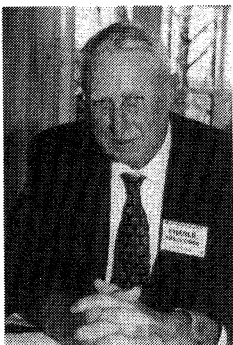


MISGAGRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope the 2001 golf season brings everyone good golf, good fun and fine fellowship. We welcome the return of the "snowbirds" and hope that our winter practice sessions will help us compete favorably with them.



Your club reps have developed an interesting schedule for you. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of participating in the MISGA Mixers. Sometimes we are encouraged by other members to skip a mixer and go to another course. Obviously, it is not necessary to attend all mixers but it is important to "stay the course" and stick with MISGA.

I would like to thank the following:

- Chester River Country Club pro Terry Felty, his staff and Gerald Emerick for hosting the Annual Reps Meeting;
- Ocean City Yacht & Country Club pro Buddy Sass, his staff, Arnie Simms and Paul Keiser for hosting the Spring Fling - a great time was had by those attending.

In our last MISGAGRAM we noted that a fall trip to the Virginia Beach area was being planned for October 21 - 26. We now have confirmation for this event as well as for Seabrook and Sea Trail. Joe Hollister will chair the Virginia Beach trip and I will assist (get in the way). Applications for our fall trips are included in this issue.

One thing I have noticed in professional golf tournaments is that the pros always pick up their tees. I am sure they can afford a new one for each drive as all of us can. In the interest of keeping our courses clean, why not emulate the pros?

Good health and good golfing, till I talk with you again.

Charlie Fieldhouse

RULES, ETIQUETTE and HANDICAPS

The MISGA Board of Directors believes there are signs that enjoyment derived from the MISGA experience is being spoiled by associates who casually apply the rules and etiquette of golf and fail to comply with the USGA Handicap System. Each year these issues are acknowledged as problems. People complain and much discussion ensues; however, little is done to correct them.

As a result, there are those who believe MISGA is developing a reputation as a golf organization with declining credibility, one not particularly interested in protecting the integrity of the game. The stated purpose of MISGA "is to foster friendships and camaraderie through golf." We don't emphasize fanatical competition. We take a more casual approach to the game, but this is no reason to disregard the rules and etiquette of golf.



Seeing a need to "get involved," the MISGA Board formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Handicaps for the 2001 golf season. In turn, the committee developed a program intended to make MISGA associates mindful of the most violated and abused rules and etiquette of golf. Another goal is to get associates in the habit of posting scores in accordance with the USGA Handicap System.

The program will revolve around articles in the MISGAGRAM, postings on the MISGA web site, handouts, bulletin boards, golf professional briefings and reminders from club reps. In fact, the responsibility for carrying out the program will rest with each club rep. This does not mean that he will become the "Rules Czar" or the "Handicap Police." Your club rep will remain the same old likable guy you've grown so fond of. His job will be to inform you about rules, etiquette and the handicap program. You need to give him your utmost cooperation, particularly in the area of handicap compliance.

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This program is not about the other guy. It's about you. There is not one single associate in MISGA who can say that he plays a round of golf without committing a rules, etiquette or handicap violation. Most errors are unintentional. If we are cognizant of what we do wrong, we can correct it. That is what this program is all about. Let's start playing by the rules, and by all means, let's make sure our handicaps reflect our playing ability. We'll all have a more enjoyable time. And MISGA will be viewed in a more favorable light by those who are thinking about joining.

Sam Hall, Tantallon

RULES

Picking Up Your Ball and the Effects on Posting Scores

One of the most effective methods for speeding up play is the simple action of "picking up" when it becomes obvious that your ball will not count. This saves all the time spent lining up an insignificant putt and the actual action of putting the ball and getting it out of the cup.

The significant point is that picking up does not eliminate a score for that hole nor does it cancel out the requirement to post the score for that round. The USGA allows you to post the most likely score you might have made on the hole. For example, if your ball is 20 feet from the hole in six strokes, picking up for a score of eight is within reason. This assumes that taking two putts from 20 feet is the most likely outcome. Write down an eight on the scorecard. If necessary, you will need to adjust your score according to Equitable Stroke Control and post the adjusted score.

