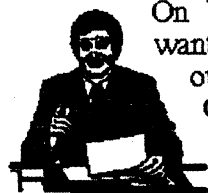


MISGAGRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

C. J. Myers

Because of good weather during the entire golf season, 1997 has been a very good year for our MISGA organization. We were able to hold our Mixers, Tournaments, and Events on schedule with few exceptions. Also, it was very gratifying to the organizers to experience such good attendance numbers at our Spring Fling, Board Bash and Fall Frolics.



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to recognize and commend the outstanding efforts of the Committee Chairmen. These gentlemen and their committees are:

Associates - John Dickey; Audit - Sam Nesbit; General Counsel - Bob Ludwig; History - Duke Rowdon; Mailing - Nick Parker; MISGagram - Dick Hunt; Policy and Planning - Warren Dean; Tournaments - George Lipscomb; and Trips - Sam Hastings. With the exception of Tournaments and Trips, all committee heads are new this year.

At our September meeting, the Board approved the recommendations of the Long Range Planning (ad hoc) Committee regarding future growth of MISGA. The task has been turned over to Warren Dean and his committee to generate the language for appropriate By-law changes. At the same time his committee is reviewing the Club Rep Handbook for updating its entire contents (Constitution, Bylaws etc.). The final product will be presented to the Club Reps for ratification at the next Annual Meeting.

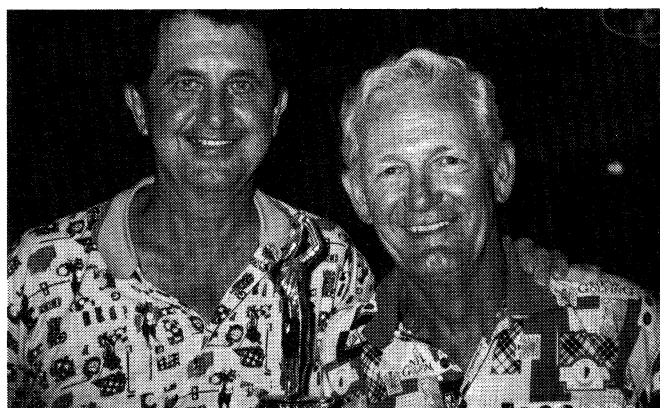
The job of Club Rep is without doubt the most important job in MISGA. The Rep is the backbone of our organization. The success of each member club is directly related to the time, energy and effort expended by the Rep and his assistant. Contact your Rep or Division Director to volunteer for 1998. Any potential candidate would be welcomed at a training seminar scheduled over the winter months.

As my term comes to an end, I wish to thank all the Officers, Division Heads, Committee Chairmen, and every Club Representative and Assistant for their cooperation and support. It has been a very rewarding experience.

BRAKUS & CLEMENTS WIN MISGA TWO MAN TEAM TOURNAMENT

Sam Hall

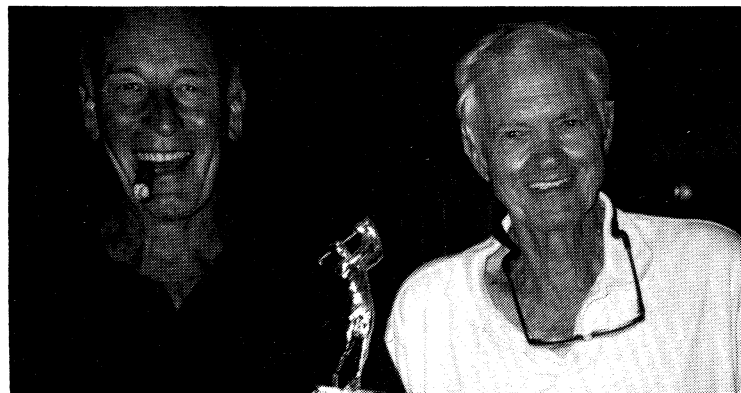
Edward Brakus & Ed Clements of Ocean Pines Country Club won the 1997 Two-Man Team Tournament held at Tantallon Country Club on September 17. Playing under fair skies and light wind conditions, they combined for a best ball net of 61.



CHAMPS - BRAKUS & CLEMENTS

Five teams were next with scores of 63. After a match of cards they finished as follows:

2nd - Dan Hunt & John Kovacs, Chester River; 3rd - Don Lehmer & Ike Oren, Tantallon; 4th - Marvin Hoff & Jack Remsburg, Holly Hills; 5th - Bob Gladden & Paul Johnston, Green Hill.



