

# MISGAGRAM

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# President's Message



The Spring Fling at Williamsburg is now a great memory! A good time was had by all, thanks to Dick Dale and Ralph Starkey who know how to put on an event. The attendance was great. We had almost 30 non-golfers this year and 85 golfers. We played the Kingsmill Woods course, the Golden Horseshoe Gold course and the Ford's Colony Blackheath course. All were extremely enjoyable! We are all looking forward to returning in 2012.

All of our clubs are in full swing, hosting their mixers and traveling to

other venues. It has been a very wet spring, but all of the clubs I have had the privilege of visiting are in excellent shape. Unfortunately, my golf has not done them justice. It is leaving a lot to be desired!

Our next big event is the **Summer Frolic** which is scheduled at the newly renovated Carroll Valley Liberty Mountain Resort in beautiful Fairfield, Pa. It is being held **September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. Details and entry forms for this event can be found on our website www.misga.org. Look under the heading "Frolics and Flings"

The Summer Frolic is closely followed by our **two Fall Frolics**. The first Frolic is being held from **Oct. 30 to Nov. 4** at the beautiful "Seabrook Island Club" just south of Charleston, South Carolina. The second is from **Nov. 6 to the 11<sup>th</sup>** at the "Villas by the Sea Resort" at Jekyll Island, Georgia. <u>The information and entry forms for these Frolics can also be found under</u> <u>"Frolics and Flings"</u>. All of these events are well worth attending.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our mixers and tournaments and especially at Carroll Valley in September.

Tom Taylor President

EDITOR'S NOTE: The links in underlined blue font in the MISGAGRAM are "live" in the sense that clicking them will initiate the indicated action. They should be active at least for the near future, though not forever.

## Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

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Byron W. Keadle MISGAGRAM Editor

# USGA Club Licensing Program

The USGA is now requiring that all clubs be relicensed to issue handicap indexes by January 1, 2012. In early 2011, the state golf associations (or the PGA Mid-Atlantic Golf Assn. for some state associations) informed the clubs in their states that by the end of 2011, the clubs must complete the steps to be relicensed to issue handicap indexes.

# **Exceptional Tournament Performance**

Have you ever wondered why someone has a tournament score far better than one would expect, based on his handicap? Well, it may not be as unusual as you think. Before jumping to conclusions, determine the likelihood of this happening according to the following probability calculation.

#### \*\* Appendix E -- Exceptional Tournament Score Probability Table

Handicap	Index	Ranges
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Net Differential	0-5	6-12	13-21	22-30	Greater than 30
0	5	5	6	5	5
-1	10	10	10	8	7
-2	23	22	21	13	10
-3	57	51	43	23	15
-4	151	121	87	40	22
-5	379	276	174	72	35
-6	790	536	323	130	60
-7	2349	1200	552	229	101
-8	20111	4467	1138	382	185
-9	48219	27877	3577	695	359
-10	125000	84300	37000	1650	874

The values in the table are the odds of shooting a net differential\* EQUAL TO OR BETTER THAN the number in the left column.

\*A net differential is the subtraction of a player's Handicap Index from the Handicap Differential for a particular tournament score. This becomes a negative value when the player scores much better than the player's Handicap Index.

*Example:* A player with a Handicap Index of 10.5 shoots a 74 from a set of tees with a USGA Course Rating of 71.2 and a Slope Rating of 126.

(74 - 71.2) = 2.8 x 113 / 126

= 2.5 Handicap Differential

2.5 - 10.5

= - 8.0 Net Differential

From the chart, the odds are 4,467 to 1 of this occurring.

\*\* The USGA Handicap System

#### SUMMER FROLIC - 2011

The Summer Frolic is again being held at the newly renovated Carroll Valley Liberty Mountain Resort in the beautiful town of Fairfield (Where?), Pennsylvania. The dates are September 14 – 15, Wednesday & Thursday. For complete information, see the Flyer and Entry Form under <u>www.misga.org/events.htm</u>, then Summer Frolic. Questions should be directed to Tom Taylor, 410-848-1866 or email to <u>trytogolf@comcast.net</u>

## FALL FROLICS 2011

We will have two Fall Frolics this year. THE APPLICATION FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE: MISGA.ORG, under Frolics.

