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President's Message

Tom Tarpley

Guess what? You are not going to have me to kick around much longer! There are several areas I would like to comment on prior to the usual thank you.

AED's may not come to pass for every club in MISGA, with a common thread of training in the near future. However, I predict it will not be in the to distant future that all clubs and courses will have them. At least the MISGA Clubs have the opportunity to take advantage of a negotiated price from Medtronics. Training and purchase, through Milton Zepp (MISGA member) is available for a limited time.

Play from forward tees for the "older guys" is a local option, but not overly utilized. Bug your Reps and elected and appointed officers so that you may play and enjoy the game.

Remember that play on a course hosting a state tournament prior to that tournament is NOT guaranteed and on many courses is only a figment of ones imagination. That is in the purview of the host club.

We have had a most successful year of play both mixers, regular, and tournament. The fall trips are almost filled. A few vacancies remain at Fripp Island. The "Old Board Bash", "MISGA Reps Invitational", now the Summer Fling at Carroll Valley has more signed up than in many years. Get your reservations in early for next year.

We have had at many clubs a "fall off" in participation and the usual culprits were mentioned in the last "Gram". Next year let us all endeavor to try and support our local MISGA activities. All in all not a bad year. We hope to welcome Rattlewood GC into Division 2 as a new club in the coming year. Let's keep the Treasurer and Associates Chairs happy by having our Club and Associates Dues in on time. For those clubs with a shrinking membership problem, ask for help from our successful clubs. May we strive to be an organization that is more egalitarian rather than authoritarian or exclusive.

Now for the usual. To all MISGA Members, thank you for making my year as your president, both interesting and rewarding. I know you will provide your support and good will to Ralph Starkey next term. For the Division Directors and the appointed office holders a very heartfelt and sincere thank you for making my job easier.

My wishes are for a most healthful holiday season, a mild winter, and plenty of golf whether here or in the land of warmth and sunshine.

Remember not only those members no longer with us, but the new associates who have or will soon become members.

Congratulations

Carroll Georg of Piney Branch Golf Club. Carroll had a HOLE IN ONE Friday August 18, 2006 and another HOLE IN ONE Thursday August 31, 2006 on the Par 3 - # 7 Hole at Piney Branch



Some times it just doesn't pay to play, but then the beer seems to help change your mind.



Who says that MISGA is all golf and no fun?

MISGA A-B-C-D Tournament (2006)

A total of 124 players including President Tom Tarpley and four former Presidents competed in the A-B-C-D State Finals tournament played at Harbortowne on August 14, 2006. Except for a few holes on the back nine in the wooded area that had suffered from the recent several days of high temperature and humidity the course was in good condition and presented a challenge to all the players. Our host Club Rep, John Bachman, did a fine job of making all the arrangements including a hearty buffet lunch at the club house prior to the noon shotgun start. Dinner, held in the hotel ballroom, included carved top round of beef and a delicious grilled chicken with sherry crab sauce. The Golf Pro, John Mlynarski, is to be highly commended for doing all the scorekeeping, including breaking ties, in a timely manner. The Division Tournament Chairman, Bob Guenther, is also to be commended for his contribution in making this a very successful event.

Low Gross winner with a score of 72 was **Bob Burd** from Shawnee. This is the second year in a row for Bob to win, having posted a 74 last year at Green Hill. All total, Bob has won Low Gross three times in the last five years! Low Net winner with a score of 63 was **R. Aarne Tiikkala** from Eagle Creek. In addition to a golf shop credit certificate, each of the two overall winners received a handsome wall clock trophy to keep in their den and the large silver bowl to be displayed at their respective clubs for the next year.

Pictured below is the low gross winner Bob Burd with the MISGA Tournament Chairman C. J. Myers



Pictured below is the low net winner R. Aarne Tiikkala being presented his trophy and silver bowl by the chairman as John Mlynarski is preparing for additional announcements from the podium.