RUNNERS-UP - KOVACS & HUNT

Paul Bowersox of Glade Valley and Jim Sterling of Crofton won closest to the pin prizes.

The tournament featured a full field of 128 players from 33 clubs.

PRESIDENTS ABCD CHAMPIONSHIP HOLLY HILLS - AUGUST 18

Dick Allchin

Gross Champion - Chuck Moon
Crofton Country Club

Net Champion - Norm Connell
Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club

The rain, much needed in the area, arrived Sunday night before the tournament, lingered through Monday morning and cleared to give a beautiful breezy 80degree afternoon for golf. The tough 128 sloped course was to the liking of twelve handicapper Chuck Moon for his gross 79. Thirty one handicapper Norm Connell met the challenge with a neat net of 63 (not that tough a course he says!).

The rotating trophies are being inscribed with their names and will reside at their clubs until the 1998 champions are named.

ANNUAL BOARD BASH - Frank Page

The annual Board Bash was held at Carroll Valley on September 24 & 25. The Bash is open to all present MISGA Board members and past presidents, committee members, Club Reps and their assistants, tournament chairmen and other volunteers. Wives are also invited.

It was a great event - excellent weather, great meals, and good room accommodations. Ninety two people attended with 53 men golfers, 21 eighteen hole ladies, 6 nine hole ladies and 11 non golfers.

Tournament Winners

First Day - Low Net

Men

1st - George Leroy, Ocean Pines, 67

2nd - Mac Magrogan, Waldon, 67

18 Hole Ladies

1st - Nancy Benner, Wild Quail, 71

2nd - Doris Hughes, Talbot, 71

9 Hole Ladies

1st - Annette McNamara, Argyle, 31

2nd - Betty Franke, Ocean Pines, 36

Second Day - Mixed Follow The Leader

1st - Daniel Hunt (Chester River),

Otis Jefferson (Sussex Pines),

Jack Nichols (Elks),

Nancy Benner (Wild Quail)

9 Hole Ladies

1st - Shirley Hunt - Chester River

2nd - Annette McNamara, Argyle

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this event a success.

MISGAites ENJOY SCOTLAND

Sam Hastings

Twenty four intrepid MISGAites and friends were blessed with unbelievably fair weather during their August journey to Scotland. The links courses we played, very different from our own, were Royal Dornoch, Carnoustie, St. Andrews Old & New Courses, the Jubilee & Dukes courses in St. Andrews, the Ailsa course at Turnberry, and the venue for this years British Open, Royal Troon Golf Club. (And yes, even without a reserved tee time, each of the golfers had an opportunity to play the Old Course.) The courses were scenic, challenging, and memorable.

Besides a daily team event, the results of which were usually disputed during cocktails, there was an overall competition for the Haversham MISGA cup (a handsome engraved pewter champagne bucket). Stableford points for the best five rounds were accumulated to determine the champion. The winner by one point over Maury Klitzman of Montgomery Village was Tami McMinn of Kenwood (the straightest hitters always win in Scotland!). Sam Hastings of Argyle, the tour organizer, presented the cup to Tami at the fairwell banquet at Turnberry.



**TAMI MCMINN PRESENTED
HAVERSHAM CUP BY SAM HASTINGS**

The group picture on the next page was taken on the front steps of Turnberry just before the fairwell banquet. We were seated at a large oval table with linen and sparkling crystal and what seemed like fifty pieces of silverware at each place setting. The center of the table was covered with gorgeous fresh flowers. The Haggis (Scottish Pudding) ceremony, was the highlight of the evening. A piper in full regalia circled the table, and recited the famous Robert Burns poem saluting the Haggis before the presentation. Clarence Little (Talbot CC) offered a toast to the Haggis with a wee dram of whiskey.

MISGAites ENJOY SCOTLAND (cont.)



MISGA IN SCOTLAND - TURNBERRY

Accommodations at each of the hotels (The Royal Golf Hotel in Dornoch, the Old Course Hotel in St. Andrews, and Turnberry Hotel in Turnberry) were outstanding. We dined one night at Rufflets Country House in St. Andrews, the small hotel which Jack Nicklaus and his entourage take over when he attends the Open in St. Andrews.