The first one will be at **Seabrook Island**, SC. We have been to Seabrook several times in the past. The resort has always proven to be a great venue with excellent food and a very cooperative staff. Last year they demolished the conference center and built a fantastic new club house where we will have our meals. I suggest that you look @ their web site for additional information <u>www.discoverseabrook.com</u> and to see pictures of the venue. Golf will be played for four days starting on Monday through Thursday. We will be playing the Ocean Winds and Crooked Oaks courses. Check in will be on Sunday October 30, 2011. Sunday evening there will be an orientation meeting with appetizers included & a cash bar each evening. Breakfast and dinner are included each day with check out after breakfast Friday morning November 4, 2011. Plans for the non golfing ladies are in process and as usual will include a one day tour including lunch.

The second event will be at **Jekyll Island**, Georgia. We will be staying at "Villas by the Sea" a different location than in the past. They have a boardwalk along the ocean with great views. You can obtain additional information at their web site: www.jekyllislandga.com. Check in will be on Sunday November 6, 2011. Golf will be played for four days starting on Monday through Thursday. We will be playing two of the courses on Jekyll Island. Sunday evening there will be an orientation meeting with appetizers, beer and wine included. Breakfast and dinner are included each day with check out after breakfast Friday morning November 11, 2011. We will have a cash bar this year in an effort to reduce costs. The non golfers will be going on a Tour and lunch will be included at a destination to be determined.

I would appreciate it if the Division Heads and club representatives would post this information and the application forms at each club.

For complete information, please see the applications that are on-line under MISGA.ORG. –Fall Frolics (<u>www.misga.org/events.htm</u>). If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at 301-292-1597 or e-mail <u>pete233@verizon.net</u>. – Pete Sorge

# HOLES-IN-ONE

## JOHN MCNULT

John McNult, of Ocean Pines Golf and CC, had a Hole-in-One while playing in a MISGA event at Green Hill Yacht and CC on May 26, 2011. John used a 7-Iron for his shot of a lifetime on Hole #11 at 130 yards. This was John's first Hole-in-One, but hopefully not his last. Congratulations, John!

# MISGA ANNUAL MEETING AT PROSPECT BAY

April 11, 2011



(I. to r.) Dave Woodward, Errol Myers, Uday Nadkarny, Bob Shuba

President Tom Taylor

Lloyd Stimson, Russ Smith, George Donadoni



# MISGA AWARDS

Under the MISGA Awards Program, a pewter tray is presented to each board member upon leaving office after at least one year of service. Each tray is engraved with name of individual, office held, ending year of service, and the MISGA logo. The current 2011 President, **Thomas Taylor**, presented the awards.

#### **MISGA Award Recipients**

The award recipients pictured include (l. to r.): **Byron Keadle**, Division VI Director; **Earl Gayler**, Policy and Planning Chairman; and **Howard Taylor**, MISGA President 2010. **Malcolm Peterson**, Division III Director; and **Bob Turner**, Division IV Director, were not present for the awards presentation.

# NOTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 11th the State held their Annual meeting at Prospect Bay Country Club. The meeting started at 9:30AM. There was a great deal of discussion about growing our membership. It seems that there are about 7 more clubs now than in 2001 but the membership is almost 1000 less than it was in 2001 although this past year did show a modest increase for the first time in several years. Many clubs (Mostly the Private ones) have some trouble maintaining their membership. Most likely the economy has lowered many country club membership roles and as a result, less MISGA members. As an aside, I was playing a week ago at Clustered Spires when I noticed a gentleman with a Holly Hills bag. I asked him if he was a member. He said, "Not any more, there are too many great places to play in the Frederick area to justify being a member of just one." Good point, with Musket Ridge, Maryland National, P.B. Dye, Worthington Manor, Whiskey Creek, Hollow Creek, Clustered Spires, Little Bennett, Challedon, and Rattlewood all within a few miles of each other. Anyway I will be posting the membership advertisement at the club even though we have a waiting list. The other topic was that of the various "Flings" sponsored by MISGA Information on the Spring Fling at Williamsburg in May, the Summer Fling at Carroll Valley in Sept., and the Fall Flings at Seabrook and Jekyll Island in late Oct. early Nov., are all discussed on the MISGA.org website. It is worth visiting for gobs of info about the history and current activities. The MISGAGRAM is always worth reading.

