



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



Einstein said “Time is an illusion”. I’d be hard pressed not to agree. Not only has another MISGA season passed us by, so pretty much has my tenure as MISGA President. The weeks were fast, the months faster and the years a blur. It has certainly been my pleasure to have been in this position for the past two years. Reflecting back I feel the MISGA Board, and I certainly accomplished a good deal. Unfortunately, it’s hard to achieve everything

I’d hoped. The primary unmet challenge was stemming the tide of club and associate loss. While 2024 did have attrition, it was less than past trends would have predicted. Certainly only a glimmer of silver lining on the cloud, but at least something.

The question of why MISGA is shrinking can be debated ad nauseum but certainly a key factor is the lack of willing leaders. Clubs have dropped because no one is willing to be “the rep”. Please don’t let it happen to your club. Step up and volunteer.

The MISGA Board also needs volunteers. Several willing men are wearing multiple hats to fill all the necessary roles needed for the organization to function. Some need assistance. Why not be “the man”? Specifically, I know we are looking for at least a Policy & Planning Chair and a MISGA Associates Chair. Let me know if you are interested. I’m sure my voicemail will be full of inquiries in the next couple of days. Hmmm...

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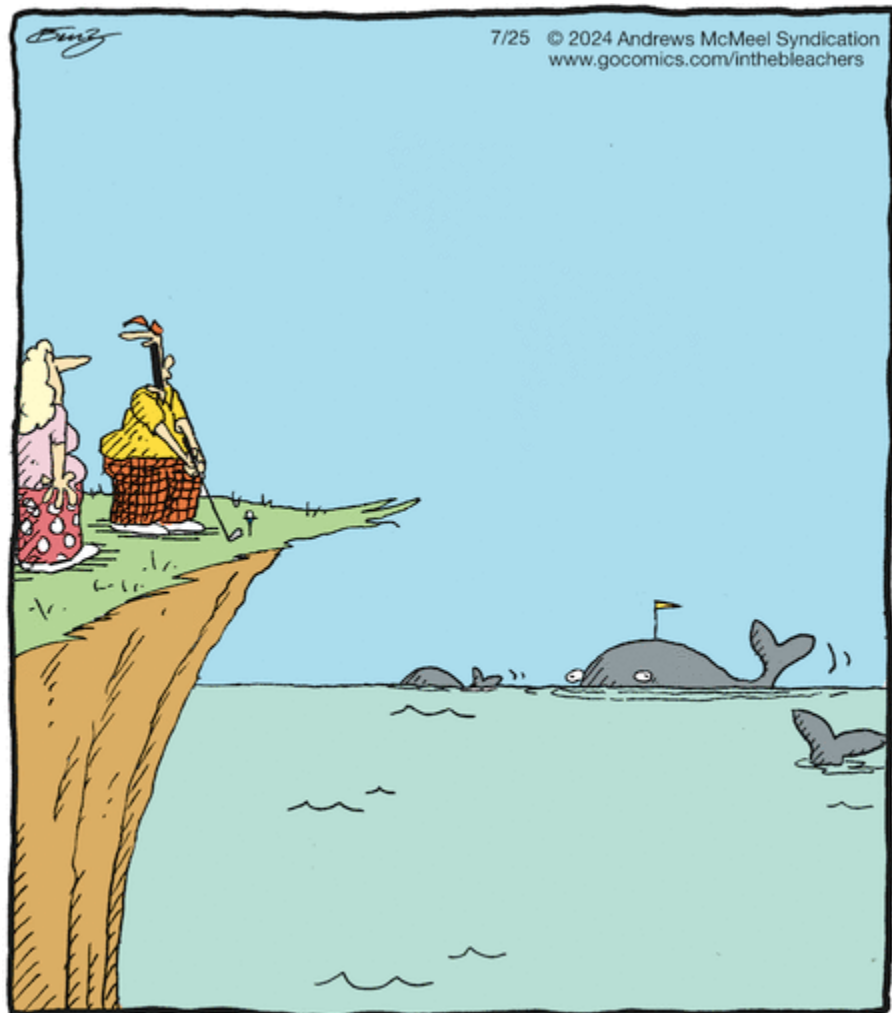
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## The Lighter Side



"I hate this hole."

## President's Message, *continued*

Last issue I instituted with the hope it will continue what for lack of a better term I'll call the Kudos Korner. Essentially, I'm hoping this will become a regular section of the MISGAgram where significant accomplishments will be noted and announced to the masses. Well, so far that has not happened so here's another plug. I'll reiterate that to make this successful requires Club reps passing on the news to either the President or the MISGAgram scribe. They, of course, reserve judgement on the news worthiness of the submissions. Unfortunately, no one submitted anything for this issue. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the next one.

Thanks for your time and I hope you've enjoyed my attempts at words of wisdom as I think this may be my last article since our current VP Paul Bate takes over as President in December. I am confident Paul will be a great President and hope you will give him your support. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's been a pleasure leading this organization and working with the fine men who comprise the MISGA Board. Stay well.

Tom Ciandella

MISGA President 2024



## Frolics 'n Flings

The Fall Frolic at Virginia Beach has 33 participants ready to tackle the four different courses all within 25 minutes of our ocean front hotel. We play golf on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a rest day on the Wednesday. Four days in a row is too much for our group.

There will be four different golf formats to keep everyone off balance but should produce fun rounds. There will be several different ways to win from the standard MISGA prizes and with an expanded prize pool subsidized by the hotel concession more will share. Although no one will get rich, it's still fun to win.

As of this edition of the MISGAgram it's too late to join this one BUT you have plenty of time to register for the next one at Crystal River Florida in February 2025. Check [misga.org](http://misga.org) for all the details. On this Winter Fling we need 25 people to meet the minimum requirements of the resort. We have an escape clause that gives us the ability to cancel by December 1 if 25 is not met.

I'm looking for someone to train to take over organizing future Flings and Frolics. If you love to travel and play golf with a social crowd you can do it. It's not that hard.

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## 2025 Winter Fling

At **The Plantation on Crystal River** Feb 23 thru March 1 2025

Opportunity for 4 rounds of golf at Plantation, plus four buffet dinners (cash bar) at a very laid-back older resort. Rooms are right across from the course. All gratuities, taxes and resort fees included.

Some interesting games are being planned and winners can make some moola as well as the recognition. What we're going to have is fun. All will be revealed at the Welcome Reception Sunday evening.

Check the MISGA website under Frolics and Flings for details.

