

## **Minutes of the MISGA Fall Meeting held at Arrowsmith Golf Club on Tues, Oct 5, 2010 at 1100AM**

1. President Brent Rees opened the meeting at 1100AM and asked for adoption of the agenda. Moved by Dave Hobson and seconded by Gary Brothers. – Carried
2. The president then introduced the head table and each attendee introduced themselves.
3. **Business from previous minutes** – None
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Earl King, our new treasurer gave his report which was the same as the one presented at the AGM at Pheasant Glen on Sep 10 (see attach #1)
5. **Membership Secretary's Report** (see attach #2)
6. **Secretary's Report** – All were advised that the initial web site was to shut down and the new one developed by Andre Lemieux would now be the official site. Andre is the new webmaster with Jim McGibney acting as his assistant. All future inputs are to be sent to Andre.
7. **Club Reports** – (see attachment at the end of these minutes)
8. **Date and Location of the Spring Meeting.** The Spring meeting will be held at Arrowsmith on Tues, March 15 , 2011 at 1100AM
9. **Old Business** – None
10. **New Business.** –

Quota System – Discussion was held on this subject with many points of view being offered. Finally decided to use the enrollment figure as of Sept to be used to establish the next years club quotas.

**Webmaster** – Moved by Rick Hargraves and seconded by Dave Hobson that Andre Lemieux become our new webmaster. Carried

**E-Mails.** Bob Reeves had requested that all clubs include their individual members' emails be part of the main data base on the webpage. Andre assured that these would be confidential and a limited few would have access to this. Many points of view were offered and finally, the president asked for a 'show of hand' vote. The vote was close with the slim majority in favour.

**Jim Gibney's Proposal.** – Jim suggested to provide incentive for early applications for club events that a couple of draws for reduced or return of entry fee be offered to event attendees. At the outcome of the discussion on the proposed incentive concept,

it was noted that it could be implemented on a club by club basis if desired.

Again much discussion occurred with no final resolution. The issue was tabled for consideration at a later meeting.

**11. Next Year's Schedule.** It was stressed that each rep should start working with their management as early as possible to finalize the details and dates for their event. Most reps were able to confirm dates for their event and will be included with these minutes.

Len Kuchynski  
MISGA Secretary  
Oct 18, 2010

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Attachment #1

**Treasurer's Report.**

Opening Bank Balance Oct 1 2009	\$3788.35
Add 2010 Members Dues	\$4740.00
Subtract expenses	\$4798.75
Closing Balance as of Sep 8, 2010	\$3729.60

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Attachment #2

**Membership Secretary's Report**

Our total membership for 2010 was 829 (712 renewals, 114 new, 3 life). This was a little lower than 2009 at 882 (776 renewals, 192 new, 4 life) The main reason for the drop was due to the loss of Eaglecrest members which fell from 38 to 2, and there was an overall drop of 64 renewals compared with 2009.

The clubs which brought in most new members were Glacier Greens, (19), Comox (15), Arrowsmith (11), Pheasant Glen (9), and Nanaimo (8).

I appeal to all reps to start collecting 2011 memberships right away, and especially from those members who head south.

Bob Reeves

## Club Reports

### 1. Arrowsmith

#### 2010 Report

Arrowsmith Golf Club returned to MISGA for the 2010 season after a one year absence. The hiatus was due only to the reluctance for anybody to step into the MISGA Rep role. As evidenced by the returning members, as a club we still have a high degree of interest in MISGA.

For the 2010 Season we had 38 paid members. Of these 27 were returning members, and 11 were new conscripts.

Surprisingly, of the 38 paid members, only 30 participated in tournaments at some level. Arrowsmith exceed their allotment at 14 of the tournaments, falling short only at Crown Isle and Morningstar.

#### Stats

The 30 active participants filled 131 spaces in 14 tournaments for an average participation rate of 4 tournaments each.

The Arrowsmith Tournament went reasonably well with 71 external registrations; we topped this number off with 15 Arrowsmith members. The course was in excellent shape for the tournament and rate of play was acceptable. (As a courtesy we had a shuttle ride up the hill on Hole 11).

