

Attendees: Jim Beisler, Earl Gentry, John Babyak, Dick Schwinger, Joe Baily, Clarence Moody, Tom Rowlett, Frank Tighe, Gary Manion, Ian Sumner, Mike Mason, Carl Lazar, Mike Urquhart, Jim Wilcox, Pete Sorge, Tom Taylor, Byron Keadle, Tom Tarpley, Bob Brewer, Lloyd Stimson, C.J. Myers, Bob Fjelstad and Greg Morris.

President – Jim Beisler called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. He asked if everyone had a copy of the agenda. They didn't but he had copiers made. The secretary assured him that in the future, copies of the agenda would be sent out to all of the Board members prior to the meeting. Jim felt that the first thing that we should discuss was an item from the last meeting regarding membership in MISGA for Timbers of Troy. He asked for a motion to approve the membership of Timbers of Troy. There was a motion and a second and the motion was approved.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the September meeting were on the website and were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Dick Schwinger passed out a report. The report showed the status of the various MISGA accounts. Dick had division budget checks to be distributed.

Division Director's Reports

Division I – Joe Baily said that Div I is a mixed bag. Two clubs are in trouble, Seaford and Sussex Pines. We've had low participation at numerous mixers. We're going to reduce the number of mixers next year. Some clubs agree with that, others don't. The Spring Fling is coming up and Tom Taylor has turned the responsibility over to him. The Spring Fling will be the 13,14,15 of May. Everything will be pretty much like last year. We will play the Golden Horseshoe, Gold and Green course and Kisiack on the final day and we will have a luncheon before we leave. We are going to Ft. MacGruder for dinner on the night of the 14th. He mentioned that night Howard Taylor's wife Judy has had a reoccurrence of breast cancer.

Division II – Clarence Moody said that the division had 121 home mixers for fourteen clubs. They also had two pro-ams and five match play events. Piney Branch is dropping out of MISGA. They have very little participation. Our club, Rattlewood, has been trying to recruit new clubs into MISGA. They have four positive requests for membership; Waynesboro C.C in PA., Waverly Woods, Hollow Creek and Links of Gettysburg. Most of the courses in his division now have ratings for the red tees for men. He received a suggestion that when State Tournaments are played, would it e possible for players to stay over and play in a mixer the next day.

Division III – Frank Tighe said that John Crovo had to drop out as a Asst. Director because of health reasons and John Robinson would be taking his place. Their division season was pretty good. They have three clubs; River House, Eastern Carolina and Choptank are struggling but the reps from those clubs indicated actions that are taking place to correct things. They are combining with Div I for qualifying events.

Division IV – Gary Manion said that Argyle C.C. is leaving MISGA. They could not get people involved with MISGA. This points out the importance of succession planning at the clubs. Some of our clubs are having renovations. The State Championships for 2015 will be held at two clubs in the Division, Manor will host the Two-man and Norbeck will host the ABCD.

Division V – Mike Mason said that they have 9 clubs and 251 associates. Possibly there are only eight clubs since the Bay Club is in limbo and has not been able to be contacted. This was Mike's last meeting and Clarence Johnson will be the new Division Director. We're having participation problems with the State Tournaments and they're trying to improve that.

Division VI – Carl Lazar said that this was his last meeting. Earl Gentry is the new Division Director and Greg Morris is the new Asst. Director. Carl said that it was a pleasure to be on the Board.

Committee Chairmen Reports

Associates – Mike Urquhart said he is going to work with Dick Schwinger to streamline the procedures so that we don't have the reporting problems that we had this year. This will be only for the reporting from the Divisions to the Board.

Audit – Jim Wilcox said that everything is up to date. He said that there will be a number of new people involved with Frolics and he would like them to turn in everything relative to the events; notes, scraps of paper, etc.

Events – Pete Sorge said that he would like to see some participation by members of the Board at the Fall Flings. People ask why we don't go to different places. He currently goes to four or five different venues. He goes to where the best prices are. MISGA did have a great event this year in the Fall. We had a woman pass away at the event. The courses and the food were great.

Membership – Tom Taylor sent out a report via e-mail. We have an evaluation of Hollow Creek in Middletown, MD. The committee made their evaluation and made the recommendation that Hollow Creek be accepted into MISGA for 2015. The report shows that we are losing two clubs, Piney Branch and Argyle. We have three clubs interested, Waynesboro, Waverly Woods and the Links at Gettysburg. A discussion about these three clubs and new clubs followed.

