



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



My time as your President is almost over and I must say it has been a good year. We have been successful holding steady on Member Clubs and our MISGA Membership.

First, I want to thank all MISGA Members, Club Reps, Divisional Officers and MISGA State Board Members for their hard work and effort this past year. We can only be successful when we all work together. We have a very strong leadership that works tirelessly to insure that MISGA stays a great organization.

Charlie Fieldhouse has updated the Reps' Handbook, taking many hours of hard work. It is a Must have and Read for all Club Reps and Divisional Officers. The Club Reps should use the web site. Go to www.misga.org, then click on the link you need.

Is it time for you to become involved? Volunteer today to be part of the MISGA Leadership.

There is concern with the current policy to permit women as members of MISGA. We are unable to control this as our by-laws do not say otherwise.

I wish each of you an upcoming joyous Holiday Season. Remember our men and women serving our Country and pray for their safe return home to their families and loved ones. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the Golf Course. Hit them long, straight, and not too often.

Ralph E. Starkey, President

WINTER FLING - 2013

The Winter Fling for 2013 will again be at The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa in Crystal River, Florida from Sunday, February 24 to Saturday, March 2. Download your Flyer & Entry Form at <http://www.misga.org/events.htm#winter>. The sooner you submit your application, the better! This year's event will be run by Connie and Jim Phipps, who have taken over from Nancy and Bob McIntyre. The golfing activity will again be run by Laura and Bill Thomson. You don't want to miss February in Florida!

NECROLOGY

Recent Deaths not previously reported in the MISGAGRAM

ALFRED FOX

Glade Valley member **Alfred Fox** passed away on Monday, August 6, 2012.
-- Earl Miller, Glade Valley Rep



Al could spin yarns and the CIA will never be the same! He was a staunch supporter of MISGA. He will be missed!

--Tom Tarpley, DD2

Holes-in-One

On July 25, a beautiful day for golf, **Pat Conroy** from Rattlewood aced Hole #5 at Holly Hills using an 8-Iron approximately 138 yards from the Gold Tees. He neglected to purchase drinks for the 72 who played in the MISGA Mixer. Visiting clubs were Challedon, Rattlewood, and Walden.
-- Tom Tarpley, Holly Hills Rep

MISGA Event Trips

We encourage you to participate in the MISGA Frolics and Flings. These are the only MISGA events where spouses have the opportunity to join in golfing and social activities. As these events are usually held as resort areas, there are numerous activities for non-golfing spouses, as well. These trips make great vacations, if you love golf. And, there is at least one such Frolic or Fling in each of the four seasons.

Check the MISGA web site frequently for the latest news about these events: <http://www.misga.org/events.htm>

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Byron W. Keadle
MISGAGRAM Editor

Green Jacket Award

The Green Jacket is an award that is given, from time to time, to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to MISGA. The Green Jacket Award was presented to Tom Taylor during the Summer Frolic at Carroll Valley.



Tom is a local Westminster lad who was born in Pennsylvania. (His father heard there was a better rate at the hospital in Hanover.)

Tom attended the University of Maryland, McCoy College and LaSalle, where he got his accounting degree. He served in the U. S. Army, not as a trained killer, but as a musician who played around all over Europe. Norma, to whom he was previously engaged, followed him to France and married him twice, once by the French and once by an army chaplain. He has two children and is a grandfather who babysits when he is not golfing. He was a judge of the Orphans Court. He was an Assistant State Comptroller working with the Maryland Sales and Use Tax Division.

He is an Elk (Life Member), Mason (Past Master), and member of the American Legion and the Bee Hive Club.

None of this has any thing to do with the award he received. The following does.

- Tom Joined MISGA in the late 1990's as a member of Glade Valley Golf Club. He joined Quail Valley Golf Club in Littlestown, Pa., in 2001.
- Assistant MISGA Rep 2003
- MISGA Rep 2004 - 2005
- Member of the MISGA handicap Committee 2003 -2004
- Chairman of the Quail Valley handicap committee for 2003-2004 and again in 2009 and 2012.
- Assistant Director of Div. II in 2005-2007
- Chairman of the Summer Frolic 2005 - Present
- Chairman on the Membership committee 2007 – 2009, 2012
- Director of Div. II in 2008, 2010-2011
- Vice President of MISGA 2010
- President of MISGA 2011

For his dedicated service and organizational skills given to MISGA, with the support of his wife Norma, Tom is honored with the presentation of The Green Jacket.