There was plenty for the non-golfers to do. Blair, Dunrobin, Glamis and Edinburgh Castles were visited and privately guided tours of St. Andrews and Edinburgh were both informative and enjoyable. The group attended the nightly performance of the Military Tattoo in the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle with over 1000 performers celebrating Scotland's musical and martial past.

Jim Schmidt of Haversham and Baker (our tour company) was our amiable tour manager and proved himself no stranger to links golf. Pat Connor, our driver from Ayrshire, drove our large coach flawlessly and kept up a running commentary on the passing scene. One of Pat's many duties, besides dealing with our mountain of luggage, was to keep the coach stocked with fruit, nibbles and beverages - ironically, bottled water was a best seller. It was a grand expedition!

MORE ON IRELAND IN '98 - Sam Hastings 301-598-6171

Response to our note in the summer MISGAGRAM has been most gratifying. Final cost and specific days have not been determined but other details are well in hand.

THE TOUR

Date: August 1998

Group Size: 24 persons including 16 golfers

Duration: 10 days with 9 nights lodging

Hotels: Shelburn (Dublin), Aberdeen Arms (Lahinch), Killarney Park (Killarney), Adare Manor (Adare)

Golf: Portmarnock, Lahinch (the St. Andrews of Ireland), Waterville, Tralee, Adare (optional), Ballybunion

Meals: All breakfasts, four dinners, & The Irish Cabaret

Sightseeing: Dublin, Bunratty Castle Folk Park, Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Muckross House

Services: Tour Director & Coach Driver/Guide

For those who want to play more golf and wish to play in Northern Ireland, we have a MINI TOUR as a prelude to THE TOUR. It includes 3 nights lodgings and 3 rounds of golf at Portstewart G.C., Dunluce Course at Portrush G.C., (the venue for the Open in 2001) and Royal County Down G.C. The MINI TOUR must have eight participants. These folks will meet the others in Dublin at the beginning of THE TOUR

1998 CALENDAR

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| April 6 | Annual Reps meeting at Prospect Bay |
| May 11/12 | Spring Fling-Maple Dale, Shawnee, Eagle Creek |
| August | Ireland Trip |
| Aug. 31 | Past Pres. Tournament-Prospect Bay |
| Sept. 14 | Two Man Team Tournament-Manor |
| Sept 30 / Oct 1 | Board Bash-Carroll Valley |

DECEASED MEMBERS

Auton, Bill
Bozzuto, Frank
Brock, Guy
Fowell, William
Fox, Robert
Krell, Adrian
Leming, Ernest
Owens T.
Sherwood, Wiley
Smith, Walter
Serner, Charles
Tucker, Gwyn

VFW
Marlborough
Montgomery Village
Cambridge
Maple Dale
Ocean City
Argyle
Sparrows Point
Univ. of Md.
Montgomery
Rolling Road
Talbot

MISGA'S FINANCES

Harry Breitbach - Treasurer

Have you ever wondered about MISGA'S finances? Here is a brief rundown:

The Treasurer of MISGA is appointed annually by the incoming President. His term is a one year appointment. The Treasurer collects all monies due MISGA and deposits them in Board of Director approved financial institutions.

Money collected usually consists of Club dues (currently \$25 from 53 clubs), individual Associates dues (\$4 for 1997), interest on bank deposits and surplus from events and tournaments. Total money budgeted to be collected in 1997 is \$19,600.

Disbursements are made under the direction, and approval of the Board of Directors. Major items of disbursements are for printing the MISGAGRAM and trip information, mailing expenses, (four mailings to over 4500 members in 1997 with postage over \$5000) and insurance.

Financial reports are made to each Board of Directors meeting and MISGA'S books are audited annually.

BOARD MEETING - Highlights

The MISGA Board met at Ocean Pines Golf Club on September 9, 1997.

President C.J. Myers introduced Jim Bell the new assistant Director of Division 3 and Warren Dean the new Chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee.

The Treasurer, Harry Breitbach, noted that the association would end the year close to budget. Over budget items include mailing, travel and telephone. Insurance and computer charges are under budget.

Associates - John Dickey reported a MISGA roster of 4578. He stressed a need for Club Reps to use "change sheets", which should first be forwarded to the Division Associates Chairman to check for errors and then to him. Checks should take the same route and be made payable to MISGA.

Tournaments - George Lipscomb, Chairman, requested that Tournament Chairman or Host Club Rep prepare short narratives on tournament results together with appropriate pictures.

