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President's Message

Paul Keiser

In the last MISGAGRAM I wrote about playing golf with an associate who was 90 years old, Jay Coleman, of Ocean City G.C. I have had three responses for the names of other associates who are senior seniors. **Bob Spicher,** the Club Rep at Argyle C.C., wrote: "Argyle's candidate is **James M. Martin.** Jim was born May 15, 1914, a mere 91 years young. He has been in MISGA since its inception at Argyle in 1976. Currently, he is one of our most regular players in MISGA Mixers and other senior events at Argyle, showing up on the winners' list for many events. He served as secretary/treasurer of our Senior Golf Association for a period in 2002. Active likeable fellow! Jim was a physicist at the Naval Ordinance Lab, following his Navy duty which started in 1942."

Bob Dernoga, Asst. Club Rep at Prospect Bay C.C. informed me of: Charlie Platzer who was born on August 28, 1915. He has been active in MISGA for over 20 years. He most recently qualified to play in the MISGA Past President Tournament (A,B,C,D) at Green Hill C.C. on August 11 and he has attended many of the MISGA Fall and Spring events. When asked if he ever shot his age he said that he shot a 90 at Easton Club this past July just a month shy of his 90th birthday. Early in the morning of his 80th birthday one of his friends called and wished him a Happy Birthday and asked if he was the first to do so. Charlie said "no, my mother had just called me"

The Moral of these stories: Keep playing MISGA golf not only for the enjoyment, but for longevity, as well.

Oldest MISGA Associate

In the June MISGAGRAM, **Paul Keiser** asks if there is an associate older than Jay Coleman.

Lakewood Country Club has a 92 year old. He is; **W. Loman "Mac" McPherson.** Mac is 92, born on

Loman "Mac" McPherson. Mac is 92, born on October 14, 1912. He is an original member of MISGA, having joined when MISGA was just starting. He participates in many mixers and always has a positive attitude.

On May 12, 2004 he had a hole-in-one on the difficult ninth hole at Montgomery Village while playing in a mixer!

Bob TurnerLakewood MISGA RepDiv IV

Correction to June MISGAgram

In the "What's the Rule" item in the June 'gram, the answer said: "Yes, post your score whether the pro announces it or not." Further clarification should note that if the pro says to post, you post; if the pro says nothing, you post; but if the pro says **don't** post (conditions are too awful -- soaked earth, etc.), you **don't** post.

Dick Crone, MISGA Rules & Hcaps Committee

DIVISION 2 Activity

Clubs in Division 2 have been active thus far this year. The qualifiers were held and teams selected for the State tournaments. Holly Hills hosted the State Two-Man and it was an outstanding day of golf on a well-prepared course followed by fine dining. **Tony Palerino**, a member at West Winds, had a hole-inone at Walden earlier in the year. Many of our clubhouses are undergoing extensive renovation and the VFW is getting a new one. Many courses are getting face-lifts as well as numerous improvements in playability. Rolling Road is a good example. **Al Shockley**, of Shockley Honda in Frederick, recently sponsored the Holly Hills MISGA Memorial Pro-Am.

Marlin Hoff was the person honored. Marlin was an avid golfer and dairyman of international note. Rolling Road is preparing to host our division Pro-Am in September. **Tom Taylor** did not successfully defend his title in the Senior Division of the Carroll County Amateur Tournament; however **Clyde Boone and Harry Cunningham** finished second and third. Both of these players are MISGA members at Quail Valley. Don't forget to reserve your place in Carroll Valley at The MISGA Reps Invitational.