Winners were:

70 & Under Low Gross	62	Bill Weisenberger	Morningstar
70 & Under Low Net	50	Pat Renaud	Glacier Greens
71+ Low Gross	68	Clint Stewart	Arbutus
71+ Low Net	55	Al Hayden-Luck	Cowichan
70 & under	KP	Brian Dane	Arrowsmith
71+	KP	Dan Fremont	Glacier Greens

### 2. COTTONWOOD

#### 2010 REPORT

- There were 28 members in MISGA from Cottonwood this year (highest yet).
- There were 15 events this year - we attended 13 of them.
- 16 of our members attended at least one MISGA event (down 1 from last year)
- With two "Lifetime' Members, this means 10 of our paid members did not

participate. Those who regularly participate need to try to get out our other guys.

- Arnie Loxam	-	9
- Peter Bull	-	5
- Peter Forese	-	5
- Peter Hentze	-	5
- Peter Gamble	-	5
- Blake Neeley	-	5
- Ron Blank	-	3
- Ted Hopkins	-	3
- Pete MacDonald	-	2
- Dave R. / Al L. / Bill Ducey / Gord G. / Ludy G. / Gary R. / Ben S.	=	1

### **Our Event**

128 signed up - largest ever at Cottonwood - I cut it off at this number with a waiting list of 4 players. A full MISGA field is 144 players - I could not see our course going to that number and still be a comfortable day of golfing.

122 made the day - poor weather / sickness / Highway accident = lost 6.

The weather turned out to be OK, the meal was (as always) outstanding and there were tons of prizes (25 Door Prizes = \$950 plus full compliment of balls for the golf prizes).

Another successful & r fabulous day at Cottonwood with special thanks to my volunteers for covering so many important tasks on the day of and prior to.

Peter Bull (Rep)

### **3. Crown Isle**

#### **2010 MISGA Report**

The 2010 Crown Isle MISGA Tournament was held on April 8.

In order to keep costs down for MISGA members, the Crown Isle Men's Club donated the morning coffee and muffins.

There were a total of 77 entries, a gain of 17% over 2009.

The average age of entrants was 65.

As Crown Isle is the first tournament of the season, weather and course conditions often present some challenges. In April, power carts are generally restricted to cart paths only. The number of entrants also seems to be affected by the fact that not all the snowbirds have returned this early in the season.

Even though many Crown Isle members are also MISGA members, not very many attended MISGA tournaments in 2010. Crown Isle needs to encourage more members to attend MISGA tournaments in 2011. Setting up a ride sharing program may be helpful.

The 2011 MISGA Tournament at Crown Isle will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 9:00am shotgun start.

#### **4. Morningstar**

Morningstar had 67 members with 8 new members up 9 from 2009 which is a 15% overall increase. We have had 14 new members over the past 2 years. I find that talking directly with new members of the golf course usually results in getting them to sign up and if not in the calendar year then the following year.

Morningstar averaged 10.1 members for each MISGA event excluding our tournament. For the 18 hole courses our average was 11.4 which was over our quota of 10 for a field of 120.

Our tournament was held on Thursday Sept 16 at 1:30pm. It was the yearly MISGA Championship. Our goal was to get 120 participants for this event. Since it was the championship I expected to get at least 100 outside members but only achieved 71, a shortfall of 29 or 21%. It was very discouraging. At the last moment I was able to acquire 32 Morningstar members for the event which accounted for 1/3 of the field. We ended up with 103 players. As I had told management that we would fill 120 slots they set aside the entire course for the event. The shortfall was not well received.

An analysis shows:

Only 4 of the 19 clubs sent at least their quota and 4 of them sent no one. Outside attendance for the Morningstar tournament has dropped from 92 on 2008, to 81 in 2009 and 71 in 2010. If this downward trend continues we should expect to see 62 in 2011. 60 to 70 outside players is at critical mass and will not warrant our management to do anything special with pricing or booking considerations.

To specifically address the attendance issue, I had emailed the clubs with small attendances several weeks ago to see what suggestions they had to improve their numbers. As of this report, I have not received any responses with any suggestions so I have not developed any tactical plans to address the issue.

Morningstar management has asked me what will change for 2011? Since I have not received any input, I cannot give them any assurances that our event will improve with outside attendance. I need input from all the clubs with suggestions on how to better support our tournament. With this information in hand Morningstar management can make the decision on how to best move forward with supporting a MISGA event at Morningstar for 2011.

Therefore, in closing, I cannot, at this time, give you a date for an event or whether we will have one in 2011.

