

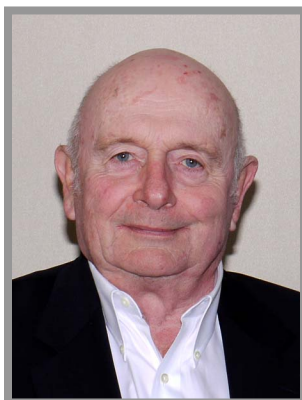


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President's Message



Ugly Winter!

Come on Spring!

The annual spring Meeting of the MISGA Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at Chester River Yacht and Country Club. Among the items for discussion is the idea-previously suggested by then President Tom Taylor in 2011- that we consider varying the Mixer formats to hopefully entice more and better players to compete. Some clubs have on occasion split the field into A and B flights with equal prizes for both. Another suggestion is to completely randomize foursome selection and

choose winners by randomly picking partners after the event. We have heard that some members would like to sign up for mixers as foursomes. While this idea seems counter to the main objective of "Mixers", i.e., fostering fellowship and making new friends, another objective we support is the broadening the participation in MISGA events, which such an option may encourage.

Whatever we can do to grow MISGA is worthwhile trying. So, as you plan for the 2014 season, I urge you to consider some new ideas for enhancing the value of the MISGA experience. We will be meeting with all the Club Representatives in early April. Any ideas you may have to improve our gatherings, please let me or your Club Representatives know.

Jim Beisler, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club

Upcoming Frolics & Flings

Spring Fling May 13, 14, 15, 2014 Williamsburg, VA (See page 3 below)

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

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Eighteen Holes - John Denver
(to the tune of "Sixteen Tons"
by Tennessee Ernie Ford)

When you see me tee up you'd better step aside
A lot of men didn't, a lotta men died
I hook it to the left, I shank it to the right
I'll be searching for my ball until the dark of the night.

You play 18 holes, what do you get
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Andrew, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the country club pro.

If I could keep it in the fairway, I'd be a happy man
I'm usually in the water, the rough or the sand
I pitch it to the green, thinking now I'm gonna score
But everybody ducks when my caddy yells "Fore."

18 holes, and what do you get
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Andrew, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the country club pro.

Ocean side, sunny side, Tucson in the rain
Golf is my life, but it sure is a pain
I leave my wife and my kids 'cause I hear the call
Walk around cursing at a little white ball.

You play 18 holes, what do you get
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Andrew, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the country club pro.



Homosassa Springs Flamingos

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

Habib Rahimi

February 6, 2014

On 2/6/14 Habib Rahimi, of the **Links at Challedon**, passed away after a long fight with cancer. He had been a MISGA member for the previous four years.

-- Joe Doyle, Assistant Rep, Links at Challedon

James M. Bell, Jr. (1924-2014)

February 24, 2014



James Milton Bell Jr., 89, of Westminster, MD, died Monday, February 24, 2014, at Carroll Hospice's Dove House. His wife of 66 years is Dorothy (Dottie) Pitt Bell.

Jim served in the Army Air Force during World War II as a B-17 pilot and flew 36 combat missions in the European Theater. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in November 1944.

Among other positions, he served as Director of Division III (now VI) of MISGA, was a charter member of Hobbits Glen Golf Club, a former member of Seabrook Island Golf Club and Patuxent Greens Golf Club, and a current member of Waynesboro Country Club.

-- C. J. Myers

Division II Activity

High-level discussions were held at Holly Hills luncheon among new Division II director Clarence Moody, new assistant director Tom Rowlett, and former director Tom Tarpley. Holly Hills Pro Jody Rokisky stopped by to say hello. New Division II management wanted direction on how not to repeat previous errors. The perpetrator provided sage advice.



Tom Rowlett, Jody Rokisky, Clarence Moody



Tom Rowlett, Clarence Moody, Tom Tarpley (the 'perp')

MISGA Winter Frolic – February 23 – March 1, 2014
Plantation Inn, Crystal River, Florida

Sixty-three MISGA associates and spouses attended the Winter Fling at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort at Crystal River, FL. There were 33 men golfers, 17 women 18-hole golfers, 2 women 9-hole golfers, and 11 non-golfing women. This was our eleventh year at Plantation Inn. The weather cooperated, being cool-to-cold in the mornings, but warming considerably by afternoon. The only serious rain occurred on Wednesday -- fortunately, our day off.

