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President's Message



I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for 2012. I am willing to listen to any suggestions and complaints that will improve our MISGA Organization.

The following are goals and objectives that I would like to achieve in 2012.

1. Improve communication to all members.
2. Work toward increasing our membership.
3. Seek to make mixers fun and enjoyable.

Working ways to improve communication will take effort for each of us. First, we need to make sure that all members get the MISGA Gram. This starts at the top and continues down to the Club Reps. There is information that needs to get to our membership. Some members are not aware of upcoming events and tournaments.

We should make our mixers more fun by having competition between Clubs or Divisions. Try new games such as Best Ball of A & B players and C & D players. Count one ball on Par 5's, 2 balls on Par 4's and 3 balls on Par 3's, etc. Golf and our mixers should be enjoyable and fun. Throughout this MISGA Organization, we have many dedicated leaders and a great group of Associates, who are well informed with many ideas to improve MISGA.

It is every member's responsibility to do the utmost to keep MISGA moving forward. I look forward to seeing each of you around the golf course.

I particularly want to express my appreciation to outgoing president, Tom Taylor, for the exceptional leadership he provided throughout the year.

Hit them long and straight!

Ralph E. Starkey,
President - 2012

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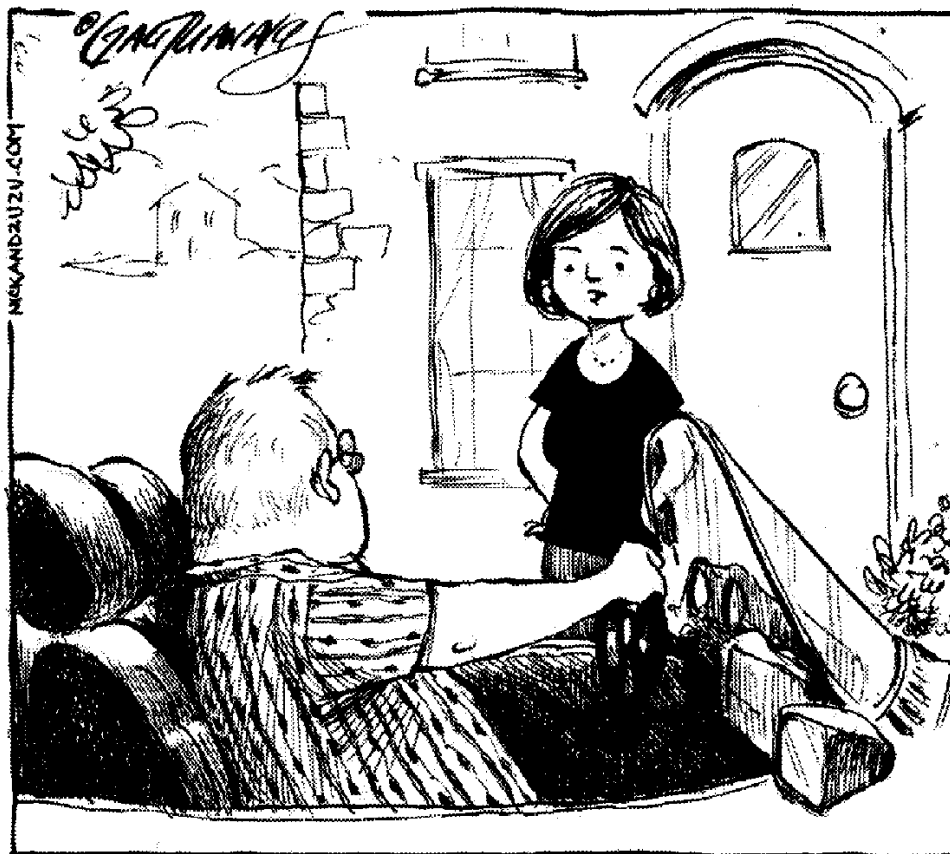
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Notice

Due to the large number of pictures resulting from the Fall Frolics, only the pictures from Seabrook Island will be included in this issue. Pictures for Jekyll Island will be published in a special edition MISGAGRAM in January, 2011.



WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, PUT "MOW
THE LAWN" ON YOUR BUCKET LIST.