Congratulations, Tom!

Division II Stroke Play Tournament

Rattlewood Golf Club

June 25, 2012

The Division Two Stroke Play Tournament was held at Rattlewood Golf Club with 48 players. Winners of this tournament have been invited to participate in the MISGA Past Presidents Tournament at Talbot Country Club. Rattlewood was in excellent condition. **Doug Walters** and his MISGA Associates are to be congratulated for hosting an excellent tournament.

The winners were:

Tim Bell of Holly Hills is the **Division Gross Champion** with a **67**, beating out **Tom Lonergan** in a tiebreaker.

Tom Brewster of Rattlewood Golf Club is the **Division Net Champion** with a **58**.

Flight winners were:

A Flight Gross:

1 st	Tim Bell	67	Holly Hills
	Tom Lonergan	67	Musket Ridge
2 nd	Ed Palguta	73	Musket Ridge

A Flight Net:

1 st	Tom Lonergan	63	Musket Ridge
2 nd	Tom Rouillard	64	Musket Ridge

B Flight Gross:

1 st	Rob Dewberry	75	Musket Ridge
2 nd	Mike Wisk	78	Quail Valley

B Flight Net:

1 st	Bob Macarthur	62	Rattlewood
2 nd	Dave Fitzwilliams	79	Rattlewood

C Flight Gross:

1 st	Tom Brewster	78	Rattlewood
2 nd	Tim Brewer	83	Rattlewood

C Flight Net:

1 st	Dick Johnson	63	Rattlewood
2 nd	Claude Stull	64	Westminster National

D Flight Gross:

1 st	Ozzie Nelson	84	Musket Ridge
2 nd	Dave Ratajski	85	Rattlewood

D Flight Net:

1 st	Earl Miller	60	Glade Valley
2 nd	John Schaffer	63	Rattlewood

Division II 2-Man Team Tournament

Beaver Creek C. C.

July 9, 2012

The Division II Two-Man Tournament was held at Beaver Creek CC. Ninety two played in the competition. **Terry Gossard** and **Bruce Taylor**, with a cast of MISGA members, were great hosts for this event. The course was in excellent condition and we enjoyed some outstanding ribs for lunch. Winners and losers both enjoyed a day with cool temps compared to what we have recently experienced. Our winners were:

1st Gross	Pat Lonergan	Tom Lonergan	68
2nd Gross	Dick Gruber	Bob Fennel	71
3rd Gross	Kevin Cannaday	Ed Palguta	73
4th Gross	Tom Rouillard	Randy Ward	73
5th Gross	Tim Bell	Bob Fitzsimmons	73

1st Net	Nick Delia	George Moriatis	59
2nd Net	Bob MacArthur	Dennis Kelley	59
3rd Net	Dick McCleary	Jim Benedict	60
4th Net	Dave Carney	Pat Normyle	60
5th Net	Dave Scoper	Dick Martin	60

2012 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship tournament was held at picturesque Talbot Country Club in Easton, MD on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. 100 esteemed senior finalists representing 36 of MISGA's 65 clubs motored from all directions of the four state area to compete for the title of MISGA's **Gross** and **Net** Grand Champion. The weather was quite pleasant - sunny and not too hot. Rain threatened, but not strongly. The men played from the forward (*red/white*) tees. Their par 72 course measured 5,752 yards with a course rating of 67.3 and a slope of 117. The ladies played from the front (*red*) tees. Their par 72 course measured 5,194 yards with a course rating of 70.7 and a slope of 121. Playing time ranged from first in at 4 ½ hours to last in at 5 ¼ hours.

When all the scores had been posted, two veteran linksters had tied for the **Net** crown with a sizzling 60. Thereupon, **Chris Fanning** (*Div. VI - Fairway Hills*) and **Thomas Craig** (*Div. I - Jonathans Landing*) tee'd 'em up at hole #18 (*par 3 - 159 yards*) for a sudden-death playoff. On the second playoff hole (*hole #18 again*), Fanning made his putt and captured the **Net** champion title. On the **Gross** side of the tournament, we saw a reversal from last year. This year, **Jeff Allen** (*Div. I - Wild Quail*) shot a blistering 68 to snatch the **Gross** champion title from **Doug Wilson** (*Div. IV - Hobbits Glen*) who shot a very hot 71. Allen (*low gross - 68*) and Fanning and Craig (*low net - 60*) set new record low scores for the ABCD Tournament.