Hole in one golfer Al Palerino



Beaver Creek Winners

DIVISION ONE ABCD QUALIFIERS FLIGHT "A"

Al. Mortimer	Shawnee	1st Low Gross	(75)
Mike Gorski	Eagle Creek	2nd Low Gross	(79)
Fred Bird	Eagle Creek	1st Low Net	(66)
James McCaskill	Shawnee	2 nd Low Net	(70)
	FLIGHT "B"		
Tom Corbeil	Eagle Creek	1st Low Gross	(88)
Richard Tiikkala	Eagle Creek	2nd Low Gross	(90)
Mike Branca	Cripple Creek	1st Low Net	(67)
Wayne Leafhen	Shawnee	2 nd Low Net	(73)
	FLIGHT "C"		
Howard Taylor	Maple Dale	1st Low Gross	(90)
Frank Soltner	Shawnee	2nd Low Gross	(96)
Buck Seling	Cripple Creek	1st Low Net	(68)
Tom Brown	Shawnee	2 nd Low Net	(73)
	FLIGHT "D"		
Tom Love	Sussex Pines	1st Low Gross	(96)
John Hewish	Shawnee	2nd Low Gross	(100)
Ed. Weis	Cripple Creek	1st Low Net	(68)
Harles Riddle	Cripple Creek	2 nd Low Net	(70)

2-MAN QUALIFIER DIVISION ONE

Here are the results of the 2-man qualifier for Division One held at Seaford Country Club on 21 June 2005. We have a quota of 8 teams we can send to the championship at Holly Hills. Listed are the top eight qualifying teams:

NAMES George Truitt Paul Kehrer	SCORE 59	CLUB Sussex Pines
Mike Gorski Richard Tiikkala	60	Eagle Creek
Dan Prillaman David Zorb Sr.	60	Sussex Pines
Mario Beltran Melvin Hamill	61	Eagle Creek
John Bell Tom Morris	62	Eagle Creek
Jim McGaskill Ken Wheatley	63	Sussex Pines
Virden Macklin Bill Willin	64	Sussex Pines
Jerry Frampton Frank Gordy	64	Sussex Pines
Bill Morton Div 1 Tournament Chairman.		

DIVISION VI TWO-MAN QUALIFIER MARLBOROUGH GOLF CLUB JULY 19, 2005 WINNING TEAMS & QUALFIERS

Gross Score winners Team Score Club

Tantallon

1st Place Chuck Winwood & Nick Rossi

71	Marlborough	
73	Marlborough	
73	Patuxent Greens	
74	Bowie	
76	U of MD	
e Winners (Qualifiers)		
55	Marlborough	
59	Marlborough	
59	Bay Hills	
60	Bowie	
61	Tantallon	
61	Walden	
62	Patuxent Greens	
63	Tantallon	
63	USNA	
63	U of MD	
	73 74 76 Winners (Qualifiers) 55 59 59 60 61 61 62 63	

Evan Davey of Marlborough **scored a hole in one on hole 6!** He was awarded a Marlborough MISGA shirt and a dozen golf balls.

2005 MISGA Two-Man Team tournament Finals

A full field of 132 players (66 teams) competed for honors in the Two-Man Team state finals held on August 1, 2005 at Holly Hills C. C. The day was very warm, the golf course was in excellent condition, and all but two teams completed the round and turned in a scorecard. Thanks to the leadership of Division II Director **Tom Tarpley**, who is a member at Holly Hills, and Division II Tournament Chairman, **Clarence Moody**, the entire event was superbly conducted.

The highlight of the day for every contestant had to be the outstanding dinner they were served. In addition to crisp green salad with choice of dressings, thin sliced vegetable medley, red skin potatoes, and dinner rolls, you could choose one or more entrees from the selection of poached salmon, chicken breast, steamed lobster tail, and carved prime rib. Some of the men took all four. Several came back for second helpings. We were almost too full to have dessert......but only a few could pass up the make-your-own sundae bar. What a feast!

