



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



KEEP IT FUN

MISGA is not organized like most other interclub golf associations. We organize mixers, rather than club against club competitions. The goal of our mixers is to offer our members the ability to play other clubs, socialize with members from other clubs, and have fun doing it. That is the first point I want to make as we begin a new golf season - KEEP IT FUN!

We generally organize our players into A-B-C-D foursomes, and play formats so that everyone can contribute. Clubs have experimented with various different formats to keep everyone involved, and we should share the most popular formats with our member clubs. One format Kenwood is going to test this year is one we discovered playing in some pro-ams. Rather than counting the two best net scores from the foursome, you take the low gross score and the low net score on each hole. We are hoping this format will encourage more of our low handicappers to participate. We will let you know how it works.

ELIMINATE SLOW PLAY

At the recent board meeting, one of the board members shared with us some material from a new organization called 240 Golf. This organization promotes what they call "pace of play etiquette rules" to enable golfers to play a round of golf in 240 minutes, i.e. 4 hours. The key to their rules are playing ready golf. You can find these rules by going to their web site: play240golf.com. One interesting part of their analysis concerned the time it should take to play most shots. When it is your turn to play, you should take no more than 30 seconds to take your shot. Thirty seconds is actually a lot of time, if you are ready when it is your turn to play. Being ready means that you know the distance, have selected your club, and are near your ball. If you are ready, you will never feel rushed. Since slow play is continually one of the top complaints about our mixers, if we are to KEEP IT FUN, we need to emphasize the need to play smarter. Playing in four hours is not difficult if all members of your group play ready golf.

Finally, please improve communications to your members. Inform them about the MISGA events open to all members and their spouses. The "Spring Fling" and "Fall Frolic" are two events that members enjoy, but too few members even know about them. Use your email list, and inform members at your meetings.

Hope to see you on the golf course this season!

Regards,

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NECROLOGY

Recent Deaths not previously reported in the MISGAGRAM

George Feeley

We are sorry to announce the passing of **George Feeley** of **Bay Hills** on December 11th of 2012. Mr. Feeley retired in 1989 after 39 years of service as a pump operator with the Baltimore City Fire Department Engine Company 35 on Maude Ave. in Brooklyn, Md. Bay Hills MISGA members plan to add his name to a plaque at the club for long time members of Bay Hills who have died.

--Wayne Adamson, Bay Hills Rep.

Matt Foley and Mike Miller

National Golf Club (Tantallon) regrets to report the death of two members: **Matt Foley**, who will be buried at Arlington Cemetery, won medals as a navigator on B24 Liberators in WWII, and was a very popular figure at Tantallon for many years.

Mike Miller was a very active participant in MISGA golf tournaments, a frequent player at mixers, and very involved in club activities.

All our MISGA associates at National Golf Club will miss these true gentlemen of the game.

--Greg Morris, MISGA Rep, National Golf Club

David Lomax

We regret to inform his friends that **David Lomax**, a long-time member of **Bretton Woods**, passed away on February 27. His humor and quiet wit will be missed by all who knew him.

--Robin Woollatt, MISGA Rep, Bretton Woods

2013 Upcoming Frolics & Flings

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|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Spring Fling | May 14-16, 2013 | Williamsburg, VA |
| Summer Frolic | Sept. 11-12, 2013 | Heritage Hills, York, PA |
| Fall Frolic | Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2013 | Seabrook Island, SC |

Click [here](#) for flyers and registration forms.

2013 MISGA Championship Tournaments

| Championship | Location | Date | Rain Date |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Past Presidents (ABCD) | Norbeck <i>(Div IV)</i> Rockville, MD | Monday August 19, 2013 | Thursday September 5, 2013 |
| 2-Man Team | Prospect Bay <i>(Div III)</i> Grasonville, MD | Monday August 26, 2013 | Monday September 3, 2013 |

MISGA 2013 FALL FROLIC

This year we will be returning to Seabrook Island from Sunday 10/27/2013 through Friday 11/1/2013. It is located approximately 28 miles South of Charleston, SC. Seabrook Island and Kiawah Island resorts & golf courses are both located on the ocean and are adjacent to each other. Seabrook is one of our number one golf/resort venues. The two Seabrook golf courses provide excellent ocean and landscape views and are well maintained. The villas are located on either the Ocean side or golf course side. The food preparation, variety and presentation have always been outstanding. The area offers many opportunities for the non-golfers and we will be providing them with a tour. Seabrook has not increased the cost this year over the last time we were there in 2011!



We will have only one FALL outing this year. The reason for this is based on some outside MISGA competing events during our normal event scheduling. These outside MISGA events have solicited some of our MISGA members, which has resulted in less participation at the two fall events we normally hold. I hope you will join us at Seabrook this year and the sign up forms should be available in May. Space will be limited to the number of units that are allocated. Therefore, please respond as soon as possible to assure your place. If anyone has any questions, please contact me.

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 2013 outing.

Peter Sorge, Jr. MISGA Events Chairman



Ocean Winds Hole #15 Par 3

MISGA Winter Fling – February 24 – March 2, 2013
 Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, Florida



Laura Thomson Bill Thomson Connie Phipps Jim Phipps

For the tenth year, the Winter Fling was held at the Plantation Inn & Golf Resort in Crystal River, Florida. We had 61 18-hole golfers (39 men and 22 women), 2 9-hole golfers, and 14 non-golfers for a total attendance of 77. This year the rain came on Tuesday, so we played that event on Wednesday, the “free” day. The weather was cool, even for northerners. The newly minted leaders, Connie and Jim Phipps, coordinated activity for the week. Again this year, Laura and Bill Thomson of Ocean Pines (where else?) handled the golfing activity.