Division VI Match Play Championship

Bay Hills and Fairway Hills tied during the regular season for the Division VI Match Play Championship. Due to scheduling difficulties, the home and home championship series was unable to be completed. As a result of winning a head to head match during the season, Bay Hills became the 2011 Champion in this the second season of competition. National Golf Club at Tantallon won the championship in the inaugural year of action in 2010.

AL CRAIG
Longest Serving Club Representative
Leisure World Golf Club



Leisure World was one of 12 charter clubs to form the Maryland Interclub Senior Golf Association (MISGA) in 1975. Al Craig moved to Leisure World in 1985 and quickly became associated with MISGA. He became the MISGA co-representative in 1988 and has served as the Leisure World representative since 1994.

Al celebrated his 85th Birthday this year. A World War II Navy veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater. Al came to the Washington D.C. area in 1959, and played golf for over 20 years at the University of Maryland, before moving to Leisure World. Al has played all the MISGA DIV IV courses, as well as several other MISGA Club courses countless times.

Al was named DIV IV representative of the year in 2002, and was recognized as the longest serving representative at the DIV IV Holiday Luncheon in 2009. He continues to serve as Leisure World's MISGA representative.

Anyone who has served as a MISGA rep knows how trying it can sometimes be to schedule 16 to 20 golf events each year. Al has done this with precision and good humor over all these years. To summarize Al's accomplishments in the words of a fellow MISGA player and rep from another club: "The times that I played in Mixers at Leisure World they were always a pleasure and well organized."

Thanks Al!

Tribute by Sperry Storm

2012 MISGA SPRING FLING
Williamsburg, Virginia
TUE, MAY 15 (ARRIVAL)--THUR, MAY 17 (DEPARTURE)

The 2012 SPRING FLING will again be held in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia which is located about 2.5 to 3 hours south of Washington, DC. This will be our fifth consecutive year in Williamsburg. Each year the weather has been ideal with temperatures in the 70's in the daytime and mid 60's at night. It is a prime time! That fact combined with the excellent golf courses makes Williamsburg an irresistible place in mid-May. We will be playing three different golf courses: The Woods Course at Kingsmill, the River Course at Kingsmill, and the Gold Course at Golden Horseshoe. We played the Woods course last year for the first time and the response was overwhelming that everyone wanted to play it again. The other two courses are premier courses in Williamsburg. The River Course has played host to both the PGA and the LPGA tours. The Gold Course, of course, is rated as one of the top 20 public courses in the US. Participation will be limited to 120 golfers.

The SPRING FLING is handled a little differently than the fall/winter flings which are full resort events for a week. We have tried to keep costs to a minimum, but play top-notch golf courses. A central hotel has not been set up since we have found that many people have time shares or want to use less expensive hotels and get points on their personal cards. Williamsburg has a large selection of accommodations. You may want to check out www.williamsburgvacations.com , or call 1-866-341-4866, for discount rates, using a special promo code "MISGA "for accommodations at hotels or condos and for discounted tickets to Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens etc. with their reservation. Many of these are one or two bedroom condos that can be rented for one or two nights even though you may not be a member of a timeshare organization. (Many people rented time shares and stayed for the entire week. They used the MISGA games for the heart of their week and then scheduled additional golf games for the other days.) The location you select in Williamsburg is not critical since the three golf courses are located within a few miles of downtown Williamsburg.

Golf shotgun start times are projected to be 1:00 PM on Tuesday, 8:30 AM on Wednesday and 9:00 AM on Thursday. Games will be typical MISGA team games. There will be no scrambles for the men.

We have seen a steadily increasing number of MISGA golfers with non-golfing wives at the Spring Fling (31 in 2011!). The ladies seem to have a very good time in Williamsburg. There will be a welcoming luncheon for the non-golfing ladies.

Dinner on Wednesday night will be an informal indoor picnic with four different meat choices and will be held at the Crowne Plaza and is included in the package price. Other than the Wednesday night dinner, we have not scheduled any other meals, since there are such a large variety of excellent and different restaurants in the Williamsburg area, including several in the historic area.

The basic package price includes three rounds of golf, golf prizes, one dinner, and one luncheon for the non-golfing ladies.

MISGA associates must submit a REGISTRATION FORM accompanied by a check for payment in full to the address on the form. (Forms are available at WWW.MISGA.ORG) If you cannot access MISGA.ORG, or don't have e-mail, contact either Dick Dale (302-629-7322) or Ralph Starkey (410-479-2968) to get an application form. Entries close April 15.