MISGAGRAM – Byron Keadle will continue through the March 2015 MISGAGram, he gave a 6 months notice of leaving in September.

P.P. Ad Hoc – Tom Tarpley said that he is looking for nominations for dedicated service to MISGA.

Rules and Handicap – Bob Brewer submitted a report via e-mail. He said that the rule that we passed last year about using 90% of men's handicap and 95% for women is being well accepted. The same thing is true for mixed tees although some clubs don't know how to do that. He would like to see some additional info on the scorecards, namely 100% of handicap. He said that while men can move up to shorter (red) tees, the women only cannot play a shorter course. There is typically only one set of women's tees. There was a comment about closest to the pin. The suggestion was separate CTP for red and gold tees. A long discussion about posting of scores followed. It was suggested that the division tournament chairman should check to see that scores are posted for his division.

Tournament Chairman – Lloyd Stimson e-mailed his report. He has a chart that shows his expenses as tournament chairman and all of the info about the tournaments will be on the website.

Web Master – Errol Myers was not at the meeting. It was pointed out that we have a lot of new people and we need to get all changes to Earl.

Old Business – Jim said that we have some Eastern Shore problems. Many Eastern Shore course are resort courses. They are privately owned courses open to outside play or public venues with limited memberships. Very few E.S. courses are classed as private. Competition that we face on the Eastern Shore provide opportunities to play at most of our local courses for nominal fees and don't require club memberships. Lunch is not part of the fee and there may not be prizes. We wondered if the MISGA model is inappropriate in this environment. Possible changes that we talked about is an associate membership, mixers without lunch included, maybe a team competition. We don't know what we are going to do. There was a question about what the clubs thought about no food, since they already waive green fees. Carl Lazar said that clubs make the money from cart fees and very little from food. It is really an individual club matter. A lot of discussion followed. From the Board's perspective, the Eastern Shore clubs can do what they are planning to do.

New Business –

Status of Timbers of Troy – Carl Lazar said that Timbers of Troy had a mixer three days after we voted the into MISGA and they had a hundred people. There were no complaints about the course, the food service did not have enough people. The general manager only has plans for two events next year (2015). He is more outings oriented. The other problem is that communication is awful.

MISGA Money to the Tournament Committee. – Lloyd Stimson said that at the September meeting we talked about taking money from the treasury to subsidize the prize pools of the two State Tournaments. He presented a report to show what was paid out in 2014 and what he was recommending. He asked that MISGA subsidize \$13.60 dollars (\$6.40 for each player in the ABCD and \$7.20 for each player in the Two-man) for the tournaments. His chart showed the MISGA amount if the prize pool took 10, 11, 12 and 13 dollars from the entry fee. There was a motion to take \$10 per person out of the entry fee and subsidize that amount as above with \$13.60. The motion was seconded and approved.

Hollow Creek – There was a motion to accept Hollow Creek into MISGA. Seconded and approved.

New President – Jim Beisler said that it was an honor to serve on the Board for four years and he turned the gavel over to his successor Earl Gentry. Joe Baily will be the new Vice-President.

Wrap-up – The next meeting will be in March. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

DIV III Report
For
MISGA Board of Directors Meeting on 12-2-14

DIV III held their fall meeting on 10/2/14. Six of the seven Div III clubs were represented. Officers for 2015 were agreed upon as follows:

- a. Director – Frank Tighe
- b. Assistant Director – John Robinson (John Crovo resigned due to health issues)
- c. Associated Director – Gerry MacDonald
- d. Tournament Director – Mal Peterson
- e. Treasurer – Dick Parker

Larry Patterson is now the club rep for River House at Easton Club. Each club present gave an update including the number of members at the end of the season and the health and status of each of their clubs.

During the year there was some confusion within the division for managing the database of members. Roles and responsibilities were clarified consistent with MISGA guidelines.

Frank expressed his inability to attend some of the BoD meetings and Mal Peterson volunteered to be Frank's alternate. Fred Meers and George Bodner volunteered to fill in if Mal couldn't.

Last year, each Div III club hosted all of the other Div clubs on one of their home mixers. Everyone seemed to like the results and we agreed to repeat that scheduling for 2015. Scheduling for the balance of the season is well underway.