The meeting was followed by a very nice lunch and a round of golf under trying conditions. A great day temperature-wise but 15-20 MPH winds, newly aerated and sanded greens and the birth of thousands of new insects caused a few problems. Despite the regularly discussed "Slow Play" problem even the leadership didn't exactly burn up the course. The group on number 1 played in less than 4 hours as did the group immediately following them, but there were a few gaps of one and a half to two holes between some groups. We must concentrate on playing faster. It's easy AND more fun for everyone. Read the excellent report on faster play in the current MISGAGRAM.

Doug Walters, Club Rep at Rattlewood GC

## AMELIA ISLAND RAFFLE

**Uday Nadkarny** was behind me at the welcoming table and won the 50/50. I mentioned to him if I won the 50/50 I would take chances on the Amelia Island raffle. I didn't win but bought \$20 worth anyway; he followed suit but bought only one ticket for \$5. Uday won the Amelia Island vacation, too. Everyone at our table suggested he should also buy a PowerBall ticket that day. Since his wife and family are not golfers and he has plans to travel to Alaska and other locations, he gave me the Amelia Island vacation trip on our drive home. What a great guy! --- Bob Shuba

NOTE: Proceeds from both raffles will be used to increase prize money or offset expenses for the Fall Frolics this year, as has been done in the past. --- Pete Sorge

## On Putting (Things to Ponder)

- 1. What is the reluctance to fairly putt the ball into the cup?
  - a. Is it because it's impossible to miss a "short" putt and requiring a player to putt out could be considered poor sportsmanship?
  - b. Is it to speed play because a tap-in takes so long, whereas plumb-bobbing a long putt from both sides doesn't?
- 2. Does a casual backhand miss count the same as a careful forehand miss? Or, is it retroactively counted as good because he could have made it easily, if he really tried?
- 3. Does a successful rake-in count the same as a fairly struck putt-in, since a prior concession was already implied?
- 4. Why do teammates concede putts to their partners in a team stroke competition? Is it because no one wants to antagonize or embarrass a partner?

Just wondering!

# Pace of Play

Key to slow Play!! **Must want to do it!!!!!** If you don't care or don't pay any attention to pace of play....it will not get better. Attention to pace of play is a sign of consideration to your fellow players.

Remember, you don't own the course.

Other people may have other things they want or need to do.

Golf is great, but it does take a long time to play at best. It can be really bad if dragged out unnecessarily Improved pace of play is a personal responsibility - You must want to improve and work at it each time you play.

What is the proper time to play a round of golf?

Average golfers try to establish 4 hours.

High handicap players struggle to finish a round in 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours.

## EVERYONE gets mad when a round goes beyond 4 $^{1\!/_{2}}$ hours

What can we do to improve the pace of play?

Overall:

Be prepared

Use your time well

Make a conscious effort to improve your pace

Change time-wasting habits....

## Habits:

At the Tee

Encourage everyone in foursome to hit as soon as possible

Hit and leave the tee, talk about the shot later

Watch all tee shots; finding balls is a great time waster

If tee shot may be lost, hit a provisional ball

Put the cover on the club while riding to the next shot.

## Fairway (rough for some of us) to the green

Plan your shot while others hitting their balls

Be ready to play when it is your turn

Play ready golf

Move briskly between shots

Go directly to your ball. Don't sit in cart waiting while other is hitting

Take several clubs to your ball so you do not have to return to the cart

If out of the hole, pick it up and enter a score according to handicap guidelines

Change clubs when you get to the next shot

Put the cover on the club while riding to the next shot

## On the Green

Place extra clubs near the exit side of the green Plan your putt while others playing Be ready to putt when it's your turn First to finish putting, pick up the flag Exit green quickly when hole is finished Put the cover on the putter while riding to the next tee

Go to next hole before entering scores on the score card

## What can you as a MISGA rep do?

Emphasize pace of play in starting instructions

Tell everyone that lunch will be served exactly 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours after the start of play

DQ any group over 2 holes behind

This article was prepared by David Roth of Norbeck Country Club for a MISGA reps training session

# Past Presidents (ABCD) Tournament Committee Meets

On May 4, 2011, the Tournament Committee for 2011 MISGA Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament met at host club Maple Dale CC in Dover, DE. The purpose of the meeting was to establish and set the parameters of operation for this year's tournament. Applicable guidelines and documents were reviewed and revised as necessary. For complete and detailed information about this year's tournament, refer to the ABCD **tournament flyer** on the MISGA website.



