. The Board indicated that it will review this provision to address the Club Rep's concern, and will report back on what action if any is to be taken.

When the vote was called, the Club Reps voted 45 to 0 to approve the revised Constitution and Bylaws. A revised version of the Constitution and Bylaws will be prepared and distributed to the Reps for inclusion in the Reps Handbook.

Bob McMinn

DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATES CHAIRMAN

The function of the Associates Chairman is described in Section VI of the MISGA By-laws. The responsibilities are: 1) the collection and recording of Associates dues and transfer of such funds to the Treasurer; 2) the preparation of a roster of all MISGA Associates; 3) the coordination of roster records with the Treasurer.

Rosters of the Associates from the MISGA clubs and the collection of dues are managed by the Club Reps. Please note that the Reps fill out roster change forms with additions, deletions and changes and send these along with dues to their Division Associates Chairman who forwards them to the MISGA Associates Chairman. The Associates Chairman maintains a spreadsheet of dues collected, and current roster status and forwards all checks to the Treasurer. The Chairman uses a computer services company to do the actual roster maintenance and uses those roster counts to resolve any differences in roster count and dues paid by the clubs. Updated rosters are provided four times a year to the Division Directors for distribution to the Clubs and the Division Associates Chairman. The Chairman maintains a Master copy of the Club rosters and also one copy alphabetized by name.

There are a number of other functions not spelled out in the Bylaws. The Chairman also provides, through the computer services company, mailing labels for four MISGAGRAM mailings per year and labels for the Board members and Club Reps for the December Board Bash. A list of deceased members is maintained and supplied to the MISGAGRAM Editor for inclusion in the MISGAGRAMS. Bills for computer services

are audited and sent to the Treasurer for payment. Our 1999 budget is \$2300.00

In addition to the above, the Chairman of the Associates Committee is a non-voting member of the MISGA Board and attends Board meetings to provide status reports.

John Babyak

CAPE CORAL ROUNDUP

80 MISGA Associates attended the Winter Fling at Cape Coral Resort near Fort Myers in sunny Florida from January 31 to February 5, 1999 and boy was it sunny!! NO rain for five whole days, and temperatures were in the 80's every day.

We danced to live music every night, the food was superb, the golf was great and everyone had a terrific time. The huge heated outdoor pool was a big plus!

The participants indicated a preference for a change in the arrangements. A possible proposal for next year is: The first two days would be for golf, the third day an optional golf day or free time and then two more days of golf. All were happy with the Fling!

Paul Desmond

FALL TRIPS

Included with this issue are announcements and applications for our annual fall trips. This year we will have only two trips: Sea Trail and a return to Jekyll Island. Your trips chairman, Sam Hastings, visited Jekyll and assures us that the newly appointed guest suites at the Comfort Inn will be to our liking and that the food service will be vastly improved over past years. In the spirit of this year's MISGA theme, we hope that both trips will be filled to capacity and that each member club will be represented.

SERVICE AWARDS

Service awards were presented to the following associates at the Annual Meeting on April 5: *Warren Dean - Planning and Policy;*, *John Dickey - Associates;* *Dick Walsh - Secretary;* and *George Shenk - President.*



George Shenk and Paul Desmond



Dick Walsh and Paul Desmond

ERRATA

In the February 1999 MISGAGRAM, the web site address for Garrison Lake Golf Club was incorrect. The correct address is: www.garrisonslake.com. Also, the back nine was opened in 1966, not 1996.

Did you know?

The first major golf championship was the British Open staged in 1860 at Prestwick, Scotland. Willie Park won the 36-hole event with a 174 to beat Old Tom Morris by 2 shots. A year later, Old Tom Morris was the winner, Park the runner-up.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Caroline	Robert Tyler
Maple Dale	Doug Harris
	Wm. Briner
Glade Valley	Arthur Trout
Eastern Shore	Leon Demontier
Montgomery	Chuck Cissell
Crofton	Joseph White
Rolling Road	Donald Miller
	Don Davis
Sparrows Pt.	L. Karczewski

HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to **Bob Niemann**, who



made his first hole in one on March 23, 1999 on the 8th hole at Chartwell. Bob is a past Club Rep.

GOLFNUT OF THE YEAR!

This winter while visiting and playing golf with my brother-in-law in Florida, I met Tom Jewell, "Golf Nut of the Year". Jewell, 68, former tournament director of the JC Penny Classic, was presented this annual award by the Golf Nuts Society of America. (e-mail address - headnut@golfweb.com; phone: 602-488-0401.) Some of Tom's accomplishments which earned him this award include: played golf on the first day of his honeymoon; before retiring to Florida, played golf every New Year's Day in New Jersey; has collected more than 5,000 logo golf balls during the last 12 years; for the last 10 years has written letters of congratulations to every winner of a PGA, Senior PGA and LPGA Tournament. The list is endless. Tom is a great guy and golfer (shot his age or better twice in 1997). I mention this as I thought some of our members might be interested in the society! Dick Hunt

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