Div III will join Div I for the qualifying rounds for the MISGA –wide tournaments. The ABCD Qualifier will be a Harbournowne on July 9th with July 16th as the rain date. The Two-Man Qualifier has yet to be scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Tighe, Jr.

Representative for Prospect Bay and Div III Director

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Division IV Director's Report

On November 20, 2014 Division IV held its Annual Fall MISGA Rep Meeting at Norbeck Country Club. The meeting lasted for two hours, included lunch. All seven clubs within Division IV were well represented with a Club Rep, Assistant Reps or both as there were sixteen in attendance. Several topics were on the agenda, discussed and ultimately agreed upon if any action was required. The following provides a summary of the meeting.

An updated Vital Information document (Rep name, e-mail address, day of MISGA Mixer, etc) was provided to the group and any changes to the document are to be sent to the Division Director in order to update the master document that will ultimately be forward to all Division IV Reps and Assistant Reps.

The dates of the 2015 Division IV Qualifier Tournaments (ABCD and 2-Man Team with regular and rain date) were confirmed with Bretton Woods Recreation Center hosting the Div IV ABCD Qualifier and Montgomery Country Club hosting the Div IV 2-Man Team Qualifier.

Both 2015 Championship (a.k.a. State) Tournaments will be hosted by two Division IV Country Clubs. Manor Country Club will host the 2-Man Team Championship Tournament while Norbeck Country Club will host the ABCD (Past Presidents) Tournament. All dates (regular and rain) were conveyed to the group and are posted on the MISGA Website.

Kenwood Country Club will host the 2015 Division IV Pro-Am Tournament that is planned to be played on Tuesday, September 27, 2015.

The 2016 Division IV proposed tournament schedule was discussed in an effort to make certain the clubs that are scheduled to host the 2016 Div IV Qualifiers and Pro-Am tournaments were made aware of their responsibility well in advance of the tournaments.

Each Club Representative provided an update on their club, its membership and golf course, including any recent or planned construction/renovation.

The importance of getting more than one or two individuals involved in each Club's MISGA program was discussed in great length and detail. Several suggestions were made by a variety of Club Reps on how to get others involved in the organization. Some of the topics discussed were automating certain tasks such as the MISGA Mixer sign up process as well as utilizing technology to streamline the time and effort currently associated with manual jobs or a particular responsibility within the Club. One theme that was consistent throughout the discussion was making certain there was a succession plan in place for each club as well as a mentorship program.

The Division IV Director would like to implement two new positions within the Division and is seeking volunteers. They are Treasurer and Auditor. Currently the Division IV Treasury is essentially held within the personal checking account of the Division Director. From his perspective it is important that a separate MISGA Division IV organizational checking account is established with a bank that has significant presence within the Division IV geographical region. Since no Reps or Asst Reps volunteered for these new positions the Division IV Director will be following up contacting some Division IV Reps or Asst Reps to try to persuade them into occupying these new positions for the good of the division.

The 2014 MISGA Division IV Outstanding Representative of the Year was discussed and agreed upon. An award will be presented to the representative at the upcoming Manor Country Club Holiday Party on December 9th.

On October 20 we had our final meeting for 2014 and at this meeting Earl Gentry was introduced as the new division director and Greg Morris as the new assistant director of division VI. Earl was also introduced as the incoming MISGA president.

We had representation from all of our clubs including our newest conditional member Timbers at Troy.

This is my final meeting as director and I want to say it was a pleasure to serve on the board for the last four years and the friendships that I have made will last a lifetime.

Carl Lazar

Gentlemen.

Regarding the MISGA 2014 Winter Fling held at the Plantation on Crystal, Crystal River, Florida February 23 to March 1: The audit shows that all income and expenditures were supported by receipts, checks, and notes. An overage of \$112.55 was reported, and will be, it is assumed, applied to the income for the 2015 Winter Fling.

Regarding the MISGA Summer Frolic held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania September 9-11, 2014: The audit shows that all income and expenditures were supported by receipts, checks, and notes. A .50 overage was detected in the shortage reported. Thus, a shortage of \$547.16 occurred. It is assumed that Division II will cover that shortage.

