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President's Message



Spring is finally here!! Enough of this cold and snow!! Many of us have had our clubs put away for several months and now is the time to get them out, clean them up, put them in the trunk and head for the course.

Over the past several years I have heard many complaints from our low handicap golfers. Usually when we make our foursomes, the lowest handicap golfer will always get the highest handicap golfer and with some luck, he will get at least one golfer in the teens. This usually happens at all of our mixers. As a result, we find that many of our better golfers play in very few mixers or drop out of MISGA. I have two suggestions: 1. pick the foursomes completely at random or, 2. divide the field into two flights with the AB golfers in the first flight and the CD golfers in the second flight. Divide the prize money with half for each flight. I have played in such flights and it works quite

well. Surprisingly, the scores for each flight were nearly identical and both flights played in almost the same amount of time. I strongly urge you to try flighting this year at your club.

Do you ever get tired of the same old thing at your mixers i.e. two best balls of the foursome? Why not try some other format such as 666 where you take one best ball for the first six holes, two best balls for the second six holes and three best balls for the third six holes; or 123 where you use one ball for the par 5's, two balls for the par 4's and three balls for the par 3's; or 23 where you use two best balls for the first 9 holes and three best balls for the last 9 holes. If you know of any other formats being played, please let me know.

I have one more suggestion. Why not go to http://misga.org/Events_menu_2011.htm and review the information regarding our Spring Fling in Williamsburg, Va. It is a great event, the price is right and the venues cannot be beat. I hope to see many of you there this year.

Enough with the complaints and suggestions. I sincerely hope everyone has a good golfing year and I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the courses this year. May your drives be long and may your putts be short and true.

Thomas Taylor, President

SMALL WORLD

NOTE FROM DICK DALE: While we were waiting for our car to be off-loaded from the Auto Train in Sanford, FL, a guy came over and asked if I was a member of MISGA. I guess he saw my golf cap. It turned out that he was a member of Fort Meade but was not a member of MISGA. (I believe his name was Don Smith.) After the winter fling was over, we went to Orlando and visited an Edwin Watts golf store. I turned around and ran into Jack Brady and his wife Maureen, MISGA members from Tantalton. We had an extended talk. It looks like MISGA is all over the place!

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MISGA SPRING FLING
MAY 17/18/19 2011
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



Golden Horseshoe, Hole #16 – Gold Course

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY GOLF AND STILL KEEP YOUR WIFE HAPPY?

**THIS EVENT ALLOWS YOU TO DO THIS.
IF YOUR WIFE PLAYS GOLF THERE IS NO PROBLEM.
IF YOUR WIFE DOES NOT PLAY GOLF THERE IS NO PROBLEM.**

(THIS IS OUR FOURTH YEAR IN WILLIAMSBURG AND WE HAVE HAD A STEADILY INCREASING NUMBER OF MISGA MEMBERS ATTEND WITH NON-GOLFING WIVES. THEY SEEM TO REALLY ENJOY WILLIAMSBURG.)

THE FALL AND WINTER FLINGS ARE FULL WEEK EVENTS AT PRIVATE RESORTS. OUT OF NECESSITY THE COST IS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE SPRING FLING IS ALSO CONDUCTED ON UP-SCALE COURSES BUT THE COST IS LOWER SINCE IT IS ONLY THREE DAYS OF GOLF, EVERYONE CAN PICK THEIR OWN LODGING, AND IT ONLY INCLUDES ONE BANQUET.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE PLAYING THE KINGSMILL WOODS COURSE, THE GOLD COURSE AT GOLDEN HORSESHOE, AND THE BLACK HEATH COURSE AT FORDS COLONY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT WWW.MISGA.ORG

NECROLOGY

A. "GUS" POSTORINO

Gus was a member of Eagle Head, WestWinds, & Leisure World. Gus was a long devoted and active member of our organization. He died in December of 2010. He was an old timer with a beautiful golf swing!

-- Tony Casadante

Tournament Committee Meets

The MISGA STATE TWO-MAN TOURNAMENT Planning Committee met at Rolling Road GC on Feb. 10, 2011. Guidelines developed by Lloyd Stimson were reviewed and modified. These have been submitted to the MISGA web site.