L-R: **Richard Tiikkala** - Div I Tournament Chairman; **Howard Taylor** - Div I Director & Tournament Coordinator; **Mark Eckels** - Head Pro MDCC; **Lloyd Stimson** - MISGA Tournament Chairman; **Dick Young** - Club Rep MDCC

Clarence "Mooch" Moody, Division II Tournament Chairman, Receives Award.



**Clarence Moody** has served in his position for more years than some can count. He has been loyal, dedicated, and served the Division and MISGA in an outstanding manner. The Clock and Plaque were presented by Director and President **Tom Taylor** and former Director and Past President **Tom Tarpley** at The Division Spring Meeting and Training Seminar. We hope that Clarence will continue to serve in this capacity.

Submitted by

Tom Tarpley, Assist. Dir. Div. II and Club Rep. Holly Hills

# MISGA Spring Fling – May 17-19, 2011

Many MISGA associates and spouses attended the Spring Fling at Williamsburg, VA. There were 59 men golfers, 23 women golfers, 29 non-golfing women, and one non-golfing gentleman, making 112 in all. Scattered thunderstorms were called for every day, but happily, they bypassed our golf courses, except for the last two holes on Tuesday. Temperatures were in the 70-80 range. As usual, the event was exceptionally well managed by Dick Dale and Ralph Starkey.

[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES - 300 to 400 %]

Tuesday, May 17th - Kingsmill Woods Course - 2 BB of Four



1st – Nancy Woodward, Sally Stafford, Bev Hogate, Kathy Fitzgerald



2nd – Mary Ann Zgorski, Aretta Keadle, Judi Short, Ruth Crovo



Lady Skins – Barbara Shearer, Connie Muterspaw, Ruth Crovo, Carolyn Neal Sally Stafford



1st – Edgar Boxwell, Jerry Shearer, Mike Gorski, Steve Neal



**2nd** – Bill Stafford, Nelson Fenwick, Larry Bathgate, Don Schaffer



**3rd** – Milton Zepp, Joe Short Aarne Tiikkala, Carl Ridenour



4th – Robert Blubaugh, Richard Martin, Roger Morrison, Jim Palmer



5th – Fred Traute, Tom Taylor James Maar, Gene Sines



Men Skins – Mike Gorski, Tom Zgorski, David Cook, Roger Morrison, Larry Bathgate



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# Golden Horseshoe - Wednesday May 18th Mixed Foursomes – 2 BB of Four with Lady's Bonus if Own Ball

Flight 1 - Only One Lady in Foursome



1st – Dan Scheller, Nick Delia, Judi Short, Byron Keadle



2nd – Bob Iorizzo, Connie Mutterspaw, David Cook, Jim Palmer



3rd – Byron Grossnickle, Mary Ann Zgorski Gerald Buckworth, Blind Draw



4th – Ken Wallgren, Edgar Boxwell, Bev Hogate, Dave Woodward



5th – Milton Zepp, Frank Hogate Kathy Fitzgerald, Gene Horan



6th – Karl Brown, John Babyak Mary Ellen Maar, Mike Gorski

# Flight 1 (cont.)

Skins - Wednesday

Flight 2 – Two Ladies on Team (2 teams only)



7th – Roger Morrison, Diane Blubaugh, Ed Sebring, Larry Bathgate



Joe Baily, Ralph Starkey, Jerry Shearer Burr Short, Tom Zgorski Absent: Robert Iorizzo, Frank Taneyhill



1st – Carl Ridenour, Sally Stafford Barbara Shearer, Dick Young ALSO: CTP #16 & Golf Bag Award Carl Ridenour

Golden Horseshoe Gold #7

World Famous Hole Sign

Golden Horseshoe Gold #16



## AMELIA ISLAND RAFFLE

**Joe Short** of Hobbits Glen won the second raffle for the Amelia Island vacation trip. The other Amelia Island trip was awarded at the Annual Reps Meeting in April.