Joyous holidays to all, and best wishes for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Jim Wilcox, MISGA Auditor.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Board meeting December 2, 2014

Crofton Country Club

We have two clubs, The Timbers at Troy Golf Club, Located in Elkridge, Md., and Hollow Creek Golf Club located in Middletown, Md., making application to join MISGA. Both reports by the valuation committee are attached. The committee is not making a recommendation for the Timbers at Troy Golf Club as the committee is split. The committee is in full agreement that Hollow Creek Golf Club be admitted.

Unfortunately we have been advised that two clubs will not be with us next year: Piney Branch Golf Club and Argyle Country Club.

The reasons given are:

1. Our MISGA membership has been steadily decreasing for the past 5 years.
2. Our members no longer want to travel to play. Our away participation this year dismal. We sent no members to over ½ of our away mixers
3. We have trouble getting new members to join MISGA.
4. Membership costs at our club run from \$4500 for a single weekday membership to \$6000 for a single full membership.
5. Membership includes our cart fees. All our lunches apply to our food minimum.
6. Participating in MISGA events outside our club adds \$37 - \$50 per event to our yearly cost of playing golf. Our members prefer to play at home.
7. The economy is taking a toll on our member's resources.

We are hearing these same complaints from our members throughout the state. The cost of golf is becoming prohibitive for many of our members. This is not something that the board can control. It is at the club level. The cost of mixers combined with dues, such as listed above, is more than many can handle comfortably. As a consequence, many will drop MISGA and eventually will drop their club, putting more pressure on those remaining. They may join cheaper clubs or drop golf entirely. I am sure that many of us have seen this happening at our own clubs.

Thomas Taylor

Membership Chairman

Evaluation of Timbers at Troy Golf Club

Application to join MISGA

The evaluation team, consisting of Carl Lazar of Bay Hills GC (Director of Div. VI), Greg Morris (Club Rep. at National Golf Club at Tantallon), Tom Tarpley of Holly Hills CC (Past President, Chairman of the Past Presidents Ad Hoc committee) and Tom Taylor of Quail Valley GC (Past President, Chairman of the Membership Committee) met with the general manager of the Timbers of Troy, Kevin Smith, on July 31, 2014. The proposed Club Rep and Assistant Club Rep were not available.

The MISGA-NEW CLUB APPLICATION AGREEMENT FORM has been signed.

The evaluation team obtained information on the following items:

This club is a pure public golf club. It is managed by Kemper Sports. They do not have any dues structure.

The club has a program called "The Kemper's Players Club" which presently has approximately 400 members. It is estimated that 60% are seniors. The fee to join this club is \$65 for seniors which entitles them to a free round of golf, handicap service, and twilight rates at various times other than twilight. The club does not hold club only tournaments. They do not have any senior organization. As such no senior listing is available.

They have 74 golf carts.

They have a seating capacity of 40 indoor and 60 outdoor plus an additional 160 in a pavilion. All food is prepared by the club and is served buffet style

They have no warning horn or other means of clearing the course during storms and lightning.

They have one Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which is serviced monthly.

Their white tees have been established as the senior tees at a length of 5616 yards. The slope and rating is 68.3/130 for men and 73.0/123 for women. The most forward tees (red) are not rated for men.

The club uses Golfnet to maintain the USGA handicap indexes and players scores. They also use the systems tournament management program to make up equitable foursomes and print out scorecards with all relevant information.

The club is licensed by the USGA as well as the MSGA.

At present, the club manager Kevin Smith is the handicap committee chairman. His phone number is 410-313-4653.

The course is being maintained properly and the greens are in good condition. It is a fun course to play and it is a fair course. However, some holes do have a carry which may be a problem for some of our most senior members.

The club would host MISGA mixers on Tuesdays and there will not be any attempts to block days, weeks or months during the year to prevent MISGA mixers or tournament events.

Other comments from the evaluation committee:

“Dining facilities are on site but NOT adequate to seat everyone in one place.”

“The membership structure is its weakest link. Nevertheless, I believe there are a number of clubs currently in MISGA which appear to have similar membership criteria.”

“The General Manager was surprised that no green fees could be charged. He had very little knowledge of MISGA. “

“The dining pavilion is next to the club house and can seat over 100 no different than Bowie has or what Hog Neck has, Also Glade Valley and Compass Pointe which has a tent set up that comment was made without thought by whoever wrote it

The following clubs have no dues structure either, Rattlewood, Bowie, Compass Pointe and Patuxent Greens. Timbers fall into that category. I am not sure about Hog Neck

We have lost Walden, Rolling Road and from what I have been told Argyle is dropping out and maybe River House at Easton club is in financial straights. Not adding new clubs would be a mistake.”