## **5. NANAIMO**

### **Our Membership**

Nanaimo had 88 members – 80 renewals plus 8 new – providing a large tournament quota. Of the members, similar to previous years;

53% attended at least 1 tournament

18% attended 4 or more tournaments

Nanaimo had an average 10.6 players-per-tournament, up by 10%. The most popular tournaments were Cottonwood, Fairwinds, Morningstar, Pheasant Glen, Qualicum Beach and Storey Creek.

Nanaimo had 100 players for its tournament, including one Nanaimo member, with an average age of 67. We extend our special thanks to:

Arrowsmith

Gabriola

Glacier Greens

March Meadows

Mt. Brenton

Pheasant Glen and

Qualicum Beach,

for sending us a full complement of players. We had no players from Eaglecrest or Winchelsea View.

The course was in excellent condition and we had good weather, in spite of predictions. The round was completed in about 4.5 hours, followed by some grumbling about green speed, and a roast beef dinner, likely to be repeated next year. Most players claimed to have had a most enjoyable day.

The Nanaimo winners circle was dominated by players from Glacier Greens (3), Pheasant Glen (3) and Qualicum Beach Memorial (4) – Must be something in the air north of Nanaimo.

### **Next Year**

In 2011, we propose to have our tournament in the afternoon of Thursday, May 12 and are targeting the same price, barring 2011 green fee and food prices increases.

## **6. Storey Creek**

### **Storey Creek 2010**

Overall, 2010 hosted a successful MISGA event, but not such a successful season in that getting members to participate in other events was poor. We were down in attendance numbers and in discussions with members it was due to distance travelled, economy and weather. Many felt that the spring was too wet and wasn't worthy of the travel to lay the courses. Storey must improve their commitment to travel this season. We have 47 signed up to date and hopefully heading to 70. We had 80 in 2010, but many of the older members have dropped out and will not be resigning with MISGA again this year.

The tournament hosted a field of 144 and was very successful. The time of play was close to 5 hours, which I feel is good for a full field that we had. Next year we will flight

the field into more groups to accommodate the different handicaps. We again had no coffee or donuts in order to lower the price of golf, \$46.00.

Brent Rees

## **7. Duncan Meadows**

Summary of MISGA activity at Duncan Meadows this year (2010)

7 members joined

2 members played

There seems to be little interest in MISGA at Duncan Meadows, partly due to an active interclub with Victoria area clubs.

I will likely not be at Duncan next year as I am planning on joining Mount Brenton. I will try to get a replacement, but that may be difficult as MISGA would have died there this year if I had not stepped in.

Management at Duncan Meadows will repeat exactly the time and date and likely price for 2011 as was done in 2010.

David Hobson

## **8. Pheasant Glen**

### **Annual Report for MISGA at Pheasant Glen**

**Submitted by Tony Marsland and Ian McCririck**

The 36 members at Pheasant Glen have an average age of 66.3 and an average handicap factor of 15.2, typical for MISGA as a whole. Collectively, 25 members participated 75 times in 11 of the 15 events. Travelling time seemed to be an important determinant this year.

The MISGA event at Pheasant Glen on 9 September was held under sunny skies and warm weather, and a field of 117 players from 120 registrants. Glacier Greens provided the largest contingent of 25 players, followed by Nanaimo and Morningstar with numbers in the mid teens. There were 70 advanced registrants and 50 more in the closing week. The latter group created considerable difficulties by slowing the distribution of the score-cards. I recommend that in the future the amounts owing be shown in red on the scorecard label, for easier processing.

The field was split into three groups. Group A, those under 65 years old, was the largest with 44 players. The 71 and over group had 39 players, and was labeled group C.

There were no significant hold-ups on the course, which was said to be in excellent condition. All players returned to the clubhouse within an acceptable 4.5 to 5 hours time. This year, by allowing the diners to start eating sooner, the serving of the Pork Tenderloin lunch went more smoothly!

The best score of the day was 73, turned in by Larry Smith of Pheasant Glen, two strokes ahead of Ray Leronowich. In the low net category for Group A, Ray Bouffard of Morningstar and Bob Middleton of Nanaimo both had a net score of 66.