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. 2011 Tournament Champions

Tournament	Gross Champions	Net Champions
Past Presidents (ABCD) Maple Dale CC Dover, DE	Doug Wilson <i>Hobbits Glen</i>	Ron Sabourin <i>Eastern Shore</i>
2-Man Team Rolling Road CC Catonsville, MD	Dwaine Kronser & Bob Rehman <i>University of Maryland</i>	Patrick Normyle & Dave Carney <i>Rattlewood</i>

2. The *MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines* were supplemented to include the USGA rules governing women competing with men (*tee marker placements and handicap allocations*).
3. At the September 13, 2011, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to permit the previous year's **Gross** and **Net Champions** (*Past Presidents {ABCD} and 2-Man Team*) to compete in the current year's tournaments without having to qualify. However, they will be required to pay the entry fee.
4. The **Score vs. Par** procedure for determining winners and awarding prizes at a MCT that has been suspended because of unforeseen circumstances without the possibility of resumption of play was approved at the September 13, 2011, Board of Directors Meeting. A tutorial for applying the procedure was developed and posted on the MISGA website.
5. At the December 6, 2011, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to reduce the size of the fields for the Past Presidents (ABCD) Tournament from 128 competitors to 100 and the 2-Man Team from 64 teams to 50. Hopefully, this will result in a reduction in tournament playing time.
6. The MCT tie breaking procedure was modified to require a sudden-death playoff for both the **Gross** and **Net Champions** and optional application of either the *PGA* or *match-of-cards* tie breaking procedures for all other winners.

Prepared by:

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Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

NECROLOGY

RECENT DEATHS NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN MISGAGRAM

EDWARD J. COOK	U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club
10/13/2010 AGE: 93	

RICHARD D. LAZENBY	U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club
7/30/2011 AGE: 90	

GARY W. HORWATH	Montgomery Country Club
10/4/2011 AGE: 64	

NORM SOMERVILLE	Fairway Hills Golf Club
10/8/2011 AGE: 76	

LEWIS BRUFFY	Univ. of Maryland Golf Club
10/27/2011	

Lewis Bruffy passed on October 27, 2011. He was an active member of the UMD Seniors for 20 plus years and a frequent participant in MISGA mixers. Lew Bruffy was a past-President of the UMD Seniors organization and for those of you who have visited UMD, he was the faithful “red bucket” collector for the 50/50’s.

CHARLES CARLEY	Patuxent Greens Golf Club (2008)
11/22/2011 AGE: 78	

Florida Scramble

One of the more interesting formats for a change of pace is the Florida Scramble, also know as the Step-Aside Scramble. It can be played with or without Team Handicaps and is especially suitable for MISGA Events of Mixed Men & Women Teams. The Scramble can be more interesting and exciting than the usual “play-your-own-ball” formats of 2-BB, 1-2-3, 6-6-6, or Stableford. These formats are played at mixers throughout the golfing season, and sometimes, a change-of-pace will enliven the activity.

The principal features of the modified Florida Scramble are: Step Aside; 2 Drives per Person; Everybody Putts. Of course, the ball must be on the green, not merely the fringe, before everyone putts. (In the regular Florida Scramble, the step-aside is continued until the ball is holed.) These features require some strategy, which involves all members in the decisions and tends to make it more exciting. You don’t always want the longest ball – you want to give your team the best opportunity for the next shot. Complicating this decision is the requirement to use two drives from every member of the team in the 18-hole round. The step-aside feature is what makes the Florida Scramble truly a team event, where the outcome is not determined solely by the “A” Player’s ability.

If Handicaps are used, then compute the sum of the percentages of course handicaps as follows: Team Handicap = 20% A + 15% B + 10% C + 5% D, where A, B, C, & D represent the Course Handicaps of the four members of the team. This is the USGA recommendation.

Every Multi-day MISGA Event should include this Scramble format, or one very similar. For example, the rules could include requiring three drives from every member of the team, but not four drives – that would be too onerous.

So, give the scramble a shot to see whether it’s an enjoyable alternative to the standard formats.

