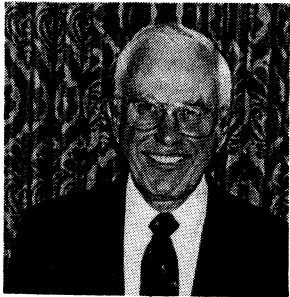


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George C. Shenk, Sr.

There's nothing like starting off the new year as your incoming president with some bad news! Your Board, at our December meeting voted to raise the yearly dues in 1999 to \$5.00. This year, (1998), dues will continue to be \$4.00. To remain solvent in the future, we will need a \$1.00 increase starting next year. This is necessary because our fixed costs, such as postage, printing and insurance are increasing. Hopefully, this will be the only unwelcome news I will have to pass on in 1998.



Our Board of Directors, Committee Chairmen and all of our Club Reps are diligently working to make this another great year for MISGA. We have an organization that is unrivaled in the country. This did not just happen - our success today is a result of all the hard work done in the past.

Our future depends on you - the MISGA Associate! Without your active participation in MISGA club tournaments, various yearly events, and fall outings and cruises, we would not have a reason or purpose for MISGA. Mark your calendars now and try to participate in as many mixers, events and trips as you can. If you have never attended any of the trips or events you are missing some good times. We have a great group of golfers in MISGA and you will enjoy meeting and playing with them.

I'm looking forward to our annual Club Reps Meeting on April 6 at Prospect Bay. The Board has approved some long overdue "updating and overhauling" of our Constitution and By-Laws. At the Annual Meeting, the Club Reps will cast their votes to ratify these changes. Warren Dean and his committee have spent considerable time and effort on these revisions and are commended for their diligence and hard work.

GOOD GOLFING IN 98!

SEA TRAIL - 9 YEARS LATER

Sam Hastings

MISGA had its first Fall Frolic at Sea Trail in 1989. The group stayed at The Winds on nearby Ocean Isle Beach. The Maples was the only golf course - Oyster Bay was already leased to Larry Young. Since then both the Jones and Byrd courses have been completed as well as the clubhouse. MISGA was the first group to use the new clubhouse before the parking lot was completed. Transportation from the road was by golf carts. Since then the resort has grown and matured. Rental housing now has 400 beds. The \$1M Village Activities Center is the newest addition. It features an integrated entertainment and fitness area, indoor pool and whirlpool, outdoor pool and whirlpool, sauna, weight room, massage room and meeting space.

From October 26 till the 31st of 1997 a full complement of 153 MISGAites were at Sea Trail. This included 128 men and women 18-hole golfers, thirteen 9-hole lady golfers and twelve non golfers. Argyle C.C. had the largest group (see picture) with 28 attendees.



ARGYLE AT SEA TRAIL

Weather was a concern only on Monday morning when the starting time was delayed until 11:00 a.m. The scoring was handled with dispatch by the 7 dwarfs from Manor C.C. under the watchful eye of C.J. Myers. And there were many winners, some of whom are:

George Shenk

(Cont. from 1st page)		
Ann Marshall	Argyle	\$80
Ginger Munsell	Harbourtowne	\$76
Jean Ewalt	Elks	\$61
Peggy Johns	Montgomery	\$61
Nancy Ditullo	Hobbits Glen	\$58
Mille Vermillion	Argyle	\$48
Joan Woodward	Cambridge	\$41
Marshall Turner	Chester River	\$87
Ed Reider	Argyle	\$81
Bill Potter	Cambridge	\$70
Ed Boyer	Harbourtowne	\$70
Charley Marshall	Argyle	\$62
Otis Jefferson	Sussex Pines	\$62
Bill Gremminger	Sussex Pines	\$61
Kaz Witkiewicz	Crofton	\$61

The 9-hole golfing ladies were organized by Bea Hardy (Montgomery CC) and according to all accounts they had a grand time.

The highlight for the non-golfers was a day trip to Conway, SC organized by Barbara Purcell (Manor CC) and led by King Sleeman (Montgomery CC). The ladies toured historic Conway, dined at the Sideweeler and cruised the Waccamaw River on the Kingston riverboat.

Dining at Sea Trail featured Pasta Night, with several stations, where excellent custom dishes were prepared efficiently. Our friend Jimmy Diamon and his combo were with us Tuesday and Thursday nights playing OUR KIND OF MUSIC.

On the whole, the event was very well received. MISGA plans to return this year for its 10th anniversary so mark your calendars. The dates are 10/25/98 to 10/30/98.