Twisted Oaks G. C.



Plantation Inn



Small Lizard, but larger than a Gecko!

[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES – 300 to 400 %, and even 500%]

Monday – Mixed Scramble, 3 Drives per Person, 3-some: each hits 2 balls on six holes.



1st – Frank Brown, Natalie Fenwick
 Carter Hughlett, Bernie McGovern



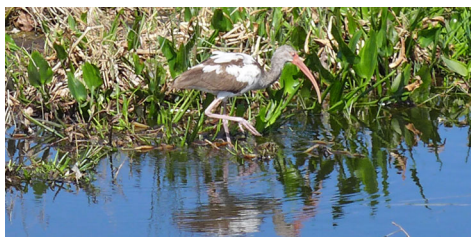
2nd – Kevin Hughes, John Gale
 Ann Turner, Jim Spataro



3rd – Dave Witt, Page Medlock, Jim Phipps



4th – Bob Kessler, Sally Stafford
 Bob Fitzgerald



Young Ibis



9th Fairway

Wednesday – 1 Net BB on Par 5, 2 on Par 4, 3 on Par 3
Men's Flight (3 places) & Ladies' Flight (2 places)



1st – Dennis Medlock, Ron Rider
Jack Myers, Jim Spataro



2nd – Jack Sullivan, Bill Stafford
Dave Witt, Patrick McAllorum



1st – Kathy Fitzgerald, Rose Olszewski
Bobbie Maxwell, Ruth Crovo



3rd – Mike Zaia, Tom Maxwell
Jim Phipps, Rich Boardman



9 Hole Low Net – Ellen Spataro



2nd – Ginger McGovern, Gail Lynch
Aretta Keadle, Janet Bowersox



Wed. Skins – Jack Sullivan, Tom Maxwell



Thur. Skins – Jack Sullivan, Mike Zaia
Hank Rusman, Richard Violette



Tuesday Rainout

Thursday – Men: Stableford - 1 for Net Par, 2 for Birdie, 4 for Eagle, 8 for Double-Eagle
Women: Choose any Drive, then play own ball to hole – 1 Best Ball



1st – Chuck Shelton, Ralph Starkey
Richard Violette, Scotty Wheatley



2nd – Bob Turner, John Gale,
Hank Rusman, Bill Thomson



1st – Page Medlock, Norma Kessler
Ginger McGovern, Rose Olszewski



3rd – Nelson Fenwick, Mike Zaia
Jim Beisler, Carter Hughlett



9 Hole Low Net – Patty Curtin



2nd – Sally Stafford, Dixie Hughlett,
Gail Lynch, Ellen Spataro

Ocean Pines Contingent



Friday – 3 Net on 1-6, 2 Net on 7-12, 1 Net on 13-18
 Separate Flights – Men & Women



Flight A – Frank Brown, Mike Zaia
 Bill Cordwell, Dick Dale



Flight B – Jack Sullivan, Jim Spataro
 Chuck Shelton, Bill Thomson



Flight A – Ruth Crovo, Norma Kessler
 Sally Stafford, Dorothy Gale



Flight C – Harry Conover, Jack Myers
 Rich Violette, Lou Curtin



CTP – Sally Stafford, Bill Cordwell



Flight B – Gail Lynch, Connie Phipps
 Ellen Spataro, Rose Olszewski (no pic)



Skins – Rich Violette, Steve Neal,
 Joe Lynch, Jim Beisler, Chuck Shelton



Sandhill Cranes



Low Net/Gross – Dixie Hughlett (N), Chuck
 Shelton (N), Ellen Spataro (G),
 Jim Phipps (G)

HOLE HANDICAP vs HOLE DIFFICULTY

When discussing hole "handicap" designations (*i.e.*, *#1 handicap hole*, *#15 handicap hole*, *etc.*), there has been much misunderstanding about differentiating between hole **handicap** and hole **difficulty**. The two are not the same. Many mistake a hole's **handicap** designation for the **difficulty** level of the hole. A hole that has been designated as the *#1 handicap hole* does not mean that it is the most difficult hole on the course. Likewise, a hole that has been designated as the *#18 handicap hole* does not mean that it is the easiest hole on the course.

According to Section 17 of the *USGA Handicap System* manual, **hole handicap is the allocation of strokes to a player so that middle and higher-handicap players will be able to halve a hole with lower-handicap players**. The hole that has the highest stroke count differential between the lower-handicap players and the middle to higher-handicap players will be designated the *#1 handicap hole*. The hole that has the lowest stroke count differential between the lower-handicap players and the middle and higher-handicap players will be designated the *#18 handicap hole*.

Hole difficulty is a measure of how tough it is for all players to make a par on a hole. The hole that has the highest average stroke count above par will be classified as the most difficult hole of the course. The hole that has the lowest average stroke count above par will be classified as the easiest hole of the course.

The *USGA* manual further states that a handicap stroke should be an equalizer and should be available on a hole where it most likely will be needed by the higher-handicapped player to halve the hole.

Difficulty in making a par on a hole is not an effective indicator of the need for a stroke. Also, Section 17-1 states that in allocating the order of handicap strokes to the 18 holes of a golf course, consideration should be given to the likelihood of the strokes being equalizers, rather than winning strokes.

BOTTOM LINE:

Hole Handicap: How tough it is for higher-handicap players to *halve* a hole with lower-handicap players.

Hole Difficulty: How tough it is for all players to *par* a hole.