



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



I have enjoyed this year of serving as MISGA President. The Board of Directors met at Carroll Valley on September 10. We reviewed the Income Statement for the first 8 months of this year and the projection for the remaining 4 months. Our Budget for 2019 used conservative assumptions about the number of member clubs and associates. We are pleased to report that MISGA has 4 more clubs than budgeted and 247 more associates. That has to be placed in context, because the number of associates in 2019 is 28 fewer than in 2018 and 271 fewer than 2017. So, in 2019, we'll do better than budgeted but not in actual

year-to-year metrics.

I believe that reversing this trend will require all of us to do a better job of marketing to prospective new members and clubs the benefits of belonging to MISGA. The retention of our existing members is also a huge priority. That means continuing the improvements necessary to reduce the time required to play our mixers. Each of us has a vested interest in speeding up the pace of play; not only do we have to speed up our own pace of play, but we need to help the other members of our playing group to find their balls when they stray off the fairway. Some of us have less visual acuity and poorer recall of where exactly did we hit our balls. Having everyone in our playing group working together to reduce the time spent searching for balls will help reduce the frustration. So, let's band together when we play!

I want to thank especially former President Greg Morris for his becoming the Tournament Director and Gary Manion for his superb work as our Treasurer. All members of the Board and our Committee Chairs have done an outstanding job.

Mal Peterson

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

The Lighter Side



*"The way I see it, you're only 13 million
range balls away from taking 2 strokes
off your game."*

Hole in One!

At Timbers at Troy first mixer on April 16, we had a member who ACED a par 3.

The member's name is Keith Lenhard and his ace was on our number 8 hole playing 144 yards. Keith is a member of our group at Timbers.

David Ebersole, Timbers Rep

The following was submitted by Ron Wiles of Blue Mash. He is right on!!!

Take The Time To Thank

Yes. Dear MISGAns, we have much and many to be grateful for. We may sometimes forget, but a MISGA event only happens because of PEOPLE:

Club Pros and their staffs who coordinate with our Reps to monitor weather and signups and cancellations before an event, arrange participants in competitive formats, collect fees, and award prizes at an event.

Club Dining Staff Whether your food was prepared at the club, or ordered, the persons involved would appreciate a “Thank You” for the food you eat.

MISGA Staff Your Reps and their A/Rs are busy season-long, scheduling events for their clubs, working with and acclimating their club Pros to MISGA events.

At MISGA events we meet, play golf, and eat with friends. Courtesy to those who serve us is a must.

THANK those who make it possible!

Has Using the blind draw system become old and slow?

I recently played at a mixer where there were several threesomes and we had to wait almost 30 minutes longer for the last group as one of the players name was being used for the blind draw. This system has become old and slow.

Years ago, Mike Surrano and I developed a quicker way to net scores down where a threesome had played. We looked at how many strokes an A player, a B player, a C player and a D player helped to get below par. An A player on the average gave you 3 strokes, a B player 4 strokes, a C player 5 strokes and the D player 6 strokes.

When we send out threesomes, we tell them to net their card down using the best two scores, then when they hand in their cards, we look at which category player is missing and then deduct that number from the net. Example being they came in with a 127 and they needed a D player, so we deducted 6 strokes and the net was 121.

A good-sized group of clubs have been using this system for a while and the comments are great. Is it perfect and exact? It comes really close. Does it save time? Absolutely which is the name of the game. I have never had any complaints from any participants about using this system so far.

The other good point is that the threesome gets to split the winning three ways because why should the blind draw who may have helped them get a piece of the pie; he did not put an extra \$5 into the pot.

I think that MISGA should put this system in place to save a lot of time going forward.

Carl Lazar

And... the editor chimes in...supportively, even:

Yesterday I played in a mixer at Garrisons Lake. Phil Voshell, their MISGA Rep, used this system, and everything Carl said about "final score with no waiting" came true. Phil had put the threesome at the front of the pack, and they finished ahead of everyone else.

