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President's Message

Tom Tarpley

Two down and two to go! We are anticipating another outstanding season of play. January had plenty of warm days that allowed those of us in the western and northern areas to get out.

The extra income generated by the dues increase will be largely used for increased travel cost and Division expense. Left over monies could be used to purchase, distribute and train people to use the A.E.D.'s. **THE LIFE THAT'S SAVED COULD BE YOUR OWN!** Again impress on your Club Rep and Division Directors your felt need for this important life saving device. Whether from our Treasury or a MISGA/Club negotiated initiative, these instruments are necessary in our world and environment. No Club should be without one. Let us not rest easy until every club in MISGA has one, with personnel trained to use it!

The Board, Committee Chairs, and The Reps. with a cast of thousands, continue to work long and arduous hours, which contributes to the smooth sailing of MISGA. As usual there will be no increase in their salaries. Our aim is for you to enjoy your time on the course and value the friendships made. Plan to attend the Flings and Frolics, if possible; you will not regret your experience. There maybe room for former MISGA members on a space available basis at our Fall Frolics.

As is frequently mentioned, "Play well, Play often and Play with a smile!"



Past President Paul Keiser (left) is awarded the MISGA plate in recognition of his service as our President in 2005. Making the presentation is present President Tom Tarpley.

Big changes approved at Reps Meeting

At the Annual Reps Meeting hosted by Chester River on April 10, 2006 MISGA made history by making a very significant change in it By-Laws. Effective immediately the minimum age required to join MISGA is 50 Years old, changed from the previous requirement of 55 years old. This should allow the organization to increase it associate membership and insure continued good health for the future.

Another significant event also occurred with the passing out of the MISGA History Books. The book covers the period 1996 to 2006 and is an excellent publication that everyone should enjoy. Copies are available for all MISGA Associates and will be distributed by your Club Rep. Make sure to ask for your copy.

Do you recognize where this is? Answer follows.

(see page 2)



(revised) *March 7, 2006*

From: **C. J. Myers, MISGA Tournament Chairman**

To: Division Tournament Chairmen and Division Directors:

Div. I	Bill Morton, Tournament Chairman	Dick Dale, Director
Div. II	Clarence Moody, Tournament Chairman	Tom Tarpley, Director
Div. III	Bob Guenther, Tournament Chairman	Ralph Starkey, Director
Div. IV	Nick Parker, Tournament Chairman	Earl Gayler, Director
Div. V	Ed Neff, Tournament Chairman	Paul Phillips, Director
Div. VI	John Smith, Tournament Chairman	Bob Nicholson, Director

Subj.: **Past Presidents (A,B,C,D) and Two-Man Team Championship Tournaments for 2006**

Utilizing the Associates Dues Report for 2005, revised 12/8/05 by MISGA Associates Chairman Charlie Fieldhouse, I have established the quota or allotment of players from each division that will be qualified to play in the subject tournaments. These tournaments will be held as follows:

Two-Man Team	Manor C.C. (Div. IV)	Thursday, August 17
		Rain date Thursday, August 24
A,B,C,D Past Presidents	Harbourtowne (Div. III)	Monday, <i>August 14</i> (revised)
		Rain date Monday, August 28

The Division allotments are:

	<u># of Associates</u>	<u>A,B,C,D Past Pres.</u>	<u>Two-Man Team</u>
Div. I	544	16	8
Div. II	808	26	13
Div. III	408	12	7
Div. IV	1047	30	16
Div. V	636	18	10
Div. VI	631	18	10
		Past Pres	8
Total	4074	128	64

Attached is a set of *Instructions and general information* for the conduct of each of these tournaments, including the Division Qualifiers for same. Please read these over carefully to become familiar with all requirements. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Each Director and Division Tournament Chairman is urged to stress the point with each Club Rep that if an individual signs up to play in a Divisional Qualifier, he is expected to play in the state finals, no matter where it is played, providing he scores well enough to qualify.

(For long-range planning) – in 2007 Div. VI will host A,B,C,D and Div. I will host Two-Man Team.

The answer to the question on page one is
Glade Valley Golf Club !



2006 FALL FROLICS

The 2006 Fall Frolics will be held at **Fripp Island, SC** and on November 5, 2006 thru November 10, 2006 and at **Amelia Island Plantation**, Florida on November 12 thru November 17, 2006.

