

CSMGA News January, 2008

CSMGA membership increased 75% from 2006 to 2007. We are now the second largest group in MISGA Division VI (91). Only the Naval Academy has more members.

Membership in the Crofton Senior Men's Golf Association provides a "special" golfing experience and a tremendous opportunity to meet other senior golfers and forge new friendships. Members are all over 50 years of age.

Annual membership is \$25.00. The "official season" starts April 1 and runs through October. Most events are held on Tuesday mornings. A variety of formats provide a challenge for the low as well as high handicap player. CSMGA sponsors a number of tournaments exclusively for members: Founders Tournament, Member-Guest, Memorial, Beat the Pro, and a mixer with the Crofton Ladies Golf Associations.

Dues include membership in the MISGA (Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association). This means, in addition to the golf opportunities at Crofton, members travel to other clubs to join their seniors in 18-hole competitions. CSMGA will host many of these clubs for MISGA events at Crofton. Included in the typical \$35.00-\$40.00 entry fee are green and cart fees, lunch, and prizes.

In 2008, CSMGA members will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of interesting and fun courses: Prospect Bay, Hobbits Glen, Quail Valley, Hogs Neck, Bear Creek, Holly Hills, Hunt Valley, University of Maryland, Norbeck, Marlboro, Navy, Walden, Patuxent Greens, Penn National, Rolling Road, Glade Valley, and Sparrows Point.

For 2008, all CSMGA dues will be billed and collected by the Club. The February Club Bill will include \$25.00 for 2008 CSMGA dues. All 2007 CSGMA Members plus others identified as eligible potential members will get this billing. If for some reason, you receive a bill and do not wish to be a CSGMA member, you can cancel your billing by contacting Heather Houlihan, (Accountant).

For local tournaments and CSMGA events, we will have a shotgun start with up to 2 foursomes starting on 1, 18, 16, 15, and 14 with one foursome on 17. If our numbers go over 44, the Club has pledged to work with us.

Members who are over the age of 75 and have a handicap in excess of 30 will be permitted to play from the red tees provided they put their scores in as from those tees.

Friday Senior Skins has been added to the Club Calendar as a regular event. Tee times will be reserved by CSMGA each week except when the course is not available due to a Club event. This could occur once or twice during the season. Participating in Friday Senior Skins will now count in the CSMGA Points Program. See the "Points Program" item below for details.

For 2007, we paid \$341 total to CSMGA members who earned the most points during the year for participation. We paid the top 20 point earners and ties.

For 2008, we will continue to collect \$1.00 from each member who participates in a local CSMGA event, CSGMA tournament, and Friday Senior Skins. Members will earn points as follows:

- One point for participation in each Friday Senior Skins;
- Two points for participation in a local CSMGA on Tuesday ;
- Three points for participation in each of the following CSMGA Tournaments:
 - Founders Cup
 - Memorial
 - CSMGA Championship
 - Beat the Pro
 - CSMGA/CLGA Mixer
 - Member-Guest
- Four points for participation in a Home MISGA event; and,
- Five Points for participation in an away MISGA event.

For 2008, we have eliminated the opportunity to loose points in your handicap goes down and gain points if your handicap increases during the year.

Crofton will host the March meeting of the Maryland InterClub Seniors Golf Association (MISGA) Board of Directors. The MISGA Historian is CSMGA President Mike Giuffrida. CSMGA Membership Chair, David Wallerstein, has signed on as a member of the MISGA Membership Committee.

Mike Giuffrida, 2008 CSMGA President