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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MISGA Mixer season is over. The Fall Frolics have been completed. We have 2 events remaining - the 2000 Millennium Frolic at Cape Coral, Florida, and the Costa Rica trip headed by Sam Hastings.



I am leading the Cape Coral trip and have 6 spots remaining. If you are interested please call me at 410-641-6149.

Call Sam Hastings at 301-598-6171 if you are interested in the Costa Rica trip.

The year has been a successful one. Many clubs have reported an increase in participation and we have added 2 clubs, the Beach Club in Division V and Bay Hill in Division III.

The year will probably be best remembered for the board's action in separating the bylaws from the Constitution, and empowering the board to make changes in the bylaws without prior approval of the Reps. At the same time, prior approval continues to be necessary for changes to the Constitution.

It has been a good and fun year for all of us. I would like to thank everyone on the Board and all the Reps for their hard work and cooperation. The excellent TEAM WORK made this year extremely successful.

In closing, I wish all MISGA Associates good health and good golfing.

Paul Desmond

Golf Trivia

Real golfers don't cry when they line up their fourth putt!!!

DIVISION III 5-MAN TEAM INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Division III held the inaugural Five-Man Team (Pro-Am) Invitational Tournament at Tantallon Country Club on October 6, 1999. Participating in the competition were 18 club golf professionals and 72 MISGA Associates from the division's nine clubs.

For the event, each division club was invited to send two teams consisting of a professional and four MISGA amateurs (one each A, B, C, D player) from that club. The pro played his/her own ball. The four MISGA players played a scramble format in which the tee ball of each player was used at least twice. If the pro's score on any hole was better than the score of the amateur team, the team was able to record the pro's score as its own. However, the pro was not able to use the team score.

The purpose in holding the event was to demonstrate MISGA'S appreciation to the club professionals for their time and cooperation with the MISGA programs at their clubs. An added purpose was to foster closer relationships between the professional staff and the senior membership and to promote future cooperation.

The MISGA winners were:

1st place	Tantallon 63	4th place	Marlborough 66
	D. Quillin		R. Smith
	D. Peck		A. Albertson
	J. Turner		J. Johnson
	J. Ukockis		W. Farren
2nd place	Chartwell 64	5th place	Tantallon 66
	B Kessler		J. McCollum
	J. Hudson		H. Woltman
	M. Onorato		P. Sorge
	J. Reddington		L. Stimson
3rd place	Walden 64	6th place	Patuxent Gr 67
	C. Chester		E. Gentry
	G. Barham		J. Bell
	J. Case		B. Hall
	D. Myers		D. Schaffer

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Division III Tournament cont'.

Winners among the club professionals were:

1st place	Clarke Topping	Walden	70
2nd place	Brian Armstrong	Chartwell	73
3rd place	Mike Walsh	Marlborough	74
4th place	Pat King	Tantallon	78
5th place	Mark Gandee	Tantallon	80
6th place	Bryan Koslosky	Crofton	80

Spearheading this first-ever event were Dan Williams of Crofton, Division III tournament Chairman, and Lloyd Stimson, Tantallon club Rep, who served as the tournament Chairman. Next year's event is tentatively set for October 4, 2000, at the University of Maryland course.

Sam Hall

Letter to the editor - Handicaps

I was fascinated with the letters in the last edition. I suspect that some of the letters were in response to my letter of last February. If nothing else, I am sure the editor enjoys a spirited discussion to fill his pages! I will not continue the argument except to clarify my position. The MISGA computer does a good job of balancing teams, and I have been in the "money" for my fair share when the C and D players were playing well, but I have never felt that I contributed much to the team with a 14 handicap. (My "war story" from February could be repeated: shot a 77 at one event and finished 8 strokes out of the money and shot a 94 at another event and the team finished second.) The issue is not about money, which, as pointed out in a recent letter, is inconsequential. It is about feeling like you can help make a CONTRIBUTION to the team. I honestly do not feel that it makes any difference what I do.