Old Business - A motion was unanimously passed to adopt the recommendations of the Long Range

Planning Committee. (See last MISGAGRAM for details.) It was agreed that the Annual Report Forms should be filled out by each club and submitted at the December Board meeting.

New Business - A motion was passed that entries in the Two Man Team Tournament must be from the same club. A motion was passed that 90% of handicaps will be used in state final tournaments in accordance with USGA rules.

STOMP OUT SLOW PLAY!!!!!!!!!!

Courtesy of Bill Ahlfeld

Taken from the Kenwood Senior Golfer's Newsletter

Every senior knows "slow play" when he sees it. Usually, it is flagrantly evident in the foursome ahead. At Kenwood, SP is a round of golf that takes over four hours and two Excedrins to complete. What causes slow play?? For some seniors there are valid medical reasons, However; ignorance and bad habits are the chief causes of slow play. Here are some GOOD anti-slow-play habits.

1. **Park the cart right** - where you're supposed to, not smack in front of the green. After you putt out, walk off briskly, not like you are in a funeral cortege.

2. **Play ready golf** - forget that honor stuff!!

3. **Get out of the cart**, - pick your club and take your practice swings before it is your turn to hit. After making a shot, move the cart up - then, store your club in the bag (and please take off those funny head covers and leave "em off).

4. **If driving the cart**, go to the ball that's further away from the green - not to your own which some guys do no matter where their partner's ball is. **Share** cart driving. Use your **head!!** If it keeps the cart moving forward, get out and walk to your ball. Let the other guy drive to his, especially if it's way off left or right.

5. **This will come as a shock** to some but walking off yardage to a hole is a real **bummer** and time consumer - even if you run. Use nearby markers or make an estimate.

6. **Go ahead and putt out** when you're closest to the cup. Don't wait around to line up your putt until the other guys have made theirs. **Stand still while others putt!!**

7. **Extended pre-shot routines** may be ok on the pro tour. They are a real contributor to slow play. One or two practice swings should suffice even if there is

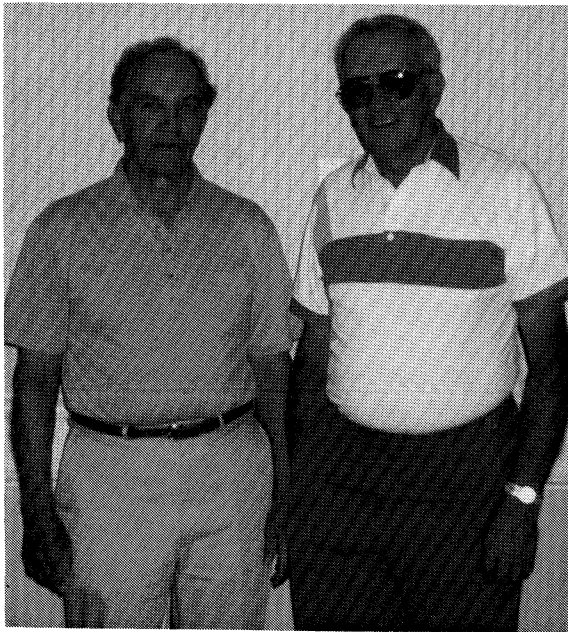
STOMP OUT SLOW PLAY - (cont.)

a bet on and you're two down.

8. If your drive looks either lost or OB, hit a **provisional!** Stop hitting a second shot for practice. That's gross! Even first tee Mulligans ought to be scored **THREE!**

9. Record scores **AFTER** you get to the next tee. You'll remember 'em, won't you?

10. Play it safe but be realistic about waiting for the green to clear before hitting your approach shot. Some guys wait around when it's perfectly obvious they couldn't reach the green with a howitzer.



ROY GAUZZA
RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT C. J. MYERS
AFTER 16 YEARS AS ASSOCIATES CHAIRMAN

THE 19th HOLE

Country singer Willie Nelson, when asked what par is on a golf course he purchased near Austin, Texas said " It's anything I want it to be. For instance, this hole right here is a par 47 - and yesterday I birdied the sucker."

(Send me your favorite golf story and I'll try to publish it.)

" The older I get, the better I used to be."
Lee Trevino

NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

Sam Hastings

There are several new openings for golfers and non-golfers for the MISGA Carribean Cruise in February, 1998. Call Vicki Svenson at 1-800-695-0317 or 301-474-1300 of Greenbelt Travel or Logan Schutz at 301-779-5623 for information.

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