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## President's Message

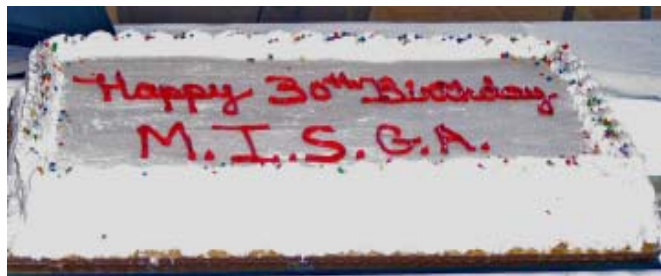
### Paul Keiser



The weather is always a factor for MISGA Golfers. So far this year it has been very kind to us. The Florida Winter Fling this February, in Crystal River, Florida, all four rounds of golf were completed (a great achievement considering that this location is somewhat to the north). We were able to play golf after the Annual Reps Meeting in April at Chester River (we had been rained out the past two years). Even the Spring Fling in May at Ocean City had acceptable weather. The dichards were able to wear shorts.

If this pattern continues, the Division Tournament Qualifiers in June and July will have full fields. The Two-Man Final will be held at Holly Hills on Monday August 1. Then Green Hill will host the Past Presidents (A-B-C-D) Final on August 11. The Pro-AMs will begin in July and continue through October. In addition, we will hold the Reps Invitational (old Board Bash) in September and the two Fall Frolics in November. If good weather continues to allow us to play out our Mixer schedules, we should see an all time MISGA attendance record.

Let's remember the goals of MISGA are to foster friendships and camaraderie through tournaments, events and mixers on a host and guest basis, and to provide an opportunity to play at other member golf and county clubs. Golf is a Gentleman's game. Remember after completing your round, adjust your score card and post your score. Enjoy yourself through the remainder of the year.



## Tired of Teams shooting 110

There are many MISGA war stories about teams scoring approximately 110 or lower when playing best balls of four. That is 34 or lower under par! USGA data indicates that the average score should be around 130 with a winning team at about 125 or so. Division one has taken a stand to correct these absurd scores.

In accordance with USGA guidelines, we use 90% of handicap for best two balls of four play. In addition, we have significantly increased emphasis on monitoring of individual handicaps. After the November Eastern Shore working/scheduling meeting at Shawnee many of the club reps played golf. The team scores supported our efforts to increase the adherence to proper handicapping. The winning team score was 127. The second and third place teams tied at 131.

Thanks to Dick Dale for the above.

## Who is the oldest playing member of MISGA?

On May 12th in a Mixer at Sussex Pines C.C. I played with an associate from Ocean City G.C. His name was **Jay Coleman**. Jay is ninety years old, going on ninety one, and has been a member of Misga for over 25 years. A great man who was a single index player in his younger days. I wonder, is Jay the oldest active member of Misga? I would like to hear from any Club Rep who has an active member in that age bracket. Paul Keiser Maple Dale Country Club

## **Subject: Div II**

Division II held its Annual Spring Reps Seminar @ Hunt Valley CC March 28, 2005. Presiding was Director Tom Tarpley, Holly Hills and Assistant Director Tom Taylor, Quail Valley.

BOARD BASH---NEW NAME IS **MISGA REPS INVITATIONAL**. The winners name and prize will be announced at the fall event at Carroll Valley Resort, PA. Sept. 14 and 15. First choices are extended to Club Reps. Plan to attend! Next year's dates are Sept. 13 and 14, 2006.

Tom Tarpley, Director Div. 2



President Paul Keiser conducting the Annual Reps Meeting held at Chester River on April 28th. For the first time in two years the sun was out so everyone had a chance to play golf after a very productive meeting.



## Deceased Associates

The below listed Associates have passed away since our last Issue:

Francis O'Brien, Cripple Creek,  
Donald Falconer, Westwinds  
Elliott Schreider, Piney Branch  
George White, Jr, Wakefield  
Joe McNally, Lakewood  
Donald Badders, Manor  
Robert McCoskey, Manor  
Joseph Sagneri, Manor  
Rick Harrison, Norbeck  
Leslie Isaacs, Leisure World  
David Wylie, Tantallon

Lemmie Bynum, Egle Creek  
Marlin Hoff, Holly Hills  
Richard Renehan, Rolling RD  
Richard Mehaffey, Argyle  
Morton Ostrow, Lakewood  
Dr. Ed Freis, Manor  
Frank Michela, Manor  
Walt Barney, Mont. Village  
Neil Stillman, Norbeck  
Earl Cave, Tantallon  
Evan Doquette, U of MD

