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The MISGA golf season is fast approaching. I am sure everyone is anxious to limber up and get those first rusty swings into action. But the year just past was interesting. The annual reports from all club reps have been accumulated. Here are some statistics.

We now have 60 clubs divided into six divisions with 4000 associates. Total revenue for the member clubs reached almost one million dollars! To better show how MISGA has spread since its inception in 1975, I pasted the name of every club on a large map in its proper location. The effect was quite striking. You can live almost anywhere in Maryland or Delaware and not be far from a club with a MISGA chapter. Plus we have one club in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania.

At the Board's December meeting, it considered the record of Associates' posting their 2007 MISGA Championship Tournaments scores. The record was quite good. Around ninety percent of the more than 200 Associates participating in the ABCD (Past Presidents) and Two-Man Finals posted their scores. But considering that failure to post scores, especially tournament scores, not only violates the USGA Handicap System, but is unfair to those who do post and contrary to good sportsmanship, the Board adopted a Championship Tournaments policy, beginning with the 2008 Championships, prohibiting entry by Associates who didn't post their score in either of the previous year's Championships.

A few years ago Merle Shumaker made a substantial bequest to MISGA to begin a Tournament Fund. The income from the bequest is to be used to enhance prize money at the ABCD Tournament. It would be nice to also have sufficient money to enhance prize money for the two-man team tournament. If anyone reading this would like to add to the Tournament Fund, please contact either me or Gary Sorrell, MISGA Treasurer.

Our initial attempts to communicate with all Associates by e-mail were reasonably successful for a first effort. However, we lack e-mail addresses for many Associates. Some clubs have a club rep or assistant rep who has stepped forward and compiled a complete list of e-mail addresses for his club's MISGA Associates. If your club does not have some one assigned to be the MISGA e-mail "communicator", and if you would like to be the "communicator" for the MISGA Associates at your club, please make yourself known to your club rep. We are very close to being able to pass important information along to everyone, but we can use your help to complete the job.

And one final word. Your assignment for this week is to visit the MISGA web site at www.MISGA.org. Become familiar with everything there. The web site has a plethora of useful information....everything you could want to know about the great organization that MISGA is!

Bob Turner, President

MISGA-2007-FALL FROLICS – SEABROOK & AMELIA ISLAND

The 2007 Fall Frolics at Seabrook & Amelia Island were well attended and a great success. The weather was very cooperative & temperature was in the 70's. This year's events sold out in the first two days! Based on the positive feedback I received, I expect the 2008 Fall Frolics to fill up quite rapidly.

This year we had over 30 first timers attend the Fall Frolics. Most of them indicated that they had a great time & intend to join us in the future. We even had a couple from Easton, MD that is originally from Iceland! Did they play over the hot springs & lava flows up there? On Halloween some of the ladies at Seabrook dressed up to haunt me on their broomsticks. Check out the pictures taken at these events at MISGA.ORG.

The golf was excellent with the Pro & the staff from the Pro Shops contributing to our fun each day. Each course represents a different challenge for all golfers. The wind at Amelia on the last day made it a very interesting challenge for all! No one could say they were bored. One day at each venue we play a mixed scramble with the men & women eighteen-hole golfers. These events provided an opportunity for the men to play with a mixed group and take advantage of the lady's skills. The remaining days, the 18-hole men golfers, the 18-hole ladies & the nine hole ladies played with their respective groups. The golf courses at both venues were in great shape and provided a challenge to all. Golf prize money was spread among many individual teams. Scores were not as low as most local MISGA events. Men's foursomes in the 130's & 140's were in the money.

This year at Amelia we had another hole in one. Last year it was Jean Ewalt who had one & this year it was Keith Keary of Bretton Woods who had his "ace" on the par 3 18th hole (120-yards with a nine-iron). Great shot Keith! He will be receiving a plaque to commemorate this achievement.

After a day on the courses, everyone relaxed during the cocktail hour and dinner (the food was excellent). The cocktail hour gave everyone an opportunity to talk with old and new friends. On Monday and Wednesday, we played Bingo after dinner and lots of cash prizes were awarded.

Seabrook non-golfing ladies enjoyed a tour to Historic Middleton Plantation near Charleston, SC. After the tour, they had lunch at the Middleton Plantation's famous restaurant. The Amelia Island non-golfing ladies toured the Historic area of St. Augustine, FL and had a guided tour of the historic Flagler College. Another highlight of the tour was lunch in "The Famous 95 Cordova Cobalt Lounge in the historic Casa Monica Hotel. My wife, Susan, who was unable to attend this year, wants to thank the non-golfing ladies for the cards they sent.

I would like to thank all of those who provided assistance in making the Fall Frolic a success. Special mention goes to Charlie Fieldhouse (master Bingo caller) and his assistants. Thanks to Marge Boyer who presided over the 9-hole ladies @ Seabrook & thanks to Betty Gladden for presiding over the 9-holes ladies at Amelia Island. Also, thanks to Dwight Short, Bob West & Henry Woltman who provided advice, scoring-audit assistance, and golf-pairing assistance & help preparing the prize money envelopes. None of these events can be successful without having your help & space doesn't allow me to name all of those who assisted.

