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USGA has initiated a new campaign aimed at Pace of Play.

USGA Leads Movement to Improve Pace of Play “While We’re Young”

The theme of “While We’re Young” anchors a new United States Golf Association campaign to raise awareness of the challenges and solutions to the issues surrounding pace of play at golf facilities around the country.

Borrowing the iconic line from the character played by Rodney Dangerfield in the classic 1980 film *Caddyshack*®, the campaign takes a lighthearted, comedic approach to encourage golfers of all skill levels and golf course facilities to join a movement to improve pace of play and reduce the time it takes to play the game.

According to industry research, the time that it takes to play golf adversely impacts enjoyment and discourages participation in the game. In a recent study by the National Golf Foundation (NGF), “slow play – having to wait on the group in front more than a few times” was cited by 91 percent of those surveyed as something that bothers them most and detracts from their golf experience. USGA research shows that the golfer is just one component within a complex, integrated system that determines pace of play. Golf course design, course setup and player management also contribute to longer playing times.

“Pace of play has become a strategic priority for the USGA, and part of a larger leadership agenda to address the issues that threaten the long-term health of the game,” said USGA President Glen D. Nager. “Our new campaign underscores a commitment to educate golfers and golf facility managers in a fun and engaging manner about all the factors that contribute to pace of play and the role they can have in implementing practical solutions to the problem.”

TEE IT FORWARD and HAVE MORE FUN PLAYING GOLF

Do you wish your approach shot to the green was just a bit easier? Would you rather hit an iron into the green vs. a fairway wood or hybrid? If you want to play faster and have more fun, go ahead and move up a set of tees! When you *TEE IT FORWARD*, you hit more lofted irons into greens, putt for birdies and pars more often and play faster and score better!

Many amateurs are regularly hitting approach shots on a par-4 hole from 185 to 205 yards. The fact is, most bogey golfers only hit approach shots generally with any accuracy from within 170 yards. When you *TEE IT FORWARD*, you have the potential to hit approach shots from 145 to 165 yards.

If you currently play from the forward-most tee area, consider playing from the 200-yard marker or family course tees (if offered at your facility). The goal is for golfers to hit more lofted irons into greens and have more fun!

Join your friends and enjoy a new, positive experience on the golf course - move up a set of tees and *TEE IT FORWARD*!

Give *TEE IT FORWARD* a try during *TEE IT FORWARD* Weekend, June 22-23!

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NEWS FLASH

A management decision has been made to include the 2013 **Net & Gross Grand Champions** of the MCTs (*ABCD & 2-Man Team*) with 1st place Pro Shop Gift Certificates from the prize pool. This is in addition to the trophies they will be awarded.

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman

2013 Upcoming Frolics & Flings

Summer Frolic	Sept. 11-12, 2013	Heritage Hills, York, PA
Fall Frolic	Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 2013	Seabrook Island, SC

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

Local Hero

Kudos and accolades are in order for MISGA's Special Events Chairman, Pete Sorge. As a result of his superior skill and the elimination of his dastardly "shanks" problem, Pete won the **Net Champions Crown** at National Golf Club's (*Tantallon*) 2-day, 36 hole *Memorial Day Cup*. He finished four strokes in front of the 2nd place net finisher. Would you believe that Pete shot an 11 on the first hole (*a par 5*) of the tournament. However, Pete was able to overcome that rough beginning. His putter was blazing hot.



NECROLOGY

Recent Deaths not previously reported in the MISGAGRAM
Fred "Fritz" Lorentz

Fritz Lorentz, of **Glade Valley GC**, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2013. One of our members, Bill Jamison, expressed it best when he said, "I personally looked forward to seeing him at the MISGA events. There are many that play for advantage and to win, but not many are able to enjoy their fellow teammates the way Fritz did. I will miss his smile and fellowship. I will light a candle Sunday morning at my church and pray that he will save a tee time for me in the next life. May God bless him."

-- Earl F. Miller, Jr. Club Rep

MISGA Reps Annual Meeting
Prospect Bay CC
April 8, 2013



We all thank Host Prospect Bay for a great day and thank them for their hospitality. The weather they ordered was the best of the year so far. It seems we are losing more clubs than we are gaining. Recent drop-outs include Lakewood, Wakefield Valley, and Talbot. But all is not Gloom and Doom! We continue strong in our organization. As there were no major issues at the meeting, our President, Mike Urquhart, moved the proceedings rapidly. After all, lunch and a round of golf were waiting!



