



MISGAGRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year certainly has flown by for many of us. Although the weather has not always cooperated, judicious rescheduling by Club Reps allowed full mixer activity. Even the



finals of the 2-man team tournament was rescheduled twice before it finally was played on a beautiful day at Prospect Bay. It often pays to cancel early and reschedule to allow for maximum participation.

There is one problem we encountered this year that is in need of our full attention. There are a few clubs that persist in starting mixers on one nine with at least two foursomes starting on each hole. This is unacceptable and will eventually result in seriously degrading mixer participation. Club Reps should approach their club management and thoroughly discuss the problem. We must cut the head off this snake before it wiggles through-out MISGA.

As I prepare to pass the president's gavel to my successor I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors, Club Reps, their Assistants, and to everyone who worked diligently to make this such a successful year.

It was my pleasure to serve as your President this year and I urge you to give your fullest cooperation to my successor.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Duke Rowdon

MISGA Says "Good-Bye" to Cape Coral

After many years of enjoying Winter Flings at Cape Coral, near Fort Myers, Florida, we say "good bye."

The resort was sold in February of 1999, the motel was torn down and it is now a private club. The last group of package golfers finished in May 2000.

Your Winter Fling Committee has connected with another resort near Fort Myers called the Admiral Lehigh Golf Resort and Spa which will host the MISGA Winter Fling from February 4 - February 10, 2001. The resort will provide us with the same amenities as Cape Coral. In fact there are additional activities there for us, and the cost is substantially less than that of Cape Coral last year.

The application is included in this month's MISGAGRAM. Acceptance is on a 1st come 1st serve basis.

Hurry!! This one should fill fast!!

On the next page are photos of MISGAITES having fun at Cape Coral.

Winter Fling Committee
Paul Desmond and
Joe Hollister

MISGA Goes Hi-Tech

Thanks to **Dick Walsh**, board Secretary and West Winds Club Rep, MISGA now has a Web Site <http://pages.prodigy.net/dickwalsh> maintained by Dick. There you will find the Leadership Roster, minutes of Board meetings, directions to all MISGA clubs, info on prospective members, and links to information about individual clubs that have Web presence. Give it a try!

FUN AT CAPE CORAL-WINTER '99



HOLES-IN-ONE

Two members of **Piney Branch Golf Club** had holes-in-one during the last several months. **Joe Malinowski** aced the 13th hole on April 8, 2000 using an 11 wood. The hole measures 145 yards.

Gary Bancroft had his ace on the 9th, 155 yard hole on August 19th using a 6 iron.

"The most forgotten hole-in-one." **Harry Conover** of Quail Valley Golf Club while playing in a MISGA MIXER at Hunt Valley on May 23, 2000 had a hole-in-one on the red #2 par 3 using a 7 wood. The reason it is called the most forgotten hole-in-one is because Harry mentioned that his achievement never appeared in the MISGAGRAM....it made news this time!!

Jim Donatelli of Manor, aced the par 3 15th hole at a mixer at Kenwood. It was Jim's first swing of the day and a good one!!!

On August 18, 2000 **Jim Allen** of West Winds surprised playing partner **Jack Brennan** by acing the 3rd hole of their home course with an 8 iron from the senior tees.

Bob Forshey of Ocean City had a hole-in-one on # 4 at Chartwell CC during the Past President's Tournament.

Congratulations to all our hole-in-one stars!!!!

A story from Merle Shumaker...

Merle Shumaker invited **George Shenk** to be his guest at the Senior's 11th Member Guest Tournament at Crofton on September 12, 2000. On hole number three they had the closest to the center line prize both for a member and a guest. George's ball was right on the line and Merle's ball was 8 inches to the left of the line. They both won prizes!

Letter to the Editor

In response to **Duke Rowdon's** concern about cheating on golf I would note the following.

Some golfers still do not understand that golf is an individual sport and is a game of honor. I feel sorry for those people who, in my opinion are cheating the game and themselves and I can only believe that golf is not the only thing that they come up short on in the game of life. It is difficult to deal with these people because they will never tell you the truth and have all kinds of excuses.