I suggest that anyone responding to this, first read the USGA guidelines concerning multi-ball events which explains why high handicappers have such an advantage. If you are on the internet, check out www.usga.com/handicap/articles for multi-ball events. Although it is a long article, one sentence says it all: "It is a golfing fact of life (a fact of which many players are unaware) that something less than full individual handicaps are necessary---for multi-ball events."

At Seaford we have recently twice run a MISGA format that other clubs might want to consider as an alternative to running two best-ball formats all the time. (Credit should go to Prospect Bay where we first encountered it.) We basically played a modified Stableford SCRATCH (double bogeys = 1 point, bogeys = 2 points etc.). All balls in the foursome count. At the end, the team adds up its points and also adds up the handicaps of the four players to get its score. High score wins. Since this is not a multi-ball event as defined by the USGA, 100% of handicap is used. We have analyzed the results and do not see that it favors either low or high handicappers. The players seem to like it since everyone has to contribute. The teams that win are winning based on entire team effort rather than on one or two players having a hot day. The coordinator prefers it since it eliminates the time consuming card matching that is required to adjust teams with a blind score. In this format, the player who is used as a "blind" just has his point score plus his handicap added to the team that is missing a man. Card matching is not required. Final scores are tabulated very quickly. The negative appears to be that it takes approximately 15 minutes longer to play on average.

One last thought. One letter commented on sandbagging. Our club and several other clubs in our division have one person assigned for each event. His assignment is to collect and enter all scores from that event. That goes a long way towards ending sandbagging.

Dick Dale
Asst. MISGA Rep.

DIVISION V MISGA ABCD TOURNAMENT

The ABCD Qualifier was held on Monday, June 15, 1999 at Nutter's Crossing Golf Course with 111 golfers participating. Each of Division V 's 11 clubs had at least 1 winner with the breakdown as follows:

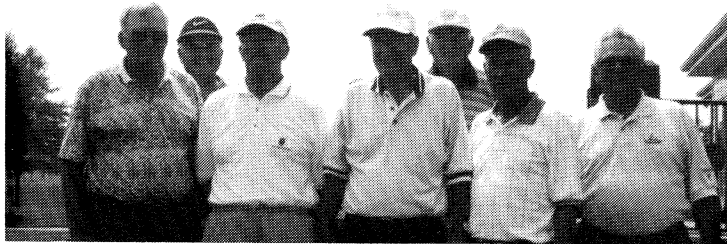
Nassawango	1	Sussex Pines	5	Nutter's Cr	4
Ocean P #1	2	Ocean P #2	3	Cripple Crk	2
Elks	3	Eastern Sh	1	Great Hope	1
Ocean City	1	Green Hill	4		

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ABCD Qualifier Winners - Division V



Left to right - front row - Jack Hilbeck, Wes Fegley, Frank Darcy, Nick Sterling. Back row left to right - Paul Johnston, Charles Seling and Nick Barilla.

WINNERS

A FLIGHT	1st place Gross	Jack Hilbeck	Sussex Pines
	1st place Net	Wes Fegely	Nutter's Cr
B FLIGHT	1st place Gross	Frank Darcey	Nutter's Cr
	1st place Net	Nick Serling	Great Hope
C FLIGHT	1st place Gross	Paul Johnston	Green Hill
	1st place Net	Wally Stein	Green Hill
D FLIGHT	1st place Gross	Charles Seling	Cripple Crk
	1st place Net	Nick Barilla	Nutter's Cr

TWO-MAN TEAM QUALIFIER - DIVISION V

The Two-Man Team Qualifier for Division V was held on Monday, July 19 at Sussex Pines Golf Course with a full field of 120 golfers participating. The 13 teams qualifying were:

Ocean Pines #1 and #2	3
Ocean City	3
Sussex Pines	3
Eastern Shore	1
Nutter's Crossing	1
Cripple Creek	2

'99 FALL FROLIC AT SEA TRAIL

From 24 October till 29 October, one hundred and twenty five MISGA Associates and their guests enjoyed four, absolutely perfect golf days at Sea Trail. The cloudless sky was "Carolina blue" with temperatures in the high 70's. There were 119 golfers, 77 men, 33 18-hole ladies and 9 9-hole ladies. Six non-golfing ladies made up the rest of the group.