Rules Check List:

If your ball will not count, pick it up and put it in your pocket. We all have bad holes. Nobody wants to hear about getting your money's worth or needing the practice. You may need practice, but please do it on your own time.

Write the score you most likely would have made if you had continued play. Please don't get cute and miss that two-foot putt in order to maintain a higher handicap. You should strive to make the best score on each hole of every round you play.

Post your score for the round after adjusting the total for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). Please familiarize yourself with ESC for your handicap range.

Bill Brown, Piney Branch

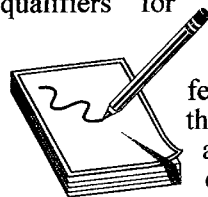
Deceased MISGA Members

Bethesda	Harvey W. Cowan
Eastern Shore Y & CC	Edward Stetar
Garrisons Lake	Jack Bossard
Glade Valley	Jack Hart
Kenwood	David F. Lady
	James Snyder
Leisure World	Zealey Gerber
Marlborough	Walter Farren
	Charles Greenwell
Montgomery Village	Herbert Arey
	William Ayres
	Seymour Berman
	Jack Worsham
Ocean Pines	Francis Borelli
	Howard Noyes
	George Tolson
	Edgar Uhl
Prospect Bay	Harry Embert
Talbot	William J. Foster
	David Horning
	Thomas Sullivan
Tantallon	Bob Noonan

FROM THE EDITOR

Two of MISGA's premier events are the Past Presidents Tournament (individual stroke play by flight - ABCD) and the Two-Man Team Tournament.

Currently, division tournaments are held to determine qualifiers for these two events. Piney Branch and



Green Hills are the sites for the state finals and articles on these clubs are featured in this issue. As you will see, they are excellent courses and all associates can look forward to the challenging competition afforded by these events.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board for selecting me as "Man of the Year". MISGA has been important to me in my retirement and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Thanks,
Dick Hunt

SPRING FLING

Over 200 golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather and excellent courses at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club on April 30 and May 1. Both the Seaside and Newport Bay courses offered challenging holes which, combined with interesting formats, made for two days of fun in the fresh, ocean breezes.

Many thanks to Arnie Simms and Paul Keiser for their hard work in organizing this event.

Monday Winners

Newport Bay

Men:	1st	Sam Hall Bob McCready Pete Koutsandreas Bob Rippeon	Tantallon Nutter's Cr Argyle Glade Valley
	2nd	Chuck Lane Dick Hunt Russell Witzke Fred Gianiny	Walden Manor Rolling Road Argyle
	3rd	Bob Wilks Bob Spicher Ed Gazze Dick Boardman	Walden Argyle Wild Quail West Winds
	4th	Joe Shriner Bob Mead Don Allewalt Bob Colvin	Walden Ocean City Piney Branch Hobbit's Glen
Ladies	1st	Irene Baker Mae Isensee Nancy Benner	Hobbit's Glen Holly Hills Wild Quail
	2nd	Becky Linton Jo Brunner Lois Page Cynthia Walden	Holly Hills Talbot Montgomery Bretton Woods
	3rd	Norma Shriner Carol Boardman Marilyn Horne Annette McNamara	Walden West Winds Chester River Argyle
	4th	Claudia Young Doris Hughes Ronnie Nisbet Betty Wilks	Maple Dale Talbot Manor Walden

Seaside

Men	1st	Ray Akerson John McMullen Dave Bowen Don Thompson	Hobbit's Glen Wild Quail Maple Dale Quail Valley
	2nd	Angelo Specia Peter Sorge Chuch Ebbecke Don Pace	Hobbit's Glen Tantallon Argyle Ocean City
	3rd	Doug Hall Harry Leland Jim Case Joe Kitchenman	Mont. Village Kenwood Walden Ocean Pines
	4th	Dick Blanchard Ron McAnallen Tom Tarpley Mac Magrogan	Wakefield Cripple Crk Holly Hills Walden
Ladies:	1st	Jessie Peeling Joan Brownrigg Mary Wescoe Catherine Miller	Quail Valley Holly Hills Nassawango Tantallon
	2nd	Lois Haresko Janet Bowersox Jan Hersh Teruko Okuda	Walden Quail Valley Glade Valley Tantallon