Enthusiastic attendees at Annual Reps Meeting



President Mike Urquhart flanked by Acting Secretary Tom Taylor and Vice President Jim Beisler

Awards for Service

Tokens of appreciation (tall drinking glasses with the MISGA logo) were awarded to the following individuals for their past, present, and continuing service to MISGA:

- 1-Dick Dale -- Served on the Board and has been active in our flings, frolics and golf excursions.
- 2-Dick Crone -- Our Handicap Chairman, for numerous hours spent on keeping us aware of the changing rules to play by.
- 3-Errol Myers -- Our outstanding Web Master.
- 4-Lloyd Stimson -- State Tournament Chairman and maker of pretty tables and instructions.
- 5-Howard Taylor -- Past President, Auditor, and active in promoting golf trips.
- 6-John Babyak -- Served on the Board, has been and is our current Secretary.

All have been Club Reps.

MISGA thanks you, and all who help maintain this as an active and viable golf organization.

Respectfully submitted for President Mike Urquhart to present at The Annual Reps Mtg.

Tom Tarpley, PP Ad Hoc, Chair.



Howard Taylor

Dick Crone

Not present when pictures taken: Dick Dale, Errol Myers, Lloyd Stimson, and John Babyak.



Dick Crone & Tom Taylor



Clarence Moody

Louisville Fan?



President's Table



Serving Staff



Picture taking instructions



Bob Fitzsimmons, Tom Tarpley, Tim Bell



1st Place: Rick Bisker, Tom Tarpley, Jim Paradise, Uday Nadkarny



For additional pictures of the annual meeting, see <http://drtomtarpley.com/2013AnnualRepsatProspectBay/index.htm>



"Finally! After three months of playing this silly game, I was beginning to think I'd never make a hole-in-one."

2-MAN TEAM "TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE" MEETS

On Thursday - May 30, 2013, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson motored to Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, MD to meet with the members of the "Tournament Committee" for the MISGA 2013 *2-Man Team Championship Tournament* and the PBCC management staff. The purpose of the "orientation meeting" was to discuss the administrative and operational activities of the tournament (*format, tee placements, handicap allowances & adjustments, schedule, food & beverages, entry fee, prizes, etc.*) and to review the associated documents for accuracy and adequacy (*e.g., website flyer, bulletin board poster, entry form, rules sheet, finance report, etc.*). Attendees at the meeting were L-R below: Frank Tighe (*PBCC MISGA Club Rep & Tournament Coordinator*), Brittanie Davidson (*PBCC Sales & Catering Director*), Bill Horney (*PBCC Head Golf Professional*), Mal Peterson (*Div III Tournament Chairman*), Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*) and Dick Parker (*MISGA PBCC Treasurer & Asst. Club Rep*). Not in the photo, but attended - Rich Setter (*PBCC General Manager*).

-- Lloyd Stimson



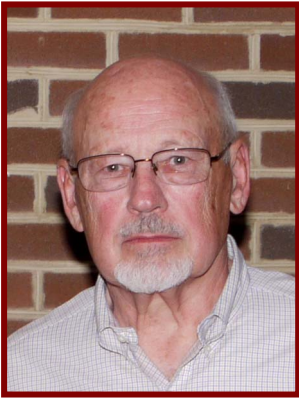
PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) “TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE” MEETS

On Wednesday - June 12, 2013, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson fought the dastardly Beltway traffic to Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD to meet with the members of the MISGA leadership team and NCC management staff for the MISGA 2013 *Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament*. The purpose of the “orientation meeting” was to discuss the administrative and operational activities of the tournament (*e.g., format, tee placements, handicap allowances & adjustments, schedule, food & beverages, entry fees, prizes, etc.*) and to review the associated documents for accuracy and adequacy (*e.g., website flyer, bulletin board poster, entry form, rules sheet, finance report, etc.*). Attendees at the meeting were L-R below: Gary Manion (*NCC MISGA Club Rep & Tournament Coordinator*), Charlotte Kates (*NCC Director of Catering*), Frank Lacey (*MISGA Asst. Club Rep*), Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), Jay Nalls (*NCC Course Superintendent*), Jake Jacobi (*MISGA Asst. Club Rep*), Clark Sission (*NCC Head Golf Professional*) and Neil Griggs (*NCC General Manager*)

-- Lloyd Stimson



MISGA Spring Fling – May 14 – May 16, 2013
Williamsburg, Virginia



Under the new leadership of Howard Taylor, the Spring Fling was played on three courses in Williamsburg. The weather was near perfect on all three days, tending toward “hot” by Thursday. The first-time course, Stonehouse, turned out to be a grueling contest of endurance and survival, starting at 1:00 PM and finishing just before 7 PM.

By Wednesday morning, most of us had recovered enough to tackle the relatively serene Woods course at Kingsmill.

Following a pleasant social hour in the Williamsburg Hospitality House Courtyard, a delicious buffet dinner was served in the Papillon Room. After dinner, prizes were awarded for the first two days of play.

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

The Tradition Golf Course at Stonehouse

Tuesday – Mixed Hastings Hybrid: Choose Any Drive, Play Own Ball Rest of Way.