I will be reviewing and soliciting contracts for the 2008 fall events to be scheduled in November 2008. MISGA has very specific requirements for our trips and I have to take into consideration price, location & amenities. I am considering several venues. Anyone who would like to provide suggested venues or other comments regarding these trips can do so by e-mail (pete233@verizon.net). Details will be provided in a future MISGAgram. It is our hope that all of the attendees will spread the word and urge others to attend the 2008 outings.

Peter Sorge, Jr., Events Chairman

A TRIBUTE TO TOM TARPLEY

If your playing partner greets you with a warm smile, a pleasant handshake and the promise of a fun round of golf, then you are playing with Tom Tarpley. If your playing partner is dressed in sartorial plus fours and a Scottish Tam-O-Shanter that will dazzle any golfer's eyes, then you are playing with Tom Tarpley. If your playing partner has worked tirelessly for nearly 20 years for MISGA then you are playing with Tom Tarpley.



He is the Associate selected in 2007 as the recipient of the coveted Hastings Green Jacket, named in honor of Sam Hastings. Only three others have received this honor since its inauguration in 2000.

Tom has held numerous positions of responsibility in MISGA. His first leadership role was as Assistant Rep at Eaglehead, progressing to Club Rep at Westwinds. He served as Assistant Division Director and Division Director of Division II and then became MISGA Treasurer, Vice President, and in 2006, President. Upon completing his term as President, he continued to serve on the Board as chair of the Past Presidents Committee.

At the annual Division IV Christmas Luncheon, held this past December, Tom was presented with ***“The Sam Hastings Green Jacket Award for Outstanding Service to MISGA”***. Sam's widow, Marion, assisted President Ralph Starkey in presenting the jacket to Tom.

An earlier presentation was made at that luncheon by Sgt. Mike Russo, a Montgomery County Police Officer, who is Vice President of OPERATION SECOND CHANCE, a volunteer organization that helps wounded veterans re-adjust back into civilian life. Mike presented to Ralph Starkey a folded, encased American Flag which had been signed by several combat wounded survivors of Iraq and Afghanistan as a token of appreciation to MISGA for their generous donation. Tom Tarpley, of course, was the driving thrust in obtaining Board approval for this support for our wounded heroes.



The real Tom Tarpley is a native of Georgia and claims that he never left the Peach State. His wife Pat, a former Dior model provides the basis for his good manners and decorum. They live on a farm in Frederick County with a vineyard, cattle, and cats and dogs. Tom is a retired PHS/Coast Guard officer with a Degree from the Georgetown University Medical School in Pathology and a Degree from Emory University School of Dentistry. He ran a pathology lab at NIH and was consultant and staff at Navy and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for years and upon retirement became an Associate Professor at Georgetown Medical & Dental Schools. Tom has lectured nationally and internationally and published several books, one translated into Japanese.

Camaraderie is the central theme of MISGA and Tom personifies this theme. Vitality and enthusiasm are hallmarks of his personality. His life has been one of service and fortunately MISGA has been greatly rewarded with his dedication.

Dick Hunt

MISGA E-Mail Distribution System

MISGA has recently initiated a MISGA-wide e-mail distribution system capable of reaching every MISGA associate who has an e-mail address. Its purpose is to deliver important information/documents in a timely manner. For example, the system was used to distribute Frolic Flyers/Entry Forms that had missed publication in the MISGAGRAM, but had entry deadlines. This method of e-mail distribution could be dubbed the "chain-mail" method because it uses a hierarchical (tree) structure of distributed e-mail directories.

This is how it works. The e-mail, with or without attachments, is sent to the six Division Directors (plus Asst. Directors). The Division Directors forward the e-mail to all of the Divisions' Club Reps. Each Club Rep then forwards the e-mail to every address in his MISGA Senior E-mail Directory. The recipients, whether Division Directors or Club Reps, would recognize in the subject line "MISGA DISTRIBUTION-ALL." This would signal them to forward the e-mail to the next level in the chain (hierarchy). The message would also be flagged as "High Priority," causing a red exclamation mark to be displayed and the annotation, "This message-is high priority" when the message is opened (using Outlook Express as an example e-mail handler).

This technique has several advantages: (1) These Distribution Lists (e-mail directories) should already exist at the appropriate levels. That is, each Division Director maintains an e-mail list of the Club Reps in his Division; the Club Reps in turn maintain e-mail lists for all associates in their senior MISGA organizations who have e-mail addresses. This is the standard method of communication that has been in use for several years. No additional work is required to maintain the e-mail lists – that is part of the ongoing duties of each tier in the organization. (2) The distribution system can be used to disseminate either links to documents or the documents themselves. (3) There is no spam problem with a large distribution list on a single message because the message address list is distributed – the largest address list is a single club's MISGA roster. (4) From the MISGA viewpoint, this is a cost-free, paperless distribution system. No paper is printed or mailed (with postage and envelopes) to over 4400 people.