**Will Hall**, Ocean City GC MISGA Club Rep forwarded the following:

Like most MISGA clubs when your membership is made up mostly of seniors, you can expect to have fewer members with each passing year. The attrition rate with OCGC MISGA organization is no exception. So, this year it was decided that we had to do a better recruiting job. A letter (see below) was prepared to go out to all OCGC members who are 55 or over, inviting them to get involved in MISGA. At our MISGA Kick Off Breakfast in April, it was announced that the effort had been a great success, with 21 new MISGA members having joined for the 2005 season.

The letter:

Most golfers have observed that they are able to hit a 2-acre fairway about 10% of the time, while during same round, they manage to hit a 2-inch branch 90% of the time. But, still golf is one great game. If there is a problem with golf, it is that we just don't get to play enough. Many of our fellow members at OCGC, who are 55 or over, have found a great way to play more often. It's Called MISGA... Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association. Throughout the MISGA Golf season, we travel around the Delmarva Peninsula playing some of the Shore's top golf courses. We arrive at scheduled courses about an hour before the 9:00 o'clock tee time, enjoy coffee and donuts, then play 18(with a cart) have a great lunch afterward and have a chance to win prizes. All of this for a fee of \$35.00 or less. You can play in as few or as many scheduled events as you like. Plus, there are several "MISGA Flings" scheduled in the spring, fall and winter at outstanding golf venues down south during the year. My wife, Mary, and I attended the fall fling at Jekyll Island, GA in November and a wonderful time.

I have enclosed a membership enrollment form. The annual membership fee to belong to MISGA is a great value. Play in one or two MISGA events during a year, and you will have gotten more than your money's worth from this small investment. As an associate of MISGA, you will begin to receive our association newsletter, MISGAGRAM to help you to stay informed on what's going on. As the MISGA Club Rep at OCGC, I would like to invite you ( and encourage you ) to join. Feel free to call me for more information or to answer any Questions that you might have.

Will Hall, OCGC MISGA Club Rep.

When one looks at how our Deceased Associate list grows each time we open a new MISGAGRAM you can see how wise the organization at OCGC is to be recruiting. Every Club should be so lucky as to gain 21 new Associates a year!



Paul Keiser presents Past President Don Ewalt His award at Reps Meeting.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to reprint an article written by **Don McNulty** the Cripple Creek Club Rep concerning one of their Associates, **Major James E. Major, Jr., USMC,**

**Ret** Jim was born (1/20/21) and raised in Princeton, NJ.

He attended public schools there, graduated from Muhlenburg College in 1948 with an AB Degree, and Rutgers University in 1957 with a Master's in Education. He graduated from the Marine Corps Academy in 1943 while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

When WWII broke out, Jim was a sophomore at Muhlenburg. He left school to enlist in the Marine Corps. He was released from active duty after the war, remained in the USMC Reserves and completed his education on the GI Bill.

During WWII Jim participated in the "clean up" of Guadalcanal with the 1st Marine Division in 1944. He was in the battle of Okinawa with the 6th Marine Division in 1945, and was part of the occupation force in Japan in 1945, as well. Jim returned to the states in 1946 and was a member of the standby reserves from 1946 -1950 when he continued his education on the GI Bill. During this time he was assigned to the 6th Infantry Bn., 4th Naval Dist., Phia. Navy Yard.

In 1950, Jim was recalled to active duty for the Korean conflict. He participated in the Inchon Seoul Landing in Sept. 1950 with the 3rd Bn., 11 Marines, 1st Marine Div. Jim was in the battle of Chosin Reservoir in November -December 1950 where the troops suffered severe weather conditions and were overwhelmingly outnumbered by the Chinese. Being the highly trained Marines that they were, they reduced the effectiveness of the Chinese and won the battle. Thus, the coveted title, the Chosin Few. During the campaign, Jim was wounded and received the Bronze Star with the "V" for action in the Chosin Campaign.

From January 1951 -May1951, Jim was in the 2nd and 3rd spring offensive against China and North Korea. He returned to the states in May, 1951 and was assigned to the 4th Naval Dist. Phia. until 1953 when he was transferred to the 2nd Marine Div. Camp Lejeune, NC where he was the EX.Officer in the 2nd Motor Transport BN, 2nd Marine Div. from 1953 -1955. Jim was released from active duty again in 1955 and remained in the Reserves until his retirement in 1962.