Monday – Mixed Scramble, No Restrictions



1st: Bob Turner, Jim Phipps, Marie Zaia, Bob Fitzsimmons



2nd: Bob Fitzgerald, Rose Olszewski, Liz Fitzsimmons, Steve Neal



3rd: Al Fasulo, Barbara Lischak, Ralph Harms, Owen Wise



4th: Page Medlock, Bill Cordwell, Laura Thomson, Dick Dale



Eagles



Wood Ducks

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



1st: Connie Phipps, Norma Kessler, Laura Thomson (Blind), Liz Fitzsimmons



2nd: Sally Stafford, Dixie Hughlett, Rose Olszewski, Carolyn Neal (Blind)



1st: Nelson Fenwick, Walt Lischak, Bob Turner, Tom Maxwell



2nd: Bill Stafford, Bob Conley, Bill Thomson, Larry Bathgate



3rd: Frank Brown, Carter Hughlett, Bob Kessler, Chuck Shelton



Skins: Nelson Fenwick, Frank Brown, Mike Zaia, Walt Lischak, Bob Kessler

Thursday – Men: Stableford - 1 for Net Par, 2 for Birdie, 4 for Eagle, 8 for Double-Eagle
 Women: Total Team Putts



1st: Ralph Starkey, Nelson Fenwick, Ralph Harms, Kevin Hughes



2nd: Tom Maxwell, Al Fasulo, Jack Sullivan, Larry Bathgate (Blind)



3rd: Jim Phipps, Bill Stafford, Jack Myers, Dennis Medlock



1st: Zelma Harms, Norma Kessler, Sally Stafford, Aretta Keadle (Blind)



2nd: Dorothy Gale, Page Medlock, Geri Fasulo, Barbara Lischak



Skins: Frank Brown, Jack Myers, Kevin Hughes, Bill Cordwell, Mike Zaia

Friday – 3 Net on 1-6, 2 Net on 7-12, 1 Net on 13-18 Separate Flights – Men (A, B, C) & Women (A, B)