Bruce Miller, MISGA Rep
Sparrow's Point CC

Past President's Tournament

August 22, 2000

1st Place Gross Overall
Scott Bush Kenwood 76 \$30

1st Place Net Overall
Stengle Watkins Caroline 61 \$30

Flight A

First Place Gross	\$70	
Scott Bush	76	Kenwood
First Place Net	\$70	
Donnie Usilton	65	Chester River
Second Place Gross	\$50	
Andy Miller	80	Manor
Second Place Net	\$50	
Nick Rossi	70	Tantallon
Third Place Gross	\$30	
Dan Williams	81	Chartwell
Third Place Net	\$30	
Art Lindberg	70	Ocean Pines

Flight B

First Place Gross	\$70	
Mike Onorato	84	Chartwell
First Place Net	\$70	
Earl Gaylor	69	Kenwood
Second Place Gross	\$50	
Corky Devlin	90	Marlborough
Second Place Net	\$50	
Ed Boyer	73	Harbortowne
Third Place Gross	\$30	
Carter Hughlett	91	Harbortowne
Third Place Net	\$30	
Don Lecrone	75	Tantallon

Flight C

First Place Gross	\$70	
Marv Phillips	86	Nutter's Crossing
First Place Net	\$70	
Charles J'Anthony	67	Maple Dale
Second Place Gross	\$50	
Charles Greenhouse	91	Lakewood
Second Place Net	\$50	
Bob Forshey	69	Ocean City
Third Place Gross	\$30	
Charles Lewis	96	Montgomery CC
Third Place Net	\$30	
Tom Bresson	75	Patuxent Greens

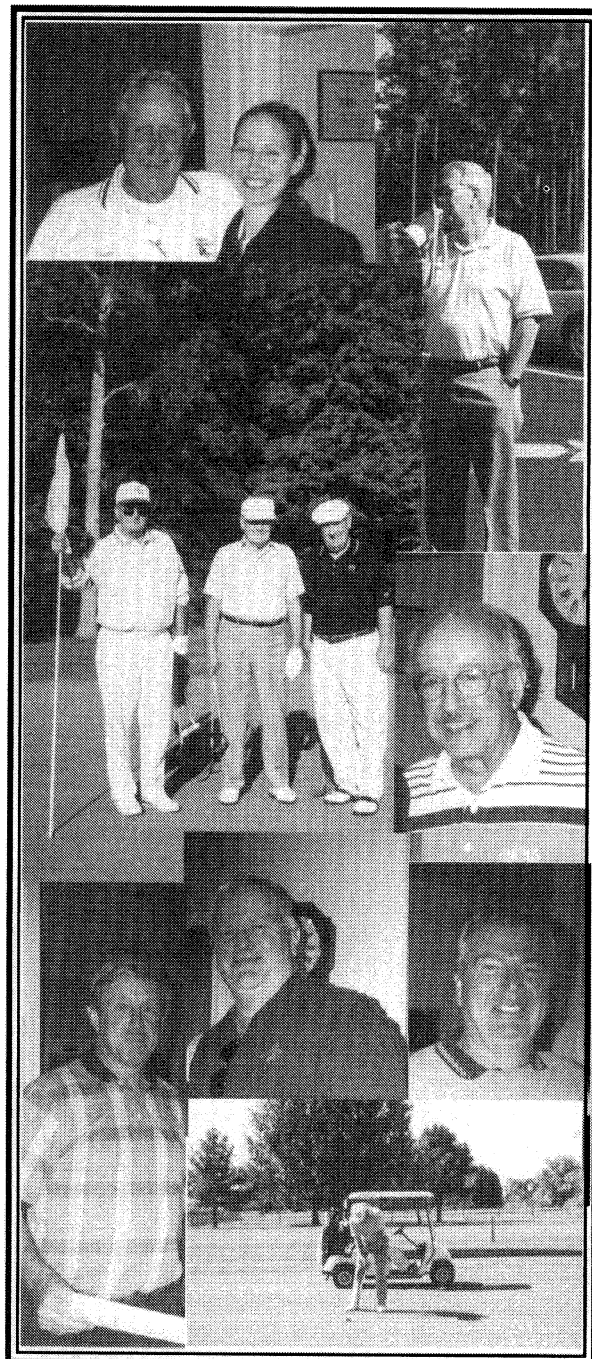
Flight D

First Place Gross	\$70	
Stengle Watkins	88	Caroline
First Place Net	\$70	
Joe Cardaci	71	Manor
Second Place Gross	\$50	
Doran Christensen	97	Green Hills
Second Place Net	\$50	
Ted Hart	72	Hunt Valley
Third Place Gross	\$30	
Jim Campbell	97	Hobbitts Glen
Third Place Net	\$30	
Ed Healy	72	Manor