Jim's military awards include: The Bronze Star with "V", Purple Heart, 5 Presidential Citations from the US and 2 from Korea), 2 Navy Commendations, 6 Battle Stars( 1 from WWII and 5 from Korea), and the NJ Distinguished Service Medal for combat service in WWII and Korea.

In Jim's other life, he was a high school Social Studies Teacher, a Jr. and Sr. High School Principal, and Superintendent in NJ Public Schools. He retired from education in 1981. Jim was a past president of 2 NJ Boards of Education, a Township Committeeman and Mayor of Mansfield Twp. NJ.

Jim moved to Delaware in November 2001 and resides at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club with his wife Ginny where they have met many wonderful people and made many lasting friendships. He has two daughters, Lynn a teacher in NJ and Sue a Veterinarian with the NJ Racing Commission, 2 grandsons and 2 great-grand daughters. He enjoys playing golf, particularly the MISGA events.

If there is somebody in your club that you would like to let us know about please by all means let us know and we will be glad to feature them.

## What is the Rule?

When the course is played under the conditions of "rolling the ball" are the scores to be posted

ANSWER: YES -- whether the pro announces it or not!

## FLORIDA FLING 2005

The Annual MISGA Florida Fling was once again held at the Crystal River Plantation Inn & Golf Resort, the week of February 6. Changes made from the previous year included buffet dinners and no other large groups on the golf course during our time. We had 136 participants. Well treated by the staff at the Plantation, a good time was had by all.

### GOLF RESULTS

**Monday** - Scramble 1st Bob Kessler, Chartwell - Bill Romano, Ocean Pines - Claudia Young, Mapledale - Marion Schreyer, Lakewood 2nd Jack Slayton, Elks - Harry Conover, Quail Valley - Janet Bowersox, Quail Valley - Nancy McIntyre, Ocean Pines 3rd Frank Gordy, Sussex Pines - Whitey Rightmire, Ocean Pines - Ed DeKnight, Argyle - Pat Buerhaus, Sparrows Point

**Men Tuesday** Gary Molchan, Chartwell - Frank Gordy, Sussex Pines - Fred Ditmer, Nutters - Earl Hersh, Quail Valley Thursday Joe Boland, Leisure World - Ron Howard, Quail Valley - Bob McIntyre, Ocean Pines - Jim Obendorfer, Montgomery Friday Jerry Fennell, Ocean Pines - Jim Podoley, Bowie - Hank Rusman, Ocean Pines - Earl Hersh, Quail Valley Low Gross - Jack Slayton, Elks Low Net - Bob McIntyre, Ocean Pines

**Ladies - 18 Holes Tuesday** Marilyn Simpler, Seaford - Beverly Hogate, Mapledale - Ann Turner, Lakewood - Bobbie Rightmire, Ocean Pines Thursday Dixie Hughlett, Harbourtowne - Wanda Tiedemann, Shawnee - Debbie Ris, Lakewood - Marion Schreyer, Lakewood Friday Charlotte Hannigan, Crofton - Carol Menton, Ocean Pines - Sue Brown, Chartwell - Diane Blubaugh, Wakefield Valley Low Gross - Dixie Hughlett, Harbourtowne Low Net - Ruth Wood, Tantallon Ladies -

**9 Holes Tuesday** Dee Obendorfer, Montgomery Village - Ann Boland, Leisure World - Shirley Hunt, Chester River - Peggy Barrows, Montgomery Village Thursday Patty Dale, Seaford - Irene Gouker, Patuxent Green - Pat Rusman, Ocean Pines - Marge Francis, Sparrows Point Friday Patty Dale, Seaford - Shirley Hunt, Chester River - Dee Obendorfer, Montgomery Village - Irene Gouker, Patuxent Green Low Gross - Pat Rusman Low Net - Patty Dale

After looking into several other locations we found that we get the "most for the least" at the Plantation. Circle your calendars for February 12-18 for the 2006 Florida Fling in Crystal River. **Bob McIntyre, Tournament Chair**

### Nutters Crossing Golf Club

Nutters Crossing is located 1.5 miles southeast of Salisbury, Maryland on Route 12. Senior's tees course rating is 65.3, with a slope of 112. Total yardage is 5,668.