Of course, there are trouble spots. (1) Some associates do not have e-mail capability. In this case, it would be incumbent on the Club Rep to post the message or document on the senior bulletin board at the club and phone the associates without e-mail. (2) Apparently, not all Club Reps use e-mail for communicating with their rosters. This can be overcome by emphasizing that it is one of the duties of the Club Rep to maintain an e-mail directory of his associates. (3) This chain-letter type of distribution requires that each level perform the requisite forwarding activity. If a link fails to execute his responsibility, the lower tiers will not receive the e-mail and the system breaks down. (4) Updating the e-mail rosters is an ongoing annoyance, but a necessary activity and is best done at the lowest level. Consequently, associates must assiduously notify club reps of e-mail address changes.

With your help, we look forward to having MISGA stay abreast of technology in order to provide better service to the associates and to save money for the organization.

Byron Keadle

MISGAgram Mail Opt-Out

Printing and mailing of the 'gram costs about \$1.00 each copy. There are approximately 4,000 Associates. Each issue of the 'gram is a large expense to MISGA. This expense can be substantially reduced by electing to opt out of the mail distribution and accessing the 'gram on-line. If you would like to view the 'gram on-line and not receive a copy by mail, please tell your club Rep.

Recently Deceased

Associate

Bob BEACH
Walt BRUNNER
Hal RENEGAR
Dave SCHERR
Larry WITTMAN
Bill WOOLSTON

Club

Green Hill
Talbot CC
Holly Hills
Bretton Woods
Harbourtowne
Prospect Bay

William (Bill) Woolston (picture at right), MISGA Past President, passed away at his residence, Oakcrest Village in Baltimore Co., Md in October. As a long time Member of Hunt Valley, Bill served as Asst Rep, Rep, 1981 Director Div II, 1982 President, and the 1983 - 1986 Editor of the MISGAgram. He was a retired member of Prospect Bay.



Dave Scherr who died in January was the club rep for Bretton Woods.

Bob Beach, who died suddenly in January, was an active member of Green Hill Yacht and Country Club and was very actively involved in several civic and community organizations. He was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame. He enjoyed golfing and traveling. Bob will be remembered and missed by all his golf friends.

All will be missed by their many friends and golfing buddies.

2008 MISGA SCHEDULE

Board of Directors Meetings

March 19 -- Wednesday at Crofton. Coffee and doughnuts at 9:30, meeting at 10:00
Lunch and golf optional

April 7 --- Annual Club Reps meeting. Monday at Prospect Bay. Coffee and doughnuts at 9:00,
meeting at 9:30; Lunch and golf optional

Sept 2 ---- Tuesday at Carroll Valley Resort

Dec. 9 --- Tuesday at Lakewood. Coffee and doughnuts at 9:30, meeting at 10:00;
Lunch and golf optional

Events

Feb. 24-29 Winter Fling at Crystal River, FL

May 13-15 Spring Fling at Williamsburg, VA

Sept. 3-4 Summer Frolic at Carroll Valley Resort, Fairfield, PA

TBD Fall Frolics

Tournaments

August 4, Monday: ABCD Past Presidents Tournament at Piney Branch. Rain date: Aug. 18

August 14, Thursday: Two-man Team Tournament at Ocean Pines. Rain date: Aug. 21

SOUTHERN SCORES -- CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES -- RULES CHANGES

POSTING SOUTHERN SCORES --

If you enjoyed the warm southern climate this winter, remember that the USGA Handicap System requires that during our "off-season" (November 16 to March 14, in Maryland and Delaware), we post scores for rounds we play in southern golf areas which are in "active season" (such as South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, etc., so-called "southern scores").

Maryland and Delaware golfers (and those from Quail Valley, which is in PA but is under the Maryland State season) must post our southern scores by March 14, 2008, so that these scores will be included in the March 15 handicap index revisions for Maryland and Delaware.

This also applies to posting scores from the team events at the Fall Frolics and the Winter Fling (other than scrambles or other competitions, such as alternate shot, in which you don't play your own ball from tee to green).

(The Fall Frolic and Winter Fling event scores are not to be posted as tournament scores, because of the generally friendly, casual nature of these events.)

ONLINE SCORE POSTING --

If your club's handicap committee has approved online score posting, you may post your Southern scores before March 15 by going to Golfnet.com, clicking on Golfer Services, then Club Web Pages, then MD (or DE), then choosing your club from the pull down menu, then Submit Information, then enter your club number, then your club's password (probably your club's name), then Submit, then Post Scores.

POSTING MISGA TOURNAMENT SCORES --

After finding that almost half of the participants did not post their scores in one Division Tournament in 2006, the MISGA Handicap Committee had warning announcements made at the 2007 Division IV ABCD and Two-Man Tournaments, notifying the participants that the failure to timely post these tournament scores might affect their ability to enter future events. Nearly 90 percent of the golfers posted those event scores.