Tuesday Winners

Seaside

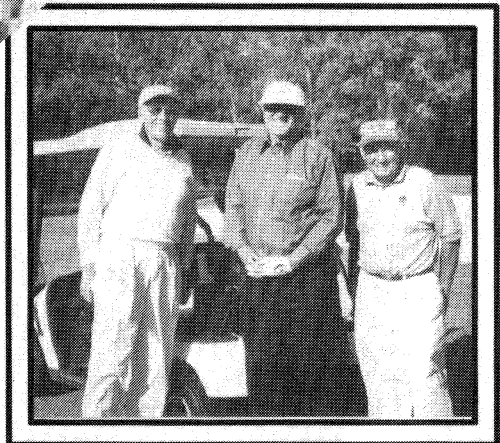
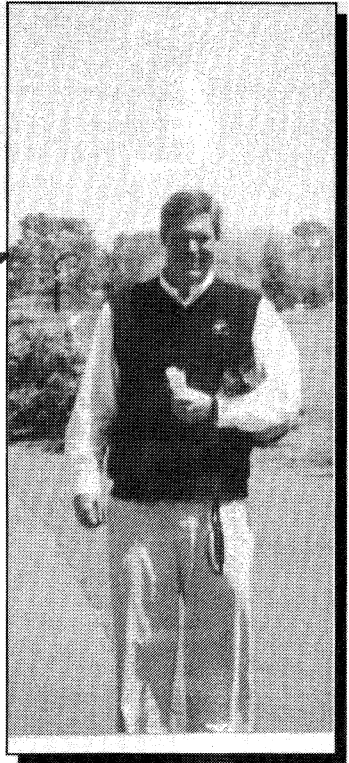
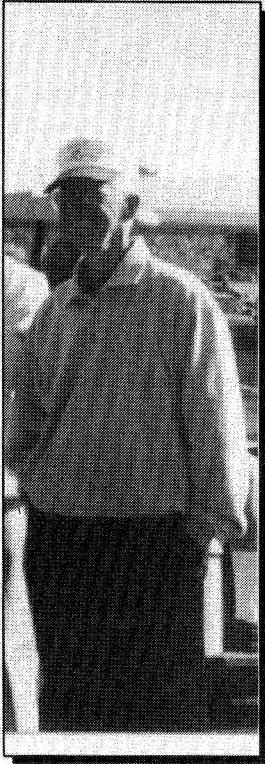
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	3rd	Jenny Wilson Cleo Koutsandreas Joan Hall Larue Allewalt	Leisure World Argyle Tantallon Piney Branch
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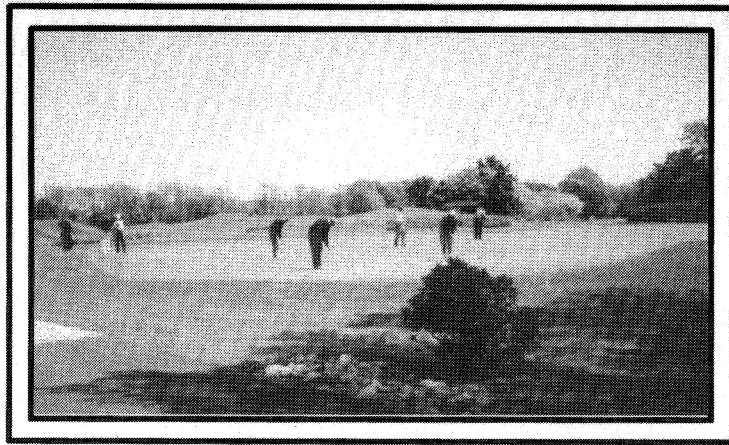
Newport Bay

Men:	1st	Jerry Shearer Harry Nolan Charlie Platzer Jimmy Rogers	Bowie Ocean City Prospect Bay Tantallon
	2nd	Don Nicholson Bob Toth Tom Cosgrove Bob Naugle	Hobbit's Glen U of MD Lakewood Bowie
	3rd	Bob Burkhart Jim Dougherty Andy Wilcox Yasu Okuda	Walden Rolling Road Ocean Pines Tantallon
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Checking out the greens