MISGA 2011 FALL FROLICS

Seabrook Island: We played the Ocean Winds Course three times & the Crooked Oak course once. The golf courses were in excellent condition and at the Ocean Winds course we were able to play the ball down! The accommodations were wonderful and well received. As always, the Seabrook staff was excellent & very accommodating. We were able to negotiate a discount on non sale merchandise at the pro shops here and at Jekyll Island. After a day on the courses, everyone relaxed during the cocktail hour and dinner (the food was excellent). The Thursday banquet plated dinner was exceptional. Several attendees stated that the food presentation and quality was better than some of the most expensive restaurants they have dined at! The cocktail hours gave everyone an opportunity to talk with old and new friends. On Monday and Wednesday, we played Bingo after dinner and lots of cash prizes were awarded. The non-golfing ladies enjoyed their visit to the Magnolia Plantation and had an excellent lunch at Kiawah Island's famous "Jasmine's Porch" restaurant in the Sanctuary Hotel.

Jekyll Island: We played two of the three eighteen-hole courses on the island. The Pine Lakes & Oleander courses were very well maintained and proved to be somewhat easier for our golfers than the windier courses at Seabrook. The golf staff was very helpful and provided a great atmosphere. The villas were nice and a great improvement compared to our last visit to Jekyll. The food was catered and served by pleasant staff on formal place settings. Bingo was played on two nights and as always was well received.

The non-golfing ladies enjoyed a Dolphin Tour and lunch at the historic "Crane House." They enjoyed their lunch so much that they went back on their own the next day! They also took a tour of the historic area on their own. Villas by the Sea provided transportation on the Island for them, at no charge.

I would like to thank everyone who provided assistance in making the Fall Frolics a success. They did an excellent job! Also, I want to thank Robin Woollatt & Howard Taylor for their coordinating the Bingo events at each respective venue and Bill & Mary Rapson for picking up the Bingo equipment and name tags. Also, thanks to Sandy Ross for his assistance at both venues. Special thanks to Ralph and Zelma Harms who assisted with the handicap pairings, blind draws, score card auditing, & prize money distribution. Also, I want to thank my wife, Susan, for coordinating the non-golfing ladies' tours & luncheons. None of these events can be successful without assistance. Thanks to Byron Keadle for the photos at Seabrook and Larry & Rae Bathgate at Jekyll. Pictures will be available on the MISGA web site & one of our MISGA reps, Greg Morris, a first timer, took some great pictures @ Jekyll Island - view them at:

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Both outings were a success even though attendance was down compared to previous years. The weather was perfect with no rain and generally warm weather. The last day at Jekyll Island the temperature approached the high seventies. **First time attendees:** We had a few first time attendees at both venues and hope they will join us in the future. Please note that dinner is usually at 7:00 or 7:30 PM. The reason we don't eat earlier is due to possible frost or rain delays, which are unpredictable! Also, after golf is completed we need time to gather the scorecards and audit them for accuracy.

Anyone who would like to provide comments regarding these trips or suggest future venues can do so by e-mail (pete233@verizon.net). It is our hope that all of the attendees will spread the word and urge others to attend the 2012 outing(s).

Peter Sorge, Jr. - MISGA Events Chairman

MISGA Fall Frolic – October 30-November 4, 2011
Seabrook Island Resort, SC



Clubhouse & Driving Range
[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES – 300 to 400 %]

Monday, October 31st – Ocean Winds Course
Two Better Balls Net



1st – Carolyn Neal, Janet Bowersox,
Kathy Fitzgerald (Blind), Barbara Shearer



2nd – Kathy Fitzgerald (Blind), Aretta
Keadle, Mary Rapson, Zelma Harms



3rd – Kathy Fitzgerald (blind), Anne
Woollatt, Mary Ross, Judy Taylor



1st – Bob Fitzgerald, Byron Keadle,
Pete Sorge (Blind), Harry Conover



2nd – Howard Taylor, David Schwartz
Larry Bathgate, Robin Woollatt



3rd – Dave Woodward, Steve Neal,
Ed White, Ralph Harms



4th – Jerry Shearer, Pete Sorge,
Burr Short, Gonzallo Delfierro



Witches of Seabrook – Judi Short, Susan Sorge, Zelma Harms
Nancy Woodward, Judy Taylor, Carolyn Neal



MC Peter Sorge



Crooked Oak



Bingo Masters
Howard Taylor & Robin Woollatt

Tuesday, November 1st – Crooked Oaks Course
3 BB (Holes 1-6), 2 BB (Holes 7-12), 1 BB (Holes 13-18)