GROSS CHAMPION – L-R: Fritz Riedlin (*ABCD Tournament Coordinator*), **Jeff Allen** (*Grand Champion – Gross*), **Marc Kimminau** (*Talbot CC Head Pro*), **Lloyd Stimson** (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*)



NET CHAMPION – L-R: Fritz Riedlin (*ABCD Tournament Coordinator*), **Chris Fanning** (*Grand Champion – Net*), **Marc Kimminau** (*Talbot CC Head Pro*), **Lloyd Stimson** (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*)

Many thanks and kudos go to the entire staff at Talbot CC. Praise and thanks to **GM Chris Wyles** for granting MISGA permission to stage its annual tournament at Talbot. Success always begins at the top. Gratitude and many thanks go to Talbot's energetic and personable Head Pro **Marc Kimminau**, Assistant Pro **Kevin Bales** and the entire pro shop staff. Their outstanding performance ensured the success of all the golf related activities. Special kudos and thanks go to Course Superintendent **Guy Ostrander** and his staff. Despite the hot, humid and drought laden summer in the Easton area, they had the course in immaculate shape. The greens deserve special recognition. Many compliments and thanks go to Food & Beverage Director **Anthony Cutrona**, Executive Chef **Mike Quatrucci** and the entire dining and bar staffs. They prepared a superlative pre-golf sandwich buffet and a relaxing and pleasurable post-golf cocktail hour with appropriate

libations and delectable hors d'oeuvres. For the awards banquet, the esteemed finalists were treated to a connoisseur's double entrée (*filet & crab cake*) with equally tasty sides, dessert and suitable beverages. All were an epicurean's delight.



PAST PRESIDENTS – 1st row L-R: **George Shenk** (1998), **C.J. Myers** (1997), **Sam Hall** (2002), **Tom Tarpley** (2006); 2nd row L-R: **Howard Taylor** (2010), **Tom Taylor** (2011), **Bob Turner** (2008), **Ralph Starkey** (2007 & 2012).

The success of this year's tournament could not have been accomplished without the focus, effort and management skills of Talbot's MISGA Club Rep and ABCD Tournament Coordinator **Fritz Riedlin**. His performance was no less than excellent. Also, for all of his assistance and efforts, recognition and thanks go to Division III Tournament Chairman **Mal Peterson**.

Lloyd Stinson

MISGA Tournament Chairman

2012 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENT'S (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP

TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB

TUESDAY - AUGUST 14, 2012

GRAND CHAMPIONS (Trophies)

	Champion	Score	Div	Club
Gross	Jeff Allen	68	I	Wild Quail
Net	Chris Fanning	60*	VI	Fairway Hills

* Won in a sudden-death playoff with Thomas Craig (Div. I - Jonathans Landing)

FLIGHT WINNERS (Gift Certificates)

(All ties broken by a match-of-cards)

"A" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$80	Doug Wilson	71	IV	Hobbits Glen
2G	\$60	Ron Degrouchy	76	VI	Cross Creek
3G	\$40	Frank Denevan	76	VI	Univ. of Maryland
4G	\$30	R. J. Dominic	76	I	Bear Trap Dunes
1N	\$80	Michael Gorski	65	I	Eagle Creek
2N	\$60	Michael Miller	66	VI	National at Tantallon
3N	\$40	Ed Palguta	67	II	Musket Ridge
4N	\$30	Bill Price	68	II	Holly Hills

"B" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$80	Ches Wise	76	I	Wild Quail
2G	\$60	Russ Stoneman	79	VI	Cross Creek
3G	\$40	Tom Rouillard	81	II	Musket Ridge
4G	\$30	Tom DiStefano	83	I	Rookery North
1N	\$80	Mario Beltran	64	I	Eagle Creek
2N	\$60	Mal Peterson	66	III	Prospect Bay
3N	\$40	Mike Urquhart	70	IV	Kenwood
4N	\$30	Ed Koubek	70	VI	Naval Academy