Flt A: Carolyn Neal, Geri Fasulo, Dixie Hughlett, Liz Fitzsimmons



Flt B: Bobbie Maxwell, Dorothy Gale, Laura Thomson, Connie Phipps



9-Holers: Ann Turner, Marie Zaia



Flt A: Nelson Fenwick, Bill Stafford Al Fasulo (Blind), Walt Lischak



Flt B: Jack Sullivan, Kevin Hughes, Mike Zaia, Chuck Shelton



Flt C: John Gale, Tom Maxwell, Richard Violette, Jack Myers



CTP: Laura Thomson, Bob Kessler



Net: Laura Thomson, Kevin Hughes



Gross: Geri Fasulo, Jim Phipps

Clubs Attending Winter Fling - 2014



Ocean Pines



Rattlewood, Hobbits Glen



Lakewood



Harbortowne



Holly Hills



Hoopers Landing



Patuxent Greens



River House



Tantallon

18 Little-Known Facts About the World's Most Famous Golf Course

1. The two large trees on the lawn behind the clubhouse are live oaks, which are not native to this part of Georgia. Augusta National grounds chairman Roy Simkins estimates they are about 150 years old and were brought from the Coastal area when the old manor house was first built in the mid-1800's. Because of lightning strikes and disease, the cavity of one tree was filled with cement years ago and an assortment of cables up top keeps the long, thick branches from striking the clubhouse under windy conditions.
2. The body of water that runs in front of the 12th green and behind the 11th was named after John Rae, a well-known figure in Augusta in the mid-to-late 1700s. Rae was a head partner in Brown, Rae and Company, which had a lock on Three-fourths of the Indian trade in the south. Rae's house was the farthest fortress up The Savannah River - at the time, the mouth of the creek- from Fort Augusta. It provided safety for area residents during Indian scares when protection from Fort Augusta was out of reach. The creek, named for Rae in the late 1750s or early 1760s, begins nine miles of downtown in Columbia County and Flows to Lake Olmstead, which is just down Washington Road from Augusta National.
3. In December 1956, during a club governors' meeting, President Dwight David Eisenhower declared, according to Clifford Roberts' book, "the chief torment and concern of his life was the big pine tree in the left center of the seventeenth fairway. He stated that it acted as a magnet to his drive. No matter where he aimed, he always hit this tree. The president went on to demand that the offending tree be chopped down forthwith. At this point, I (Roberts) decided the only way to protect the club's Property would be to declare the meeting adjourned, which I did." With that, the 45-foot tall loblolly Pine had its name: "Ike's Tree".
4. The remains of an Indian burial ground were discovered in the area of the 12th green when The course was built in the early 1930s.
5. A gristmill stood from the 1770s to 1830s where the current dam is located behind the 11th green. At one time, a portion of an old grist wheel was visible in Rae's creek in front of the 12th green.
6. The par-4 11th, par-3 12th and par-5 13th were named by writer Herbert Warren Wind. Wind was working for Sports Illustrated in 1958, and he had a week to write his story. He thought about these three holes and decided they needed a name. He remembered an old jazz record he'd heard in college and a song called "Shouting in the Amen Corner", "It fit" said Wind. "if you hit a good shot, you're fine. But if you hit in the water say, "Amen".
7. Imagine beginning the golf tournament with Amen Corner. That's the way Bobby Jones And course designer Alister MacKenzie originally had the course laid out, and that's the way it was played for the first tournament in 1934, won by Horton Smith. One year later, when Gene Sarazen made his infamous double eagle on No. 15, the nines were reversed. The reason: Frost was slower to thaw out on the lower portion of the golf course Near Amen Corner for morning tee times.
8. Under the No. 13 green is a system of pipes hooked up to a pump that can draw air in and pump it out. This subsurface air system is used to dry the greens faster, promote root growth and prevent turf disease.
9. Alister MacKenzie never saw the final version of Augusta National. He died at age 63 on January 6, 1934, at his home in Santa Cruz, California, two months before the first tournament, which was then called the Augusta National Invitational. The Scotsman visited the course at least a half dozen times, with his final visit around the summer of 1932 when course construction work was complete, but it was not fully covered with grass. The course formally opened in January 1933.
10. There is a palm tree on the golf course, even though it is hard to find. Golf Digest's Tom Callahan and Dave Kindred found it on the par-3 fourth hole while doing research for a golf book three years ago. It's covered up

by the bamboo, Callahan said. "When you're standing in the bunker to the right of the green, if you look up straight ahead, you can see it there".

11. Under the No. 12 green in a series of pipes that are used to heat the green in winter And cool it in the sweltering Augusta summer. Heated or cooled water is sent through the pipes, which in turn heats or cools the green. The reason for this system is to promote root growth and prevent diseases of the grass on the green. Sunlight imitating lamps are also used at night in the winter to help the grass stay healthy.

12. "Years ago, when I was leading here, I hit my tee shot at No. 11 and as I was walking Down the fairway I felt the call of nature", Arnold Palmer said. "So I walked off to the Left in the trees to relieve myself. Much to my surprise when I walked out of the trees, I got a standing ovation from the gallery. The next year, Clifford Roberts had built an Outhouse down there. And, no, thankfully he didn't name it after me". The restroom is reserved for players' use only.

13. The par-3 16th hole may not be the most dramatic short hole on the course, but it underwent the most dramatic change. The original design had the tee far to the right of its current position (approximately behind the 15th green) and it was only a 120 yard short iron shot over a creek. The members loved the hole, but it was considered too weak for tournament play. So, in 1947, Bobby Jones invited architect Robert Trent Jones to town to talk about redesigning the hole. Trent Jones turned the creek into a fairway length pond, moved the green to the left and rebuilt the tee back about 60 yards and to the left. Trent Jones, now 90, recalls that during construction, a big rainstorm came and flooded what would become the pond area, submerging a tractor. It stayed there for a while, but eventually we were able to get it out, Trent Jones recalled.

