

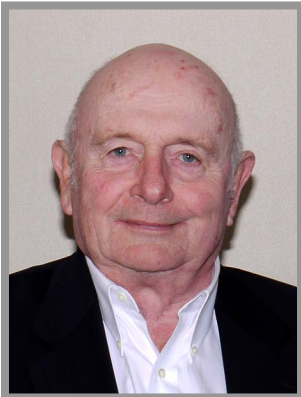


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President's Message



I'm not sure what the inaugural President's Message should be. My predecessors have noted slow play, membership decline, the objectives of MISGA and the idea of us all having fun in our mixers. I see no need to expand on their eloquent discussions of these subjects. Suffice it to say I am honored to join the ranks of such staunch supporters of senior golf as Byron Keadle – who still serves the organization as Misgagram maven, Tom Taylor, Tom Tarpley and many others who continue to devote their time and energy to the cause. Mike Urquhart, the outgoing president has agreed to take over as Associates Chair, relieving Charlie Fieldhouse of his long and memorable tenure in that post.

I am hopeful that the immediate future finds MISGA if not in growth mode, at least stable. We shall make every effort to involve the Club Representatives in the management process .It is upon their ideas that we build our future. It is as a result of their experiences that we expand understanding of our competitive environment. On the Eastern Shore, the divisions are encountering substantial competition from organizations providing low cost opportunities to play a variety of courses. Many Eastern Shore venues are resort type operations with public or semi -private charters which allow almost universal access. Similar situations exist in some areas of the Western Shore as well. How we develop strategies to address these competitors may well affect our long-term viability.

Jim Beisler, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club

Upcoming Frolics & Flings

Winter Fling	Feb. 23-Mar 1, 2014	Crystal River, FL
Spring Fling	May 13, 14, 15, 2014	Williamsburg, VA (See page 5 below)

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

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Byron W. Keadle
MISGAGRAM Editor

Club Makes Annual Donation to Food Bank



The Maryland Interclub Senior Golf Association of **Glade Valley** recently made its annual donation in the Walkersville Food Bank. From left are Jennie Allnut, of the food bank, **Leo Duncan, MISGA assistant representative**, and Tim Allnut, of the food bank. The association has donated to the food bank since the club was founded in 1992.

Do you recognize these golfers?



Low & Slow Back Swing



Explosive Contact



Swing Thru the Ball

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 Dick Dale during the Manor CC Christmas Party on December 10, 2013 by Tom Tarpley.



Many thought the recipient had already been awarded one. However, as you can plainly see his jacket color is a bit off the vibrant green of ours.

The recipient was born and attended school in Syracuse, NY. During High School, he began his interest in golf, though baseball was his favorite sport. Dick attended Duke U. graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also found Patty from New Orleans and married her.

He went to OCS in Rhode Island and California—the Navy knew he was Seabee (CB) material and sent him to the Naval Propellant Plant at Indian Head, MD for 4 Yrs.

No service career for Dick—DuPont called -- with 3 yrs. in NC, then to Seaford, Delaware, where they have resided for approx. 45 yrs. Patty and Dick have two children and two grandkids. Dick holds a patent on “A Method for Controlling Polymer Viscosity.”

The flames of golf have been fanned since high school and have burned brightly since retirement from DuPont in the late 90’s.

Dick has been active in and a staunch supporter of MISGA since his retirement. His club association was with the Old Seaford Course, now Hooper’s Landing, where he is presently an



Syracuse!?! Uh-Oh!

Assistant Rep. He joined Deer Run last year, to maintain his MISGA membership. He has served on the Board as a Director and had previous time as a Club Rep. The Spring Flings on The Eastern Shore were highly successful, and well attended, under his management. Always fun! He was instrumental in setting up the Fling in Williamsburg.

Dick and Patty, I am sure, hold the record for attending MISGA Flings and Frolics. His first was in Cape Coral, Fla.—his 50th was also in Fla., his 51st was in York this year and number 52 at Seabrook. This was the first year he missed “The Spring Fling” in Williamsburg –he wasn’t in charge so I guess he was pouting—no he went in for heart surgery—likely excuse.

One story worth repeating or so I’m told—“At a Florida Winter Fling at the Awards Dinner, Dick received recognition for 4 Birdies in one round—two natural and striking two that fly; one was killed, the other injured.”

Patty, will you assist?

Dick Dale, for your years of dedicated service and participation in MISGA, we present you with “The Green Jacket.”