“ It is a nice course and I am in favor of admitting the club to MISGA. It is an option I would like to provide to my members. I concur with comments about the membership issue and the dining. There seem to me to be a number of courses with similar membership programs, which are also daily fee, which are also in MISGA. The outdoor pavilion is ample for a mixer, and like Hog Neck, their indoor dining option is limited.

I think the report is accurate and well done. Obviously the membership issue and dining capacity will be discussed, but hopefully, it will be pointed out that these issues are similar to other MISGA clubs which have successful track records.”

“I have several problems. First, I am not really sure about the interest in MISGA, in as much as the only person to meet with the evaluation team and discuss everything was the General Manager who was not

very well informed. This is the only time I know of when the persons who will be leading the club were not present. This has left a very bad impression on me. I know the proposed leaders are presently MISGA associates, but that does not mean they know the in's and out's of what is required of a MISGA Rep.

Second, they do not have a senior organization. They do have the "Players Club", but that includes anyone, regardless of age, who pays their \$65.00. This is not a senior organization. They are just hoping to recruit enough out of this "club" to make a senior organization.

I would like to see them get organized, set up a senior organization where they can present us with a members list as our rules call for, set up a dues structure, and then meet with the evaluation committee with all of the t's crossed and the l's dotted. I feel they are not ready."

A letter of recommendation by the Division VI Director is attached. He has contacted 7 of his clubs and they are in favor of admitting this club.

For the Evaluation Committee,

Thomas D. Taylor

Membership Chairman

August 31, 2014

Evaluation of Hollow Creek Golf Club

Background:

On Oct. 30, 2014, Mr. Gary Chapman, Club Pro, on behalf of several members of Hollow Creek Golf Club, made application for said Club to become a member of MISGA.

On November 13th a committee consisting of Gary Manion, Director of Div. IV, Clarence Moody, Director of Div. II, Thomas Tarpley, Past President of MISGA, and the undersigned Thomas Taylor, PP and Membership Chairman visited the club and met with Mr. Chapman and two of their members to review their application. The committee also toured the facilities and sampled the food (at their own cost).

Evaluation:

All of the members of the committee, except Mr. Manion, have played the course and due to the unfavorable weather felt it was unnecessary to replay it as no changes have been made, except the rough has been lowered. In discussions with the Hollow Creek gentlemen, we have ascertained the following.

- A. There are approximately 63 senior members eligible to join MISGA.
- B. They have 75 riding golf carts which are not GPS equipped
- C. The banquet room has a capacity of 140 which is indoors and air conditioned.
- D. They have a large kitchen and prepare all food on the premises. It will be served buffet style.
- E. They do not have a lightning & weather warning horn to warn golfers. They instead send out their staff.
- F. They do not have smart Automatic External Defibrillators.
- G. The club will use their green tees which measure 5719 yards.
- H. The club uses GOLFNET for maintaining their handicaps which is also used to make-up equitable foursomes and print scorecards with all relevant information. They are licensed by the USGA and the MSGA.
- I. The club will not block days, weeks or months during the calendar year to prevent MISGA mixers or tournaments.
- J. The club will conduct in home mixers on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

K. The Golf Professional is Gary Chapman
Handicap Chairman is Jeff Tomaski
Sr. Club Rep is Frank Wickless
Sr. Asst. Rep is Jeff Tomaski

This is a well maintained golf club in the public domain. The facilities are first class as is the staff. Many holes are surrounded by environmentally sensitive areas that player may enter and play their ball. Carts are barred from these areas.

The club is aware of the \$50.00 annual club dues payable to the state MISGA treasurer and of the annual \$5.00 per associate payable to the Division treasurer.

Recommendation:

. The professional is familiar with our organization and the members selected to be potential Club Reps are eager to attend their duties. A dues structure was proposed that is acceptable and thought through. It was a pleasure to evaluate a well prepared club seeking entrance to MISGA.