The scorekeeping task was conducted very quickly and efficiently by Head Golf Pro **Jody Rokisky** and staff. Ties were broken by a match of cards using the USGA recommended procedure. Net better ball team scores ranged from 61 (eleven under par) to 79. Both the first place and second place teams had a score of 61 but a back nine score of 29 vs. 31 determined the winner. The following 15 teams won prize money:

1st net	61	Jim Hart & Don Baker	Beaver Creek
2^{nd}	61	Joe Brendel & Ed Wratten	Montgomery
$3^{\rm rd}$	62	Bert Bigelow & Julian Orlinski	Prospect Bay
4 th	63	Dennis Zutant & Bill Stewart	Norbeck
5^{th}	64	Mike Gorski & R. Tikkala	Eagle Creek
6^{th}	64	Tom Starke & Dick McWelee	Ocean City
7^{th}	64	Stan Matthews & Jim Doyle	Nutters Crossing
8 th	64	George Roff & Evan Davey	Marlborough
9 th	65	Bernie Feehley & Dan Yerkey	Walden
10th	66	Dan Devlin & Carl Ressa	Manor
11 th	66	Mario Beltran & Melvin Hamill	Eagle Creek
12th	66	Tom Tarpley & Glen Robinson	Holly Hills
13th	67	Bob West & Kirk Baylor	Tantallon
14th	67	Nick Sterling & Tony Francis	Great Hope
15th	67	Dick Boardman & Tony Parlerino	West Winds

Pictured below with the champions trophies awarded by MISGA Tournament Chairman C. J. Myers are Jim Hart and Don Baker from Beaver Creek(left) and runners up Joe Brendel & Ed Wratten from Montgomery (right)





SPRING FLING 2006

EARLY NOTICE

The Spring Fling returns to Ocean City Golf Club on May 1-2, 2006. Accommodations for those that have not arranged their own will be available at a special MISGA rate at an Ocean City hotel/motel to be determined. Please note that the Monday night banquet has been eliminated and costs have been reduced accordingly. The consensus indicated that there were too many events in a short period of time with golf Monday afternoon, banquet Monday night and golf again Tuesday morning. Participants can arrange their own dinner parties if they so choose at one of the many Ocean City restaurants. There will be light hors d'oeuvres available at the Golf Club after play on Monday while we determine the Monday winners. Tentative plans are to have a third day of play on May 3 at the Bay Club for those who are interested. However, attendance at the Bay Club will be limited to the first 120 applicants since we will only be using one course. Last year we played on the East Course at the Bay Club. This year we will play on the West Course which is significantly different, more wooded and includes some island greens. You can sign up for only the first two days or you can sign up for all three days. Complete details along with the entry form will be contained in the November 2005 MISGAGRAM. The entry form will also be downloadable approx. December 1 from www.misga.org.

Dennis Beaufort sent the following letter to the MISAGRAM:

RE: Handicaps for two Man Tournaments.

Name	Handicap	Name	Handicap
Joe	20	Fred	20
John	12	Harry	11

The difference in Joe's and John's handicap is EXACTLY eight strokes, so they play using 90% of their handicaps; Joe uses 18 and John uses 11 for a total of 29 strokes for their team. The difference in Fred's and Harry's handicap is MORE THAN eight strokes, so they play using 80% of their handicaps; Fred uses 16 and Harry uses 9 for a total of 25 strokes for their team. The number of handicap strokes available to their team has been reduced by three relative to Joe and John, taking into account that Harry is one shot better than John.

Since Harry is ONE SHOT better—than John, his team is penalized three shots relative to John's team! A—better method would be to limit the higher handicap golfer to eight strokes—above the lower handicap golfer, then apply the 90% rule. Under this—method Harry would play with a 10 handicap and Fred would play with a 17—handicap.