Two-Man Tournament Finals

October 12, 2000
Held at Prospect Bay

First	Stengle Watkins & Chas. Kirsch
Second	Ray Theim and Lin Seinko
Third	Tom Lopes and Dave Williams
Fourth	Duane Black and Mike Hogue
Fifth	Jesse Maffuid and Marty Mollaney
Sixth	Brent Kirk and Ed Boyer
Seventh	Walt and John Wright
Eight	Howard Jarman and Ray Ulatowski
Ninth	Don McCoy and Les Fewster
Tenth	Jack Slayton and Ted Evans
Eleventh	John Oravec and Paul O'Connell
Twelveth	Bob Nicholson and John McGrail



PAST PRESIDENT'S TOURNAMENT

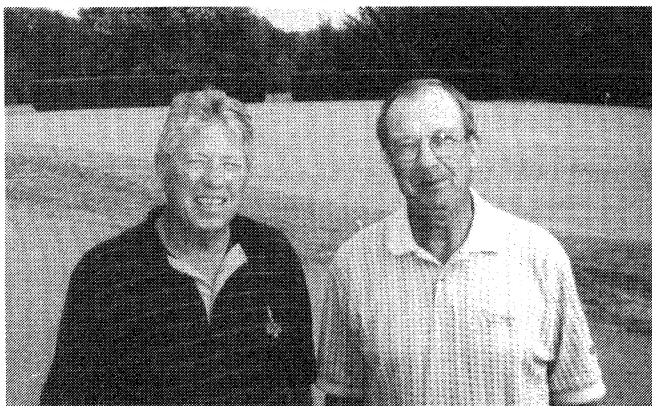
CHARTWELL COUNTRY CLUB AUGUST 22, 2000



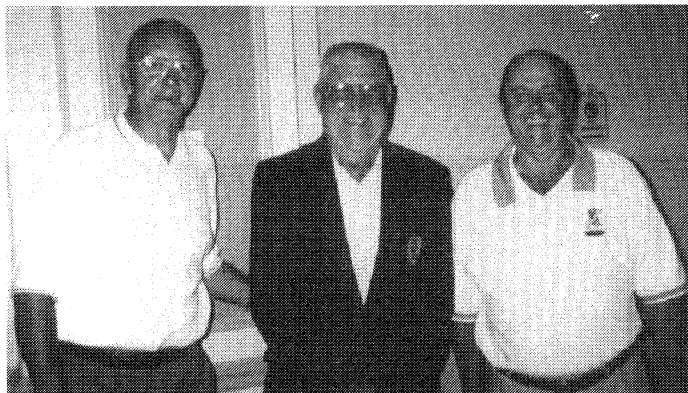
The head table L - R Bill Hulihan, Merle Shumaker, George Shenk and Duke Rowdon



Duke presents the Low Net Overall Trophy to Stengle Watkins of Caroline who shot 88, Net 61.



Tournament chairmen
L - R Bill Brown, Chartwell MISGA Rep, Sam Hall, Div III Director



Merle Shumaker awards "Flight A" Low Gross Winners L-R Dan Williams (84), Merle, Andy Miller(80),



Duke Rowdon presents Low Gross Trophy to Scott Bush of Kenwood who shot 76



Merle awards "Flight A" Low Net Winners L-R Merle, Nick Rossi(70) Donnie Usilton(65), Art Lindberg(70) -not present

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CHARTWELL COUNTRY CLUB AUGUST 22, 2000



George Shenk awards "Flight B" Low Gross Winners L - R Carter Hughlett(91), George, Corky Devlin(90), and Mike Onorato(84)