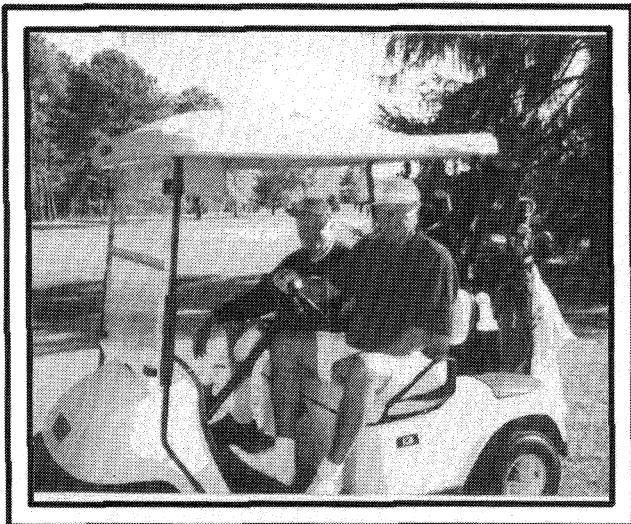
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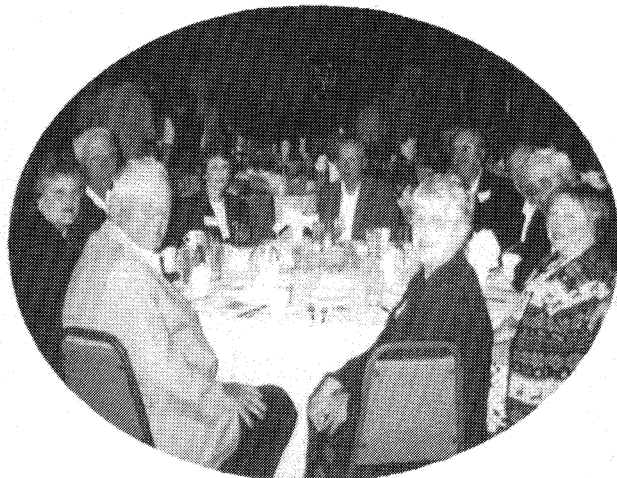
Former president and wife



Getting ready.



Ready to go!



At the banquet

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MISGA INVADES ADMIRAL LEHIGH



The Admiral Lehigh Golf Resort in Lehigh Acres was the scene of MISGA'S Florida Fling. 103 MISGA associates, wives and significant others participated in this event. It was MISGA'S first time here, but will not be the last. The fling began on Sunday, February 4th and ended Saturday, February 10th.

Past President Paul Desmond chaired the committee, assisted by Joe Hollister of Leisure World. Everyone had a great time - the food was wonderful, accommodations great and the golf courses super! The lovely outside heated pool, and dancing two nights with great music, enhanced our enjoyment.

Ocean Pines Golf Club had the largest number of attendees with nine couples. Seaford Country Club was runner-up with five. The weather for the event was outstanding with temperatures between 80 and 95 degrees, and sunshine every day.

We had to use a second motel because there were limited rooms at the host resort. That won't happen next year since we have a hold on 60 rooms for 2002.

Mark your calendar. Next year's Florida MISGA will be held at Admiral Lehigh from February 3, 2002 to February 9, 2002.

FLORIDA FLING WINNERS



Monday - Mixed Scramble

- 1st Rusman, Tiedemann, Mueller, DiGiacomo
- 2nd Porter, Anthony, Bachman, Taylor
- 3rd Hennigan, Taylor, Hollister, Ascoli
- 4th Miller, Gray, Hennigan, Pitzer
- 5th Hodgson, Higgins, Burns, Tiedemann
- 6th Kelso, Kitzig, Mann, a draw

Tuesday

- 1st Rusman, Anthony, Platzer, Hollister
- 2nd Donald, Simpler, Higgins, Pitzer
- 3rd Kelso, Tiedemann, Leroy, Perdue
- 4th Hodgson, Isensee, Mueller, Lee