It is the unanimous recommendation of the evaluation committee that Hollow Creek Golf Club be approved for membership in MISGA. They would be assigned to Division II due to their location in Middletown, Maryland.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Taylor
Membership Chairman

MISGAGRAM Editor Report
MISGA Board Meeting – 12/2/2014
Crofton CC

- A. The September edition of the MISGAGRAM announced the imminent retirement of the MISGAGRAM Editor and solicited applications for the job. As of November 30, there has been no response. I will include a repeat announcement in the December MISGAGRAM (due out on 20 December). Perhaps the new Board can find a replacement; otherwise, the MISGA newsletter may be short-lived.
- B. I will not be attending the Winter Frolic at Crystal River, so I hope someone will cover the event with a write-up and pictures of the winners plus the annual picture of Ocean Pines attendees. Hopefully, a picture of “all others” will be also be taken and forwarded to me.

Byron W. Keadle

Byron Keadle
MISGAGRAM Editor

MISGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Crofton Country Club - Tues., Dec. 2, 2014

MISGA Tournament Chairman's Report

1. Financial Report - 2014 MCTs

Expense Item	Amount
Binders & Insert Tabs <i>(for Tournament Coordinators)</i>	\$21.16
Envelopes <i>(business & bubble wrap)</i> - 1 box each	7.72
Postage	33.52
6 Trophies <i>(incl. engraving)</i>	618.00
Travel <i>(5 round trips)</i>	462.50
TOTAL	\$1,142.90

2. MCT Prize Pools

Discussed at the September 9, 2014, Board meeting held in Gettysburg, was the possibility of the MISGA treasury subsidizing the prize pools of the two MISGA championship tournaments - should MISGA subsidize the two prize pools, and if so, by how much. President Jim Beisler requested the MTC explore the option and recommend distribution amounts for the tournaments. The results of the analysis and recommendations are presented on the attached document.

3. MISGA Championship Tournament Information

All information associated with the MCTs *(except the MCT Entry Form)* can be found on the MISGA website. <http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

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Lloyd Stimson

MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC)

PRIZE POOLS - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Section IX, B, 1 of the *MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines* states that the prize pool portion of the Entry Fee should range between \$10-15 per finalist.

Past Presidents (ABCD) (26 prize winners = 2 Grand Champions + 24 flight winners)

Finish	2014 (at Wild Quail)	Recommended
Grand Champion - Net	\$90	\$100
Grand Champion - Gross	\$90	\$100
Grand Champions Total	\$180	\$200
1 st Gross	\$75	\$80
2 nd Gross	\$55	\$60
3 rd Gross	\$35	\$40
1 st Net	\$75	\$80
2 nd Net	\$55	\$60
3 rd Net	\$35	\$40
ABCD Flights (4) Total	\$330 × 4 = \$1,320	\$360 × 4 = \$1,440
TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,640

2-Man Team (28 prize winners = 4 Grand Champions + 24 gross & net winners)

Finish	2014 (at Norbeck)	Recommended
Grand Champion - Net	\$60 ea	\$100 ea
Grand Champion - Gross	\$60 ea	\$100 ea
Grand Champions Total	\$120 × 2 = \$240	\$200 × 2 = \$400
2 nd Gross & Net	\$45 ea	\$80 ea
3 rd Gross & Net	\$37.50 ea	\$70 ea
4 th Gross & Net	\$30 ea	\$60 ea
5 th Gross & Net	\$25 ea	\$50 ea
6 th Gross & Net	\$20 ea	\$40 ea
7 th Gross & Net	\$17.50 ea	\$30 ea
8 th Gross & Net	\$15 ea	---
Gross (2) & Net (2) Flights Total	\$190 × 4 = \$760	\$330 × 4 = \$1,320
TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,720

Recommended Prize Pool Distribution Amounts

Tournament	Finalists	Prize Pool Total	Amt. Per Finalist	Entry Fee Share	MISGA Share	Total MISGA Share
PP-ABCD	100	\$1,640	\$16.40	\$10	\$6.40	\$640
2-Man Team	100	\$1,720	\$17.20	\$10	\$7.20	\$720
TOTAL						\$1,360

Tournament	Finalists	Prize Pool Total	Amt. Per Finalist	Entry Fee Share	MISGA Share	Total MISGA Share
PP-ABCD	100	\$1,640	\$16.40	\$11	\$5.40	\$540
2-Man Team	100	\$1,720	\$17.20	\$11	\$6.20	\$620
TOTAL						\$1,160