Dennis Beaufort, Montgomery Country Club

Your editor asked for comments from our Tournament Chairman and the Handicap & Rules Chairman which are printed below:

Dennis:

While sitting with you at the dinner table of the 2-man team finals at Holly Hills earlier this evening I realized that I am overdue in responding to you about your inquiry. As I said at the dinner, we were simply utilizing the USGA recommendation when we established the policy to reduce the handicap to 80% for those who have a handicap difference of more than 8 strokes. While the example you cited would make it seem unfair to use this method, I would like you to consider the following example. Suppose that the two playing partners had handicaps of 5 and 25, respectively. Under your method, the 25 would be limited to 13 (8 strokes above the 5)and then applying the 90% rule he would get 12 strokes and the lower handicapper would get 4.5, when rounded up becomes 5. With the 80% method as recommended by the USGA their strokes would be 4 and 20, respectively. I have copied the two pages from the USGA Handicap System handbook and will mail these to you, Dennis, as soon as I can obtain your address. Meanwhile, the pertinent paragraph from that document is as follows: (Section 9-4. Handicap Allowances, b. Stroke Play, (ii) Four-Ball Stroke Play)Note: It is recommended that Committees consider it a condition of four-ball stroke-play competitions that the Course Handicaps of the members of a side may not differ by more than eight strokes. A side with a large difference between Course Handicaps has an advantage over a side with a small Course Handicap difference. If a difference of more than eight strokes cannot be avoided, it is suggested that an additional 10 percent reduction be applied to the Course Handicap of the members of each side with a Course Handicap difference exceeding eight strokes. I hope this information is useful to you. Best regards,

C. J. Myers, MISGA Tournament Chairman

I spoke with the handicap dept. of the USGA last night. The USGA knows of the issue. They say that before they made the 80 percent recommendation, they did extensive analysis of the statistics regarding the expected range of scores by golfers of various handicaps, and mathematically analyzed the various possible combinations of twoman handicap spreads. In short, they made the 80 percent recommendation after extensive analysis and thought. They further note that regardless of the "breakpoint" (8/9 strokes) chosen, the "Beaufort" effect results. C.J. and I have concluded that, regardless of the "Beaufort" effect, we should not abandon the 80 percent recommendation for MISGA tournaments. (...and Mr. Beaufort did not recommend that.) Further analysis would be needed by us or by the USGA to determine whether there is a more appropriate "breakpoint". It seems that the USGA has already concluded after much study that the breakpoint is properly placed. We certainly appreciate Mr. Beaufort's hard work and energy and good thought to pose the issue (As an aside, I think it is common knowledge that the wider the handicap spread between partners, the greater the advantage (since the range of likely scores for higher handicappers is wider -- that's why the 80 percent recommendation is there). So, rather than avoiding two-man events, golfers with big spreads should get together. Perhaps only those with a 9 stroke spread should find other partners. -

Dick Crone, MISGA Handicap Chairman

A-B-C-D Past Presidents Tournament

A total of 124 players including President **Paul Keiser** and five former Presidents competed in the A-B-C-D state finals tournament played at Green Hill Yacht & CC on August 11, 2005. The course was in very good condition and, even though it was very warm, we survived the 5-hour round with the help of a roving water cart. Our host Club Rep, **Jack Himes**, did an outstanding job of making all the arrangements including a hearty box lunch and a delicious dinner of filet mignon and crab cake. The Golf Pro, **Jack Skilling**, is to be highly praised for doing all the scorekeeping, including breaking ties.

Low Gross winner with a score of 74 was **Bob Burd** from Shawnee. This was the second time Bob won this tournament in recent years. Low Net winner with a score of 61 was **Paul Parson** from Harbourtowne. In addition to a golf shop credit certificate, each of the two overall winners received a handsome wall clock trophy to keep in their dens and the large silver bowl to be displayed at their respective clubs for the next year.

Pictured below is the low gross winner **Bob Burd** flanked by Golf Pro **Jack Skilling** and MISGA Tournament Chairman **C. J. Myers**.(left) Unfortunately his back was turned when the following picture was taken of **C. J. Myers** presenting the trophy and silver bowl to low net winner **Paul Parson as Jack Skilling** looks on (right).