NOTE: Proceeds from both raffles will be used to increase prize money or offset expenses for the Fall Frolics this year, as has been done in the past. --- Pete Sorge

# Ford's Colony – Thursday May 19, 2011 (No Pictures)

#### Flight A – Two Better Balls

#### 1st Place

Dan Scheller Ralph Starkey Burr Short Dave Woodward

#### 2nd Place

Dan Muterspaw Tom Zgorski Fred Traute Tom Brown

# 3rd Place Robert lorizzo

Richard Martin Frank Taneyhill Wallace Hoff

## Flight B – Two Better Balls

1st Place Byron Keadle Milton Zepp James Marr Al Lawing 2nd Place Tom Taylor Roger Morrison Bill Duncan John Buck 3rd Place Howard Taylor John Babyak Felix Marucha Herb Hanson

## Ladies Flight- Hastings Hybrid (C & D choose any drive and play own ball rest of way)

1st Place

Mary Ann Zgorski Nancy Woodward Ginny Grossnickle Diane Blubaugh

#### 2nd Place

Louise Duncan Deborah Scheller Mary Ellen Maar Barbara Shearer

## Appendix D Sample letter explaining Section <u>3-5</u> and 9-3c

(Club Stationary)

(Date)

Dear,

This letter is in regard to your recent question regarding what procedure to follow when players are competing against each other and are playing from different tees.

The USGA Handicap System<sup>TM</sup> is set up so each player converts a Handicap Index to a Course Handicap<sup>TM</sup> and plays with the Course Handicap as calculated. However, if players are competing against each other and a difference in USGA Course Rating<sup>TM</sup> exists, an additional adjustment must be made to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees.

When a difference in USGA Course Rating exists among competitors, their benchmark has changed and the difference must be accounted for in order for the competition to be equitable. (See example(s) under Section 3-5 in "The USGA Handicap System.")

There are two options when applying this adjustment. The rounded difference in Course Rating can be either added to the higher-rated tee players or subtracted from the lower rated tee players. (See Decision 3-5/1 for further reference.)

Please keep in mind that this adjustment is only applied when players are competing against each other. A Handicap Index is a number based on a standard calculation and not specific to any set of tees. A Course Handicap only gives a player the number of strokes needed to play down to the USGA Course Rating for a particular set of tees.

It is important to remember that a Handicap Index is just a mathematical representation of potential ability, and we need to make a conversion to the set of tees we play, and then an additional adjustment if we are competing against a player who is playing from a different set of tees, so that an equitable competition can be played.

## Also, not applying Section 3-5 of "The USGA Handicap System" when players are competing from different tees would be waiving a Rule of Golf, and the committee in charge of a competition does not have the authority to waive a Rule of Golf.

For more information, please refer to the brochure on players competing from different tees and the <u>USGA position paper</u> on this topic located on the USGA's Web site at: <u>www.usga.org</u>.

 $\underline{http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/understanding\_handicap/section\_3-5\_Brochure.pdf$ 

Sincerely,

The Handicap Committee

# NECROLOGY

#### JOE YEAGER

Joe Yeager, age 82, passed away on September 13, 2010 following a lengthy illness.. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, six children and 20 grandchildren. Joe was a longtime member of Glade Valley MISGA (1995-2009). In his retirement years Joe enjoyed traveling, reading, & golf. He is greatly missed by his family & friends and his golfing buddies at Glade. -- Leo Duncan

#### EDWARD J. COOK

Associate Dean Emeritus **Edward J. Cook**, a seventy-year resident of Annapolis, died at the age of 93 at his home in Ginger Cove on October 13, 2010 after a swift battle with pancreatic cancer. Ed was a long-time member of the **Naval Academy Golf Course**, where he enjoyed playing and winning in the senior men's weekly tournaments. He fondly recalled the spectacularly long put he sank last summer, during what turned out to be his last round of golf. Once he lost most of his eyesight, we used to assist him with lining up shots and "seeing" the hole. I can remember very clearly the days I was able to play with Ed. He was a gentleman, a true golfer, and a very special person. He will be missed. -- Chuck Johnson

#### TED CHEFFY

**Ted Cheffy**, 79, passed away on February 8, 2011 at his home in Severna Park, MD. Ted was an active member of the **Chartwell Golf and Country Club** and a long term member of the MISGA. Ted enjoyed the Senior Golf program at **Chartwell** and will be greatly missed by his family and golfing buddies at the club. Ted is survived by his wife, Margaret, three children and seven grandchildren. -- Charles Linthicum

