

MISGAGRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(President's Message Continued)

As we begin a new year, I want to share with you my view on the condition of MISGA. I believe MISGA is in great shape! Last year we generated \$1,118,395 in total revenue from our mixers, qualifiers and tournaments -- a record. The



total number of mixers is at an all time high as is the total number of participants. It looks like the Club Reps are doing things right.

Look for membership levels to start increasing. I say this because the Baby Boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, are beginning to turn 55. I also anticipate an

increase in the number of member clubs, particularly on the Eastern Shore.

Participation in the Fall Frolics is starting to turn the corner. I suspect membership levels over the past decade were not sufficient to support three events a year. Action by the Board of Directors to limit Fall Frolics to two events a year makes sense. If and when demand returns, we can add events accordingly. The Fall Frolics are a good value and a great way to meet people from other clubs.

However, MISGA is not without its problems. Three areas come to mind which require our attention.

Certain clubs in and around the Washington, DC and Baltimore beltways must deal with traffic congestion which makes travel difficult. A 45-minute commute of five years ago, now takes twice as long and it won't get any better. Other clubs have excessive distances to cover in getting to mixers. Either way, it's taking too long to get there. As a result we have to re-examine how we do our scheduling and make appropriate changes.

There are troubling reports that more and more
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MISGA associates are refusing to attend mixers and other events at courses which they deem to be undesirable. This attitude runs counter to the spirit of MISGA. It has no place in the organization! Remember this: some clubs have better course layouts than others and some have better facilities, but on the whole., each one represents an enjoyable day of golf.

MISGA continues to receive criticism for casually applying the rules and etiquette of golf and failing to comply with the USGA Handicap System. These areas will receive the continued attention of the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Handicaps with particular emphasis on getting associates into the habit of posting scores. Out of fairness to all, we want to make sure that our handicaps reflect our playing ability.

I look forward to serving as your president, and I pledge to promote the goals and objectives of MISGA. I'll see you on the golf course.

Sam Hall

2002 Schedule of Events

Annual Reps Meeting	April 8	Chester River
Spring Fling	May 6-7	Ocean City
Past Presidents Final	Aug 19	Crofton
Two-Man Team Final	Aug 26	Montgomery CC
Board Bash	Sept 11, 12	Carroll Valley
Fall Trips	Nov 3-8	Sea Trail
	Nov 10-15	Seabrook

MISGA WELCOMES TWO NEW CLUBS

JONATHAN'S LANDING

Jonathan's Landing Golf Course, in Magnolia, Delaware, opened for play in 1996 as a links course with two-foot-high grass covering most of the rough area. Thankfully, this heather-type grass was eliminated shortly thereafter. By the spring of 2001 Jonathan's had developed two courses: the championship Point Course with 18 holes at 6,657 yards and the Cape Course with 9 holes at 2,637 yards.



The Fourth Hole

The front nine of the Point Course is noted for its severe, rolling greens while the back nine offers many water hazards and lengthy fairways. The black tees are a challenge for the best golfers.

The nine-hole Cape Course has six par fours of typical length and three par threes, all with ample and challenging greens.



The club offers a large practice green, indoor and outdoor driving range, pro shop and snack bar. The new club house is designed to replicate the features of Delaware's historic Port Mahon

Lighthouse. It has spacious dining facilities to accommodate large gatherings.

This past season Jonathan's became increasingly popular with area golfers due to its friendly management and staff and because of the well-kept golf course.

We at Jonathan's welcome MISGA golfers and hope you enjoy our club. We look forward to a great 2002 season!

Tom Metz

MISGA Club Rep

THE EASTON CLUB

The Easton Club, located in Easton, Maryland opened in October, 1995. The golf course, covering 182 acres, is an 18-hole championship course designed by Bob Rauch Hole- In - One Design Group. The well-maintained bent grass tees, fairways and greens are a



golfer's dream. Varied and challenging holes where water, wetlands and scenic fairways come into play make this a shot maker's course.

The number three signature hole is a tricky par three surrounded on three sides by water. A large driving range, practice areas and putting green are adjacent to the clubhouse.

After a great day of golf, players can relax and enjoy



an outstanding meal served at Eagle's Point Pavilion, an open-air pavilion overlooking the scenic Tred Avon River. The pavilion seats 200, has a custom-built,

brick, barbeque grill, sound system and full-service bar. The Easton facilities also include a fully stocked pro shop, Eagles Spirit Gourmet Restaurant and the Flagstix Bar and Grill.