Announcements were then made at the 2007 ABCD and Two-Man Championships in August, notifying the participants that the failure to timely post these tournament scores might affect their ability to enter MISGA Tournaments in 2008.

In December, the Board adopted a MISGA tournament policy making those Associates who do not post their Championship scores ineligible to participate in the following year's Championships (and requiring Division Tournament committees to consider making those Associates not eligible to participate in their Division Tournaments).

Of the 221 golfers participating in the 2007 Championships, 91 percent posted their scores! Therefore, only a very few Associates will not be eligible to participate in the 2008 Championships.

Dick Crone, Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

'Snowbird' Up-Date

In the December issue, we had reported that the Maryland legislature, during the special session convened by Governor O'Malley in October/November, was considering changing the Maryland residency period from six (6) months to three (3) months for taxing purposes. We are pleased to report that this provision **was not** included in the package of the several changes which increased Maryland State taxes.

SIGNIFICANT USGA RULES CHANGES FOR 2008

LIFTING BALL IN HAZARD FOR IDENTIFICATION --

Rule 12-2 (Identifying Ball) has been changed to allow a golfer to lift a ball for identification in a hazard (bunker or water hazard).

Before this change, if we hit a ball out of bounds from a bunker or water hazard, we might never know whether that ball was our ball; if it had not been our ball, we would not have to take the out-of-bounds penalty. Now we will know if it is not our ball, and we will not hit it.

Now, after identifying the ball we see in the hazard as not being our ball, we are still all right if we cannot find our own ball in the hazard, because "you cannot lose a ball in a hazard". If we cannot find our ball in a hazard, we may play a substituted ball, with the usual penalty, under the usual hazard rule, if there is "known or virtually certain" that the ball came to rest in the hazard. (The standard was "reasonable evidence" before the new change to Rule 26-1.)

But, when lifting a ball from a hazard to identify it, remember that we must follow the steps in Rule 12-2, which require that before we lift the ball, we must announce our intention to our opponent or a fellow competitor and give that person the opportunity to observe the lifting and replacement of the ball. Also, the ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary to identify it. (Penalty for breach of these steps: match play - loss of hole; stroke play - two strokes.)

A corresponding change to Rule 15-3 (Wrong Ball) removes the exemption from the wrong ball penalty for playing a wrong ball in a hazard. The wrong ball penalty now applies to playing a wrong ball in a hazard because of the Rule 12-2 change allowing lifting a ball for identification in a hazard. Because we now have the opportunity to identify our ball in a hazard, we have no excuse for hitting a wrong ball from there and are therefore penalized.

EXCHANGING DISTANCE INFORMATION --

The definition of "advice" has been changed to essentially allow the exchange of any distance information between any golfers in a group, regardless of whether they are opponents or fellow-competitors.

Now, distance information is not considered "advice," including (incredibly) the distance between a golfer's ball and the hole (Decision 8-1/2).

Have fun and hit 'em straight!

Dick Crone, Chairman, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it", he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I'd hit the ball I couldn't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try".

"That's no good", sighs Arthur. "Your brother's a hundred and three. He can't help".

"He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So, the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!"

"Where did it go?" says Arthur.

"I can't remember".



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

**President Bob Turner
The MISGA Board of Directors
and Division II
Announce the**

***2008 ANNUAL MISGA SUMMER FROLIC
at
CARROLL VALLEY RESORT***

Wednesday, September 3rd, and Thursday, September 4th

PROGRAM

Wednesday

08:30 AM thru 2:00 PM - Check-in at registration desk
10:30 AM thru 3:00 PM - Golf, assigned tee times
Lunch available in Coffee Shop
06:30 PM thru 7:30 PM - Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, Cash Bar
07:30 PM to..... - Dinner, Awards

Thursday

06:00 AM thru 11:00 AM - Check-out
06:30 AM thru 8:30 AM - Breakfast Buffet
08:45 AM - At carts for shot-gun start briefing
09:00 AM - Golf, Mixed Scrambles format
01:30 PM - Buffet lunch, Awards

Study the Plan information on the next page carefully. For questions and inquiries, e-mail to trytogolf@comcast.net; write to address below, or call Tom Taylor at 410-848-1866

Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Friday, **August 1, 2008**
[If the field is filled, checks will be returned promptly]

CANCELLATIONS: Full refunds will be granted **only until August 15th**

NOTE: If you plan to arrive Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, rooms are available at a reduced rate of \$99. Call Carroll Valley at 1-800-548-8504 as early as you can. A number of attendees were disappointed to find no rooms available last year and there are limited room alternatives.

**MISGA Division II - Thomas Taylor, 843 Fairfield Ave
Westminster, MD 21157 Phone 410-848-1866
e-mail: trytogolf@comcast.net**

CARROLL VALLEY

PACKAGE ELEMENTS & FEES (Per Person; Double Occupancy)

Overnight club storage, taxes & gratuities included.