QUIZ

1. What is Hogan's real first name?
2. True or false: Hogan was born in Dublin.
3. Hogan won the British Open in 1953 to complete a career Grand Slam. How many times did he compete in this tournament?
4. In what state was Sam Snead born?
5. What was Snead's nickname?
6. What's the only professional major which Sam didn't win?

(Answers on Page 4)

HARVEY PENICKS LITTLE RED BOOK

Seasoned Citizens

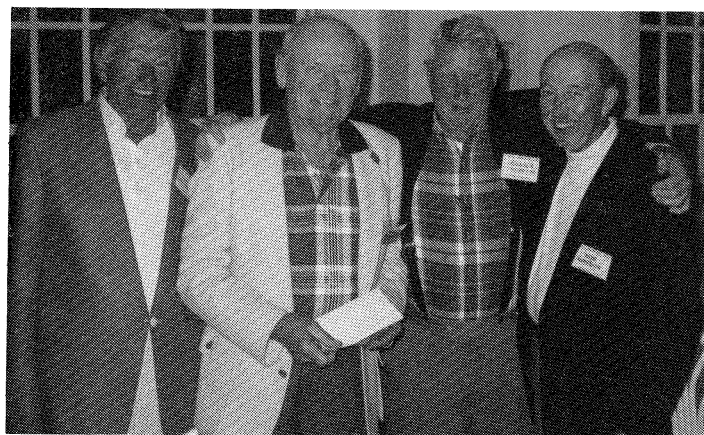
Seasoned Citizens get their loft from their clubs, not from their swing. Adding loft is a reliable substitute for youth and strength. Now is the time to add a five or six wood and especially a seven wood to your bag.

MISGA's first visit to the Woodlake Country Club at Vass, North Carolina outside of Pinehurst was great success. The courses were a little damp the first couple of days but the weather was ideal for golf. The clubhouse where we dined was a refurbished ante-bellum home that was moved from Fayetteville.

The two golf courses were challenging with some interesting greens that brought out the best in us! Besides the usual prizes each day for the golfing winners, we had a putting contest for the ladies. Winners were from the 18 hole group, the 9 hole group and the non-golfing group. Participation was excellent as well as a lot of fun.

The non-golfers had several interesting tours in the local Pinehurst area. Activities were planned for three days. A tour of the Seagrove Pottery was held one day which included an opportunity to visit potters in their studios and the shops where their creations were sold. On another day historic sites were toured including a drive through beautiful horse country. A third day was spent strolling the Village of Pinehurst where beautiful shops and interesting restaurants abound.

Pictures of some of the winners of our golf events are shown below.



From LtoR: Jack Hoffmaster, Duke Rowden, Charley Fieldhouse, Bob Rippeon



Ruth Bowers, Sophia Haupt, Nancy Rudy & Jenny Wilson

MISGA SEABROOK SAFARI

Nov. 9 - 14, 1997

Jim Bell

The 1997 Seabrook Safari had 59 associates in attendance accompanied by 37 18-hole lady golfers, five 9-hole lady golfers, and seven non-golfers for a total of 108 participants.

As usual, the Monday event was a Mixed Scramble Tournament. The winners were:

Carol Boardman	Westwinds
Vernon Rippeon	Glade Valley
Richard Haney	Argyle
Jim Bell	Patuxent Greens

Tuesday's Tournament was a Stableford scoring event. The winners were:

Ladies:	Eve Dempsher	Lakewood
	Shirley Harris	Piney Branch
	Nancy Runkle	Holly Hills
Men:	Byron Keadle	Patuxent Greens
	Bill Hoffman	Montgomery Village
	Gerry Collins	Kenwood
	Don Linton	Holly Hills

The Wednesday Tournament was the 1,2,3 Best Balls of the foursome - 1 best ball on each par 5, two best balls on each par 4, and 3 best balls on each par 3. The winners were:

Ladies:	Catherine Tucker	Rolling Road
	Ida Mae Hoff	Wakefield Valley
	Cleo Koutsandreas	Argyle
	Doris Hughes	Talbot
Men:	Bob Estelle	Patuxent Greens
	Gordon Reese	Rolling Road
	Bill Finlayson	Montgomery Village
	Jim Watt	Manor