Those attending the meeting were State Chairman Lloyd Stimson, MISGA President Tom Taylor, Div. 2 Tournament Chair Clarence Moody, Rolling Road Club Rep and host Jim Boyd, Asst. Rep Charles Gailunas, Tom Tarpley, Pro Billy Bassler, and General Manager John Feole.

The meeting was followed by lunch.

-- Tom Tarpley

USGA - MIXED TEES COMPETITIONS

DIFFERENT TEES

Section 9-3, c. (i) of *The USGA Handicap System Manual* states - Different tees usually have different ratings. Since a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable scores of scratch golfers, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with the resulting figure rounded off to the nearest whole number (.5 or more is rounded upward).

Men vs. Men

Example 1 of the *Manual* states - If men playing from the middle tees, from which the USGA Course Rating is 70.3, compete against men playing from the back tees, from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 72.6, the men playing from the back tees will add two strokes ($72.6 - 70.3 = 2.3$ rounded to 2) to Course Handicap.

Women vs. Men

Example 2 of the *Manual* states - If women playing from the forward tees, from which the women's USGA Course Rating is 73.4, compete against men playing from the middle tees, from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.9, the women will add three strokes ($73.4 - 70.9 = 2.5$ rounded to 3) to Course Handicap.

SAME TEES

Men vs. Women

Section 9-3, c (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System Manual* states - Men and women playing from the same set of tees will have different Ratings. Since the women's USGA Course Rating usually will be higher, women receive additional strokes equal to the difference between men's and women's USGA Course Rating, with the resulting figure to the nearest whole number (.5 or more is rounded upward)

The *Example* provided by the *Manual* states - If women playing from the middle tees, from which the women's USGA Course Rating is 77.3, compete against men playing from the same tees, from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.9, the women will add six strokes ($77.3 - 70.9 = 6.4$ or 6) to Course Handicap.

-- Lloyd "Stim" Stimson

PETER "SPLASH" SORGE

This past week (*Jan 31 - Feb 3*), eight golfers from Tanttallon played in *Joe McCollum's Clam Bake* in Litchfield, SC. Except for the wind, cold, rain, and mostly soggy golf courses, the venues were outstanding. We had warm sun on one day, but the course played like a wet sponge.

Incredibly, the highlight of *Joe's Clam Bake* came on Wednesday, Feb 2, at the TPC Murrells Inlet. On the 18th hole, Mr. Pete Sorge found himself in a sandtrap on the right front-side of the green. On his best sand shot of the day, he brilliantly lofted the ball out of the trap ... but low and behold, it entered the pond on the left-side of the green.



Not wanting to lose his ball to the depths of the cool, clear-water pond, the "Daring Pete" tip-toed to the steeply sloped edge of the pond and reached in with his trusty golf club to retrieve his watered ball. As he reached down for the ball, his feet came out from under him and he fell head-long into the pond.



He climbed out of the pond with water dripping from head-to-toe. He was a marvelous sight to behold. The sad part of "Splash" Sorge's water ordeal was that he failed to retrieve his ball. The ball currently swims with the fishes at TPC.

Your on-the-spot reporter.
Lloyd "Stim" Stimson

"CORRECTION: I retrieved my ball & then slipped down the embankment & the ball fell back with me into the pond! I wanted to finish the hole, because it was my fourth shot on a par 5 with a stroke! However, I was too lazy to go back to the cart for another ball. I, like Dan Snyder, of the Redskins, will sue, if the reported facts are incorrect!" – Pete Sorge (So, did you or didn't you fail to retrieve the ball?)

After having read this over and over and laughing until I couldn't take it anymore I have decided to respond. I love how Mr. Sorge tried to down play how cheap he is by saying he wanted the ball because he was again his usual sandbagging self and thought he could take his buddies for another dollar if he were to make his customary 6 for 5. Finally there is some justice with him for all of us, I truly believe in my heart of hearts that this couldn't have happened to a more deserving guy.) I only wish I could be there to remind him everyday!!! One question for Mr. Sorge....How did it feel to pull that wet money out of your wallet and hand it over?!?!?!? -- Carl Layher, former Asst. Pro, Tanttallon (Editor: Edited slightly for publication.)

TWO GROUPS ON PAR 3's

In setting up shotgun starts for MISGA during the Winter Fling, the Golf Pro at Plantation Inn put two groups on par 3's to improve speed of play. Coincidentally, this technique was suggested in the July issue of the MISGAGRAM (MG-2010-07 - "Conquering Slow Play") as a means of speeding play.