Tournament	Finalists	Prize Pool Total	Amt. Per Finalist	Entry Fee Share	MISGA Share	Total MISGA Share
PP-ABCD	100	\$1,640	\$16.40	\$12	\$4.40	\$440
2-Man Team	100	\$1,720	\$17.20	\$12	\$5.20	\$520
TOTAL						\$960

Tournament	Finalists	Prize Pool Total	Amt. Per Finalist	Entry Fee Share	MISGA Share	Total MISGA Share
PP-ABCD	100	\$1,640	\$16.40	\$13	\$3.40	\$340
2-Man Team	100	\$1,720	\$17.20	\$13	\$4.20	\$420
TOTAL						\$760

In 1990, Past President Shumaker contributed \$5,000 to MISGA for the purpose of enhancing the prize pool of the PP-ABCD Tournament. As a result, there is an additional annual \$150 allocation (from earned interest) from the Merle Shumaker Endowment to the prize pool of the PP-ABCD Tournament.

2015 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS & DIVISIONAL QUALIFIERS



(as of November 19, 2014)

MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Norbeck CC <i>(Div IV)</i> Rockville, MD	Thursday August 6, 2015	Monday August 31, 2015
2-Man Team	Manor CC <i>(Div IV)</i> Rockville, MD	Thursday August 20, 2015	Thursday August 27, 2015

Note: From the Bay Bridge, Norbeck is 52 miles and Manor is 50 miles

DIVISIONAL QUALIFIERS

Qualifier	Host Club	Date	Rain Date
Joint Div I & III ABCD			
Joint Div I & III 2-Man Team			
Div II - ABCD	Musket Ridge Myersville, MD	Monday July 13, 2015	None
Div II - 2-Man Team	Holly Hills Ijamsville, MD	Wednesday June 17, 2015	None
Div IV - ABCD	Bretton Woods Germantown, MD	Wednesday July 1, 2015	TBD
Div IV - 2-Man Team	Montgomery Laytonsville, MD	Tuesday June 9, 2015	Tuesday July 21, 2015
Div V - ABCD	Nutters Crossing Salisbury, MD	Tuesday June 16, 2015	None
Div V - 2-Man Team	Nutters Crossing Salisbury, MD	Tuesday July 14, 2015	None
Div VI - ABCD	National <i>(Tantallon)</i> Ft. Washington, MD	Monday June 15, 2015	Monday June 22, 2015
Div VI - 2-Man Team	Crofton Crofton, MD	Monday July 13, 2015	Monday July 20, 2015

MISGA Board of Directors Meeting - Rules & Handicaps Report

Bob Brewer

1. General

Checking compliance with the MISGA mandate of using a 90% handicap allowance for men and 95% allowance for women for the Two-Best-Ball-of-Four mixer format has gone well this year. Most clubs I visited in have been using this method. Some clubs still have a problem with correctly handicapping for mixed tees. I'd like to hear from anyone/everyone about why this is still a problem.

I've seen an improvement in players following the rules. Not perfect, but good. On the other hand, one discussion I had with a player this year related to his not necessarily following USGA rules when not playing in MISGA. He said it didn't matter if he bent the rules if it wasn't a MISGA event. *Au contraire mon frère!* All scores affect your handicap.

2. Topics for Discussion

- What information should we have on official score cards? I prefer showing the 100% handicap along with the 90%/95% handicap. I've also had a recent discussion about showing a player's index instead of the 100% value.
- Good suggestion from Rich and Carol Boardman: We have forward tees for men, but there is only one woman's tee. Shouldn't more clubs have senior tees for women?
- What to do about players who do not comply with the requirements for posting their scores.
- Clubs need to make sure that the tees that are used for MISGA events have correct slope and course ratings set up in MSGA/GolfNet.

3. Posting Tournament Scores

In my September Board Report I presented tables for the score postings for division qualifiers and for the state ABCD and Two-Man events. I think the tables clearly show that members are somewhat to very poor in posting tournament scores. I also had difficulty in acquiring the posting information from divisions I, III, and V. I'd like to do better next year and am strongly considering having each club monitor and send me the posting records for their members who play in the tournament events. I would work this through the division directors and rules and handicaps chairmen. Ultimately, deficiencies in posting comes down to how well clubs are able to oversee their members' conduct.

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Continued contact with Past Presidents to solicit recommendations for dedicated service to MISGA is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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