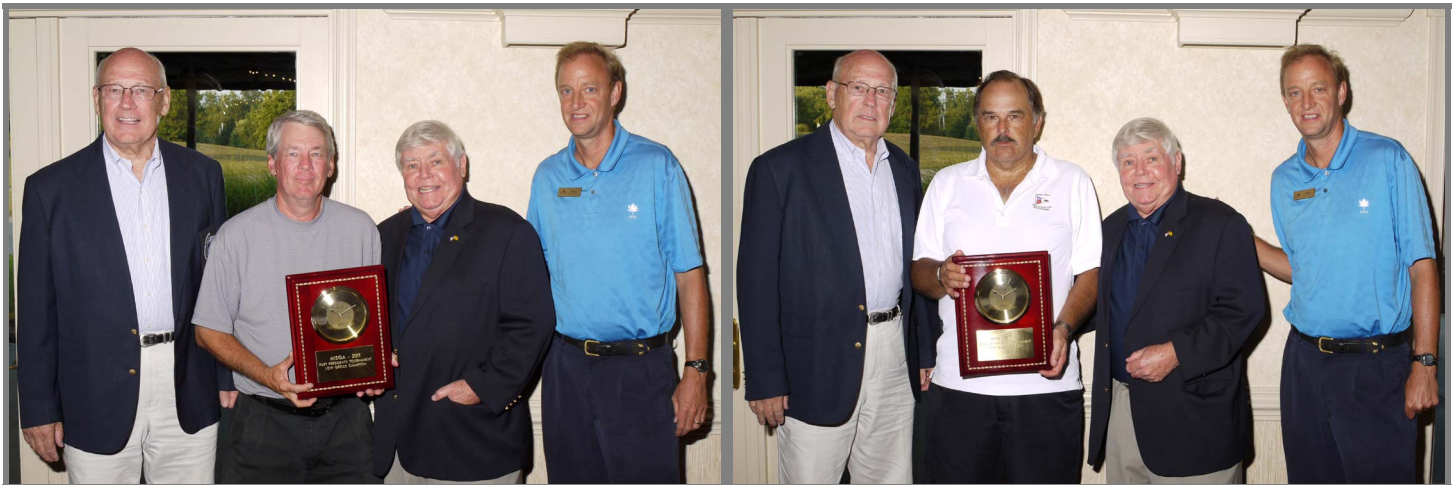


2011 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP



GROSS CHAMPION - L-R: **Howard Taylor** (*Div 1 Director & Tournament Coordinator*), **Doug Wilson** (*Champion*), **Lloyd Stimson** (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), **Mark Eckels** (*Head Pro, Maple Dale CC*)

NET CHAMPION - L-R: **Howard Taylor** (*Div 1 Director & Tournament Coordinator*), **Ray Sabourin** (*Champion*), **Lloyd Stimson** (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), **Mark Eckels** (*Head Pro, Maple Dale CC*)

This championship tournament was held at the picturesque and striking Maple Dale Country Club in Dover, DE on Monday, August 8, 2011. 112 venerable finalists representing 40 of MISGA's 65 clubs traveled from all compass points of the four state area to compete for the title of MISGA's "top gun." The weather was sunny, hot, and humid with a slight breeze. Rain dared not dampen this grand tournament. Playing from the forward gold tees, the par 73 course measured 5,750 yards with course rating of 67.3 and a slope of 114.

When all the scores had been posted, three veteran linksters had tied for the *Net Champion* title with a 65. Accordingly, **Tom DiStefano** (*Shawnee*), **Jim Wilcox** (*Hobbits Glen*) and **Ron Sabourin** (*Eastern Shore*) teed 'em up at hole #16 (*par 3, 135 yards*) for a sudden-death playoff. However, **Sabourin** made quick work of it by scoring a natural birdie on the first playoff hole; thus, capturing the net "top gun" title. On the gross side of the tournament, **Doug Wilson** (*Hobbits Glen*) nipped **Jeff Allen** (*Wild Quail*) by two strokes to seize the *Gross Champion* title.