Tom Tarpley, Chairman
Ad Hoc Committee



Ken Wallgren, Tom Taylor, Dick Dale, Patty Dale, Ralph Starkey, Tom Tarpley, C.J. Myers, Byron Keadle

2014 MISGA SPRING FLING

Williamsburg, Virginia

Tuesday May 13(Arrival) ___ Thursday May15 (Departure)

The **2014 SPRING FLING** will again be in Williamsburg Virginia, which is about a 2.5 to 3 hour drive south of Washington DC. Each year the weather has been ideal with the temperatures in the 70's in the daytime and mid 60's at night. The great weather and the excellent golf courses make Williamsburg the perfect location in mid May. We will be playing three different courses: **Golden Horseshoe Green Course, Golden Horseshoe Gold Course, and Kiskiack**

A central hotel was not set up since many people still like to use their time-shares or want to use less expensive hotels to get points on their credit cards. There is a wide variety of lodgings in Williamsburg with something to fit every taste and budget. The location is not critical since all three courses are within a few miles of downtown Williamsburg.

Shotgun starts times are scheduled for: **Green Course 1:00 PM on Tuesday 13th, Gold Course 9:00 AM Wednesday 14th, and Kiskiack 9:00 AM Thursday 15th**. Typical MISGA team games will be played, with no scrambles for the men.

There will be a luncheon scheduled for the non-golfing wives/guest on the 13th. Dinner will be on Wednesday night the 14th. There will be a deli buffet with cold cuts following play on the 15th.

The basic package price includes three rounds of golf, golf prizes, one dinner, one deli buffet and one luncheon for the non-golfing wives/guest.

MISGA associates must submit an APPLICATION FORM accompanied by a check for payment in full to the address on the form. Go to WWW.MISGA.ORG to download the form that is located under the Frolics & Flings heading on the home page. If you are unable to access the web site or do not have email, contact Howard Taylor on 302-697-9499 for an Application Form. The field will be restricted to the **first 100 golfers**. Get your application in early to ensure you will be playing these outstanding courses in May.

NECROLOGY

Recent Deaths not previously reported in the MISGAGRAM

Edward Gribben

September 3, 2013

Ed passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the age of 79. Ed was a faithful member of **Glade Valley** prior to his illness. Ed was a proficient golfer with a final handicap index of 19.2. Ed was active with MISGA, traveling to most of the away mixers. One could always count on Ed to bring his "A" game along with some humorous anecdotes for an enjoyable round of golf.

-- Earl F. Miller, Jr.

Tony Casadonte

April 22, 1923 – October 12, 2013



Tony was always there. If you wanted to play golf--swim or needed a helping hand. Call Tony. He was as strong as a "bull," he once lifted the blade on my tractor so I could insert a bolt. It was his design that allowed nets to be rolled in the vineyard. Seems as if all my time in MISGA it was Tony walking out in front of you. I placed a Titleist #2 mark on his thigh at Wakefield many years ago. He loved his family and his activities. Tony will certainly be missed by those who knew him. Especially in later years, "What did you have on the hole, Tony?" "I don't know, gimme a 5 or 6." Over the years, Tony was a member of **Eagle Head**, **West Winds**, and finally, **Glade Valley**.

-- Tom Tarpley, friend

Tom Harry

I am very sorry to report that a long time member of the **Quail Valley** MISGA group has passed away. Tom Harry passed away Monday night of a heart attack. MISGA has lost another one of its family. Our prayers go out to Tom's wife and family. We all will miss him tremendously.

-- Larry Lewis, Asst. Rep, Quail Valley

Gene Asbury

May 5, 1926 – Nov. 30, 2013



Gene Asbury, 87, one of the charter members of the **Musket Ridge** MISGA, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2013. He was a member of the **VFW** MISGA for many years before joining the Musket Ridge in 2010. Gene was one of the greatest people to play golf with; good game, friendly, no BS. He will be missed.

-- Tom Rowlett, AD II

William Bolosky, Ph.D.

December 18, 1934 – December 14, 2013



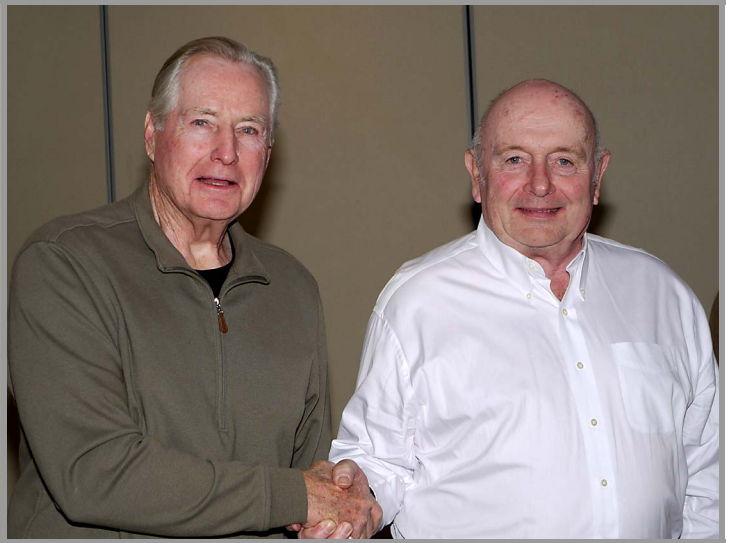
Some of you may remember Bill Bolosky - **West Winds** and **Holly Hills**. Bill was a deliberate striker of the ball!