On Tuesday, the non-golfing ladies took an all day tour of Pawley's Island and Brookgreen Gardens. The group was escorted by Betsy Thomas of Master Beach Leisure Time, Ltd. After visiting the Hammock Factory and several interesting shops the ladies lunched at Tyler's Cove. The "creek cruise" aboard a spacious pontoon boat and the garden tour filled their afternoon. Everyone was enthusiastic about her day.

The nine-hole ladies had a wonderful time under the tutelage of Iris Berry (Argyle). She not only organized the golf but continued their quest for the "Best Margarita on the Beach." To this end they visited Damon's, Sharkey's and Sea Trail's Magnolia Restaurant. After listening to the details of their daily quests, hosts Sam Hastings (Argyle) and Bob McMinn (Kenwood) offered to aid their search. On Thursday evening nine margaritas, 3 each of golden, white and regular, were presented with much fanfare for judging by the nine, nine-hole ladies. What a sight with the golden margaritas flaming!!!!!! These entries easily won the presentation phase. Tasting revealed all to be mellow (more suitable for a man's drink according to the panel) Points were subtracted for using non-frosted glasses and for serving them "neat" rather than on the rocks. In the end, the Sea Trail Magnolia Restaurant entry was voted "Best on the Beach"! The "niners" have more fun than anyone else!!

Monday and Wednesday nights, Bingo Bob Purcell (Manor) called 5 games. Due to the North Carolina gaming laws Monday night's play was for pomegranates and Tuesday's for guava jelly. The games were enjoyed by all. Thursday's cocktail party and banquet were enhanced by the melodious music of Bekka Banson and her singing keyboard.

A highlight of our 11th consecutive year at Sea Trail was the outstanding banquet served on Thursday night featuring filet mignon with baked salmon, croquette potatoes, baby, fresh zucchini, sunburst squash and berry mousse cake.

Bob McMinn, Charlie Fieldhouse and Bob Rippeon were responsible for the scoring

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Out of the field of 110 golfers there were 92 different money-winners. Four persons won everyday: Billie Saunders (Leisure World); Keith Phillips (Crofton); Lloyd Wescoe (Nassawango); and Joe Hollister (Leisure World). The big winners were:

Ladies	Billie Saunders	Leisure World	\$69.50
	Wanda Tiedemann	Maple Dale	\$59.00
	Charlotte Hennigan	Crofton	\$44.50
	Mary West	Sussex Pines	\$44.50

Men	Joe Bolland	Leisure World	\$69.67
	Keith Phillips	Crofton	\$67.50
	Lloyd Wescoe	Nassawango	\$65.00

In summary, it was one of our "all time" best Fall Frolics, made even better by the large number (40%) of "first timers".

BOARD BASH AT CARROLL VALLEY

The Board Bash was a huge success. Those in attendance enjoyed the beauty of the course, the socializing and the golf which were all enhanced by the spectacular weather.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION - WED.

Place	Name	Club	Net	Prize
1st	T. Tarpley	Holly Hills	66	\$30
2nd	G. Barham	Walden	66	\$25
3rd	E. Gayler	Kenwood	66	\$23
4rth	B. Keadle	Patux Greens	69	\$22
5th	J. Babyak	Montgomery	69	\$21
6th	B. Rippeon	Glade Valley	69	\$20
7th	D. Woodward	Maple Dale	70	\$19
8th	P. Sorge	Tantallon	70	\$18
9th	D. Walsh	Westwinds	71	\$17
10th	P. Johnston	Green Hill	71	\$16

WINNERS - MIXED SCRAMBLE - THUR.