This was especially impressive, because Phil has to do all the scoring himself. That Delaware-run golf course does not operate at the full-service level most of us know and love.

Bob Hodges

+TIDBITS OF MISGA HISTORY

RISE & DECLINE of the MISGA EMPIRE

In 1976, the 12 charter member clubs of MISGA were: Bethesda, Brooke Manor, Congressional, Eaglehead (*now Westwinds*), Indian Spring, Kenwood, Lakewood, Manor, Montgomery, Montgomery Village, Potomac Valley and Rossmoor (*now Leisure World*). Of the original 12, only 4 remain with MISGA - Manor, Kenwood, Montgomery and Leisure World.

Since that inaugural year, MISGA has increased in both the number of clubs and associates. The peak year for clubs was 2011 at **68**. The peak year for associates was 2000 at **4,760**. Since those peak years, MISGA has been in decline in both the number of clubs and associates.

** close estimates*

Year	No. of Clubs	No. of Associates	No. of Divisions	Comment
1976	12	240	0	All private country clubs
1978	27	760*	0	
1980	35	1,500*	0	
1982	41	2,200*	4	Divisions established
1983	35	2,500*	4	8 clubs withdrew from MISGA
1990	35	3,800*	4	
1991	43	4,000*	4	
1996	53	4,250*	5	
1998	53	4,610*	5	
2000	55	4,760*	5	Peak year for associates
2004	57	3,900*	6	
2010	65	3,667	6	
2011	68	3,582	6	Peak year for clubs
2012	62	3,505	6	
2017	49	2,529	5	Div. 5 withdrew from MISGA
2018	44	2,286	4	Divs. 1 & 3 merged into Div. 1
2019	43	2258	4	

Note: This information is available in the document *MISGA Board Actions - Cumulative (1983-2018)* posted on the MISGA website.
(http://www.misga.org/Board_Actions/BA-CUM-1983-2018.pdf)

Lloyd Stimson MISGA History Chairman

Tournament Results - 2 Man Tournament at Holly Hills

Our first MISGA Tournament this year was held on the rolling hills of Holly Hills, near Frederick Maryland. 50 two-man teams participated on Monday, August 5. A little over half of the 43 MISGA clubs fielded teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware to compete for the Gross and Net Championship titles.

Holly Hills was in excellent shape from tee boxes, to greens, including the fairways and the rough. The temperatures were warm throughout the day, sunny with some humidity added later in the afternoon. The course played at 5315 yards, rated at 65.8 and sloped at 113. The cut crystal glass trophies were won by **Dave Amoriell and Rob Strayton** (ironically from Holly Hills) who shot a 53 net! The gross trophies were won by **Craig Ostrom and Doug Wilson** from Hobbits Glen. Both the low gross and net teams won \$100 each and neither team will have to qualify for next years 2 Man Tournament.

Other teams in the “money” were: Jeff Allen and Dave Cox (Wild Quail) 1st gross; Mal Peterson (our MISGA President) and John Kadas (Prospect Bay) 6th net; Frank Wickless and Kirk Isenbart (Musket Ridge) 3rd gross; Tim Bell and Bob Fitzsimmons (Holly Hills) 5th gross; Steve Scarborough and William Stetka (Hobbits Glen) 4th net; Bradley Greene and Pat Orwig (Hobbit’s Glen) 6th gross; Rohan Rodrigo and Garth Hedley (Bretton Woods) 3rd net; Robert Egge and Michael Panos (Hobbits Glen) 2nd gross; Kip Seyfferth and Richard Barto (Bay Hills) 5th net; Joe Prado and Jeff Williams (Crofton) 4th gross; Rich Armbruster and Ron DiLonardo (Naval Academy) 1st net; and Jim Ewalt and David Rapp (National Golf Club, Tantallon), 2nd net.

