

Minutes of The Fall MISGA Meeting Held At Arrowsmith Golf Club Tuesday, Oct 4, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100. The president then gave a few brief opening remarks then asked for a motion for the adoption of the agenda. Moved by Peter Bull and seconded by Mike Parker it be adopted as presented. Carried

2. In attendance were President Tony Marsland, Past President Brent Rees, VP Central Trevor Wood, Treasurer Earl King, Secretary Len Kuchynski, Membership Secretary Brent Rees, Web Master Andre Lemieux. Apologies were received from Steve Wynne (VP South) and Glen Sweetman (VP North), who had other commitments. A total of 24 people were present representing 14 of the 19 MISGA Clubs.

3. The head table was introduced followed by all attendees introducing themselves.

4. **Business arising from the minutes of the Spring Meeting** – None

5. Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – see attach #1

Richard Verdec stated that if our budget works, why change anything. Then it was moved by Richard Verdec and seconded by Jim Gibney the report be adopted as read. Carried

6. **Membership Secretary's Report** – see attach #2

7. **Secretary's Report.** Len then read a letter sent by Ray Owens' wife of his health issues and that he was unable to act as March Meadows rep. Discussion arose as how to find a replacement. VP South to try to contact the club to see if a replacement could be found

8. **Web Master's Report.** Andre summarized the progress to date and introduced the concept of a MISGA newsletter and distributed an example.

9. Questions from the floor.

Mike Parker questioned the voting procedure used at the AGM. He felt that a secret ballot would have been more appropriate. After some discussion, the President agreed to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Ian McCririck observed that some of his members felt that the rate of play in some events was too slow. The President proposed that a sub-committee of the three Vice Presidents consider the issue, and see if some practical suggestions could be circulated.

10. **Club Reports** – Individual reports are listed at the end of these minutes.

11. **Selection Date and Location for the Spring Council Meeting.** The Spring meeting will be held on Tuesday March 6 at Arrowsmith Golf Club at 1100 AM.

12. New Business

a. 2012 draft tournament schedule. Reps were reminded to review this proposed draft and try to iron out the details with their club management and bring the final details to the spring meeting.

b. Status of permanent trophies This was reviewed as presented at the AGM. Len to send all info on these to Andre for archiving on the web page.

c. Web site experience. Andre briefed all on the use of the web site. All reps can access the site at misga.ca, by using the user-id and password provided.

Attach #1 – Treasurers report

Due to falling revenues, Treasurer Earl King announced that measures were being taken to reduce expenses. The lunch today would be soup & sandwich saving over \$250.00.

In answer to a question from the floor, the present bank balance is \$1860.00.

By reducing costs for 2012, if we can keep the membership at the same level as the past 2 years, about 840 members, we can stop the deficit spending and break even.

Earl King
Treasurer

Attach #2 Membership Secretary's Report 2011

Good day,

Our membership for 2011 was 839 members. This is up 10 from 2010. Hopefully we have bottomed out and will see an increase over the next few years.

A quota for 2012 has been distributed and this is based on 2010 membership enrolment per course.

New forms have been distributed for 2012 new membership enrolment, for renewals and a list of your club members. Please seek collection of renewal money now and try to include an email address for that member.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Rees

Club Reports

a. Arbutus Ridge

Our year began with 69 members and we had participation in at least one tournament by 32 members.

The most popular events were; Fairwinds, Nanaimo, Cottonwood, Gabriola, Pheasant Glen, and Morning Star. Many tournament dates clashed with local club commitments e.g. Mens' Day, Pot of Gold weekly play, Couples Golf etc. and also with Inter-club events with Victoria e.g. Buttons, Social Inter-club etc. In addition I fielded the usual complaints regarding rising costs--(entry fees & travel costs), early starts and long travel days!!

We hosted a very successful tournament on Thursday June 2nd with 69 in the field on a pleasant dry day. This was the minimum number to break even on the costs. As a Rep my main concern was the lateness of many of the entries which really stretches the nerves of the hosts.

We look forward to your continuing support for our event on Thursday May 31st 2012.