"C" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$80	Owen Wise	82	III	Caroline
2G	\$60	Bob Fitzsimmons	84	II	Holly Hills
3G	\$40	Jim Burrows	84	IV	Hobbits Glen
4G	\$30	Ben Swift	84	V	Nutters Crossing
1N	\$80	Errol Myers	63	IV	Norbeck
2N	\$60	Amor Tahari	65	IV	Bretton Woods
3N	\$40	Robert Olson	66	III	Chester River
4N	\$30	Tim Brewer	68	II	Rattlewood

"D" FLIGHT

Finish	Amount	Winner	Score	Div	Club
1G	\$80	Ron Sabourin	83	III	Eastern Shore
2G	\$60	Larry Abel	84	VI	Bay Hills
3G	\$40	Jerry Hroblak	84	IV	Norbeck
4G	\$30	Ozzie Nelson	86	II	Musket Ridge
1N	\$80	Thomas Craig	60	I	Jonathans Landing
2N	\$60	Chong Kim	62	VI	Cross Creek
3N	\$40	Joyce North	63	VI	Bay Hills
4N	\$30	Ray Valteris	65	V	Deer Run

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN

Hole	Yardage	Winner (box of balls)	Distance	Div	Club
4	160 yds	Mike Gorski	7' 10"	I	Eagle Creek
8	147 yds	Ron Degrouchy	11"	VI	Cross Creek
16	124 yds	Mal Peterson	1' 1"	III	Prospect Bay
18	159 yds	Earl Gentry	3' 6"	VI	Cross Creek

WINNERS BY DIVISION

Div	Finalists *	Winners
I	16	7
II	20	6
III	9	4
IV	25	6
V	7	2
VI	23	9
TOTAL	100	34

* Includes 6 *Past Presidents* (0 winners) and the *2011 Gross & Net Champions* (2 winners). They did not have to qualify, but paid the entry fee.

Division IV ProAm

MISGA ProAm – The Leisure World Golf Club was happy and proud to host this event on August 20 this year. Sixty-five golfers came to play, and play they did. Chris Convey, Golf Professional at Bretton Woods, scored an amazing 61 to take top honors in the Pro competition. MISGA Div IV Clubs sent 13 teams and their Pros. The top scoring Pros in addition to Convey were: Chuck Scully, Hobbits Glen; Scott Shapin, Kenwood; Ryan Gustin, Bretton Woods; and Alex Lively, Leisure World. In addition to playing in their own competition, the Pros also helped the four man amateur teams from each of their clubs by the use of two of their drives per nine holes, and by being the fifth putter on the green.

There were five amateur teams that took prize certificates; Kenwood, Norbeck, Montgomery, and two teams from Bretton Woods.

Bretton Woods is to be commended for sending four teams.

The weather cooperated; the anticipated rain never came and with the cloudy skies, the temperature was a comfortable 84 degrees. In addition to the two Leisure World teams, and the steering committee, there were over 15 Leisure World MISGA associates who volunteered their time and support to make this a great event.

Mike Urquhart, Division IV Director sent the following message to Sperry Storm, Leisure World MISGA Rep:

“On behalf of Division IV, I would like to congratulate you, and the Leisure World Golf Club, for hosting an excellent pro am. I know how much work you put into this event, and the Division appreciates your effort.”

It was a great day for golf at Leisure World!



Pro Winners: Scott Shapin (67), Chuck Scully (67), Chris Convey (61), Ryan Gustin (69), Alex Lively (69)

1st-Kenwood: Art Zeizel, Scott Shapin (Pro), Jim Kasab, Earl Gayler, Cris Smith



2nd-Norbeck: Bob Barry, Larry Blanken, Pete Labourdette (Pro), Frank Lacy, Clyde Rowe

3rd-Montgomery: Carl Cutright, Jack Cuddy, John Malinowsky (Pro), Alan Friend, Carl Merry



4th-Bretton Woods: Hank Folgate, Michael Martin, Chris Convey (Pro), Dana Christensen, Doug Lister



5th-Bretton Woods: Roger Eastman, Randall Vick, Ryan Gustin (Pro), Robert Moll, Tam Nguyen

Other Participants



Hobbit's Glen: Jim Burrows, Jim Wilcox, Bill Duncan, Chuck Scully (Pro), Dennis Lape, Bill Rapson