PLAN A

(18 Hole Golfer)
Green Fees & Cart
Wed. Banquet
Wed. Night Room
Thurs. Breakfast
Thurs. Lunch
Prizes
Fee = 235.00

PLAN B

(9 Hole or Non-Golfer)
Green Fee Extra
Wed. Banquet
Wed. Night Room
Thurs. Breakfast
Thurs. Lunch
Fee = 135.00

PLAN C

(Local 18 Hole Golfer)
Green Fees & Cart
Wed. Banquet
No Room
No Breakfast
Thurs. Lunch
Prizes
Fee = 155.00

SPECIAL NOTES

- 9 hole golfers will pay the golf fee at the pro shop. They should enter 9 hole handicaps on the entry form. The 9 hole fee w/cart is \$26/day.
- Persons wishing to room by themselves should add \$53 to the above plan prices.

DIRECTIONS to the CARROLL VALLEY RESORT

From Eastern Shore

Rte 50 over the Bay Bridge to Rte 97;
Rte 97 to Baltimore Beltway Rte 695 West (Towson) to Rte 795
I-795 to Exit 9B & onto Rte 140 (West)
Rte 140 through Westminster, Taneytown to Emmitsburg;

From Baltimore

Baltimore Beltway Rte 695 to I-795;
I-795 to Exit 9B & onto Rte 140 (West);
Rte 140 through Westminster, Taneytown to Emmitsburg;

From Washington

I-270 to Rte 15 North
Rte 15 to Rte 140 (West)
Rte 140 to Emmitsburg;

From Emmitsburg;

Continue West on Rte 140 into Pennsylvania where MD Rte 140 becomes PA Rte 16.
Continue about 4 miles to PA Rte 116. Turn right (North) onto Rte 116.
Carroll Valley Resort is about 2 miles on the right.

TELEPHONE CONTACT

For someone trying to reach you at Carroll Valley from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. they can call the switchboard at 1-800-548-8504 to leave a message. If a potential caller knows your room number, they can call direct to your room at any time by dialing 1-717-642-8211 and the room number. The room number is necessary. If there is no answer, a voice-mail message will come on.

Please arrive at Carroll Valley at least a **full hour** before your tee time.

CARROLL VALLEY

ENTRY FORM

**2008 MISGA Summer Frolic
At Carroll Valley**

Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th

Name _____ Plan _____ July Index _____

Name _____ Plan _____ July Index _____

I will be rooming with _____

NOTE: All fees are per person, Double Occupancy.
For single occupancy add \$53 and check here (___)

<u>Room Request</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PLAN A@: 18 Hole Golfer For smoking room check here (___)	(___)	@ \$235.00	\$ _____
PLAN B@: Non-Golfer or 9 hole Golfer For smoking room check here (___)	(___)	@ \$135.00	\$ _____
PLAN C@: 18 Hole Commuting Golfer	(___)	@ \$155.00	\$ _____
TOTAL (<u>Payable to MISGA DIV II</u>)			\$ _____

We plan to be overnight Tuesday at CV (or in the vicinity). _____

Signed _____ Club _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail form and check to **Thomas Taylor, 843 Fairfield Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157**

Questions: e-mail trytogolf@comcast.net or Phone **410-848-1866**

Entries must be received by August 1

AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA

2008 MISGA FALL FROLIC

Sunday, November 9 (arrival)-Friday, November 14 (departure)

The 2008 MISGA Fall Frolic will be held at Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL.32035, (1-800-874-6878). It is approximately a 12-hour drive from the metropolitan Washington, DC area & is 29 miles from the Jacksonville, FL. airport. If you fly, transfer is available via Amelia Island Transportation. **Participation will be limited to 128 golfers or to the available accommodations.** The 18-hole golfers will be playing on the Long Point, Ocean Links & Oak Marsh courses. **Applications will not be accepted unless you are a MISGA member that has paid dues this year. ALL guests must provide a credit card at check in.**

The accommodations provide lodging for one, two, or three twosomes. Please make up your own group to assure that you are with people you know. The room choices are: "**Oceanview room**" (no washer/dryer)- **will be either in the Amelia Inn or The Sandcastles.** For larger groups there are **two bedroom Oceanview & Resortview Villas** or **3 bedroom Resortview Villas**: Each Villa has the same number of baths as bedrooms and each bedroom is furnished with one or two double beds. Also, they have a kitchen with range, microwave, dishwasher and refrigerator with icemaker. Additional features include daily housekeeping & gratuities, in room coffee service, full size living room, dining area, washer & dryer and may have a screened porch. On property transportation & fitness center is included.

Breakfast will be served in the Oceanview Terrace (hotel). Cocktail Parties and Dinners will be served in the "Conference Center Cumberland B, C". Dinner will be buffet style with several entrees available each night. The banquet on Thursday night will be a plated dinner. All gratuities and taxes are included. Gratuities for bellman, valet parkers & golf bag attendants are at each guest's discretion. **Lunch is not included** but is available during and after each round at each respective course or the other restaurants at the resort.