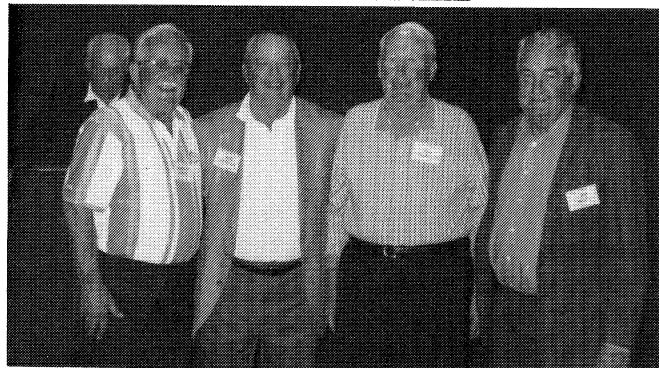
John Beaton of Patuxent Greens had a hole in one on Ocean Wind #8 ! Congratulations John!

The weather on these three days was clear, warm and sunny. However Thursday's tournament was rained out and many of the group spent the day sightseeing in Charleston.

Bingo was a nice addition to the evening entertainment. It was led by Bob Purcell who brought the equipment with him from Manor C.C.

Barbara Purcell again arranged the activities for the non- golfing ladies. There were various sightseeing tours and lunch in Charleston.

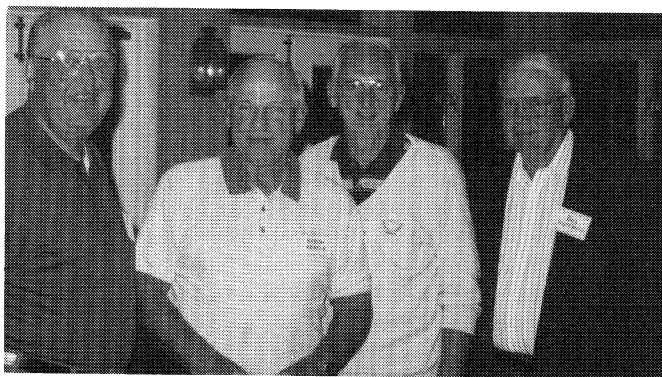
Some Seabrook Winners



From LtoR: Gordon Reese, Bob Estelle, Bill Finlayson, Jim Watt



From LtoR: Catherine Tucker, Cleo Koutsandreas, Jim Bell, Doris Hughes, Ida Mae Hoff



From LtoR: Gerry Collins, Byron Keadle, Don Linton, Bill Hoffman



From LtoR: Dick Haney, Jim Bell, Carol Boardman, Vernon Rippeon

MORE ON IRELAND '98

Sam Hastings

The quota of 24 for MISGA's trip to Ireland is slowly but surely filling up. So, if you are interested and don't want to be disappointed, call Sam Hastings at 301-598-6171. For inspiration read the Jan/Feb issue of Golf Monthly now available at your club. The salient facts regarding the trip are:

Dates: 12-22 August 1998

Golf Courses: Portmarnock, Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion, Adare(optional) and Lahinch

Hotels: Shelbourne(Dublin)
Kilarny Park(Killarney)
Adare Manor(Adare near Limerick)

Sightseeing: Dublin, Irish Cabaret, Kilkenny, Cashel, Ring of Kerry, Muckross House, Adare Manor, Limerick, Bunratty Castle, St. Johns Castle, Cliffs of Moher Lahinch,

Meals: All breakfasts & half the dinners

Cocktail Part: Two

Airline: Air Lingus

Services: Tour Director and a Driver/Guide

Pre-tour: Four days in Northern Ireland to play Royal County Down and the Dunluce Course at Royal Portrush

A complete information package will be sent upon request.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. William
2. True - of course it was Dublin, Texas.
3. Only that once.
4. (Hot Springs), Virginia
5. Slammin' Sammy
6. The U.S. Open - He was runner up four times.

EDITORS COLUMN

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a Training Seminar for new Club Reps and Assistant Reps. This seminar, conducted by Division 4 for the third year in a row, was also attended by several of the "seasoned" Club Reps and a few Board members and Committee chairmen. The purpose of this half day session is to acquaint new Reps with their responsibilities and to share information that will help them perform their duties.

The idea to conduct these seminars was first conceived by Otis Jefferson, MISGA President in 1995. In addition to their popularity in Division 4, they have also been held for the past two years in Divisions 2 and 3. Division 5 has scheduled a Seminar for early March & Division 1 for the middle of April.

Main topics covered during the session were Club Reps Handbook, Scheduling and Conducting Mixers, Tournaments, Recruiting, Grooming your replacement and Annual Reports.