Women's scores not available for Tuesday

Thursday - Men

- 1st Desmond, Boland, Hollister
- 2nd Tull, Taylor, Lee, Gray
- 3rd Brownrigg, Ris, Postlewait, Bachman
- 4th McCullen, Kitzig, Platzer, Blankenship

Thursday - Women

- 1st McCullen, Perdue, Isensee, Mann
- 2nd Porter, Hudson, Gray, Rippeon
- 3rd Simpler, Ris, Kelso, Donald
- 4th Gagliano, Tull, Bachman

Friday - Men A Flight

- 1st Donald, DiGiacomo, Toth, Dale
- Boland, Kelso, Hodgson, Brownrigg
- 3rd Tull, McCullen, Rusman, Russo
- 4th Miller, Ris, Underwood

Friday - Men B Flight

- 1st Higgins, Kitzig, Lee, Windquist
- 2nd Simpler, Shamel, Gray
- Gagkuabim, McIntyre, Anthony
- 4th Muller, Tiedemann, Leroy, Thurmond

Friday - Men C Flight

- 1st Hollister, Bachman, Kitchenman, Rippeon
- 2nd Lee, Perdue, Pitzer,
- 3rd Burns, Lindberg, Sharp, Tucker
- 4th Campbell, Ascoli, Mann,

Friday - Women A Flight

- 1st Simpler, Tucker
- 2nd Gagliano, Mueller, Donald

Friday - Women B Flight

- 1st McIntyre, Hudson, Taylor, Gray
- 2nd Ris, Hennigan, Windquist, Burns

Friday - Women C Flight

- 1st Isensee, DiGiacomo, Tull, Dole
- 2nd Perdue, Bachman, Rippeon
- 3rd Tiedemann, Kelso, Mann



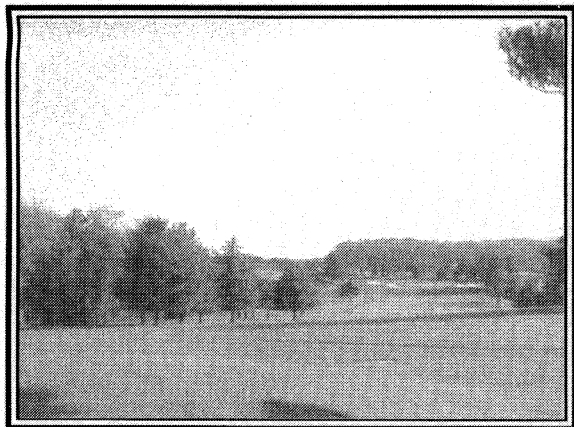
MISGA State Tournaments

Two-Man Team Tournament Piney Branch

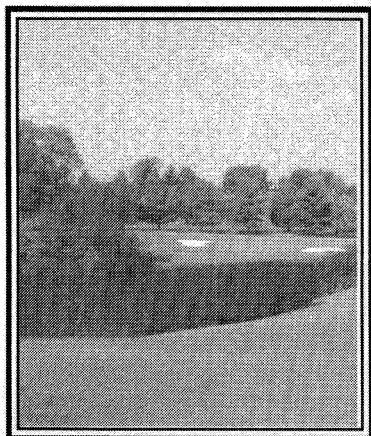
Piney Branch Golf and Country Club is a private, member-owned club, located in Hampstead, Maryland, in the bucolic, rolling, farm country of northwestern Baltimore County. With a course rating of 70.4 and a slope of 120, the 6300 yard layout from the gold tees offers a very good challenge to the senior golfer. Several large ponds influence shots on five holes. A creek, Piney Branch, meanders through the course affecting shots on eight other holes. Large, elevated greens, which are severely contoured, provide putting challenges for everyone.

A member of MISGA since 1980, Piney Branch is in Division II and is the home club of Charlie Fieldhouse, President, Paul Hulleberg, Division II Tournament Chairman, and Bill Brown, MISGA Historian. The club has about 400 members and maintains a MISGA membership of about 75 players. Piney Branch will be hosting the State 2-Man Team Tournament on August 27, 2001.

Two of Piney Branch's picturesque golf holes are shown below.