Leisure World Pro-Am Committee



Event Committee: Ed Healey, Christa Storm, Sperry Storm, Ann Graham, Joe Crocetta

2012 - MISGA 2-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's championship tournament was contested on Thursday, September 6, 2012, at picturesque Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD. Fifty very talented greybeard 2-man teams from 28 of MISGA's 65 clubs hit the highways to battle it out for the honor of being crowned MISGA's **Gross** and **Net 2-Man Team Grand Champions**. The sky was mostly overcast but with a comfortable temperature. Rain did hit the course late for about 3-4 holes. The gents played from the forward (*gold*) tees. Their par 72 course measured 5,790 yards with a course rating of 68.1 and a slope of 124. The ladies played from the front (*red*) tees. Their par 72 course measured 5,452 yards with a course rating of 71.7 and a slope of 124. Playing time ranged from "first in" at 4h 50m to a "last in" at 5h 30m.

At the conclusion of play, three golden-ager teams had tied for the **Net** tiara with a blistering 55. This required a sudden-death playoff beginning at hole #18 (*par 4 - 336 yards*). Combatants **Ed Clarke & Aaron Kennard** (*National {Tantallon} - Div VI*), **Patrick Normyle & Dave Carney** (*Rattlewood - Div II*) and **Mo Dutterer & Dennis Daniels** (*Hobbits Glen - Div IV*) eyed each other and got it on. On the first playoff hole, **Normyle** made a net eagle putt to capture the **Net** champion title for his team. On the **Gross** side of the tournament, **Randy Ward & Thomas Rouillard** (*Musket Ridge - Div II*) shot a searing 66 to capture the **Gross** champion title by 2 strokes.



Net Playoff (L-R): Patrick Normyle & Dave Carney; Ed Clark & Aaron Kennard; Dennis Daniels & Mo Dutterer



NET CHAMPIONS (L-R): Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), Gary Manion (*2-Man Team Tournament Coordinator*), Patrick Normyle & Dave Carney (*2-Man team Net Grand Champions*), Clark Sisson (*Norbeck CC Head Pro*),



GROSS CHAMPION (L-R): Gary Manion (*2-Man Team Tournament Coordinator*), Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), Thomas Rouillard & Randy Ward (*2-Man Team Gross Grand Champions*), Clark Sisson (*Norbeck CC Head Pro*)

Many thanks and much praise go to the entire staff of Norbeck Country Club. Their hard work and efforts provided MISGA with a splendid tournament. Vast applause and a multitude of thanks go to **GM Neil Griggs** for granting MISGA permission to stage its annual tournament at Norbeck. Quality performance always starts at the top. Gratitude and many thanks go to Norbeck's enthusiastic and affable Head Pro **Clark Sisson**, his very capable assistants **Peter Labourdette** and **Blake Doty** and the entire pro shop staff. They ensured the success of all golf related activities. Special thanks and

accolades go to Course Superintendent **Jay Nalls**, his gifted assistant **Ryan Palsgrove** and the course management staff. They had the course in pristine playing condition. And the immaculate greens deserve special recognition. Many compliments and thanks go to Director of Catering **Charlotte Kates** and Executive Chef **Richard Norton** and their entire dining and bar staffs. They provided an excellent pre-golf hamburger & hotdog cookout with all the trimmings. Next was a very relaxing and enjoyable post-golf cocktail with suitable libations and tasty hors d'oeuvres. At the awards banquet, the distinguished finalists were feted to an aficionado's double entree (*filet & shrimp*) with equally tasty sides and proper beverages. All were a gastronome's delight.

The success of this year's tournament could not have been accomplished without the attentiveness, efforts and management skills of MISGA Club Rep and Tournament Coordinator **Gary Manion**. His performance at the helm was no less than outstanding.

Also, many thanks and accolades go to Norbeck's **MISGA associates** who graciously volunteered their time and assistance with the many tournament related activities.