The course ratings and yardage are as follows:

Blue Tees	72.3/129	6,703 yards
White Tees	70.5/125	6,238 yards
Gold Tees	67.9/120	5,721 yards

Richard Tomlinson

MISGA Club Rep

Division IV Christmas Party



One hundred and twenty-nine Club Reps, Assistant Reps, Board Members and wives attended the Division IV Christmas party held at Manor Country Club on December 11. The luncheon was hosted and emceed by **Nick Parker**, Manor Club Rep and MISGAGRAM



mailing chairman. **Ken Wallgren** presented **Walter Bank**, of Bethesda Country Club, with the Division IV Rep of the Year award! Walter was wearing his traditional, red, holiday Hush Puppies which made a big splash!



CJ Myers

was the recipient of a special gift from some of his golfing buddies. He received a pair of suspenders which friends thought would help his golf swing since it is rather tricky to swing and catch drooping slacks at the same time! That's what happens when you return to your svelte, fighting weight!



The steak and salmon feast was enjoyed by all, and at the conclusion of the luncheon, wives were given the poinsettia centerpieces.

"MacTavish, The Secret Agent"

A secret agent was sent to Scotland to pick up some very sensitive information from an agent called MacTavish. His instructions were to walk around town using a code phrase until he met his fellow agent. He found himself on a desolate country road and finally ran into a farmer.



"Hello," said the agent, "I'm looking for a man called MacTavish."

"Well, you're in luck," said the farmer. "As it happens, there's a village right over yon hill, where there's a butcher named MacTavish, the baker is a MacTavish and three widows are called MacTavish, too. In fact, my name is MacTavish."

"Aha," thought the agent, "here's my man." So he whispered the secret code, "*The sun is shining... the grass is growing. .. the cows are ready for milking.*"

"Oh," said the farmer, "you're looking for MacTavish the Spy. He lives three miles the *other* direction."

Courtesy of Bill Gordon
Manor CC

Golf Quotes

I have a tip that can take 5 strokes off anyone's golf game. It is called an eraser. **Arnold Palmer**

On a recent survey, 80% of golfers admitted cheating. The other 20% lied. **Bruce Lansky**

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. **Phyllis Diller**

It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. **Hank Aaron**

Golf's three ugliest words: still your shot. **Dave Marr**

Courtesy **George Shenk**



Golf at the Eastern Shore



Again this year, the Eastern Shore Senior Games will be sponsored by Salisbury University. There will be a wide range of activities to interest seniors of all physical conditions.

The senior tournament will be played at Deer Run Golf Course just off Hwy. 50 between Salisbury and Berlin. It will be held on Friday, April 26. There will be both a morning and an afternoon shotgun start so as to accommodate all travel times,

Cost of entry includes the \$20.00 registration fee for the Senior Games plus the cost of using a cart. Carts are required, The format will be as last year with seniors divided into age specific categories and scoring done on a "scratch" basis; no handicaps will be included in scoring.

Anyone interested in participating may request a registration booklet by calling Dr. K. Nelson Butler at **410-543-6177** or addressing a request to him at Dept. of Physical Education, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Doran Christenson

Deceased MISGA Members

Bay Hills	Al Chisolm
	Louis Grill
Green Hill	Jack Glover
Lakewood	Paul Haupt
	Hank George
	Larry Ring
Manor	Robert J. Moore
	John Molyneaux
	Michael Murtaugh
	Eric Sieling
Piney Branch	Leo Richter

MISGA Board Meeting Highlights Piney Branch Country Club

December 5, 2001

1. Bob Nicholson, on behalf of the Policy and Planning Committee, asked that a vote be conducted on the two recommendations presented at our last meeting: defining the duties of the General Counsel, and defining the duties of the Mailing Committee. The two recommendations were unanimously approved.
2. Duke Rowdon, announced for Paul Desmond, that the membership committee has finished reviewing the applications of two new member clubs, Jonathan's Landing will be joining Division I and Ocean Resorts will be joining Division V. He asked for Board approval and received an affirmative vote.
3. Charlie Fieldhouse thanked the board for the excellent work it had done during his year as president, and distributed to each Board Member and Committee Chairman, two MISGA logo golf towels, honoring the 2001 Board. Dick Walsh praised the outgoing president for "stirring us up and making us think". Tom Tarpley added a reminder of the work Charlie had done in raising over \$18,000.00 in disaster relief funds from MISGA and its associates. Incoming President Sam Hall praised Charlie for his tireless work on behalf of MISGA during his presidency.