In the 65-70 group, the first two low gross players were Burt Graham and Karl Cameron of Glacier Greens, with scores of 75 and 78 respectively. The best net score

prizes went to William Crowther and Larry Myers of Morningstar, each with a net score of 67.

Finally, the over 70 years old group was headed by Peter Froese of Cottonwood and Jim Simpson of Qualicum, both with gross scores of 82. Al Walsh of Pheasant Glen and Don Bassett of Winchelsea, came home with best net scores in the low 60's.

The long Drive winners were Brent Rees, Brian Dane, and Wally Kirkpatrick, and the three KP prizes went to Stan Lawless, Gary Evans and Gary Smythe.

At the end of the day, 35 players shot a net par or better. No count was kept of the lost balls. More complete results appear on the MISGA website.

Next year's MISGA event at Pheasant Glen is scheduled for Thursday 8 September. A request will be made for that to be the annual MISGA championship

## **9 Glacier Greens**

Glacier Greens report to the fall

MISGA Rep Meeting

Held October 5, 2010

## **10. Glacier Greens**

Presented by – Alt rep Glen Sweetman

1. Glacier Greens ended the 2010 year with 92 MISGA Members. As of today, we have 91 members paid up for the 2011 season, of which 8 are new MISGA members. We believe that we've had good success with our membership drive due to communication using emails to keep our membership informed.
2. Our 2010 Tournament was somewhat of a success with 117 golfers (20 from Glacier Greens) enjoying a great meal and a wonderful day of golf. Our costs were broken down to \$25 for golf & \$20 for the meal and prizes. Hopefully more MISGA members will be able to enjoy our course in 2011.
3. Glacier Greens members supported all 16 MISGA events in 2010 with a total of 217 entries for an average of 13.56 players per tournament.
4. Our management was happy with the 97 golfers that participated from visiting courses. Once we explained to them about the potential profit (from the meal and bar) of allowing our own players to participate, they were accommodating in allowing us to top up the field.
5. We anticipate that Glacier Greens will be able to host another successful tournament in 2011. Of note is that our date has changed to – Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> with an 8:30 am shotgun start. Our Manager is hopeful that we will be able to maintain our current fee.

# PROPOSED

## MID ISLAND SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Fee</u> \$	<u>Seat</u> \$	<u>Fee+</u> <u>Seat</u>	<u>Pull</u> \$	<u>Trail</u> <u>Fee</u>	<u>only</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Start</u>
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>									
Wed 6	Crown Isle	60	15	75#	5	N/A		B. RV.	09.00
Friday 22 (limited to 72)	Qualicum	44	16.80	60.80*5		10		B. RV.	
Thurs. 28	Fairwinds	49	18.00	67#	n/c	N/A			
<b><u>MAY</u></b>									
Wed. 04	Mt. Brenton	37	28.50*		5	15		B. RV	
Thurs 12	Nanaimo	64	19.50*		n/c	n/a		L. RV 1:30PM	
Thurs. 19	Cottonwood	44	15		5	10		RV	
Tues . 24	Duncan M.	47	15	62.00#	4	13		RV	
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>									
Thurs. 02 1:30PM	Arbutus R.	48	15	60#	n/c	N/A		L. RV.	
Wed. 08	Comox	32	13	45#	5	N/C		B.	
Tues. 21 1:00PM start	Storey Ck.	46	20.00#	66#	5	15.75		L. RV.	
<b><u>JULY</u></b>									
Thurs. 8	Alberni	40	15	-	6	11			
Wed 13	Glacier G.	45	18#	-	5	n/a		B.	
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>									
Mon. 9 (8:15 Ferry)	Gabriola	35	15	50	5.00	N/c		RV	09.15
Wed. 31	Arrowsmith	47	14	61	5	12			09:00AM
<b><u>SEPT.</u></b>									
Thurs 8 09:00AM AGM	Pheasant Glen	49	18	67#	0	11		RV	
Thurs 15	Morningstar	51	15	66#	5	N/A		RV	1:30 PM

Note: Shotgun starts at 08.30 unless otherwise noted.

B – breakfast available; L – lunches available prior to tee-off. RV – parking available (no hook-ups). N/A – private power carts not allowed; N/c – no charge.

AGM – Thursday Sep 9 at Pheasant Glen.

\* Full price in pro shop – no seat splitting

\*\*pay separately in proshop unless advised on poster

# pay full price with entry

All courses are soft spikes