Many thanks and kudos go to the entire staff of Maple Dale. Praise and thanks to GM **Chris Aulita** for granting MISGA permission to stage its annual tournament at Maple Dale. Success always begins at the top. Gratitude and a multitude of thanks go to Maple Dale's energetic and personable Head Pro **Mark Eckels** and his entire pro shop staff. Their outstanding performance ensured the success of all the golf related tasks and activities. Special kudos and thanks go to Course Superintendent **Marlin Wian** and his staff. Despite the hot, humid and drought laden summer in the Dover area, they had the course in tournament ready shape. The greens deserved special recognition. Many compliments and thanks go to Executive Chef **Scott Oliver** and Sous Chef **Mohamed Ismail** and the entire restaurant staff of Maple Dale. They prepared and served appetizing pre-golf sandwiches, chips and apples with a variety of cold beverages. For the awards banquet, the esteemed finalists were treated to a connoisseur's double entrée (*filet & crab cake*) with equally tasty sides, desserts and suitable libations.

The success of this year's tournament could not have been accomplished without the attentiveness, efforts and management skills of Division I Director and Tournament Coordinator **Howard Taylor**. His performance as "wagon master" was no less than outstanding. He was the driving force, not only behind the scenes, but in the forefront as well. **Howard** was ably assisted by Maple Dale Club Rep **Dick Young** and Division I Tournament Chairman **Richard Tiikkala**. MISGA offers the Tournament Committee many thanks and accolades for a job well done. You guys did great !!!!

Also, many thanks and accolades go to the **Maple Dale Women's Association**. A number of those lovely ladies graciously volunteered their assistance with registration and other tournament related activities.

(See <http://www.drtoaltarpley.com/> for pictures of the event.)

Stim, Lloyd Stimson, MISGA Tournament Chairman

GRAND CHAMPIONS

	Champion	Score	Div	Club
Gross	Doug Wilson	72	IV	Hobbits Glen
Net	Ron Sabourin	65	V	Eastern Shore

GIFT CERTIFICATE AWARDS

"A" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$75	Jeff Allen	74	I	Wild Quail
2G	\$50	Dave Cox	78	I	Wild Quail
3G	\$35	Gary Manion	78	IV	Norbeck
4G	\$25	Russ Stoneman	78	II	Musket Ridge
1N	\$75	Charles Bradley	68	I	Wild Quail
2N	\$50	Dan Muterspaw	69	I	Maple Dale
3N	\$35	Ray Campbell	71	III	Hog Neck
4N	\$25	Gary Kramer	72	VI	Univ. of Maryland

"B" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$75	Tom DiStefano	78	I	Shawnee
2G	\$50	Ed Koubek	80	VI	Naval Academy
3G	\$35	Mal Peterson	87	III	Prospect Bay
4G	\$25	Ralph Harms	89	VI	National
1N	\$75	Jim Wilcox	65	IV	Hobbits Glen
2N	\$50	John Wagner	70	III	Easton
3N	\$35	Dick Boardman	73	II	Rattlewood
4N	\$25	James Kasab	75	IV	Kenwood

"C" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$75	Patricia Lonergan	86	II	Musket Ridge
2G	\$50	Gary Rottmann	88	VI	Bowie
3G	\$35	Chris Fanning	88	VI	Fairway Hills
4G	\$25	Kirk Baylor	89	VI	National

1N	\$75	Clyde Rowe	67	IV	Norbeck
2N	\$50	Mort Roche	69	VI	Cross Creek
3N	\$35	Rick Bisker	72	V	Nutters Crossing
4N	\$25	Graham Moss	72	II	Glade Valley

"D" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$75	Karl Brown	89	V	Deer Run
2G	\$50	Patrick Normyle	94	II	Rattlewood
3G	\$35	Pat Catignani	95	VI	Bowie
4G	\$25	Dick Watkins	97	IV	Norbeck
1N	\$75	Tom Tarpley	70	II	Holly Hills
2N	\$50	Kip Seyfferth	72	VI	Bay Hills
3N	\$35	Mike Lawlor	72	VI	Bowie
4N	\$25	Bill Kalis	74	II	Rattlewood

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN

Hole	Yardage	Distance to Cup	Winner (\$25 ea)	Div	Club
#3	154	5' 1.5"	Mike Lawlor	VI	Bowie
#8	143	5' 6"	R J Dominic	I	Bear Trap Dunes
#13	172	4' 4.5"	Lou Goffredi	V	Bay Club
#16	135	3' 10"	Dwaine Kronser	VI	Univ. of Maryland

WINNERS BY DIVISION

Div	Finalists	Winners
I	15	5
II	13	6
III	13	3
IV	18	6
V	16	3
VI	32	10
Past Pres	5	1
TOTAL	112	34