MISGA BOARD 2002

President	Sam Hall	Tantallon
V President	Ken Wallgren	Hobbits Glen
Secretary	Bob McMinn	Kenwood
Treasurer	Tom Tarpley	Holly Hills
Division I	Arnie Simms	Eagle Creek
	Paul Keiser	Maple Dale
Division II	Dick Walsh	Westwinds
	Tom Tarpley	Holly Hills
Division III	Sam Hall	Tantallon
	Dan Williams	Crofton
Division IV	Ken Wallgren	Hobbits Glen
	Chuck Ebbecke	Argyle
Division V	Bob McCready	Nutters Crossing
	Don Ewalt	Nutters Crossing

Committee Chairs 2002

Associates	John Babyak	Montgomery
Audit	Sam Nisbet	Manor
Events	Charlie Fieldhouse	Piney Branch
Counsel	Alfred Isaacs	Ocean Pines
Historian	Bill Brown	Piney Branch
Mailing	Nick Parker	Manor
MISGAGRAM	Dick Hunt	Manor
Planning	Bob Nicholson	Walden
Tournaments	Jimmy Lee	Montgomery
Participation	Paul Desmond	Ocean City
Rules/Handicaps	CJ Myers	Manor

MISGA SPRING FLING 2002

Returning to the "SHORE"

Don't miss out. Get your application in early.

No entry will be accepted if postmarked after the April 6, 2002 closing date.

The Spring Fling 2002 is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and May 7th. It will be played at Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club's Seaside and Newport Bay courses which will host both the men and ladies. Soft spikes are required on these courses.

The November 1, 2001 handicap index will be used. For the men, 100% of handicap will apply on both days at both courses. On Seaside par 5s you will record 1 net score, par 4s record 2 net scores and par 3s record 3 net scores. On Newport Bay the format will be a Scramble. Each golfer will use two tee shots per side. Only one team score will be recorded. The format for the ladies will be 2 better balls net of the foursome at 100% of handicap for 18 and 9 hole golfers on both days at both courses.

Every effort will be made to schedule couples to each play on the same course on the same day.

Check-in on Monday, May 6th, at both courses, will begin at 10:30 AM followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. A snack lunch will be available and is included in the entry fee. On Tuesday, May 7th, at both courses, check-in will be underway by 8:00 AM with a shotgun start scheduled for 9:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be available prior to golf and lunch will be at the club after play has ended. These are also included in the entry fee. Please try to be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to tee time each day.

For those desiring overnight accommodations for Monday night, May 6th, arrangements have been made at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel (Formerly The Sheraton), 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland. Room fees, as applicable, are included in the rates shown on the entry form. Cancellations must be made no later than April 29, 2002 to insure a full refund. If you wish to make other arrangements you may contact the Clarion Hotel at (410) 524-3535 or 1-800-638-2100.

A confirmation card will be sent to you within one week following receipt of your entry. You will also receive a letter by April 22, 2002 outlining the arrangements the committee has made for you. If you are car-pooling with other golfers please inform us on your entry form.

The banquet will be held at the Clarion Hotel on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 PM. Dress for dinner is casual and jackets are required for the men.

For the non-golfing ladies, we will have a Tour Guide for trips to selected places of interest on Monday and Tuesday. The price includes lunch both days plus coffee and donuts on Tuesday.



See you at the FLING !!

MISGA Spring Fling Committee

Need more info ??? Call:

Paul Keiser 302-653-3501
Arnold Simms 302-697-3870



MISGA SPRING FLING 2002 ENTRY FORM

CLOSING DATE IS SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2002

A. *Couples - Both playing 18 holes daily and sharing room	\$402	\$ _____
B. *Couples - With lady playing only 9 holes daily and sharing room	\$360	\$ _____
C. *Couples - Man only golfing and sharing a room	\$284	\$ _____
D. *Single male golfer with a private room	\$253	\$ _____
E. *Single male golfer sharing room	\$201	\$ _____
F. *Male golfer - 36 holes - no room	\$148	\$ _____
G. *Lady golfer - 36 holes - no room	\$148	\$ _____
H. Lady golfer - (18 holes, 9 each day) no room	\$106	\$ _____
I. Lady non - golfer room and dinner (Banquet)	\$88	\$ _____
J. Dinner (Banquet) only for non - golfer	\$30	\$ _____
K. Tour activities for non-golfers	\$25 / day	\$ _____
* Includes: Monday snack lunch & Banquet dinner. Tuesday coffee & donuts and lunch.	TOTAL	\$ _____

Dinner - include # of persons and choice of each: Breast of Chicken _____

Men - Jackets required for Dinner

Broiled Flounder _____

ENTRANTS - One MISGA Golfer per application. Please print or type. We have to be able to read it! "Use your ending season Nov 1, 2001 handicap index"

Member's name _____ Club _____ Index _____

Lady's name _____ Club _____ Index _____

Check one: Handicap index is for 18 holes _____ 9 holes _____

Address _____ Telephone () _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

NOTE: HANDICAP INDEX SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION

No entry accepted if postmarked after the closing date of April 6, 2002

Special requests: _____

Make checks payable to "MISGA SPRING FLING"
and mail to:
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