#8 hole looking toward the green.



Hole #7, par 3, 160 yard carry over water.

ABCD Presidents Cup Green Hill

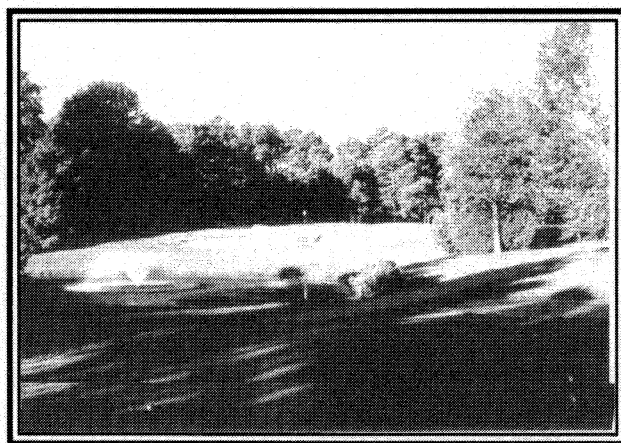
Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, serving the community of Salisbury since 1927 offers an 18-hole, 6,790 yard, par 72 course that is championship in every way. The classic layout is challenging and thoroughly enjoyable.



The golf course tests abilities with water coming into play on 12 holes, tall trees hanging precariously over edges of fairways, and well-guarded greens. Fret not. The golf course is user friendly to higher handicap golfers.

The golf course has unique but preferred Bermuda grass fairways, and its bent grass greens (small, fast and true-rolling) provide ideal putting surfaces. The golf course is consistently well-maintained for optimal playing conditions (non-metal spikes are mandatory). Holes along the Wicomico River allow for scenic wonderment; members say that every hole is a signature hole, and they never get bored playing it.

Green Hill will be hosting the Presidents Cup Tournament on August 20, 2001.



#8 Hole

This is a medium length par 3 measuring 116 yards from the forward tees and 185 yards from the back tees. This slightly uphill hole has a carry over water and generally plays into a prevailing wind. The green slopes from back to front with a ridge which divides the green in two and puts a premium on club selection. It is also surrounded by four, deep bunkers which capture a stray ball. When this hole plays with the wind, birdies can be made but into the wind, par is a very good score.

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Board Meeting Highlights

February 20, 2001
Walden Golf Club

- ♦ **Auditor - Sam Nisbet** has completed the audit of MISGA'S operations and has found everything in good order. In addition to submitting his audit report, he praised former Treasurer Harry Breitbach for his many years of excellent work on behalf of MISGA.
- ♦ **General Counsel - Bob Ludwig** noted that he had reviewed and approved the contract for three years to hold the Spring Fling at Ocean City.
- ♦ **Historian - Bill Brown** has brought up to date and entered on computer, the History of Board Actions as well as the overall MISGA History.
- ♦ **Moved and passed** - That annual reps training seminars be encouraged for each division.
- ♦ **Handicaps - Sam Hall** distributed a comprehensive " Pilot Program" for Rules and Handicaps. The program includes a month by month list of actions to be taken by the Committee in order to encourage adherence to the rules of golf, etiquette, and handicap reporting. The Board approved a one year trial program. (The first articles from this committee are on pages 1 and 2.)
- ♦ **Moved and passed** - That any consideration of reorganization be tabled for this year and that Divisions consider the minimum number of clubs to be 8 and the maximum 16, and that reorganizing only be considered when the club levels fall outside of these numbers.

Annual Reps Meeting

At the annual reps meeting, held at Chester River Yacht and County Club on April 9, Charlie Fieldhouse, MISGA president, presented service awards to the following:

Duke Rowden	Past President
Bob McMinn	Past Div 4 Director
Tom Tarpley	Past Div 2 Director
Harry Breitbach	Past Treasurer
Dick Walsh	Past Secretary
Jim Bell	Past Div 3 Asst. Director
Jack Nichols	Past Div 5 Director
Dick Hunt	MISGA "Man of the Year"

Errata

Henry Bedell of Montgomery CC is alive and well. I apologize for inadvertently reporting his death in the February MISGAGRAM.

John Babyak
Associates Chairman