



# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Chester River C.C.

April 7, 1997

**President C.J. Myers** called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. He thanked **Ray Kroeger and his fellow members of Chester River** for hosting the meeting and providing coffee and pastry and a fine, if windy day for golf.

Well over 100 reps attended including officials: C.J. Myers, George Shenk, Bill Ahlfeld, Harry Breitbach, Ray Kroeger, Ray Bryan, Frank Page, Jack Nichols, Roy Gauzza, Sam Nisbet, Ted Branthover, Logan Schutz, George Lipscomb, Wayland Coston, Sam Hastings, Duke Rowdon, Merle Shumaker, Jim Bell, Paul Desmond, Joseph Malinowski, Don Linton and Dick Allchin.

**President Myers** welcomed new clubs -- *Wild Quail* in Division 1 and *Great Hope*, Division 5. Myers announced **Dick Hunt** of Manor would replace **Merle Shumaker**, long time editor of MISGAgram and **Nick Parker** also from Manor would replace **Dave Stevenson** in charge of mailing. Reference was made to the loss of **Al Hagen**, a MISGA founder, who died February 20th in Clearwater, Florida.

After introduction of MISGA officials a motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with reading the Minutes of 1996. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by **Harry Breitbach** and approved (copy attached). Next, reports by Committee Chairmen:

**AUDIT -- Sam Nisbet.** Committee's conclusions: *"records maintained by the Club Treasurer are a complete and accurate representation of the Association's finances and are in agreement with his financial statement dated 12/31/96."*

*"... the financial reports issued by the trip chairmen are not complete or in proper form."* Recommendation: *"The financial reports submitted by the trip chairmen should be standardized and supported by all expense vouchers and invoices and all bank statements."* also that *"the Association's Treasurer should be commended for the excellent manner in which the Association's records are maintained."* The report was approved.

**ASSOCIATES -- Roy Gauzza** reported MISGA now has 4,510 members. He urged club reps to get new names and dues mailed in before July 1st.

**POLICY & PLANNING -- Ted Branthover** (301) 881-4690 noted that the Club Rep manual will be reprinted. He asked reps to call him if they note changes needed.

**TOURNAMENTS -- George Lipscomb** reviewed rules. For the 2-man team tournament (Sept. 17th) at *Tantallon* the handicap index must be in the month of play and if play is interrupted, each player must complete 9 holes common to those in his flight. If criteria not met, refunds will be made not including lunch and cart. A tie breaking procedure involves the last 9, 6 and 3 holes. Two scorers for each flight are a must.

**MISGAgram -- Merle Shumaker** reported the next letter's deadline was April 25th to be mailed May 1 and carry news of the Fall Frolics and some new trip choices.

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*There were no reports by the General Counsel (Joe Malinowski) or the Chairman of the Mailing Committee (Dave Stevenson).*

**HISTORY -- Duke Rowdon** reported a planned "Take Two" on the history of MISGA tackling member's questions and detailing actions of the Board.

**TRIPS -- Sam Hastings** complimented Club Reps and urged their continued help in promoting MISGA trips. The Scotland trip is now filled. He noted a new option for next February -- a **Caribbean Cruise** instead of the **Florida Fling**. The Committee also plans a trip to Ireland in '98. For **Sea Trails** (Oct.26-31) this will be the ninth visit. **Paul Desmond** reported on the **Spring Fling** (May 22nd and 23rd). He has 92 applications so far. Again, Paul reminded reps his zip code is 21811. **Dick Allchin** reported on the **Board Bash** (Sept.24 and 26) at Carroll Valley. **George Shenk** described the new Woodlake Golf Course (Nov. 1-5) just North of Pinehurst. Space limited to 112. Has an instructional academy. **Jim Bell** noted the return to Seabrook (Nov. 9-14). **Logan Schutz** covered more detail on the Cruise. A flyer was distributed. He stressed a June 15th deadline and a limit of 40 golfers, no limit on non-golfers. The MISGAGram will have further details.

Awards were presented to 1996 President **George Meyer**, Auditor **Don Linton**, and retiring board member **Wayland Coston**. Others honored, but not present, include Historian **Ray Keany**, Secretary **John Rooney**, and retiring Board members **Brad Frapart** and **Otis Jefferson**.

**NEW BUSINESS -- George Shenk** reported as chairman of an ad hoc committee looking into the issue of what tees MISGA should use for tournaments. He and his committee are checking the scorecards of member clubs.

**Paul Desmond** chairs a Long Range Planning Committee. The issues here -- relating to size, member club eligibility and lowering the age for MISGA members to 50 from the present 55 -- drew heated discussion. Some club reps felt ready to vote on the age issue at the meeting. They pointed out the Board had already voted to lower the age to 50. But, **President Myers** explained, by-laws require a vote by all club reps. A special Board Meeting (3/18) decided to table the matter and that vote until Paul's committee completed their report.

Another issue arose as to posting tournament scores for Mixers. MISGA follows the USGA rules that for any tournament which has a prize (money or gift) a player must post his score and indicate it was made in a tournament event.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at noon for lunch and 92 attendees played golf in an ABCD format. It is assumed they all posted their scores with a "T" in the computer back at their home course.

Respectfully submitted



Bill Ahlfeld  
Secretary