14. If you're lucky enough to be asked, the initiation fee for the club membership is \$25,000, monthly dues are \$100 and a night's lodging on the grounds costs \$100 (in 1991), according to Golf Digest, whose correspondent Dan Jenkins wrote a story on a club visit in 1991. The minimum caddy fee was \$55. The guest green fee was \$60.

15. MacKenzie designed a 19th hole - not a watering hold, but a real hole which was supposed to be a short par 3 from left of the 18th green where the members' practice area is now located up the hill to where the putting green currently sits. The point of the hole was to Allow for extra wagering. The hole was never built, probably because Jones didn't believe it fit the course.

16. This year, the creek fronting the par-5 13th green is back to its old, low level. Now, Golfers can play out of the creek again, as they could before the creek was dammed in 1989. To lower the creek level, a rock formation left of the green was dismantled, allowing the water to flow freely.

17. Augusta National does not have a course rating, simply because the membership doesn't want one. In March 1991, when the United States Golf Association was trying to standardize handicaps And implement its Slope system, Golf Digest formed a team during the first round of the Masters to walk the course and develop an evaluation. The team came up with a Course rating of 76.2, which was in the top 10 nationally at the time.

18. Possibly the biggest mystery of all, the Augusta National co-founder ruled the club and tournament with an iron fist - even in death. At age 80, Roberts was diagnosed with cancer and his health failed. On the morning of September 29, 1977, the 84 year old chairman went down to the edge of Ike's Pond at the Par-3 Course and killed himself with a gunshot wound to the head. Platt's Funeral Home in Augusta would not release the date or arrangements for the private funeral. Roberts was cremated, and his ashes in an urn are buried somewhere on the Augusta National grounds. The whereabouts are a well-kept secret.

Golf Facts You May Not Have Known

1. 125,000 golf balls a year are hit into the water at the famous 17th hole of the Stadium Course at Sawgrass.
2. The longest drive ever is 515 yards. The longest putt ever is a monstrous 375 feet.
3. Phil Mickelson, who plays left-handed, is actually right-handed. He learned to play golf by mirroring his father's golf swing, and he has used left-handed golf clubs ever since.
4. The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.
5. Tiger Woods snagged his first ace at the tender age of eight years old.
6. Balls travel significantly farther on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph will carry the driver up to eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25°F.
7. The longest golf course in the world is the par 77 International Golf Club in Massachusetts, which measures a fearsome 8325 yards.
8. The highest golf course in the world is the Tactu Golf Club in Morococha, Peru, which sits 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.
9. The longest golf hole in the world is the 7th hole (par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures an incredible 909 yards.
10. The largest bunker in the world is Hell's Half Acre on the 585-yard 7th hole of the Pine Valley Course in New Jersey.
11. The largest golfing green is that of the 695-yard, 5th hole, a par 6 at the International Golf Club in Massachusetts, with an area in excess of 28,000 square feet.
12. The driver swing speed of an average lady golfer is 62 mph, 96 mph for an average LPGA professional; 84 mph for an average male golfer; 108 mph for an average PGA Tour player; 130 mph for Tiger Woods; 148-152 mph for a national long drive champion.
13. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
14. The first golf balls were made of thin leather stuffed with feathers. Tightly packed feathers made balls that flew the farthest. Feather balls were used until 1848.
15. The youngest golfer to shoot a hole-in-one was Coby Orr, who was five years old at the time. It happened in Littleton, Colorado, in 1975.
16. 22.8% of golfers are women.
17. Golf was banned in Scotland from 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn't waste time when preparing for an English invasion.
18. The term birdie comes from an American named Abe Smith. While playing 1899, he played what he described as a "bird of a shot", which became "birdie" over time.
19. The word golf does not mean "Gentleman Only, Ladies Forbidden". This is an internet myth. It is thought the word golf comes from the Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve", meaning "club". Historians believe this was passed on to the Scottish, whose own dialect changed this to "golfe," "gowl" or "gouf". By the sixteenth century, this had evolved into the word we know today.
20. Don't feel bad about your high handicap - 80% of all golfers will never achieve a handicap of less than 18.