1st – Zelma Harms, Mary Rapson
Judy Taylor, Janet Bowersox



2nd – Barbara Shearer, Aretta Keadle,
Judi Short, Mary Rapson (Blind)



3rd – Carolyn Neal, Kathy Fitzgerald,
Mary Rapson (Blind), Barbara Delfierro



1st – Bob Fitzgerald, Howard Taylor,
Pete Sorge, Dick Dale



2nd – Harry Conover, Paul Bowersox,
Larry Bathgate, Tom Brown



3rd – Gonzallo Delfierro, Ralph Starkey,
Jerry Shearer, Sandy Ross



4th – Tom Taylor, John Babyak (Blind),
Burr Short, Byron Keadle

Wednesday, November 2nd – Ocean Winds Course
 1 BB on Par 5, 2 BB on Par 4, 3 BB on Par 3



1st – Nancy Woodward, Mary Rapson,
 Judi Short (Blind), Janet Bowersox



2nd – Kathy Fitzgerald, Aretta Keadle,
 Anne Woollatt, Judi Short



3rd – Barbara Shearer, Judi Short (Blind)
 Judy Taylor, Mary Ross



1st – Byron Keadle, Dick Dale,
 David Schwartz, Ed White



2nd - Gonzallo Delfierro, Bob Fitzgerald,
 Tom Brown, Larry Bathgate



3rd – Pete Sorge, Harry Conover
 Ralph Starkey, Dave Woodward (no pic)



4th – Burr Short, Bill Rapson,
 Steve Neal, Robin Woollatt



Angel Oak



Ocean Winds #15

Thursday, November 3rd – Ocean Winds Course
 Mixed Scramble, 2 Drives per person, Step Aside Drive Only



1st – Byron Keadle, Mary Rapson,
 Burr Short, Sandy Ross



2nd – Ed White, Janet Bowersox,
 Ralph Starkey, Bill Rapson



3rd - Harry Conover, Steve Neal,
 Kathy Fitzgerald, Dick Dale



4th – Tom Brown, Howard Taylor, Anne Woollatt, David Schwartz



5th – Pete Sorge, Barbara Shearer, Carolyn Neal, Paul Bowersox



6th – Bob Fitzgerald, Mary Ross, John Babyak



Non-Golfing Ladies –
Raye Bathgate, Marie Babyak, Kay Starkey, Patty Dale, Chris Conover, Susan Sorge
Norma Taylor, Sharon Schwartz, Peggy Brown, Judy White



Seabrook Executive Chef
Randy MacDonald

SPEED OF PLAY

Speed of play is recognized as one of the major problems within MISGA. The MISGAGRAMs are full of suggestions on attacking this problem. A second major problem is not playing by the rules of golf. We don't want to violate the rules in the hope that it will speed play; e.g., "gimmes."

The following suggestions will definitely contribute to faster play:

- Play "Ready Golf"
- Keep up with the group in front, not merely ahead of the group behind!
- Multi-tees – golfer's choice. USGA Handicap System must be followed in determining course handicap. We already do this for women, don't we?
- Drop player at first ball; then continue to next ball. After hitting, return to meet first player.
- Hold clubs until next cart stop; then put them away.
- Hit before searching for lost ball.
- Watch all balls to expedite the search.
- If a ball may be lost outside a hazard or out-of-bounds, hit a provisional. Of course, if the original ball is found, you must abandon the provisional. (It may be better not to find the original.) If the original is going to be unplayable, don't even search for it.
- Continuous Putting – the green has already been trampled. Don't waste time by marking and plumb-bobbing, again.
- Park the cart at the exit of the green before putting.
- Go to the next tee before marking score or replacing clubs.
- Learn Taking Relief procedures & penalties.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) has nothing to do with speed of play. ESC controls the maximum score for a hole that may be posted (after the round is over). It is never to be used as a countable score for a hole. Some people are perhaps confusing ESC with Most Likely Score (MLS), the score that you are most likely to make if you play it out. However, if you pick up, then you are no longer in the individual competition for those nine holes or for the eighteen. If playing as a member of a four-man team, then picking up becomes more palatable, and will speed play. But neither an MLS nor an ESC number can be counted in determining a prize-winning score, whether individual or team competition.