In addition to the above, the other winners were:

Flight A	Low gross	Bob Burd	72	Shawnee
	2 nd	“ Dave Markey	77	Kenwood
	3 rd	“ Tim Linck	78	Harbortowne
	4 th	“ Bob Haight	78	Argyle
	5 th	“ Doug Schmidt	79	Argyle
	Low net	Mike Gorski	68	Eagle Creek
	2 nd	“ John Carpenter	71	Glade Valley
	3 rd	“ Tim Rooney	72	Walden

	4 th	“ Chuck Winwood	73	Tantallon
	5 th	“ Franklin Wood	74	Bowie
Flight B	Low gross	R. Aarne Tiikkala	77	Eagle Creek
	2 nd	“ Jim Paradise	86	West Winds
	3 rd	“ Dave Houston	89	Bay Hills
	4 th	“ Gene Kerin	89	Deer Run
	5 th	“ Bud Jarboe	90	Eagle Creek
	Low net	Bob Nicholson	71	Walden
	2 nd	“ Howard Prouse	73	Ocean City
	3 rd	“ Melvin Hamill	74	Eagle Creek
	4 th	“ Ken Wallgren	75	Hobbit’s Glen
	5 th	“ Eaarl Gayler	75	Kenwood
Flight C	Low gross	Richard Hughes	86	Talbot
	2 nd	“ Joe Moore	87	Eagle Creek
	3 rd	“ Robert House	88	Quail Valley
	4 th	“ Dave Schwartz	89	West Winds
	5 th	“ Frank Soltner	92	Shawnee
	Low net	Ed Long	69	Great Hope
	2 nd	“ Bill Cave	70	Manor
	3 rd	“ Nick Smith	71	Easton
	4 th	“ Tom Taylor	71	Quail Valley
	5 th	“ Pat McAllorum	72	Ocean City
Flight D	Low gross	John Smith	93	Walden
	2 nd	“ Kwang Yee	95	
	3 rd	“ Chuck Johnson	97	Naval Academy
	4 th	“ Joe Vinson	98	Eagle Creek
	5 th	“ Harry Goad	99	Glade Valley
	Low net	Brian Raver	68	Quail Valley
	2 nd	“ Ron Jackson	71	Ocean City
	3 rd	“ Gary Wilmsen	72	Quail Valley
	4 th	“ James Crouse	73	Harbourtowne
	5 th	“ Max Keeney	74	Mont. Village



It’s finally time to eat at Walden. Gene Cleary shows the way.



It appears that people at Walden eat well, often.

MISGA Two-Man Team Tournament (2006)

A full field of 128 players (64 teams) competed for honors in the Two-Man Team State Finals held at Manor C. C. on August 17, 2006. It was a very hot day and the course was in very good condition except for some approach areas near some of the greens that had been stressed from the high heat and humidity for several recent days. Fifteen Manor Seniors served as ball spotters at the trouble locations throughout the course, which greatly helped to maintain a good pace of play. All teams finished in approximately five hours. The host Club Rep, Bill Gordon, and Division Tournament Chairman, Nick Parker, are to be commended for the fine job of organizing and conducting this event.

A buffet lunch was served on the pavilion prior to the noon shotgun start. Following play, cocktails and a delicious dinner of filet mignon and crab cake was served to the participants. The scorekeeping task was expertly done by the Golf Pro, Larry Velten, utilizing the USGA recommended procedure of breaking ties by a match of cards. Net better ball team scores ranged from 60 (ten under par) to 78. The following teams won trophies or prize money:

1st net	60	Bill Jarboe & David Bowen	Eagle Creek
2nd	62	R. A Arne Tiikkala & Mike Gorski	Eagle Creek
3rd	62	Jim Hart & Don Baker	Beaver Creek
4th	62	Johnny Crews & Bill Kalis	West Winds
5th	63	Connie Carpenter & Charlie Hodgson	Univ. of Maryland
6th	64	Max Keeney & Ron Wiles	Mont. Village
7th	64	Cris Smith & Earl Gayler	Kenwood
8th	64	Tom Morris & Joe Moore	Eagle Creek
9th	65	Paul Babineau & John Hersh	Beaver Creek
10th	65	Julian Orlinski & Bert Bigelow	Prospect Bay
11th	65	Vijay Chaudhry & Jasdep Singh	Bretton Woods
12th	66	Larry Lewis & Phil Phillips	Quail Valley
13th	66	Andy Miller & Jim Donatelli	Manor
14th	66	Ken Pepper & John McLain	Kenwood
15th	66	Stan Matthews & James Doyle	Nutters Crossing
16th	67	Lloyd Stimson & Ike Oren	Tantallon
17th	67	Buck Guth & Bill Lord	Nutters Crossing
18th	67	Ed Sebring & Clarence Moody	West Winds
19th	67	Jeff Grandel & Wayne Wilson	Hog Neck
20th	68	Doug Milne & Bill Stafford	Ocean Pines
21st	68	Jim Boone & Jay Dibley	Quail Valley
22nd	68	Steve Marchant & Bill Seeds	Prospect Bay

Pictured below with the champions trophies awarded by Tournament Chairman C. J. Myers are Bill Jarboe and David Bowen from Eagle Creek.