You all know that none of these MISGA events happens on their own...it takes dedicated MISGA members to organize and make sure the events go on with as few problems as possible. I would like to thank **Bob Fitzsimmons**, the Rep at Holly Hills for being the Tournament Director, and Frank Sweeney for assisting him. The HH pro, Jody Rokisky, and GM, Kris Anderson pitched in to make the event happen flawlessly.

Greg Morris – Tournament Director



2-Man Gross Winners

L-R: Craig Ostrom (GGC), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman); Douglas Wilson (GGC)

2-Man



2-Man Net Winners

L-R: Bob Strayton (NGC), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman); Dave Amoriell (NGC)



Gross Winner

L-R: Mike Barillo (NCC Director of Golf), Robert Egge (GGC), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Director) & Mike Grantham (Asst. Club Pro)

ABCD



Net Winner

L-R: Mike Barillo (NCC Director of Golf), George Coakley (NGC), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Director) & Mike Grantham (Asst. Club Pro)

Tournament Results -- Past Presidents Tournament at Norbeck

Decent weather also blessed the Past Presidents Tournament and despite some rain before the tournament, the Norbeck course was in superb condition on August 8. We have to take our hats off to **Jake Jacobi** who was the Tournament Chair, the Norbeck MISGA Rep, and the MISGA “webmaster”, and we appreciate Mike Barillo, the head pro, and the rest of the Norbeck staff. Our Grand Champions were: Robert Egge of Hobbits Glen, with a 72 became our Gross Champ, and George Coakley of Bretton Woods shot a 67 net to become the Net Champ!

The others who placed in the tournament were (by flight):

A Flight; Jeff Allen (Wild Quail), Dave Landskroener (Chester River), Douglas Wilson (Hobbits Glen), Barry Falgout (Leisure World), Leo Goff (National Golf Club at Tantallon), Ray Grimes (Norbeck). **B Flight;** Bradley Greene (Hobbits Glen); Tim Kowalchick (Montgomery), Garth Hedley (Bretton Woods); Steve Scarborough (Hobbits Glen), Mal Peterson (Prospect Bay), Bob Brewer (Timbers at Troy);

C Flight; David Rapp (National Golf Club at Tantallon), Bob Fitzsimmons (Holly Hills), Greg Morris (National Golf Club at Tantallon); Jeffery Bergmann (Argyle), Tim Reidy (National Golf Club at Tantallon), Jerry McVeigh (University of Maryland)

D Flight; Rohan Rodrigo (Bretton Woods), Kip Seyfferth (Bay Hills) Errol Myers (Norbeck), Allan Kaufman (Norbeck), Tom Tarpley (Holly Hills) and Jim Kasab (Kenwood)

This tournament was played from the gold tees at 5,790 yards. A long track for older seniors. The MISGA Past Presidents who participated were **CJ Myers** (Manor), **Tom Tarpley** (Holly Hills), **Tom Taylor** (Quail Valley), **Jim Wilcox** (Hobbit’s Glen), **Early Gentry** (Fairway Hills), **Greg Morris** (National Golf Club at Tantallon), and current President, **Mal Peterson** (Prospect Bay)

Greg Morris – Tournament Director

Fall Frolic

The 2019 FALL FROLIC will be held at Seabrook Island, SC. It is located a few miles south of Charleston, SC. This is a first class venue. We will play the Ocean Winds and Crooked Oak courses.

Villas, golf, breakfast and dinner is included in the price. There are a limited number of

Beach Front villas available, so please sign up early to get your choice of accommodations.

The application forms are on the MISGA website under “Frolics and Flings”.

Peter Sorge, Jr. MISGA Events Chairman



Winter Fling



The 2020 Winter Fling run from March 1 to 7, 2-2. It will take place at the Plantation on Crystal River, Florida

Some interesting games are being planned and winners can make some moola as well as recognition.

Check the MISGA Website under “Frolics and Flings”. There’s a link to The Plantation’s website.