Daily competitions, Monday through Thursday, are planned for the men.18-hole and 9-hole ladies. Play will begin promptly with **9 a.m. shotgun starts.** Ladies who only have a 9-hole handicap **will not** play with the 18-hole group. They will play with the 9-hole group.

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Welcome reception, cocktail hour with **dinner**; five (5) nights lodging (Sunday-Thursday); five (5) cocktail hours; five (5) breakfasts (Monday-Friday); four (4) buffet dinners; one (1) banquet plated dinner; four (4) days greens fees; four (4) days cart service, range balls & golf storage. **Bonus:** Sunday early arrivals-free golf subject to your scheduling a tee time.

WHAT IT COSTS: (RATES ARE PER PERSON)

Oceanview Room, Double occupancy

\$1569 - 18-hole golfer
\$1347 - 9-hole golfer
\$1243 - Non Golfer

Two Bedroom Oceanview Villa Quadruple Occupancy

\$1484 -18-hole golfer
\$1262 - 9-hole golfer
\$1158 - Non-golfer

Two Bedroom Resortview Villa Quadruple Occupancy

\$1354 -18-hole golfer
\$1131 - 9-hole golfer
\$1028 - Non-golfer

Three Bedroom Resortview Villa Six People Occupancy

\$1323 - 18-hole golfer
\$1100 - 9-hole golfer
\$997 - Non-golfer

One Bedroom Oceanview Suite Double Occupancy

\$1678 - 18-hole golfer
\$1456 - 9-hole golfer
\$1352 - Non-golfer

One Bedroom Oceanview Suite "SINGLE" Occupancy

\$2212 - 18-hole golfer
\$1990 - 9-hole golfer
\$1886 - Non golfer

Oceanview Room "SINGLE" Occupancy

\$1994 - 18-hole golfer
\$1772 - 9 hole golfer
\$1668 - Non-golfer

THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: MISGA associates must submit a REGISTRATION FORM accompanied by a check for payment **in full** to the address on the form. If you have a prearranged group with which to share accommodations, please provide on the form the names of the people in your group. Applications will be processed on a "**first come-first served**" basis judged by the **postmark & date received; or if hand delivered, the date received.** **Postmarks or hand delivery earlier than June 16, 2008 will not be considered.** You will be notified of acceptance by mail or e-mail on or before July 25, 2008. If you have questions, contact one of the individuals listed below. **Directions to Amelia Island** will be enclosed with your confirmation notice.

LATE REGISTRATION FEES: Add \$3 per person per month beginning July 15; \$6 per person per month beginning August 15; \$9 per person per month beginning September 15; \$12 per person per month beginning October 15.

Questions??

Contact:

Peter Sorge 301 292-1597
E-Mail: pete233@verizon.net

Bob West 301-292-6969
elmonwest@yahoo.com

Dwight Short 301-292-3395
lesters709@aol.com

Amelia Island

REGISTRATION FORM

Full payment must accompany registration. Applications will be processed on a first come-first served basis. Postmarks or hand delivered applications earlier than June 16, 2008 will not be considered. Applications will not be accepted unless you are a current MISGA member that has paid dues this year.

MISGA ASSOCIATE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ___ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CLUB NAME: _____

E-mail Address (PLEASE PROVIDE) _____

COMPANION'S NAME: _____ (circle one) Golf_18-hole Golf_9-hole Non-golfer

NAMES as you wish them to appear on your name badges _____

NOTE: Numbers of units available: Oceanview Room, Twenty-four (24); Oceanview 1-bedroom Suite, Two (2); Oceanview 2-bedroom Villa, Two (2); Resortview 2-bedroom Villa, Four (4); and Resortview 3-bedroom Villa, Five (5) Please make every effort to prearrange a group that will share a multiple bedroom unit. **These are the BEST VALUES!** If you are not sharing a unit in a prearranged group, you may be assigned to share a multiple unit with another MISGA associate couple. **If you plan to be with a prearranged group,** please provide the names and clubs of the others in the group. **To avoid mix-ups on room assignments, the group is encouraged to submit forms and payment at the same time.**

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED (Note: all units are non smoking) :

- OCEANVIEW ROOM _____ (SINGLE OCCUPANCY) _____
- 1-BEDROOM SUITE _____
- 2-BEDROOM OCEANVIEW VILLA _____
- 2-BEDROOM RESORTVIEW VILLA _____
- 3-BEDROOM RESORTVIEW VILLA _____

SPECIAL-REQUESTS: _____

(Attempts will be made to accommodate special requests):

ENCLOSE PAYMENT IN FULL: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "**MISGA AMELIA ISLAND**"

COST FOR ASSOCIATE: \$ _____
COST FOR COMPANION: _____
LATE REGISTRATION FEE: _____
TOTAL COST: \$ _____

IF APPLICABLE, CHECK ONE: Current Club Rep ___ Current MISGA Board ___ Committee Chairman ___
MISGA Past President ___

Mail completed registration form(s) and check(s) to:

MISGA AMELIA ISLAND
Peter Sorge, Jr.
233 St. Andrews Drive
Ft. Washington, MD 20744

DRESS CODE: Casual dress - No short shorts, "T" or collarless shirts, blue jeans (denim) - Soft spikes required.
Sport coat or suit is required for Thursday dinner.