Yours, Steve Wynne, Clint Stewart

b. Cottonwood

2011 COTTONWOOD - MISGA REPORT

Stats

a. Membership

Every year we are growing in numbers signed up for MISGA - this year = 30.

b. Tournament attendance

This year was typical to above average for # of members (16) going out to play in weekly events. Of the sixteen events we had players at all except Arrowsmith. We also met or exceeded our quota at 6 events.

4 members = 4 or more events (most = 6)

5 members = 3 events

6 members = 1 event

It still takes a great deal of prodding to get most members out to play and far too many do not respond to me prior to or by the two week need to know date.

c. The Cottonwood Event (May 19, 2011)

Years ago I moved Cottonwood out of August due to the plethora of Central South MISGA events. With the arrival of Nanaimo in the week preceding Cottonwood, we were back to that exact problem - six events in a row from Fairwinds - Arbutus Ridge that are Central / South.

Two years ago I addressed this issue with a three choice plan - none of which were listened to. It is crazy to expect our Northern neighbours to support this many events 'down south'.

Every year from 2006 - 2010 The Cottonwood event grew with 2010 being fantastic at 132 signed up and 123 showed up (bad weather & an accident hurt attendance). So I was

very disappointed with the 87 visitors this year & 97 golfers (10 locals). Having Nanaimo right in front of us I believe was a cause for some of the lower attendance.

Despite the lower numbers we had a fabulous day, great golf, good weather and above all - awesome food and service from the club. Of course we had yet another year of tons of fun, donated draw prizes (25 in total beyond the many for golf).

So I leave the post of Cottonwood Rep with mixed emotions. I managed to see great growth in the event in my tenure but we need to solve the glut of southern events in May.

Arnie Loxam - the new Rep is considering moving to August - back where it was before I moved it.

To Arnie and ALL REPS - I wish continued FUN, GROWTH and SUCCESS.

Cheers, Peter Bull

PS The HST was a pain to deal with and had a significant economic impact on the newly increased prize to play (2008-2010 = no increase in pricing but 2011 = ugh).

d. Arrowsmith

Arrowsmith MISGA 2011 Report

For the 2011 golf season Arrowsmith had 43 paid members, (an increase from the 38 registrations in 2010). The 43 members comprised of 33 returning members, and 10 new conscripts. Surprisingly, of the 43 paid members, only 34 actually participated in tournament.

With regard to tournament attendance, Arrowsmith met or exceeded their tournament allotment at 13 of the 16 tournaments, falling short only at Duncan Meadows, Qualicum & Alberni. The 34 active participants filled 135 spaces in 16 tournaments. Within our own membership, we had a wide range of participation, from a high of attendance 14 tournaments to a low of one tournament. Overall, the average participation rate of the 34 active members was 4 tournaments each.

The Arrowsmith Tournament was deemed a success with 82 external registrations; we topped this number off with 22 Arrowsmith members for a total registration of 104. We were very fortunate in that everybody showed up, so we had a full field of players (probably due to the great weather).

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:

Misga Tournament Results

Arrowsmith

August 31, 2011

Under 70 Low Gross		Name	Club	Score
Count Back	1	Roy Clemens	Arrowsmith	66
	2	Karl Cameron	Glacier Greens	66
	3	Brent Rees	Storey Creek	66

Under 70 Low Net		Name	Club	Score
	1	Michael Smith	Mt Brenton	55
	2	Bill O'Neill	Glacier Greens	56
	3	Bruce Donegan	Storey Creek	57

70 & Over Low Gross		Name	Club	Score
	1	Peter Drummond	Qualicum	59
	2	Chuck Kennedy	Glacier Greens	64
	3	Stan Wilcox	Morningstar	68

70 & Over Low Net		Name	Club	Score
Count Back	1	Grant Compton	Crown Isle	56
	2	Richard Green	Morningstar	56
	3	Al Hayden-Luck	Cowichan	56

KP Under 70		Tom Taylor	Glacier Greens	
Long Drive Under 70		Brent Rees	Storey Creek	
KP 70 & Over		Larry Blais	Glacier Greens	
Long Drive 70 & Over		Burt Graham	Glacier Greens	

e.Sunnydale

Sunnydale Report Oct 2011

Sunnydale had 26 members this year who participated in 74 events.