Place	Name	Club	Prize
1st	G. Barham	Walden	\$18.00
	Nancy Benner	Wild Quail	\$18.00
	Ed Harkleroad	Lakewood	\$18.00
	Sam Hastings	Argyle	\$18.00

2nd	Bud Bachtell	Beaver Crk	\$16.00
	Jim Connors	Montgomery	\$16.00
	Doris Hughes	Talbot	\$16.00
	Jack Nichols	Elks	\$16.00

3rd	Geo Benner	Wild Quail	\$15.00
	Dick Boardman	Westwinds	\$15.00
	Ken Wallgren	Hobbitts	\$15.00

4rth	Nick Delia	Wakefield	\$14.00
	Byron Keadle	Patux Greens	\$14.00
	Bryan Phillips	Elks	\$14.00
	MaeR Rippeon	Glade Valley	\$14.00

5th	John Babyak	Montgomery	\$13.00
	Craig Chester	Walden	\$13.00
	Marg Harkleroad	Lakewood	\$13.00
	Antte McNamara	Argyle	\$13.00

6th	Marion Hastings	Argyle	\$12.00
	Arnold Simms	Eagle Crk	\$12.00
	Ralph Starkey	Caroline	\$12.00
	Glen Wienhoff	Holly Hills	\$12.00

7th	Janet Auerbach	Rolling Road	\$11.00
	Dan Hunt	Chester R.	\$11.00
	George Leroy	Ocean Pines	\$11.00
	Bob Naugle	Bowie	\$11.00

8th	Jack Beeson	Sussex Pines	\$10.00
	Jim Bell	Patux Greens	\$10.00
	Jo Brunner	Talbot	\$10.00
	Walt Farren	Marlborough	\$10.00

18 HOLE LADIES COMPETITION - WED

Place	Name	Club	Net	Prize
1st	Bettie Nichols	Elks	72	\$25.00
2nd	Betsy McNamara	Hunt Valley	73	\$20.00
3rd	A. McNamara	Argyle	74	\$18.00
4rth	Joan Hall	Tantallon	75	\$16.00
5th	Kris Michel	Great Hope	77	\$14.00
6th	Marg Harkleroad	Lakewood	81	\$12.00

9 HOLE LADIES COMPETITION - WED.

Place	Name	Club	Net	Prize
1st	Delia Connors	Montgom	40	\$10.00
2nd	Rose Rowden	Prospect B	41	

9 HOLE LADIES COMPETITION - THURS.

Place	Name	Club	Net	Prize
1st	Delia Connors	Montgom		\$10.00

JEKYLL ISLAND JUNKET - 99

The kickoff for the Jekyll Island Junket was a Sunday evening cocktail party and barbecue-style dinner. The name tags provided by CJ Myers made it easy to meet and greet new people and to remember folks from past outings. Enthusiasm was running high in anticipation of 4 days of challenging golf!

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Rain was forecast, but by some miracle, the junket was graced with excellent golf weather, crystal clear skies, cool to warm temperatures and a little breeze. Several days were warm enough for brave players to show off their legs! Could it be that Bob Purcell's (Manor) request for good weather during the dinner blessing helped?

While the golfers were on the course trying to play to their handicaps, the non-golfing ladies were relaxing and delighting in an interesting tour organized by Barbara Purcell of the historic area of Jekyll Island and St Simon's Island where they lunched. It was a full and informative day. The ladies returned just in time to change clothes and get to cocktail hour.

Marge Boyer (Harbourtown) did an excellent job of organizing the play and prizes each day for the 9 hole golfers. They played several interesting formats which made the game fun and gave everyone the opportunity of winning a prize.

One of the big perks of staying at the Comfort Inn was the spectacular view of the sunrise with all its beautiful colors. The "early birds" were rewarded with its dazzling beauty, especially those who took an invigorating walk along the beach.

There was plenty of entertainment during the Junket besides golf. After dinner on two nights Bob Purcell called bingo. There were many winners and the purse was good. One night, Chip Dale, a local musician, played guitar, strolled among members and led a sing-a-long. He finished the evening with an appropriate tune... "Georgia on My Mind".