1st – Ed Boxwell, Fred Meers
Denny Kroger, Larry Bathgate



2nd – Bob Garrick, Claudia Young
Steve Neal, Byron Grossnickle



3rd – Burr Short, Louise Duncan
Frank Hogate, David Bowen



4th – Roger Morrison, John Fahy
Tom Zgorski, Ed White



5th – Howard Taylor, Ruth Crovo
Jack Saum, Gene Horan



6th – Ron DeGrouchy, Suzanne Rymer
Mary Ann Zgorski, Rich Boardman



Tuesday CTP – Nancy Woodward
Bob Fitzgerald



Stonehouse # 5



Wednesday CTP – Roger Morrison, Louise
Duncan, Jeannie Walls, Bob Walls

Kingsmill – Woods Course

Wednesday – 1 Net BB on 1-6, 2 on 7-12, 3 on 13-18

Men's Flight (3 places) & Ladies' Flight (2 places)



1st – Roger Morrison, Pete O'Dell
Bob Garrick, Stanley Botts



2nd – Glen Pruitt, Larry Bathgate
David Schwartz, Howard Taylor



3rd – Ron Degrouchy, John Crovo
Ed White, Gene Marcus



4th – Burr Short, Frank Hogate
Tom Zgorski, Frank Saum



1st – Kathy Fitzgerald, Sandy Garrick
Nancy White, Louise Duncan



2nd – Patricia Fahy, Mary Ann Zgorski
Carol Meers, Claudia Young



Golden Horseshoe – Gold Course Thursday, May 16, 2013



Golden Horseshoe # 16



Golden Horseshoe # 7

Format – 2 Net BB of 4 for Men, 2 Net BB of 3 for Women
Separate Flights – Men & Women



1st – Barbara Shearer, Aretta Keadle,
Mary Zgorski



2nd – Judi Short, Jeannie Walls
Nancy White



3rd – Sandy Garrick, Judy Taylor
Chris Smith (no pic)



1st – Denny Kroger, Ron DeGrouchy
Ed Boxwell, Carl Ridenour (no pic)



2nd – John White, Roger Morrison
John Crovo, Ed White



3rd – Burr Short, Joe Baily
Bob Walls, Jim Rymer (no pic)



4th – Bob Fitzgerald, Bill Duncan
Stanley Botts, Dick Young

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May 16, 2013				May 16, 2013				May 16, 2013			
1st	55	57	112	12th	61	68	129	1st	76	63	139
2nd	61	61	122	13th	63	61	124	2nd	68	73	141
3rd	66	63	129	14th	65	65	130	3rd	69	57	126
4th	68	69	137	15th	67	58	125	4th	80	71	151
5th	65	63	128	16th	65	70	135	5th	75	64	139
6th	65	63	128	17th	65	70	135	6th	76	66	142
7th	58	65	123	18th	65	70	135	7th	76	66	142



CTP - Bob Fitzgerald, Mary Zgorski,
Ruth Crovo, Dick Young

Zoom to read

MISGA Spring Fling 2013 Williamsburg, Virginia								
Tuesday, May 14, 2013			Wednesday, May 15, 2013			Thursday, May 16, 2013		
<u>Tradition at Stonehouse</u>			<u>Kingsmill Woods Course</u>			<u>Golden Horseshoe Gold Course</u>		
1st	Fred	Meers	1st	Pete	O'Dell	1st	Ron	DeGrouchy
	Denny	Kroger		Standley	Botts		Carl	Ridenour
95	Larry	Bathgate	104	Roger	Morrison	112	Denny	Kroger
	Ed	Boxwell		Robert	Garrick		Ed	Boxwell
2nd	Steve	Neal	2nd	Glen	Pruitt	2nd	John	White
	Byron	Grossnickle		David	Schwartz		John	Crovo
101	Claudia	Young	118	Howard	Taylor	122	Roger	Morrison
	Robert	Garrick		Larry	Bathgate		Ed	White
3rd	Louise	Duncan	3rd	Ron	DeGrouchy	3rd	Joe	Baily
	Burr	Short		Gene	Marcus		Burr	Short
103	Frank	Hogate	119	John	Crovo	123	Bob	Walls
	David	Bowen		Ed	White		Jim	Rymer
4th	Tom	Zgorski	4th	Tom	Zgorski	4th	Bob	Fitzgerald
	Roger	Morrison		Burr	Short		Stanley	Botts
104	John	Fahy	124	Jack	Saum	124	Dick	Young
	Ed	White		Frank	Hogate		Bill	Duncan
5th	Gene	Horan	1st	Louise	Duncan	1st	Mary Ann	Zgorski
	Jack	Saum		Kathy	Fitzgerald		Aretta	Keadle
105	Howard	Taylor	119	Sandy	Garrick	126	Barbara	Shearer
	Ruth	Crovo		Nancy	White			
						2nd	Jeannie	Walls
6th	Ron	DeGrouchy	2nd	Mary Ann	Zgorski		Judi	Short
	Mary Ann	Zgorski		Claudia	Young	139	Nancy	White
106	Rich	Boardman	126	Carol	Meers			
	Suzanne	Rymer		Patricia	Fahy	3rd	Judy	Taylor
							Sandy	Garrick
CTP #3	Nancy	Woodward	CTP #6	Roger	Morrison	139	Chris	Smith
8' 0"			9' 2"					
CTP #8	Bob	Fitzgerald	CTP #12	Bob	Walls	CTP #3	Ruth	Crovo
3' 0"			3' 8"			9' 4"		
			CTP #8	Louise	Duncan	CTP #7	Bob	Fitzgerald
			7' 11"			9' 8"		
			CTP #17	Jeannie	Walls	CTP #12	Mary Ann	Zgorski
			1' 10"			6' 8"		
						CTP #16	Dick	Young
						7' 10"		