I have successfully obtained the decision from the Sunnydale Directors to host a MISGA tournament in 2012. With input from our area Rep it appears 23 Aug should fit the MISGA schedule & has already been approved by our club Dirs. An entry fee of \$45 & an 8:30 am shotgun has also been approved.

Jim McCaffery
Sunnydale Rep

f. Fairwinds

Fairwinds 2011 MISGA Report

Roger Emery, the Fairwinds MISGA Rep passed away suddenly and unexpectedly this summer. Pat Sali has taken Roger's place as Rep with Pat Ogawa the new alternate.

Fairwinds currently has 50 MISGA members. Membership has experienced a 10% decline over the last 3 years. This reflects the decline in the Golf Club Membership over this period. This decline has impacted our Fairwinds Men's Day participation and there has been a push internally to improve participation. This push has probably impacted Fairwinds participation in MISGA events as 6 of the 16 MISGA events in 2011 were held on a Wednesday (which is Fairwinds Men's Day).

Fairwinds participated in 10 of the 16 MISGA tournaments in 2011. Approximately 25% of the Fairwinds MISGA members were actively involved in outside events, which is low. Interclub play has also impacted our participation in outside events. Efforts will be made in 2012 to improve our participation.

The 2011 Fairwinds MISGA tournament was held on April 28th. There were 143 entries, all from outside of Fairwinds. The day was very successful and we are looking forward to 2012.

The tentative date for our 2012 tournament is Thursday April 26th at 8:30 am. We will target the same price as 2011 for green fees and lunch providing there are no increases from the golf club.

g. Glacier Greens

Glacier Greens - 2011 MISGA Report

1. In 2011 Glacier Greens recorded 106 paid up MISGA members.
2. Glacier Greens held our annual MISGA event on July 13th and we had a full field of 124 applicants. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and only 112 hearty souls participated in the tournament. If we could only control the weather.
3. Glacier Greens members participated in all 16 - MISGA events. We had 209 members participate in MISGA tournaments this past year which equates to an average of - 13 members attending each and every event.
4. Glacier Greens 2012 MISGA Tournament has been booked for a 0830 hrs shotgun start on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 and we hope to see most of you there, or at least 124 of you.

Have a great winter season.

Submitted by

Burt Graham & Glen Sweetman
Glacier Greens MISGA Reps

h. Morningstar

Morningstar Report for 2011

Morningstar had 60 members for 2011 of which 9 were new members. We had an average attendance of 11 players per tournament excluding Morningstar which was over our allotment of 10 for a full field of 144. We are keeping steady with enrolment and being able to supplement replacing inactive members with new ones. We have a process in place whereby new members are introduced to MISGA at initiation and a dialogue is initiated to market the benefits of joining MISGA. This has proved to very successful and has been fruitful in maintaining our numbers.

The Morningstar tournament was filled up with 10 players on the waiting list. Unfortunately it was capped at 120 due to the course maintenance crew being unable to prep the course for a 9am shotgun start. We may have to look at a 9:30 or 10 am shotgun start in the future. I do encourage the clubs to get their player entries to Morningstar two weeks in advance to ensure that all their entries will be accepted.

Morningstar has replaced both the rep and alt rep for 2012. The rep is William Crowther and the alternate rep is Richard Verdec. Their contact information has been forwarded to Len and Tony for distribution.

Rep: William Crowther – 3510 Hebert Road, Qualicum Beach, V9K1X9
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Alt: Richard Verdec - 2727 Van Isle Road, Qualicum Beach, V9K1Z2
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Best Regards,
Michael Parker
Morningstar Rep

i. Nanaimo

NANAIMO MISGA 2011 REPORT

1. Our Membership

Nanaimo had 92 members – 87 renewals plus 5 new – providing a good tournament quota. Of the members, down slightly from previous years;

49% attended at least 1 tournament

15% attended 4 or more tournaments

Nanaimo had an average 8.8 players-per-tournament, down by 10%. The most popular tournaments were Cottonwood, Fairwinds, Morningstar, Pheasant Glen and

2. Our Tournament

Nanaimo had 86 players for its tournament, after 6 late cancellations and 6 no-shows, with an average age of 67. We extend our special thanks to:

Arrowsmith, Crown Isle, Morningstar, Mt. Brenton, and Sunnydale,

for sending us a full complement of players, in spite of the cold, wet weather.