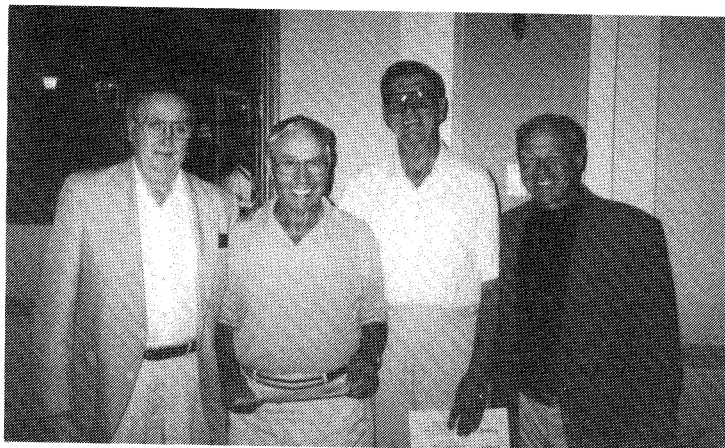
Bill awards "Flight C" Low Net Winners L - R Bill, Tom Bresson(75), Bob Forshey(69), Charles J' Anthony(67)



George awards "Flight B" Low Net Winners L-R George, Don Lecrone(75), Ed Boyer (73), Earl Gaylor(69)



Sam Hall awards "Flight D" Low Gross Winners L - R Sam, Stengle Watkins(88), Doran Christensen(97), and Jim Campbell(97)



Bill Hulihan awards "Flight C" Low Gross Winners L - R Bill, Marv Phillips(86), Charles Greenhouse(91), Charles Lewis(96)



Sam awards "Flight D" Low Net Winners L-R Ed Healy(72), Joe Cardaci(71), Ted Hart(72), and Sam Hall

ERRATA

In the words of Mark Twain: "Rumors of my demise have been greatly exaggerated!"

Unfortunately the death of one of our members was reported incorrectly in the last MISGAGRAM. I apologized profusely and asked the member what I could do??? The following is his most gracious reply.

Dick

"Don't worry about it. I am finding out that I was a better man than I thought from some of the comments I have received. I am just glad to be here. One of my "friends" even sent me word that we could use his flower garden for picking needed flowers for the service. At least you can be sure that your time in preparing the MISGAGRAM is not wasted and people are reading it. See you around! Hit them long and straight!!!"

Don Buckland
MISGA Rep
Maple Dale CC

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

The following article, courtesy of Charlie Fieldhouse, appeared in the August newsletter of Piney Branch Golf and Country Club and is reprinted here for your information.

The latest Piney Branch purchase will not improve the golf swing nor will it lower golf scores, it will not insure truer greens nor will it make the bunkers smooth. However, it could save a life.

The Board of Directors has committed to a portable, automatic external defibrillator (AED). This device automatically assesses a heart attack victim and through screen messages, voice prompts, and/or lighted button signals, it determines the victim's needs. Finally, if needed, a trained operator is guided through its usage and shock treatment procedures.

It is rumored that Piney Branch is the first course or golf organization in the Baltimore/Carroll County area to purchase and train staff on this valuable equipment.

"Golf Digest" recently formed the coalition Links for Life which unites the American Heart Association, Medtronic Physio-Control, the National Safety Council, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the Club Manager's Association, and the National Golf Course Owner's Association. This group has established a safety program to ensure that course employees are trained in CPR and AED use. Links for Life wants emergency alert communications available and accessible throughout the many acres of golf courses. Piney Branch endorses and has joined the program.

The AED Program is very valuable, but I truly hope it is one we will never have to use. However, it is an investment in our members.

BOARD BASH 2000

Tom Tarpley and Division II hosted the Annual Board Bash at Carrol Valley on September 20th and 21th.