Also pictured are the runner-up trophies awarded by the Tournament Chairman to R. Aarne Tiikkala and Mike Gorski from Eagle Creek.





Tribute to Sam Hastings

By C. J. Myers

On July 30, 2006 MISGA lost a very dear friend when Sam Hastings passed on to that great golf course in the sky after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

For his many achievements in MISGA, including serving as President, Sam was the first to be recognized for outstanding service and given a green jacket at the Annual Club Reps meeting in 1999. Sam was very proud of this award and wore the jacket every time he attended an appropriate MISGA function.

During his twenty-five plus years of service to our organization Sam held many positions of responsibility. He worked with our founder, Al Hagen, in the formative years. He was our first Associates Chairman and was responsible for our roster being entered into a computer for the first time. He chaired the Policy and Plans Committee in 1981 which created the basis for the current organization. He served as Club Rep, Division Director, and achieved his highest MISGA goal when he was seated as President in 1985. It was during his tenure and through his leadership, that the first “*A History of MISGA, 1976-1985*” was published.

In recent years, most of us got to know Sam through his dedicated efforts of organizing and conducting our Fall Frolic golf trips to the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, and the many overseas MISGA trips to Mexico, Caribbean, Scotland, and Ireland.

It was during one of the Fall Frolic trips to Sea Brook a few years ago that Charlie Fieldhouse offers this vignette about Sam:

I walked into the dining room where Sam was engrossed in his conversation with some very important persons, with his back to my entry. I said “Hello Sam”, and without turning, Sam said, “Hello Charlie”. I stopped and asked him, “How did you know it was me?” Sam without turning said, “I heard you coming from the other room”. Since then it has been: Have you heard Charlie yet? Yes, he’s in the parking lot!

Another of our Associates, Chuck Ebbecke, who was also a good friend of Sam Hastings offers the following kind words about him:

Sam was a man of gravitas, serious yet a warm and welcoming man with a hint of joy in his eyes. In one group he played in, 80 year olds were allowed to play from the forward tees. Sam wanted very much to join his old college friend, Bill August, on the forward tees. But cancer forced him to give up golf at the age of 79. Sam never once commented on this disappointment. Rather, the last time I saw them playing together, with Sam on the back tees and Bill far forward, they went happily off together after the round and each bought a large \$7 ice cream concoction that today’s food police would abhor. Sam loved the game of golf and the golfers who shared his love of the game. He also became a 10 year old whenever ice cream was around.

Charlie Fieldhouse and myself were the next to receive the outstanding service recognition and were given the “*Sam Hastings Green Jacket Award*” at the annual Division IV Holiday Luncheon in December 2005.

Unfortunately Sam’s health at the time prevented him from attending the affair to present the awards.

All your MISGA friends miss you very much, Sam, and we hope to play more golf with you. Save a spot in your foursome up there.

Deceased Associates

The following associates have passed away since our last Issue:

Samuel M Hastings

Argyle

Franklin (“Lin”) Steinko, Jr.

Kenwood C.C.

CARROLL VALLEY SUMMER FROLIC

Div. 2 wishes to thank **all** who attended. Can you believe Thursday’s round of golf had to be cancelled because of rain? Wednesday’s golf was played without a drop of rain. The dinner was excellent. Tom Taylor and his helpers did an outstanding job of organizing and implementing a great day of golf and assorted activities, in spite of Tom Tarpley’s help. Many first timers were present and are eager to return. As usual the ladies contribute both excellent play and improve the scenery. See you next year! Dates are Sept. 12 & 13, 2007. Bring rain gear in case there is an unexpected shower!



It’s Tee time at Holly Hill for Mike Surrano from Walden G.C.



Did these fellows come for lunch or Golf?



Mr. Tarpley calls this “The Big Six”



C.J. Myers and Bob Gunther host the A-B-C-D Tournament

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What a great way to end the day! Listen to great music, whet your whistle and clean your shoes. Being an Associate of MISGA can not be beat, if you attend the Summer Frolic!