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman

WINNERS BY DIVISION

Div	Teams	Winners
I	6	1
II	11	5
III	4	1
IV	11	3
V	6	1
VI	12	4
TOTAL	50	15

2012 - MISGA 2-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

NORBECK COUNTRY CLUB --- THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

GRAND CHAMPIONS (Trophies)

Finish	Champions	Score	Div	Club
Gross	Randy Ward & Thomas Rouillard	66	II	Musket Ridge
Net	Dave Carney & Patrick Normyle	57*	II	Rattlewood

* Won in a sudden-death playoff with Mo Dutterer & Dennis Daniels (Hobbits Glen - Div IV) & Ed Clarke & Aaron Kennard (National at Tantallon - Div VI)

WINNERS (Gift Certificates)

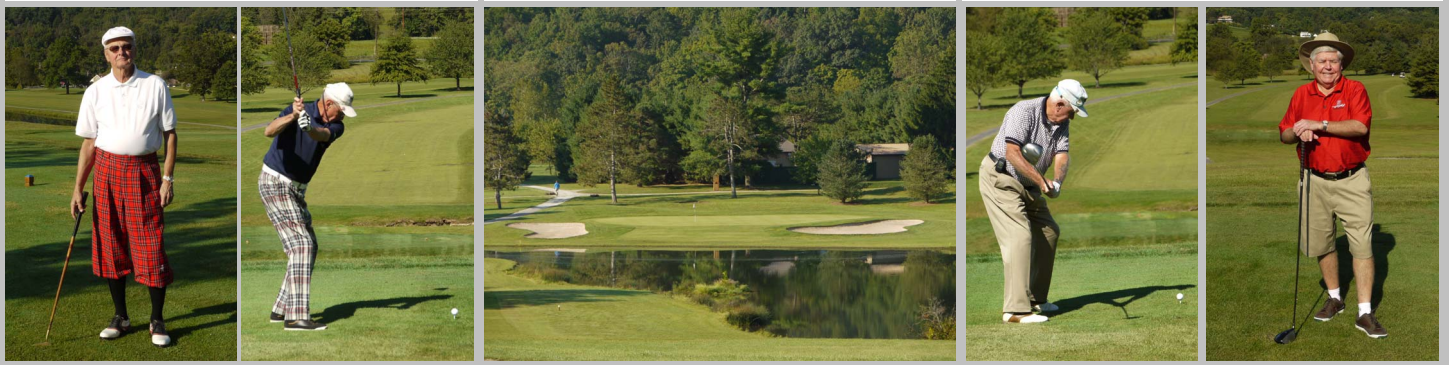
(All ties broken by a match-of-cards)

Finish	Amount	Gross Winners	Score	Div	Club
2G	\$50 ea	Mo Dutterer & Dennis Daniels	68	IV	Hobbits Glen
3G	\$48 ea	Jeff Allen & Dave Cox	69	I	Wild Quail
4G	\$45 ea	Tom Lonergan & Patricia Lonergan	71	II	Musket Ridge
5G	\$40 ea	Dwayne Kronser & Bob Rehman	73	VI	U. of MD
Finish	Amount	Net Winners	Score	Div	Club
2N	\$50 ea	Ed Clarke & Aaron Kenard	57	VI	National
3N	\$48 ea	Bob Fennel & Dick Gruber	60	II	Fountain Head
4N	\$45 ea	Ray Grimes & Bernie Repeta	60	IV	Norbeck
5N	\$40 ea	Nick Sterling & Tony Francis	61	V	Great Hope
6N	\$35 ea	Frank Marron & Bob Mills	62	VI	Bowie
7N	\$30 ea	Frank Haight & Dwight Johnson	62	IV	Hobbits Glen
8N	\$25 ea	Ed Palguta & Kevin Cannady	63	II	Musket Ridge
9N	\$23 ea	Paul Parson & Sam Wood	63	III	Harbourtowne
10N	\$20 ea	Jack Sullivan & Frank Nicolai	63	VI	National

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN

Hole	Yardage	Winner (box of balls)	Distance	Div	Club
#3	142 yds.	Ron Degrouchy	4' 8"	VI	Cross Creek
#6	158 yds.	Ray Grimes	3' 9"	IV	Norbeck
#12	160 yds.	Hoyt Dunn	2' 2"	VI	National
#16	169 yds.	Dick Gruber	7' 9"	II	Fountain Head

MISGA Summer Frolic – September 12-13, 2012
Carroll Valley, PA



Plus 4s

Tarpley

Carroll Valley #10

Fieldhouse

Stimson

[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES – 300 to 400 %]

Wednesday, Sept. 12 – 6-6-6 (2 on 1-6, 3 on 7-12, 1 on 13-18)
Men's Flight & Ladies' Flight