Check if you can volunteer to help with this event: _____

REFUNDS ARE GOVERNED BY CONTRACT TERMS

I, and my spouse or guest, agree to indemnify MISGA for any physical damage to the golf course, golf carts, equipment and resort facilities incurred due to our negligence and to abide by the MISGA Code of Conduct, Article IX, of the MISGA Constitution. All personal charges for services not included in the registration fee are the responsibility of each MISGA member. Also, I certify that I am a current MISGA member and have paid my dues for 2008.

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATE _____ DATE _____

FRIPP ISLAND

2008 MISGA FALL FROLIC

Sunday, Nov 2 (arrival) - Friday, Nov 7 (departure)

The 2008 MISGA Fall Frolic will be held at Fripp Island Resort, SC. Fripp Island is located at One Tarpon Blvd. Fripp Island, SC 29920 (1-800-334-3022). It is just southeast of Beaufort, SC., approximately a 10-hour drive from the metropolitan Washington, DC area. **Participation will be limited to 128 golfers or to the available accommodations.** We will be playing on the Fripp Island Ocean Point & Ocean Creek courses. **Applications will not be accepted unless you are a MISGA member that has paid dues this year.**

The accommodations provide lodging for one, two, or three twosomes. Please make up your own group to ensure that you are with people you know. Every bedroom has its own private bath. All units have cable TV, refrigerator, heat and AC. For a single twosome the choices are: the "**Sunsuite Efficiency**," with bath, kitchenette, sitting area (**no washer/dryer**) or a **1-BR Ocean View or Scenic Villa**. For larger groups there are **2-BR Ocean or Scenic "Villas,"** or **3-BR Golf Course Cottages**: Each Villa/Cottage has the same number of baths as bedrooms and each bedroom is furnished with one or two double beds. Also, they have a kitchen with range, microwave, dishwasher and refrigerator with icemaker. Additional features include a full size living room, dining area, washer & dryer and may have a screened porch. Use of beaches, pools, tennis & fitness center is included (additional charges may apply to amenities).

Breakfasts are served in the "Beach Club"; cocktail parties in the "Ocean View Room" and dinners will be served in the "Tidal Hall". Dinner will be buffet style with several entrees available each night. The banquet on Thursday night will be a plated dinner. All gratuities & taxes are included, except for lunch. **Lunch is not included** but will be available during and after each round at the course.

Daily competitions, Monday—Thursday, are planned for the 18-hole men & women & 9-hole ladies. Play will begin promptly with 9 a.m. shotgun starts. Ladies who only have a 9-hole handicap **will not** play with the 18-hole group. They will play with the 9-hole group.

WHAT'S INCLUDED: 5 nights lodging (Sunday through Thursday), 5 cocktail parties, 5 Breakfasts (Monday-Friday), 3 buffet dinners, 1 plated dinner, 4 days greens fees and cart rental, 1 bag range balls per day (**baggage storage & transfer between courses is not available**).

What it costs (Per Person)

Sunsuite efficiency: Double occupancy

\$925 - 18-hole golfer
\$838 - 9-hole golfer
\$795 - Non-golfer

1-Bedroom Ocean View: Double occupancy

\$1116 - 18-hole golfer
\$1031 - 9-hole golfer
\$987 - Non-golfer

1-Bedroom Scenic: Double occupancy

\$1042 - 18-hole golfer
\$957 - 9-hole golfer
\$914 - Non-golfer

3-Bed Room Golf Cottage: Six-Person occupancy

\$841 - 18-hole golfer
\$755 - 9-hole golfer
\$712 - Non-golfer

Sunsuite efficiency: Single Occupancy

\$1248- 18-hole golfer- Sunsuite efficiency
\$1632- 18-hole golfer-1-BR Ocean View
\$1484- 18-hole golfer-1-BR Scenic View

2-Bedroom Scenic: Quadruple occupancy

\$858- 18-hole golfer
\$772- 9-hole golfer
\$729- Non-golfer

2-Bedroom Ocean View Villa: Quadruple occupancy

\$962-18-hole golfer
\$875- 9-hole golfer
\$832 - Non-golfer

THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: MISGA associates must submit a REGISTRATION FORM accompanied by a check for payment in full to the address on the form. If you have a prearranged group with which to share accommodations, please provide on the form the names of the people in your group. Applications will be processed on a "**first-come-first served**" basis judged by the **postmark & date received; or, if hand delivered, the date received. Postmarks or hand delivery earlier than June 16, 2008 will not be considered.** You will be notified of acceptance by mail or e-mail on or before July 25, 2008. **Directions to Fripp Island** will be enclosed with your confirmation notice. **LATE REGISTRATION FEES:** Add \$3 per person per month beginning July 15; \$6 per person per month beginning August 15; \$9 per person per month beginning September 15; \$12 per person per month beginning October 15.