Prize Winners

Wednesday Net Stroke Play (Men)

C. Fieldhouse	63	Joe Kaiser	67
Earl Gaylor	64	C. Chester	67
D. Woodward	65	Bob Rippeon	68
Ross Kenny	65	Tom Tarpley	68
Dan Williams	65	Nick Delia	68
Paul Hulleberg	66	Jim Lee	68
Bud Bachtell	67	H. Breitbach	68

Wednesday Net Stroke Play (Ladies)

Louise Ludwig	66	Aretta Keadle	68
Jean Ewalt	66	C. Boardman	69
M. Harkleroad	68		

Wednesday Gross Stroke Play

D. Williams	71
Craig Chester	76
Jerry Shearer	83
Bud Bachtell	83

Wednesday Team Stableford

Bud Bachtell	159	Arnie Simms	158
Jack Devault		Nick Delia	
Bill Brown		John Babyak	
Bob Rippeon			

Thursday Scramble

D. Williams	61	B. Nicholson	62
Dick Walsh		Jack Johnson	
George Shenk		Jean Ewalt	
Dottie Bell			

K. Wallgren	65	C. Hodgson	65
H. Breitbach		C. Fieldhouse	
Jim Lee		Bob Naugle	
Marion Hastings			

Sam Hall	66		
Tom Tarpley			
Jack Murry			
Phyllis Widerkehr			



Board Meeting Highlights

The MISGA Board met at Kenwood Country Club on September 12, 2000. Highlights include the following:

1. The Board concurred with Arnold Simms' request that two paragraphs on page 19 of the Guidelines section of the Handbook be corrected as follows:

Member Club Dues The Club Rep is responsible for remitting the annual dues of his club by April 1 of each year directly to the MISGA Treasurer.

Associate Dues, Change Form #5-89 and Roster The Club Rep shall collect per capita dues at the beginning of the golf season. He will then verify the list of paid up Associates against his latest copy of the roster. The collected dues and change form #5-89 reflecting updates to the membership shall be sent by the Club Rep to his Division Associates Chairman no later than June 1. The Division Associates Chairman shall forward the forms and funds to the MISGA Associates Chairman who will forward the funds to the Treasurer.

2. Policy and Planning - **C.J. Myers** presented the first report of his committee, including four recommendations:

Establish firm date for the Annual Reps Meeting

The Board agreed that Section IV, Paragraph A of the Bylaws should establish the second Monday of April (with the first Monday as alternate) each year as the date for the Annual Reps Meeting. This update will be included in the next revision of the handbook.

Establish Guidelines for conducting the Spring Fling

The committee presented a comprehensive document "Guidelines for the Organization and Conduct of the Spring Fling." President Duke Rowdon, based on "sense of the Board" directed, with concurrence of Events Chairman Sam Hastings, that this be made a permanent document of the Events Committee.

Establish April 1st as date for determining tournament quotas

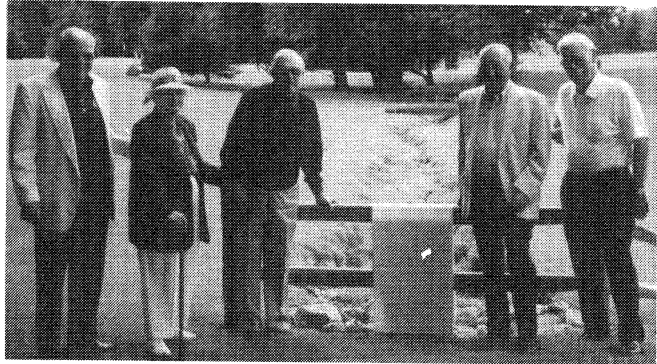
The Committee recommended moving the quota determining date from December to April 1st in order to include in the calculation first year MISGA clubs. A motion to leave the process as it is now was passed 5 to 4.

Establish (new) Rules and Handicap Committee

The committee recommended establishing a new standing committee to enhance education and oversight in the management of handicaps and observance of the rules of golf. Duke Rowdon assigned Sam Hall to create an ad hoc Rules and Handicap Committee to evaluate the concept.

Deceased MISGA Members

Paul Kneeland	Maple Dale
Leo Ehrig	Norbeck
Lew Baumann	Rolling Road
Carl Moore	Sussex Pines
Robert Reuther	
George Weber	U. of Maryland
T. Walker Ragsdale	Wakefield Valley



A formal dedication of "Decker's Creek" was held at Holly Hills in memory of their recently deceased member **Harry Decker**. The unveiling and comments by early MISGA members was held on July 13, 2000 followed by a social hour at the club.

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