On the last evening of the Junket, we were treated to a banquet and dancing. Dinner featured filet mignon, roasted, red bliss potatoes, garden salad, fresh steamed pea pods and rolls. The desserts were key lime pie and carrot cake. After dinner, the lights were turned down and many members tripped the light fantastic to the music of Chip Ward and his group. The Dompkas, Bowers and Hastings especially, cut a fine figure on the dance floor.

Lois Page was celebrating her birthday so the group joined in singing Happy Birthday to her.

Of the 157 people attending the Junket, there were 127 18 hole golfers, 9, 9 hole golfers, and 21 non-golfers. 81% of the 18 hole golfers were winners.

We owe CJ Myers a big thanks for his diligent and accurate score keeping for 4 days of golf.

The men winners were:

Name	Club	Prize
Jim Ukockis	Tantallon	\$88.00
Reds Griffith	Seaford	\$84.00
John Olesniewicz	Westwinds	\$82.00
Bill Henderson	Bear Creek	\$74.00

The lady winners were:

Name	Club	Prize
Helen Mucklebauer	Argyle	\$95.00
Patty Dale	Seaford	\$76.00
Bernie Reid	Sussex Pines	\$74.00

A good time was had by all....as members left Jekyll Island Friday morning after a large breakfast they were probably humming... "Georgia, Georgia, just an old sweet song, keeps Georgia on my mind!!!!!"

Deceased

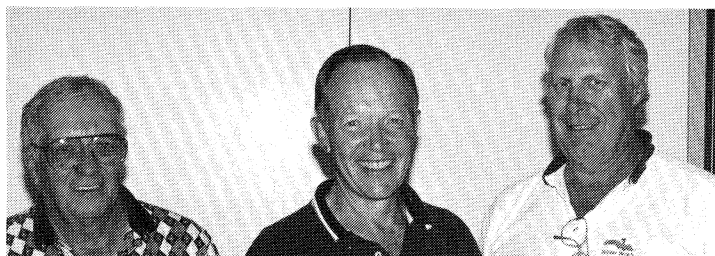
Elks	Harold Hingley Jr
	Phil Rossbach
Harbourtowne	Robert Hurford
Hobbit's Glen	John M Graves
	Harvey Greenburg
Marlborough	Jerry Brooks
Norbeck	Arthur Greenfeld
Ocean City	Daniel Pietruszka
Seaford	Dave Mayer
Talbot	Ray Kroeger

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NEW DIVISION IV LEADERSHIP



CJ Myers, (left) turns over the leadership of Division IV to Director Bob McMinn (center) of Kenwood and Assistant Director Ken Wallgren (right) of Hobbits.

ABCD PAST PRESIDENT'S TOURNAMENT

The ABCD Past President's Tournament was held at Sparrows Point C.C. on August 26, 1999. It rained hard the night before and the forecast was for rain on Thursday. However, luck was with us and we played under warm and sunny conditions. 127 players participated and a good time was had by all.!

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Overall low gross was Dick Stearns of Tantallon with a net 72

Overall low net was Henry Schoen of Caroline with a net 65

A Flight

Place	Name	Club	Score
1st gross	Dick Stearns	Tantallon	72
1st net	Joe Heaps	Hobbits Glen	70
2nd gross	Lee Peters	Argyle	77
2nd net	Ed Clements	Ocean Pines	71
3rd gross	F. Graham-Yooll	Prospect Bay	79
3rd net	Ed Wratten	Montgomery	73
4th gross	Bernie Egliskis	Hunt Valley	80
4th net	Bill Keisch	Nassawango	73
5th gross	George Sampson	Crofton	83
5th net	Bob Lucas	Bowie	73

B Flight

1st gross	John Mullikin	Cambridge	87
1st net	Bill Rupp	Tantallon	73
2nd gross	Lin Steinko	Kenwood	88
2nd net	Bob Huzzy	Glade Valley	75
3rd gross	Ken Stambach	Nutter's Crossing	89
3rd net	Ray Bryan	Shawnee	75
4th gross	Terry Lagier	Maple Dale	90
4th net	Jim Wood	Prospect Bay	75
5th gross	Dick Ward	Hobbits Glen	91
5th net	Jack Taylor	Caroline	75