-- Tom Tarpley, Dir. Div. II

MISGA Leadership Transition at Board Meeting December 2, 2013 at U of MD



Outgoing President Mike Urquhart passes gavel to Incoming President Jim Beisler



2014 MISGA President Jim Beisler and Vice-President Earl Gentry

MISGA Board – in SESSION



ENTRY FEE - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Every year since the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (MCTs) have been played, a few associates have complained about the cost of the entry fee. The perpetual words of protest are - *"The cost to play in the tournament is much too high."* - *"We need to reduce the price."* - *"I won't play in a tournament that costs that much."* - *"Eliminate or reduce the amenities."* - *"We just wanna play golf."*

Gents, one must not look at the two MCTs as just another inexpensive routine weekly coffee & donuts, buffet luncheon MISGA mixer. The two MCTs are designed to be the highlight and pinnacle of MISGA's golfing season. They are MISGA's showcase golfing events of the year. They crown MISGA's gross and net Grand Champions with high quality trophies (*at MISGA expense, not part of the entry fee*). The MCTs are explicitly designed to be first class, high quality tournaments with enhanced amenities. Furthermore, the two tournaments are played at two of MISGA's superior private country clubs. One should not expect to drink a flute of champagne for the price of a draft beer.

Take a realistic perspective of the cost to compete. The entry fee for each of the two 2013 MCTs was \$100. That included your cart fee, range balls, light luncheon, cash bar cocktail hour with light hors d'oeuvres, plated double entree' banquet & a prize pool. Compare that to the week-day *green/cart fee* for the private country clubs in your division. In Division VI, the week-day guest *green/cart fee* at its 3 private clubs is: Chartwell - \$80, Naval Academy - \$70 and National - \$91. That's just the *green/cart fee* without the coffee & donuts, luncheon and prize pool of a mixer. Also, compare it to the entry fee for the Maryland State Golf Association tournaments at \$125. This includes cart fee, range balls, luncheon & prize pool. By comparison, the entry fee for the MCTs is well worth the price of admission. The two MCTs provide more bang for the buck.

Annually, the 62 clubs of MISGA provide literally hundreds of low cost mixers. They are played on a wide variety of superior to pedestrian level courses. It is my opinion these mixers should be more than enough to satisfy the golfing thirst of the membership. Hence, I believe it would be a huge mistake for MISGA to consider downsizing the prominence of the two MCTs to placate a few "cost-conscious" dissenters. MISGA should continue staging the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents {ABCD} & 2-Man Team*) as regal golfing competitions.

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Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

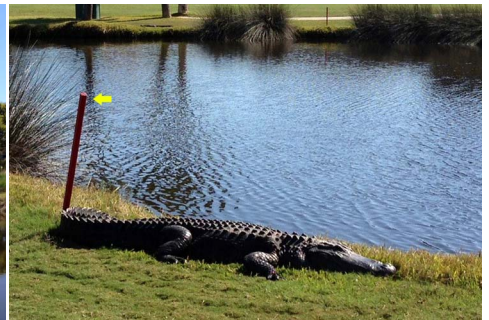
MISGA Fall Frolic – October 27 – November 1, 2013
Seabrook Island, SC

We had perfect weather, the courses were in excellent shape (It was hard to get a bad lie) and everyone said they want to return. As always, the food was fantastic and far exceeded our expectations.

The non-golfing ladies went to the Charleston Tea Plantation. There they had a tour of Tea Plantation grounds (127 acres of Camellia Sinensis tea plants). In addition, they visited the Firefly Distillery & the Irvin House Vineyards. They received samples of vodka, bourbon, moonshine and the wines. They were given souvenir shot & wine glasses and visited the gift shop. Many of them purchased tea, tea accessories, several different types of Bourbon (sweet tea, peach, et al) & different flavors of Vodka, and wines made there. They enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Distillery/Winery. They had quite a bit of fun and an informative day.

-- Peter Sorge, MISGA Events Chairman

Scenes from Seabrook



Lateral hazard – see the Red stake?



Angel Oak, St. John's Island



Views from the Atrium

-- Photography by Susan Sorge