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PACE OF PLAY SUGGESTIONS

By USGA June 5, 2013

Playing at a better pace is not about hurrying up or rushing around the course. It is simply about being more efficient with your valuable time, as well as everyone else's. Adopting this mindset – and not being afraid to share it with your fellow players – will ultimately add enjoyment to your golf experience. Here are some recognized tips for improving pace of play:

Start Smart.

Confirm your tee time in advance and make it a point to arrive at the tee early with your golf equipment in order, ready to play. Remember essentials like extra balls, tees, gloves and appropriate clothing for the day's weather conditions.

“Tee It Forward” unless you are consistently able to reach greens in regulation from the back tees.

In other words, play from a set of tees that is comfortable for you – one where you are more likely to hit lofted irons into greens instead of hybrids or fairway woods. It is acceptable for players in the same group to play from different tees. (The USGA Handicap System provides a formula for adjusting handicaps from different tees.)

Try alternate forms of play to speed up your round.

Match play, Stableford, best-ball and other formats are easy and fun alternatives to individual stroke play because not every player has to hole out on every hole. There are multiple resources online and in print to learn about the many different golf formats. Try one out.

Minimize your time on the tee.

On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to “hit when ready.” You can also save time by playing a provisional ball ([Rule 27-2](#)) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.

Plan your shot before you get to your ball.

Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.

Keep your pre-shot routine short.

Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly.

Aim to play in 20 seconds.

From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.

Develop an eye for distance.

You don't have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range-finder or global positioning system for golf and use it when permitted by Local Rule. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, the Rules permit players to exchange yardage information without penalty.

When sharing a cart, use a buddy system.

Don't wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cartmate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cartmate off and then pick him or her up after you hit.

Be helpful to others in your group.

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

Keep up with the group in front of you.

Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through, irrespective of the number of players in the group.

Be efficient on the putting green.

Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee, and leave the green promptly after holing out. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

Remember that picking up your ball is permitted by the USGA Handicap System.

If not in an individual stroke play competition, it is generally OK to pick up your ball and move on to the next hole if you are “out” of a hole and want to maintain pace of play. This applies in match play and many forms of stroke play, including Stableford and best-ball play.

Don't Have Time? Play Nine!

You won't always have time in your schedule for an 18-hole round of golf. But you can still enjoy the game by playing nine. It's fully compatible with both the Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System. And when it comes to golf, nine is better than none.

Note: As the USGA's Pace of Play Initiative continues to grow and evolve, our suggested tips for improving pace of play will be revised. Your input will be helpful to this process. Do you have a suggestion from your own experiences that you would like to share? Email it to us at paceofplay@usga.org.

Pace of Play Pledge

By USGA June 12, 2013

Please join the USGA in our campaign to stamp out long playing times and end slow play. When you sign the pledge, you will be enrolled in a six-part educational program that will teach you the fundamental causes of slow play and suggest ways to improve your personal pace of play.

[Click here to sign the pledge.](#)

- As one who loves golf, I understand my critical role in improving pace of play.
- I will examine my own habits on the golf course to identify ways that I can pick up the pace.
- I will Tee It Forward and play from the set of tees best suited to my driving distance, in an effort to speed up play and have more fun.
- I will practice “ready golf” during stroke play; I will hit when I am ready to play, but only when it is safe to do so.
- I will serve as an example for those around me and I will strive to inspire and guide my fellow golfers to improve their pace of play.
- I understand that golf course design and setup can affect pace of play, and I promise to support those who manage the facilities where I play to find solutions for optimizing pace of play.
- I will seek out a golf professional to help me improve my game and my pace of play.
- I will embrace opportunities to play nine holes when my schedule doesn't allow for an 18-hole round.
- I will encourage others to take the Pace of Play Pledge, for the good of the game.
- I will play more quickly, play better and have more fun!