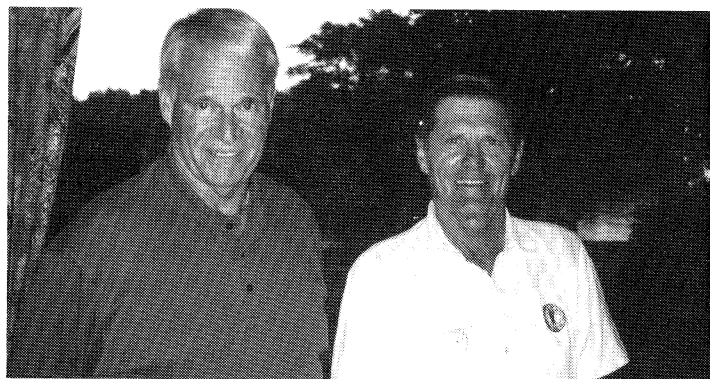
C Flight

Place	Name	Club	Score
1st gross	Henry Schoen	Caroline	87
1st net	Dom Potocki	Maple Dale	71
2nd gross	Jack Offner	Maple Dale	90
2nd net	Ed Boyer	Harbourtown	71
3rd gross	Jimmy Lee	Maple Dale	90
3rd net	Jim Kasab	Kenwood	71
4th gross	Tony Rossi	Prospect Bay	92
4th net	Dave Woodward	Maple Dale	72
5th gross	John Babyak	Montgomery	93
5th net	Richard Myers	Walden	72

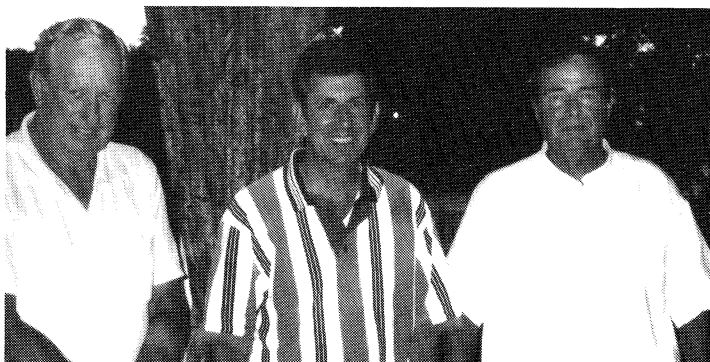
D Flight

Place	Name	Club	Score
1st gross	Bob Freedenberg	Bear Creek	92
1st net	Richard Hayes	Caroline	68
2nd gross	Dave Bowen	Maple Dale	97
2nd net	Virgil Schultz	Beaver Crk	70
3rd gross	Francis Yi	Hobbits Glen	98
3rd net	Nick Barilla	Nutter's Cr.	72
4th gross	Ray Keeler	Bowie	102
4th net	Ed Fluharty	Harbourtown	75
5th gross	Dave Stevenson	Crofton	103
5th net	John Butler	Green Hill	75