#### JOE REDINGTON

Joe Redington, 69, passed away on March 15, 2011 at his home in Boca Raton Florida. Joe was an active member of Chartwell Golf and Country Club for the past 14 years. He served as an Assistant Rep for the MISGA during this time and was a leader within the Chartwell senior men's organization. He spent his winters at his home in Boca Raton where he also was a member of the Boca Raton Resort & Country Club He is survived by his wife Monica, a son, Joseph a daughter, Denise and a sister, Ginny. He will be missed by his family and many friends and golf buddies at Chartwell and Boca Raton. -- Charles Linthicum

#### JON "JACK" SLEITH

Jack Sleith, 72, passed away on March 16, 2011. He was a member of **Patuxent Greens GC** from 2000-2010. Jack was instrumental in starting a Senior Men's group and a MISGA group at **Cross Creek Golf Club** in 2011. While at **Patuxent Greens**, he served as secretary of the Senior Men's Association. He was Vice-President of the Sr. Men's Assoc. at **Cross Creek GC**. Jack joined MISGA in 2004. He will be missed by his family, his many friends, and golf buddies. -- Ed Boxwell

#### WALTER DEWITT LOTT, SR.

A dear friend for many years, a long-time MISGA associate and member of **Chester River Yacht and Country Club**, **Dewitt Lott** passed away on March 20, 2011. In addition to his sunny disposition, he is remembered for "shooting his age," which he did countless times. He will be missed by his many friends. -- Jim Sood

#### WILLIAM JOSEPH MALONE, SR. (82)

William J. Malone, of Green Hill Yacht & Country Club, was a resident of Salisbury, MD and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. He began working for Sweetheart Bakers and later retired from E.S. Adkins. During his retirement, he served as an election judge and part-time court bailiff. He was a long-time member of Greenhill Yacht and Country Club, where he earned the title "Ironman." He was a founding member of the MISGA group of Greenhill and active participant for 34 years. Bill served as 50/50 salesman, provided pastries

and won many closest to the pin golf balls. He is missed by all. His wife Joanie preceded him in death by one day. -- Buzz Carragher

#### JOE ARCADE

On May 4<sup>th</sup> of 2011, **Joe Arcade** passed away after a short illness. We lost a good friend and fellow golfer with his passing. Joe thoroughly enjoyed playing at all MISGA events. He has been a MISGA Associate with the **VFW** and **Musket Ridge** clubs. Joe was 60. His wish for a preferred charity was the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music c/o Catholic University, 620 Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20064. Joe got his Masters in Music there.

#### **GEORGE DONADONI**

**George William Donadoni**, 80, passed away suddenly on June 2, 2011 at his home in Glen Burnie. George was a long-time member of **Bay Hills Golf Club** and served as Assistant Club Rep or Club Rep and Secretary-Treasurer of the senior group since its admittance to MISGA in 1999. He also served two years on the MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee. George was a strong advocate of playing by the rules of golf. In addition to being an avid golfer, George was a fine musician and a lawyer, specializing in estate planning and related issues. He will be sincerely missed by his golfing buddies and his many friends in MISGA. -- Byron Keadle

#### GILBERT BRUNGARDT

**Gilbert A. Brungardt**, a member of the **Hunt Valley Golf Club**, died this past December; he was 80. Dr. Brungardt, 'Gil' as he was known to his many friends, was an avid golfer. He took up the game several years after his retirement as Dean of Fine Arts at Towson University and after his wife died. Gil was born in Kansas and after graduating from St. Joseph's Seminary in Indiana returned to Kansas to earn a degree in music education from Hays State College. He earned his Doctorate in musical arts from the University of Illinois and after several teaching positions at universities, accepted the position of Chairman of the Music Department at Towson University. He was one of the founders of the Asian Arts and Cultural Center at Towson and was President of the Board of the cultural center until 2008. He was a founder of the Maryland Arts festival at Towson, was Chairman of the Baltimore County Arts Council and for more than 20 years was the choral and music director at the Immaculate Conception RC church in Towson. He was active with the Young Audiences of Maryland and the Maryland Arts Council. His passion was singing and conducting choral groups in which he sang as tenor. Most of this was largely unknown to many with whom he played golf; it was his self-effacing nature. He was very knowledgeable and had a wry sense of humor which would often surface during discussions after a round of golf.

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