MISGA Winter Fling – February 20 – 26, 2011

Seventy-six MISGA associates and spouses attended the Winter Fling at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort at Crystal River, FL. There were nine non-golfers. Every day was clear, sunny, and had temperatures of 75-80 degrees. As usual, the event was extremely well managed by Bob and Nancy McIntyre and Ralph and Carol Menton.

[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES – 300 to 400 %]

Monday – Mixed Scramble – No Restrictions



1st – Bill Hays, Carol Boardman,
Pat Beisler, Ron Rider



2nd – Marie Zaia, Ralph Starkey,
Dixie Hughlett, Jack Miller



3rd – Dick Ris, Natalie Fenwick,
Pete Gomsak, Gene Horan



4th – Buck Linthicum, Carol Menton,
Chuck Shelton, Frankie Gomsak



5th – Carter Hughlett, Kathy Fitzgerald,
Sharon Hunsicker, Nelson Fenwick



WHITE IBIS – Note Ball Retriever Beak

Tuesday - Ladies – 1 Net Score on Par 5s, 2 on Par 4s, 3 on Par 3s



1st – Aretta Keadle, Jane Garcia,
Laura Thomson, Janet Bowersox



2nd – Carol Meers, Carol Menton,
Frankie Gomsak, Bonnie Connor



9-Hole Winner
Diane Almond

Tuesday - Men – 1 Net Score on Par 5s, 2 on Par 4s, 3 on Par 3s



1st Ralph Menton, Carter Hughlett,
Dave Stevens, Gene Horan



2nd – Bob McIntyre, John White,
Nelson Fenwick, Pat McAllorum



3rd – Jim Beisler, Fred Meers,
Paul Bowersox, Tom Maxwell



Tuesday Clears – Tony Almond, Bob McIntyre, Jim Phipps, Bill Hays, Dave Stevens, Pat McAllorum

Thursday - Ladies – Florida Scramble



1st – Pat Beisler, Bonnie Connor, Kathy Fitzgerald, Sandra Garrick



2nd – Carol Miller, Laura Thomson, Carol Boardman, Frankie Gomsak



9-Hole Winner – Nancy McIntyre,

Thursday - Men – Stableford



1st – Bob Garrick, Pete Gomsak, Jim Phipps, Ralph Menton



2nd – Dave Stevens, Ralph Starkey, Bob Turner, Joe Connor



3rd – Dick Ris, Rich Boardman, Paul Bowersox, Bill Thompson



Thursday Clears
Ron Rider, Bob Fitzgerald
Bob Garrick, Jim Phipps



Friday Door Prizes
Bill Nichols, Bill Stafford, Bobbie Maxwell,
Dick Dale, Steve Neal



Winter Fling Directors
Bob & Nancy McIntyre
Ralph & Carol Menton

Friday – Ladies – 3 Net BB (1-6), 2 Net BB (7-12), 1 Net BB (13-18)



Flight 1 – Nancy White, Janet Bowersox, Carol Boardman, Judy Hays



Flight 2 – Connie Phipps, Sharon Hunsicker, Pat Beisler, Sally Stafford



9-Hole Winner – Ann Turner



Low Gross – 2nd – Dixie Hughlett
1st – Judy Hays



Low Net – 1st – Jane Garcia
2nd – Gwyn Linthicum



CTP – Carol Menton

Friday – Men – 3 Net BB (1-6), 2 Net BB (7-12), 1 Net BB (13-18)



Flight A – Ron Rider, Buck Linthicum,
Ralph Starkey, Joe Connor



Flight B – Mike Zaia, Rich Boardman,
Bill Thomson, Ralph Menton



Flight C – Dick Ris, Dave Stevens,
Joe Eikenberg, Bill Hays (Blind)



Low Net
Don Schaefer (2nd), Ralph Menton (1st)
Low Gross
Joe Connor (2nd), Jim Phipps (1st MOC)



CTP + 3 Clears
Joe Eikenberg



Clears
Pete Gomsak, Don Schaefer
Ralph Starkey, Carter Hughlett



Rooms



Plantation Inn



Pool

GROUP PICTURES OF A FEW CLUBS ATTENDING WINTER FLING



OCEAN PINES (29)



CAROLINE (10)



FT. MEADE (8)



LAKWOOD (6)



CHARTWELL (4)