Low gross winners



Low Net Winners

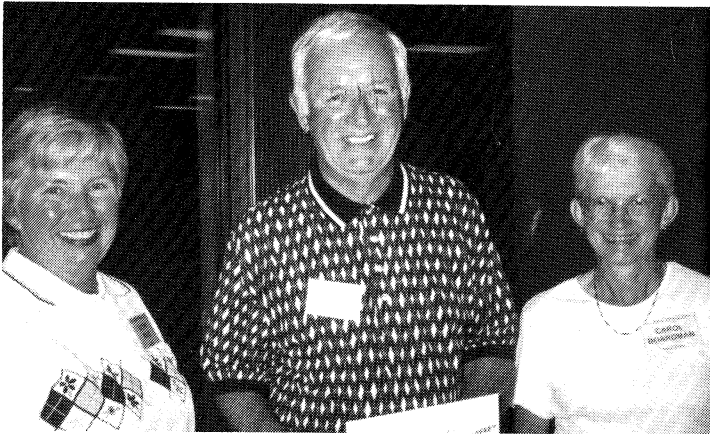


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Jekyll Island Winners



Mixed Scramble: First Place
(L to R) Patty Dale, Joe Sweeney
Carol Boardman

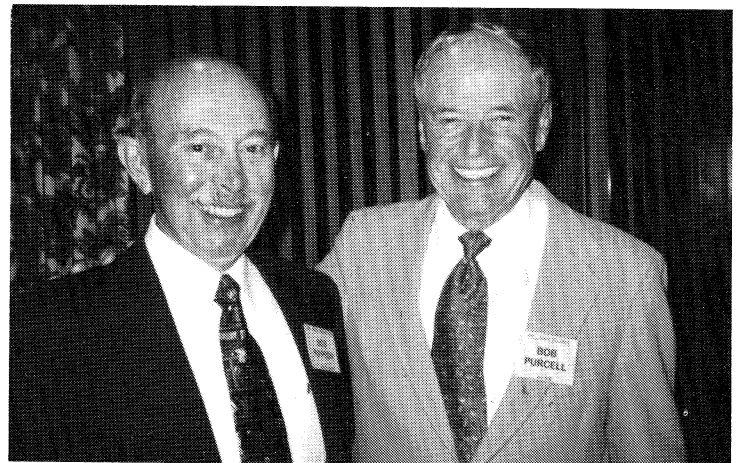
More Jekyll Winners



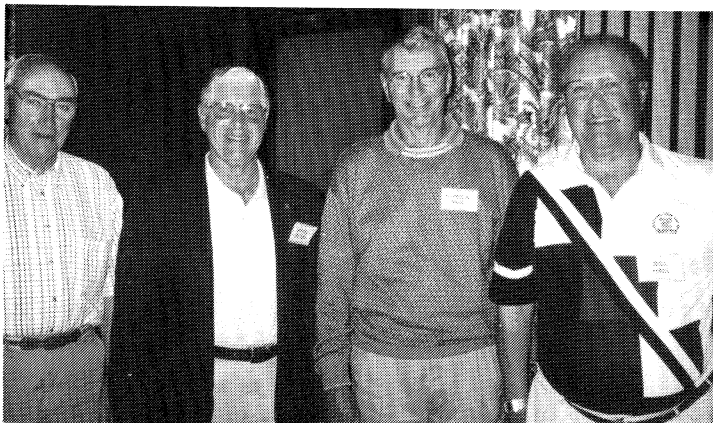
Stapleford: Ladies (L to R) Cleo Koutsandreas
Joan Perrin, Alice Parker, Hermie Touse



Mixed Scramble: Second Place
(L to R) John Babyak, Helen Mucklebauer
Jim Billingslea, George Linder



Two-Man Team: Bob Rippeon & Bob Purcell



Stableford: Men (L to R) George Linder, Bruce T
Gordon Reid, Bill Hall



Two-Lady Team: Nancy DiTullo & Bernie Reid

Dick Hunt
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Board Meeting Highlights - September 21, 1999

1. A motion was passed to recommend the use of 90% handicap at our mixers where two best-balls of four format is used.
2. A motion was passed to invite Past Presidents to participate in the ABCD State tournament. They will not have to qualify. They will be integrated into a flight according to their handicap.
3. A motion was passed to increase the Mixer prize money from \$4 to \$5, effective in 2000.
4. A motion was passed to increase the Division allocation from \$300 to \$400, beginning in 2000. This will be financed by increasing each club MISGA dues from \$25 to \$35.

Editor's Comment

Club Reps are reminded to submit to me a picture of your clubs favorite hole and a brief write-up of why it's your favorite. We will be choosing 18 holes for inclusion in the anniversary issue. Cutoff date is March 1, 2000.

Thanks!!