Sam Pope, David Day and Bob Parsons originally met with Nutters Crossing owner, Tom Ruark to initiate a MISGA program. Meetings were held prior to acceptance, followed by an election of officers. Leo Welch was elected MISGA Club Representative. In 1992, we were accepted into MISGA and assigned to Division I. Our first Mixer was held in April, with 32 Mixers to follow during that first year. Membership included fifty-five MISGA Associates.

In 1993, membership increased to 69. In 1994, membership increased to 70 and a full slate of Mixers.

In 1995 Division I, divided and Nutters became a member of Division 5, known today as Eastern Shore South. Ed Neff became Assistant Representative, and secretary and treasurer. In 2002, Paul Phillips was appointed Assistant Representative, and Division V Assistant Director and Historian. Kirk Banks was appointed Assistant Representative and Division 5 Planning and Policy Committee member.

Nutters Crossing MISGA is one of the original clubs that initiated winter play on the Eastern Shore, and hosted lady golfers when Spring Fling was held at Green Hill and Nassawango. Annually Nutters generously donates to the D.P.G.A. scholarship program.

## Spring Fling 2005 Results

### Monday, Men on Newport Bay:

1st - Lloyd Wescoe, Dick Boardman, Bob West and John Molcan. 2nd - Ray Theim, James Denny, Tom Maxwell and George Delacre. 3rd - Don Pace, Jim Dougherty, Don Ewalt and Bob Nauble.

### Monday, Men on Seaside:

1st - Paul Bowersox, Bill Rapson, Dick Watkins and Don Schafer. 2nd - Bob Nicholson, Dave Woodward, Jim Curran and Pat McGraw. 3rd - Aarne Tikkala, Dick Dale, Roland Foskey and Ed Shauck.

### Monday Women 18 Holes Newport Bay:

1st - Aretta Deadle, Barb Duca, Claudia Yong and Jessie Peeling. 2nd - Carol Boardman, Carolyn Lecrone, Marilyn Horne, and Mable Muench.

### Monday Women 18 Holes Seaside:

1st - Bootsie Bowie, Carolyn Price Buby Wallgren and Betty Wilks. 2nd - Darlene Watkins, Jean Ewalt, Bobbie Maxwell and Eleanor Anderson.

### Monday Women 9 Holes Seaside:

Winners - Patty Dale, Luella Donald, Haydee McGugan and Joanna Simms

### Tuesday, Men on Newport Bay:

1st - Paul Bowersox, Bob Specher, Ed Anderson and Cirles Peeling. 2nd - Bob Nicholson, Ken Wallgren, Tony Palerano and Earl Gayler. 3rd - Emidio Caconi, Dick Dale, Bob Horne and Ed Boxwell.

### Tuesday, Men on Seaside:

1st - Lloyd Wescoe, Bill Smith, Ed Gazze and Earl Hersh. 2nd - Bill Klesch, Jim Dogherty, John Babyak and Larry Drew. 3rd - Tay Theim, Harry Bowie, John Leone and Charles Myers.

### Tuesday, Women 18 Holes Newport Bay

1st - Doris Hughes, Carolyn Price and Eleanor Anderson. 2nd - Darlene Watkins, Barb Leone, Catherine Miller and Georgia McGraw.

### Tuesday, Women 18 Holes Seaside:

1st - Helen Muckelbaur, Carol Tilghman, Claudia Young and Mabel Muench. 2nd - Jo Ellen Youngblud, Bev Hogate, Marilyn Horne and Janet Bowersox.

### Tuesday, Women 9 Holes Newport Bay:

1st - Patty Dale, Roberta Ridenour and Marge Francis.





Paul Keiser Bob Nicholson 05

Bob Nicholson, new Div VI Director



Paul Keiser / Dan Williams Dir.6

Dan Williams retires as Div VI Director



Charlie Fieldhouse, the MISGA Photographer



The MISGA Club Reps Meeting in April at Chester River



Dick & Patty Dale 2005

Our Hosts for the Spring Fling Dick and Patty Dale



LADIES 9 HOLE WINNER  
ARNIE SIMMS

Arnie Simms claims Women's 9 Hole Prize



Past Pres Ewalt



Div. II

Div II has arrived at the Banquet



Dick Dale give the Scores for Monday



2ND PLACE  
NEWPORT

Men 2nd Place Newport Tuesday



2ND PLACE  
SEASIDE

Men 2nd Place Seaside Tuesday



RED GREEN

Red Green at Monday's Banquet

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