

MISGA *GRAM*

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President's Message

Ken Wallgren

As the New Year begins, each of us can focus on improving the quality of our golf experiences. MISGA is built on the concept of fostering friendships and camaraderie between individuals in a mixer environment. Little acts such as helping members of other clubs have a friendly enjoyable round of golf can substantially increase the quality of a mixer. The support and help you give to the hard working club representatives will make their jobs easier and more enjoyable.

We can also look forward to changes in MISGA during the coming year. A new company is now producing the print version of the MISGAGRAM and over the year a new and expanded version of the MISGAGRAM in full color will be inaugurated on the web site (www.MISGA.org). Over the next months we will be holding the number of pages in the printed copy to a maximum of 8 while the web copy will be expanded to include additional information and pictures. Please help by sending interesting MISGA happenings with pictures, if available, to the MISGAGRAM editor, Jim Mitchell at jwm324@comcast.net or to 324 Locust Thorn Ct. Millersville, MD 21108.

The new Chairman of the Associates Committee is Bob Dernoga. He will keep track of the MISGA Members and their Dues starting this year.

During the coming year MISGA will be adding a number of clubs and as a result, the two Eastern Shore Divisions will become three Divisions. This should reduce the travel distances for players in that Division. If you are aware of a quality golf course that would make an excellent MISGA club, please tell your club representative or Division director.



Sam Hall passes the gavel to Ken Wallgren 12-12-02

Board Meeting Highlights Thursday, December 12, 2002 Tantallon Country Club

- 1- **Paul Keiser** reported that the 2003 Spring Fling will be on May 5 & 6, 2003 in Ocean City, MD.
- 2- **Dick Walsh** reported that Div. II will host the Board Bash on September 17 & 18. Board Meeting will be on September 16. Div. II will hold a Pro Am Tourney on Sept. 29 at Holly Hills.
- 3- **Dan Williams** reported that Div. III will hold its 5th annual Pro Am Tourney on October 7 at Crofton.
- 4- **Ken Wallgren** reported that Div. IV will hold its Pro Am Tourney on October 14 at Montgomery.
- 5- **Don Ewalt** reported that The Bay Club, with two 18 hole courses has applied for MISGA Membership. With this increasing membership it appears that the Eastern Shore will have to add a new division.
- 6- **Pete Sorge** received many compliments on his running of last year's two Fall Frolics. Over 120 golfers participated in Sea Trail & Seabrook. Good tours also tempted a few lady golfers away from playing. 2003 will again include two frolic sites: Fripp Island and one other. More news later.
- 7- **Dick Hunt** announced that Jim Mitchell will be the new editor of MISGAGRAM starting with the February issue. President Hall commended Dick on his 51/2 years of work and the many improvements made to the MISGAGRAM.
- 8- **Jimmy Lee** reported that in 2004 the Past Presidents Tourney will be hosted by Div. I and the Two Man Team Tourney by Div. III

Board Meeting Highlights continued:

9- **C.J. Myers** proposed a Bylaw which will make the Ad Hoc Rules and Handicap Committee a permanent standing committee. “ It is the responsibility of this committee to ensure that every member of MISGA is made aware of the USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System and to promote compliance with the handicap system.” On a vote of 8 to 1 the committee was approved.

10- **Sam Hall** has had complaints that some associates are attempting to solicit business at MISGA events, leading to discomfort and unease on the part of those who are being solicited. According to Sam, the MISGA General Council believes this activity has no place in MISGA and that it should be stopped. Sam asked that the policy be made clear and announced at Division Rep meetings and training seminars and that notice be placed in the MISGAGRAM.

11- **Sam Hall** led a discussion concerning handicap allowances in four-ball stroke play in the two-man Tournaments. It was decided by the Board that:

“As a condition of play in the MISGA Two-Man Team Tournament, the handicaps of partners shall not differ by more than eight strokes. If this condition cannot be avoided, participants understand that their individual handicaps will be reduced by an additional 10% (in addition to the existing reduction to 90% of handicap for all participants). It is recommended that division qualifying tournaments be conducted under the same conditions.”

12- In accordance with the MISGA Constitution and Bylaws, **Ken Wallgren**, upon receiving the MISGA gavel from Sam Hall, assumed the presidency of MISGA. His first order of business was to call for the nomination and election of a Vice President. **Don Ewalt** was nominated for and unanimously elected to the office of MISGA Vice President.



A farewell by Sam Hall.

From Golf Digest's Marty Hackel: Question; I can't believe how many golfers I see wearing hats in the Clubhouse. When is OK to wear a hat indoors at a golf Course?

Answer: You should always remove your hat when entering a clubhouse, and absolutely never have it on while eating-even if your table is outside. Hats are OK in the locker room, but after you leave there, take it off!