1st – Jeff Gasiorowski, Owen Wise
Larry Lewis, Richard Violette



2nd – Steve Neal, George Keenan
Garey Wilmsen (blind), Milton Zepp



1st – Maureen Brady, Carol Boardman,
Mabel Muench, Carolyn Neal (blind)



3rd – Clarence Moody, Garey Wilmsen
Norbert Muench, Byron Keadle



4th – Pete Sorge, Nick Delia
Raymond Barrett, Gene Sines (no pic)



2nd – Mary Ann Zgorski, Rita Delia,
Aretta Keadle, Carol Boardman

Men's Gross

Men's Net

Ladies' Gross

Ladies' Net



Larry Lewis



Richard Violette



Mary Ann Zgorski



Mabel Muench

Ladies' Clears



Mabel Muench (2), Carol Boardman (1), Rita Delia (1), Ginny Grossnickle (2), Ann Turner (1), Mary Ann Zgorski (2)

Men's Gross Clears



Clarence Moody (1), Larry Lewis (3), John Wright (1)

Men's Net Clears



Gary Wilmsen (2), Robert Violette (2), Larry Lewis (1)

Green Jacket Award for Tom Taylor



C.J. Myers, Tom Tarpley, Norma Taylor, Tom Taylor, Pet Sorge, Ken Wallgren, Byron Keadle

Thursday September 13th – Modified Power Ball Scramble



1st – Tom Taylor, Carol Boardman,
Aretta Keadle, Ralph Starkey



2nd – Jeff Gasiorowski, Rita Delia,
Maureen Brady, Bob Rossiter



3rd – Richard Violette, Pete Sorge,
Norbert Muench, Steve Neal



4th – Dick Dale, Owen Wise, George Keenan

For many more pictures of the Summer Frolic event, see [Tarpley's web site](#).

Distinguished Guests



Mabel & Norbert Muench



Steve & Carolyn Neal



Bob & Ann Turner



Maureen & Jack Brady



Carol & Dick Boardman



Mary Ann & Tom Zgorski



Ginny & Byron Grossnickle



Nick & Rita Delia



Ralph & Kay Starkey



Ken Wallgren & Ruby Lepore



Norma & Tom Taylor



Bob Rossiter, Chris Fanning, Jeff Gasiorowski

Seven Easy Steps to Your Course Handicap

As the Handicap Chairperson for Ft Meade, I prepare the twice monthly handicap index reports for our club, and because of that I was taking a closer look at how the scores that we enter into the handicap system get translated to the handicaps we use at all the different courses we play. So, here is some good info on how course handicaps are determined, especially how the course differentials are determined and how that all translates to the course handicap.

Your Handicap Index is the USGA-defined "portable handicap" which you can take to any course. You use the Handicap Index to calculate your Course Handicap for any particular course. Your Handicap Index is the same from course to course. Your Course handicap, a number for the specific course you're playing, is determined using your Handicap Index. Most pro shops should have a chart to help you determine the course handicap, but if not you can always remember Step 7 below.

The steps for calculating a Course Handicap are:

1. Convert gross scores to Adjusted Gross Scores
2. Calculate Handicap Differential for each score
3. Select lowest Handicap Differentials
4. Average lowest Handicap Differentials
5. Multiply the average Handicap Differential by 96%
6. Arrive at Handicap Index by truncating - deleting - the number(s) to the right of tenths
7. Calculate Course Handicap

Step 1: Convert Original Gross Scores to Adjusted Gross Scores

This is what you should do before posting your score into any handicap system.

To arrive at an Adjusted Gross Score, you use the USGA's Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). ESC is used to downwardly adjust individual hole scores for handicapping purposes in order to create handicaps that better represent a golfer's playing ability. ESC imposes a maximum number of strokes that can be entered for any given hole. This maximum is based on the golfer's Course Handicap and is obtained from the table shown below.

Course Handicap	Maximum Score
9 or less	double bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 and above	10

An example of a downward adjustment may be helpful. Let's say that a player with a Course Handicap of 18 scores a nine on one of the holes. His nine would be downwardly adjusted to a seven because players with handicaps in the 10 to 19 range are allowed a maximum score of seven on any given hole. Once you make adjustments, if necessary, to all eighteen holes, the sum of these 18 holes is the Adjusted Gross Score.