In	addition to the above, the o	ther winners w	ere:
Flight A Low gross	Tim Linck	78	Harbourtowne
2 nd	Larry Signora	79	Montgomery Village
3^{rd}	Andy Miller	80	Manor
Low net	Bob Owens	67	Shawnee
2 nd	Norford Muench	71	Bear Creek
3^{rd}	Paul Phillips	72	Nutters Crossing
4 th	Tom Phelps	73	Prospect Bay
Flight B Low gross	R. Tikkala	82	Eagle Creek
2 nd	Bill Welch	83	Bear Creek
3^{rd}	Gene Kerin	83	Ocean Resorts
Low net	Frank Soltner	67	Shawnee
2 nd	John Crews	69	West Winds
3^{rd}	Tom Corbell	69	Eagle Creek
4 th	Mike Kelly	70	Talbot
Flight C Low gross	Howard Taylor	90	Mapledale
2 nd	Dave Schwartz	91	Bear Creek
3^{rd}	Bob Zimmerman	91	Salisbury Elks
Low net	Tom Tarpley	67	Holly Hills
2 nd	Dirk Walkins	71	Norbeck
3^{rd}	Frank Digiacomo	72	Montgomery Village
4 th	Maurice Spedden	73	Prospect Bay
Flight D Low gross	Mike Sala	94	Caroline
2 nd	Joe Weller	95	Tantallon
3^{rd}	Bill Cave	96	Manor
Low net	Jack Bachkosky	67	Walden
2 nd	Dave Ratajski	68	West Winds
3^{rd}	John Smith	71	Walden
4 th	Charles Riddle	72	Cripple Creek

MISGA FLORIDA WINTER FLING -FEBRUARY 12th TO 18th, 2006 PLANTATION INN AND GOLF RESORT, CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA

This will be MISGA'S third year at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, in Crystal River, Florida.

Those who attended the 2005 outing were pleased with the many positive changes that had taken place. The Plantation Inn is a lovely resort with comfortable rooms, a championship golf course and a nine-hole executive course.

They have boats for fishing, pontoon boats to take out to see the Manatees, an outdoor heated pool and many activities for non-golfers. There is also lots of shopping and three "live" theaters.

The Resort is located just off Florida 19, on West Fort Island Trail. It is 1 1/2 hours from both Tampa and Orlando Airports.

The package includes:

Resort room for 6 nights,

Four, 18 hole rounds of golf (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday). Same day afternoon rounds are cart fee only.

Wednesday you are on your own. Wednesday golf is \$38.00.

6 Breakfast Vouchers,

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APPLICATION

MISGA FLORIDA WINTER FLING 2006 Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, Florida February 12 - 18, 2006

Please PRINT all Information

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Wife or Guest	
Club	Phone
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Questionsn: Call Bob at 41	0-208-0101 or E-Mail at rnmac@dmv.com
equipment and resort facilit	ree to indemnify MISGA for any physical damage to the golf course, golf carts es incurred due to our negligence and to abide by Article IX Code of Conduct Date

Lost Club

Jack Bachkosky, of Walden Golf Club, who was the Low Net winner in the D Flight of the state A-B-C-D-Tournament called and asked if I could help him recover his Cobra Pitching Wedge which he thinks that he left on the 17th green at Gereen Hills during the above Tournament. If anyone knows the where abouts of this club please contact Jack at 410-956-1956.

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Deceased Associates

The following Associates have passed away since our last issue of the MISGAGRAM:

Jack MetzPiney BranchJohn AielloShawneeDavid B FreyHabourtowneFrank ButlerChester RiverWilliam NorrisChester RiverRod HimelbergerWild Quail



Carl Frock posts the results at the A-B-C-D Tournament



Happy winners at Holly Hills



Who ever said coming in second was so bad?





They may not have won at Holly Hills but they sure ate well!!!



Division VI Tournament Commitee



Man, It's hot out here Today



Div VI Tournament at Marlborough





Happy Golfers at Div VI Tournament



Where did that ball go???





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