The course was in good condition, even with the uncooperative weather. The round was completed in about 4.5 hours, followed by a roast beef dinner, likely to be repeated next year. Most players claimed to have had a good test of golf.

Morningstar and Sunnydale players dominated the Nanaimo winners circle.

3. Next Year

In 2012, we propose to have our tournament in the afternoon of Monday, July 23 (before our club house is demolished) and are targeting a similar price, barring 2012 green fee and food prices increases.

Gary Brothers, Nanaimo MISGA Rep. and

Roger Westwood, Nanaimo MISGA Alt.

j.Storey Creek.

We had 79 members signed up this year. Our golfers didn't travel as much as they should. I feel the reason are as follows:

- Distance and time to travel,
- Economic downturn, and
- A conflict with our Thursday Senior Men's group as most play in it.

We have 57 signed up for 2012 and are looking for more registrations.

Our MISGA tournament had 144 golfers and was most successful.

Our GM has indicated that he will try to hold the costs for next year at the same level we had in 2010. This will keep our MISGA costs under \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent

k.Pheasant Glen

Members

2011 – 33

2010 – 36

Events

2011 59 entries to all tournaments

2010 75 entries to all tournaments

Possible explanations for reduced entries

- Tournament dates conflict with men's day (Wed)
- Overall time commitment (travel and game) is a full day
- Extremely long time to finish a round (over 5 hours and sometimes 5 ½ hours). Several members have said they not re-join in 2012 unless there is an effort made to reduce the playing time.

Pheasant Glen Tournament

Pheasant Glen held the MISGA Championship tournament on Thursday, Sept 8, 2011.

There were 122 entries of which 8 were Pheasant Glen MISGA members. The details are on the MISGA Web Page.

l. Crown Isle

This year we had 46 paid up members of MISGA. As of 24 Sep 2011, I have 4 new members and 30 re-newals paid up for 2012. I have agreed with Ron Waugh that next years MISGA event at Crown Isle will take place on Wed, 4 Apr at 0900. Prices to be determined later.

Participation by Crown Isle members in MISGA events is minimal. We had 15 in our own event in April and never more than about 7 in any other MISGA tournament.. Renewals this fall have said they plan to participate more next year.

Both the reps, Bruce Russell and alt Rick Hargraves plan to continue with their duties next year.

Bruce Russell.

m. Qualicum

Qualicum MISGA will welcomed Ed DeCairos as our rep early in October. We wish him well in his endeavours.

2011 was somewhat impacted by the cool, wet spring and the late arrival of summer, which probably had some deterrent effect on our attendance at events. Our membership was slightly diminished and we welcomed two new members. Our membership is still strongly supported by our fellow club members who choose not to attend outside events but pay their \$5.00 "tribute". Almost 50% of our members are in this category.

The increasing cost of food and the continuing levy of the HST and a 15% service charge in our restaurant contributed to an almost \$200.00 loss on our tournament. The \$1.00 grant per player was also a disappointment and impacted negatively on the bottom line. This loss was achieved in spite of a \$48.00 entry fee for the event which is really too much for a nine hole course. I feel that courses our size will have increasing difficulty in running competitive events in the future. Sober second thought on what we can offer at these outings will have to be considered.

I appreciate the support of the executive for my tenure over the past 5 years. Keep up the good work

Jim

Gabriola

The Gabriola Misga tournament was held on Monday, August 8, 2011. Entry fees remained at \$35.00 and a cart seat at \$15.00. We had 48 visitors, most of whom were walk on ferry passengers, plus 15 members of Gabriola for a total of 63. That was up from 54 in 2010.

After the visitors were dropped off at the club house for registration, coffee and muffins, golf got under way at 9:30am with ideal weather.

Play took a little under 5 hours which was not bad considering the distance players had to travel from the furthest reaches of the course.

The traditional steak barbecue was enjoyed by all.

Regards, Bob Russell and Andre Lemieux, Reps

Prepared by
Len Kuchynski
MISGA Secretary
19 Oct 2011