The Ocean Point course at **Fripp Island** was completely renovated last year and is the first course to boast the “hottest” new turf in golf, “Aloha Seashore Paspalum Grass, so thick and smooth it acts like tiny tees holding your ball at precisely the right height on the fairways”. Ten of the holes have a spectacular view of the ocean with number nine & eighteen holes finishing right on the Atlantic. On the south end of the island is Davis Love’s first signature design, Ocean Creek that was selected by Golf magazine as a “top 10 design”. Golf Digest has rated Ocean Creek as a distinctive 4.5 star course. An in house chef and staff instead of an outside company are now handling the food service. Bill Rapson will be the Event Coordinator at Fripp.

Last year we attended Amelia Island Plantation and I received so many requests to reschedule it again. **Amelia Island Plantation** now has **four** great courses. We will play all four courses, “Long Point” (the members course), Ocean Links, Oak Marsh and the new course Royal Amelia. Amelia Island boasts that it is the only Resort in Florida that can brag that they have seven holes right on the Atlantic Ocean. Those of you that were there last year can attest to the marvelous views and challenges presented. Amelia Island provides excellent accommodations, service and other amenities. As an **added bonus**, I was able to arrange for early arrivals on Sunday November 12, 2006 the ability to play Oak Marsh, Ocean Links or Royal Amelia at **no charge**, subject to your calling them to schedule a tee time.

For the **non-golfing ladies**, one-day tours will be provided with lunch included at both venues. We look forward to your attendance. The **application forms** are enclosed in this MISGAGRAM and also can be downloaded from the MISGA web site.

Peter Sorge, Jr. MISGA Events Chairman

Tantallon Country Club Course Update

Tantallon Country Club was named after Tantallon Castle, a formidable stronghold built atop cliffs in Northern Scotland in the 14th century by one of the most powerful baronial families in Scotland. Like Tantallon Castle, the Tantallon golf course is a formidable site and has stood the test of time. Opened in 1965, the course is first and foremost a Ted Robinson designed classic.

Ted Robinson has designed over 170 golf courses throughout the world over the past 40 years. The Tantallon course is his only east coast design. More importantly, our members always find the course challenging and never playing quite the same from day to day. It is a course you can count on playing all of your clubs each time you play.

With the Tantallon course, Ted Robinson has achieved his design goals of flexibility, memorability and natural beauty creating an effective and rewarding experience for golfers at all levels of play. On every round, our members find a variety of challenges, unique holes and greens and an abundance of ponds on a beautifully laid out tree-lined course with rolling fairways. The course received its Audubon Sanctuary Certification in 1998.

Last year Tantallon Country Club was purchased by Fore Golf Associates. The new owner is spending 3 million dollars in course and club improvements, including laser leveled tees, new cart paths, a combination of sodding and reseeding all fairways, beautification of the grounds and lakes, refurbished sand traps, a new practice area with putting green targets, two practice sand traps-one with a green and the other for fairway practice, and two putting greens. In the clubhouse there is a redesigned foyer and bar area, new locker room, new exercise room as well as other improvements.

A final change made by the club management is a switching of our nines back to the original Ted Robinson design. New tee markers have been ordered and will be available for April play. Tantallon plays to the following course ratings and slopes:

Gold Tees: 6,093 yards – course rating/slope 68.9/119

White Tees: 6,261 yards – course rating/slope 70.2/122

We know MISGA members will enjoy their experience at the new Tantallon course as we host our MISGA events.

Division II is proud to introduce three new Club Houses which will be open when you join them for Mixers.

Beaver Creek's new Club House



VFW's New Club House



Piney Branch's new Club House





A cold January day brings out the best at Holly Hills!

Your club Reps, Committee Chairman and Officers of MISGA hard at work at Chester River at the Annual Meeting in April.



Deceased Associates

Tom Ryan	Cripple Creek
Ed Boyer	Harbourtowne
G. Edward Fluharty	Harbourtowne
Wendell Potter	Green Hill
Dan Silling	Green Hill
Ray Beirne	Bowie
Robert O Stone	Montgomery Village
Loui Winsatt	Montgomery Village

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Hole # 4 at Chester River Yacht and Golf Club in the Spring