Important MISGA Dates - 2003

Board Meeting	Feb 12	Chartwell
Annual Reps Mtg.	Apr 7	Chester River
Spring Fling	May 5-6	Ocean City
Board Meeting	Jun 4	Cambridge
MISGA 2 Man Tourn	Aug 11	Cambridge
MISGA past Pres Tourn	Aug 18	Sparrows Point
Board Meeting	Sep 16	Carroll Valley
Board Bash	Sep 17-18	Carroll Valley
Fall Frolic	Nov 2-7	TBA
Fall Frolic	Nov 9-14	TBA
Board Meeting	Dec 11	Rolling Road

2002 Board Bash

The Board Bash for 2002 was held at Carroll Valley on September 11 & 12. 104 attendees from 31 MISGA clubs enjoyed great golf, fellowship and weather. Non-golfing ladies were treated to a tea party and fashion show.

Prize winners

Wednesday Net Stroke Play

Men	Ladies
65-Duke Rowdon	67- Wanda Tiedemann
66- Steve Munger	67- Ilse Colvin
66- Phil Peluso	72- Aretta Keadle
66- Ken Kidd	72- Wilma Kennedy
67- Ed Mc Donald	72- Vivian Strindmo
68- C.J. Myers	73- Margo Mead
70- Lloyd Wescoe	73- Judi Dixon
70- Paul Keiser	
70- Chuck Ebbecke	
70- Bob McCready	
71- Tony Palerino	
71- Bob Nicholson	
71- Sam Hall	
71- Charlie Hodgeson	
71- Jackie Martin	

Wednesday Gross Stroke Play

79- Lloyd Wescoe	83- Sam Hall
81- Norb Muench	84- Robert Shuba
82- Jackie Martin	84- Jerry Shearer
83- Dan Williams	85- Bob Spicher

Wednesday Team Play

Men	Ladies
279- Jackie Martin	271- Margo Mead
Phil Peluso	Mabel Muench
Bob Mead	Barb Shearer
Morgan Ridington	V. Strindmo

Board Bash Results continued
Thursday Scramble (adjusted results)

57.25- Bill Dixon	62.00- Dick Walsh
Robin Woolatt	Duke Rowdon
Bill King	George Shenk
Phyllis Widerkehr	Judi Dixon
59.75- Ken Wallgren	63.00- Phil Peluso
George Benner	Dick Hughes
Morgan Ridington	Jean Ewalt
	Wm. Widerkerhr
61.00- CJ Myers	63.00- Bob Spicher
Pete Sorge	Jack Johnson
Carol Boardman	Mike Walden
Joan Shuba	Ruby Wallgren
61.75- Norb Muench	
Dick Strindmo	
Don Tiedemann	
Barbara Shearer	



This group having a great time at Seabrook during the Fall Frolic all from Cambridge Country are: Jackie and Jim Benjamin, Woody and Joan Woodward, Bev and John Mullikin, and Anne and Ralph White.

Deceased

Kenwood - William Bailey
Marlborough - William J. Baldrige
 Joseph Flaim
Patuxent Greens - Chap Faddis
Prospect Bay - Duke Rowdon

MISGA-2002-FALL FROLIC

Sea Trail and Seabrook

The November 2002 Fall Frolics at Sea Trail and Seabrook were completely booked!
 It was an exciting two weeks of fun and frolic.

The first day event at both venues was a mixed scramble that included eighteen hole golfers, both men & women. These events provided an opportunity for the men to take advantage of the ladies skills in assisting their respective teams towards winning. We had excellent weather for three of the days at both resorts. Rain caused delays one day at each venue. However, the strong hearted golfers that waited out the rain and played on those days were well rewarded with sunshine, if not great scores.

After a day on the courses, everyone let down their hair at the cocktail hour and dinner. Two of the nights we tried something new. Tables were numbered to correspond to the number of the 1st hole the man started on that day. Thus, each couple sat with the man's playing partners and their wives or companions. Everyone liked the idea of meeting new people and expanding friendships. After dinner activities included Bingo which was a big success.

Sea Trail non-golfing ladies enjoyed a tour of Wilmington's Historic District and lunch and the Seabrook non-golfing ladies toured Old Charleston, SC, took a boat tour of Charleston Harbor and had a good lunch as well.

I would like to thank all of those who provided assistance in making the Fall Frolic a success. Special mention goes to Sam Hall, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hastings, Ken Wallgren & Dwight Short who provided much needed advice & counsel. Also, many thanks to the Divot Company for providing closest to the pin prizes. None of these events can be successful without assistance. I'll be depending on help and assistance for the future.

We are in the process of finalizing the contracts for the 2003 fall events scheduled for November 2 and November 9, 2002. Details will be provided in a future MISGA GRAM. It is our hope that all of the attendees will spread the word and urge others to attend the 2003 outings.

Peter Sorge, Jr., Events Chairman

The sport of choice for the urban poor is basketball. For maintenance level employees it is bowling. Front line workers chose football. Supervisors love baseball. Tennis is for middle management. Corporate officers chose Golf. Conclusion: the higher you are in the corporate structure the smaller your balls become!