Questions?? - Contact:

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pete233@verizon.net

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FRIPP ISLAND

REGISTRATION FORM

2008 MISGA FALL FROLIC AT FRIPP ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Full payment must accompany registration. Applications will be processed on a first come-first served basis. **Postmarks or hand delivered applications earlier than June 16, 2008 will not be considered.** Applications will not be accepted **unless you are a MISGA member that has paid dues this year.**

MISGA ASSOCIATE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ **CLUB NAME:** _____

E-mail Address (Please Provide): _____

COMPANION'S NAME: _____ (circle one) **golf_18-hole** **golf_9-hole** **non-golfer**

NAMES (as you wish them to appear on your name badges) _____

NOTE: Number of units available: 1-BR Sunsuite efficiencies, Ten(10); 1-BR Ocean View villas, Five (5); 1-BR Scenic villas, Five(5); 2-BR Ocean View villas, Eight (8); 2 -BR Scenic Villas, Fourteen (14); and 3-BR Golf Course Cottages, Fifteen (15). Please make every effort to prearrange a group that will share a multiple bedroom unit. ***These are the BEST VALUES!*** If you are not sharing a unit in a prearranged group, you may be assigned to share a multiple unit with another MISGA associate couple. **If you plan to be with a prearranged group**, please provide the names and clubs of the others in the group. **To avoid mix-ups on room assignments, the group is encouraged to submit forms and payment at the same time.** **Early arrivals** can arrange for overnight accommodations and/or golf at the MISGA rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED (Most units are **Non-Smoking**) :

1-BEDROOM SUNSUITE EFFICIENCY _____ **1-BEDROOM OCEAN VIEW** _____
1-BEDROOM SCENIC VILLA _____ **2-BEDROOM SCENIC VILLA** _____
2-BEDROOM OCEAN VIEW VILLA _____ **3-BEDROOM COTTAGE** _____
"SINGLE OCCUPANCY": SUNSUITE ____; 1-BR OCEAN VILLA__; 1-BR SCENIC VILLA____;

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

Note: Attempts will be made to accommodate special requests:

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SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATE: _____ DATE: _____

Preparing documents to MISGAgram

Each issue of the MISGAgram is formatted and assembled using Adobe *PageMaker*. This particular software is preferred by the printer because it interfaces easily with the software used by them for making the printing 'plates'. For an amateur user, the *PageMaker* software has a few drawbacks. Following the suggestions below will help expedite the formatting and assembly process and avoid delays in preparing the 'gram for the printer.

1. All articles should be 'straight text', e.g., **do not** use multiple indents, offsets, multiple columns, multi-run spacing, or special (uncommon) fonts. The preferred font is *Arial*. This is a 'true-type' font that reproduces exactly regardless of scaling. The preferred software for word-processing is *MS Word* (.doc); *MS WordPad* (.txt) also is acceptable. Use a single column per page and automatic line feed.
2. **Do not** embed images or tables in the text of a document. Extracting these objects can be very messy and time consuming. Extracted images become somewhat corrupted and detail is lost. With tables, the column setup and spacing becomes distorted. Keep it simple!
3. Images and tables should be sent as separate files attached to the same e-mail as the document. If there is likely to be confusion as to what goes where or if the author has a special preference for image and table positioning, place notes and clues (within parenthesis) within the text. The image format should be .jpg (JPEG) which uses a rather common compression algorithm. Tables can be constructed in *MS Word* (.doc) as a separate document.
4. For special items such as application forms for the several 'frolics', please prepare these as stand-alone pages. The simpler the form, the better. Depending upon the complexity of a form, it may be necessary to treat it as an image. In this case, any errors in the form may not be corrected.
5. For short news items; death of a member, special accomplishments (hole-in-one, new course record, etc.), or some note-worthy event; this can be done within the text of an e-mail.

If you have a news item or information that you believe is of interest to the MISGA community, please give the item to your club Rep or send it to the editor of the 'gram (hahome@verizon.net). If it is a hole-in-one or a new club record, please include detailed information such as hole number, club used, distance, etc. for an ace or similar details for the new record.

Articles submitted for the MISGAgram may be edited for format and to fit available space. Every effort will be made to retain the author's original text. However, wording may be changed to improve clarity. Spelling and punctuation errors will be corrected.

If at any time you have questions about a particular item, how it should be formatted or if a particular format can be accommodated, please send me an e-mail (hahome@verizon.net).

The normal lead-time needed to publish and mail an issue of the 'gram is about four to five weeks. (1 to 2 weeks for assembly; ~2 weeks for print set-up, proofing and finalizing; up to 10 days for bulk mailing)

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