It was very interesting to me to observe the impromptu exchange of information and ideas, and how to anticipate and solve numerous problem, based on the collective experience of the whole group.

The pictures below show some of the participants hard at work.



From LtoR: Bob McMinn, C.J. Myers, Charley Fieldhouse



From LtoR: Joe Navarro, John Dickey, Sam Nisbet, Jay Kaiser

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The MISGA Board met at Lakewood CC on Dec. 2, 1997. President C. J. Myers introduced the following new Board members: Tom Tarpley and Charlie Fieldhouse, Division 2; Jim Bell, Division 3; Bob Ludwig, General Counsel; Dick Walsh, Secretary for 1998. He noted that half of those listed in the new Board roster would leave in the year 2000. It was suggested that immediate past presidents be encouraged to attend Board meetings so that matters not completed during their tenure could be addressed.

Other matters of interest are addressed elsewhere in this MISGAgram.

The MISGA Board met at Prospect Bay on Feb. 11, 1998. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Paul Desmond. The Board approved the revised By-Laws and Constitution as updated by Warren Dean's committee and as amended at this meeting. These updates will be presented to the Club Reps at the Annual Meeting in April for their approval.

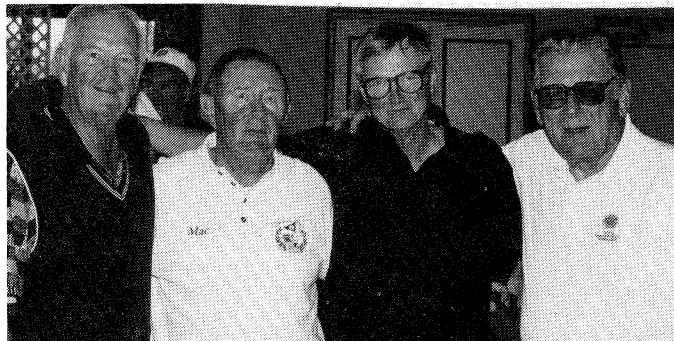
It was moved, seconded and passed that: The President and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall both be invited to attend the dinners for the Two-Man Team Championship and the Past Presidents (A-B-C-D) Championship.

For next years Fall Frolic's, Sea Trail (Oct. 25-30), and Seabrook (Nov. 8-13) are scheduled and other places are being investigated for a third location. There is also a possibility of a return to Cape Coral in Feb. 1999.

PAT RHODES OF WALDEN "SHOOTS HIS AGE"

Ken Gutschick

Pat Rhodes of Walden, on the left in the picture above, shot his age, 71, at a MISGA mixer on Sept. 23 at Argyle. The foursome in the picture (from the left - Rhodes, Mac Magrogan, Tom Tarpley, Ken Gutschick) won first prize with a nifty 107 (Second place was 113!). Pat's score was phenomenal as was the winning team. Pat had four birdies and four bogies.
Congratulations Pat!



HONEYMOONERS AT WOODLAKE
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DECEASED MEMBERS

Buchman, Glen -	Ocean Pines
Frailey, Robert -	Kenwood
Gabardine, Eugene -	Ocean Pines
Gillespie, Jack -	Ocean Pines
Harlow, Richard -	Tantallon
Leming, Ernest -	Argyle
Reynolds, Ted -	Kenwood
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MISGA CRUISING

Sam Hastings

On Feb. 2, 1998 44 MISGAites gathered in San Juan, Puerto Rico to participate in another MISGA first - a golf cruise in the Caribbean. Their ship was the beautiful Nordic Empress of the Royal Caribbean Line. Ports of call were St. Thomas (Mahogany Run G.C.), St. Maarten (Mullet Bay G.C.) and St. Croix (Carombola G.C.). El Nino reared its ugly head and precluded play at Carombola. Mahogany Run is extremely hilly and one of the tightest layouts anywhere. Views of the sea are startling and holes like #13 & 14 are

postcard perfect. The greens are small and slippery and the roughs treacherous and nasty.

The ship was excellent and offered every amenity including food, food, food! Some of our number had good fortune in the Casino. Our travel agent, Vicki Svenson, of Greenbelt Travel was most efficient and provided us with complementary wine in our cabins on arrival and a delightful farewell cocktail party in the beautiful Viking Lounge. (see picture below). It was a happy experience and we are indebted to Logan Schutz of the Univ. of Md. for organizing and conducting this event.