Post your score as soon as possible after your round.

Now, you're done with your part, so sit back and let the automated handicap program do the rest. But please, read on so you have a better idea of how your course handicap comes about.

Step 2: Calculate Handicap Differentials for Each Score

The second step in computing a Handicap Index is to compute a Handicap Differential for each score that is to be considered in the Handicap Index calculation. The Handicap Differential is computed using the following formula:

$$\text{Handicap Differential} = (\text{Adjusted Gross Score} - \text{Course Rating}) \times 113 \div \text{Slope Rating}$$

(The Course Rating is what the USGA deems a scratch golfer would score on a course under normal playing conditions. A Slope Rating of 113 is for a course of standard difficulty according to the USGA.)

Round the Handicap Differential to the nearest tenth (i.e., 17.25=17.3, 11.34=11.3, etc.).

Most handicap programs will show the Handicap Differential for each score that you post. GolfNet does this and highlights in RED the scores that are used in the following steps.

Step 3: Select Best, or Lowest, Handicap Differentials

The third step in calculating your Handicap Index is to select the lowest Handicap Differentials. The following table is used when selecting the best, or lowest, Handicap Differentials. If more than 20 scores have been entered, the 10 best differentials of the 20 most recent scores are used for the calculation.

Number of Handicap Differentials Available	Differentials Used
5 or 6	Lowest 1
7 or 8	Lowest 2
9 or 10	Lowest 3
11 or 12	Lowest 4
13 or 14	Lowest 5

15 or 16	Lowest 6
17	Lowest 7
18	Lowest 8
19	Lowest 9
20	Lowest 10

The USGA does not calculate a handicap until five scores have been recorded.

Step 4: Calculate the Average of the Lowest Handicap Differentials

If there are 10 Handicap Differentials (scores) available, calculate the average for the lowest, or best, 3 Handicap Differentials. If there are 15 Handicap Differentials (scores) available, calculate the average for the lowest, or best, 6 Handicap Differentials. Once a player has at least 20 scores, always use the 10 best, or lowest, Handicap Differentials from the most recent 20 scores.

Step 5: Multiply Average of Handicap Differentials by 0.96 or 96%

The fifth step in calculating the Handicap Index is to compute the net Handicap Differential average. For the USGA the percentage by which the Handicap Differential averages are multiplied is 96%.

Step 6: Truncate, or Delete, Numbers to the Right of Tenths

Step six in computing the Handicap Index, is to delete the digits after the tenths for the number derived in Step 5. Do NOT round off to the nearest tenths place. As established by the USGA, the default maximum Handicap Index on an 18-hole course is 36.4 for males and 40.4 for females. On a nine-hole course the default maximum Handicap Index is 18.2 for males and 20.2 for females. The maximum ceiling can be increased.

Example of a Handicap Index Calculation

The following is an example of how the Handicap Index is calculated using the USGA System. This example assumes only 14 scores have been posted for this golfer.

Sum of the lowest five Handicap Differentials: 68.7
Average of lowest Handicap Differentials (68.7 divided by 5): 13.74
Handicap Differential Average multiplied by 96%: 13.1904
Truncate (delete) digits after tenths place: 13.1
Handicap Index: 13.1

Step 7: Calculate Course Handicap

The final step is to calculate a Course Handicap. A Course Handicap is the number of strokes a player receives on each particular course. Determine a course handicap by multiplying the Handicap Index by the Slope Rating (from the course and tee you choose) and dividing by 113 (standard difficulty rating). Round the result to the nearest whole number.
Course Handicap = Index x (Slope Rating of Tee on Course / 113)

Example of a Course Handicap Calculation

The following assumes an index of 12.5 and a Home course slope of 120.

Course Handicap = 12.5 x 120 / 113
= 1500 / 113
= 13.27
= 13

For 9-hole handicaps, you can follow this formula replacing the 18-hole Course Rating with a 9-hole Course Rating. The Slope is the same for 18 and 9-hole calculations.

So that is how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together for calculating a Handicap Index and Course Handicap. Hopefully, you've picked up or refreshed your memory on some golf handicap terminology. It's not rocket science, nor is it magical. It's but simple math. And, if you are interested in more information, you can always read through the current USGA Handicap Manual on their website (USGA.org).

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