

MISGAGRAM

President's Message



The posting of scores is being monitored, yet a few members continue to miss the point. At least, that's the word I'm getting from the divisions. A number of individuals have been cautioned about not posting scores or posting inaccurate scores that do not comply with Equitable Stroke Control. Moreover, several individuals have had their handicap indices adjusted for exceptional tournament play.

Response to the fall trips at Sea Trail and Seabrook is gratifying. Pete Sorge, the MISGA Events Chairman advises that Sea Trail is fully booked. A few vacancies remain at Seabrook, but specific types of units are limited. Pete recommends you call him first to check on the status of units.

Arnie Simms, Director, Division I, and Bob McCready, Director, Division V, have informed the MISGA Board that they are expecting additional growth on the Eastern Shore as new golf courses are constructed. As a result, the two divisions have been working together to structure an additional (future) Eastern Shore Division. The plan likely will be put into place in 2004. FYI: Deer Run was accepted as a new member club at the May meeting of the board.

The MISGA History was last updated in 1995. It was a thorough and comprehensive effort distributed in booklet form. I've had three or four copies in my possession, but for the life of me I can't locate one of them today. Problem solved! In 2005 the history will be updated and posted on the MISGA website. No more looking for the booklet - it's just a click of the mouse away. If you don't want to do that, CD copies will be individually available. Use of the website offers the possibility of a full-color, indexed and key worded version.

The MISGA Board of Directors has implemented a policy of inviting a few club reps to attend MISGA board meetings. This gives reps a chance to see how the board works in making MISGA policy and decision, and if you have an opinion on a particular subject, it's a chance to tell the board what you think. If you're interested, let your division director know.

At the May board meeting, the Rules and Handicap Committee recommended that all MISGA mixers conducted under the best-two-balls-of-four format use 90% of the participant's handicap as recommended by the USGA. It was noted that Division III has followed this USGA recommendation for the past four years. After discussion, a motion in favor of the recommendation was defeated 6 to 4. I hope the board will revisit this matter in the near future and reconsider its decision.

One last thought. Don't miss an opportunity to play in either the Division III or IV pro-am. This is a great way to show your appreciation for the support you have received from your golf professional. Space is limited, so inquire now about getting your team in one of the events.

Sam Hall

Board Meeting Highlights Wednesday, May 22, 2002 Prospect Bay Country Club

1. **Ken Wallgren** reported that the charges for Internet fees in support of our web site are higher if paid by check than if paid by credit card. Accordingly, **Ken** moved that the treasurer be authorized to acquire a credit card to pay for these fees and other expenses. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Pete Sorge**, newly appointed Events Chairman, and **Al Isaacs**, new MISGA counsel, were introduced to the board.

3. **The Policy and Planning Committee** proposed establishing an ad hoc committee, chaired by the MISGA Vice President to conduct a two-year test/transition study of web site communications. This recommendation with the supplemental language "the committee to review and consider other recommendations" was brought to a vote by motion and approved by the board.

4. A motion to accept Deer Run as a MISGA member club was unanimously approved.

5. It was unanimously approved that each Director and Assistant Director supply a "quality gift" for distribution by lottery to club reps at the Board Bash.

6. It was moved and approved that 33% of the field at MISGA mixers be awarded prizes rather than 25% as has been the past practice.

NOTICE

MISGA will be returning to Admiral Lehigh for the Florida Fling in 2003. The announcement and application are enclosed in this issue.

DIVISION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

President's Cup

Division I

A Flight - Gross

Tim Linck	Harbourtowne	73
Bob Burd	Shawnee	78
Bob Tracy	Maple Dale	82

A Flight - Net

Dave Woodward	Maple Dale	62
Ron Bell	Harbourtowne	66
Tom Gancarz	Eagle Creek	69

B Flight - Gross

Sam Wood	Harbourtowne	81
Bud McNicholas	Prospect Bay	83
Russ Lewis	Maple Dale	85

B Flight - Net

Charles Kirsch	Caroline	66
Dan Hunt	Chester River	68
Dall Parsons	Prospect Bay	70

C Flight - Gross

William Seeds	Prospect Bay	88
Bob Merritt	Prospect Bay	89
Joe Bernard	Prospect Bay	90

C Flight - Net

Mike Lederer	Prospect Bay	68
Chas J'Anthony	Maple Dale	69
Rich Anderson	Prospect Bay	70

D Flight - Gross

Norm Anderson	Caroline	92
Stingle Watkins	Caroline	94
Bill Morton	Eagle Creek	98

D Flight - Net

Bob Gelderman	Chester River	66
Ed Fluharty	Harbourtowne	68
Jack Cropper	Easton	70

Division IV

A Flight - Gross

Bob Haight	Argyle	71
Dave Markey	Kenwood	72
Lou Buchsbaum	Hobbits	75
John Brockdorff	Montgomery	77
Bob Broadwater	Montgomery	78

A Flight - Net

Steve Parker	Montgomery	63
David Fritzwilliams	Lakewood	64
Scott Bush	Kenwood	67
Dan Devlin	Manor	69

B Flight - Gross

James Wilcox	Hobbits	78
Red Gaither	Hobbits	80
Ken Wallgren	Hobbits	81
Rick Harrison	Norbeck	82
Larry Blanken	Norbeck	83

B Flight - Net

Mike Urquhart	Kenwood	66
Dick Crone	Kenwood	67
Robert Decker	Lakewood	67
Herman Baker	Hobbits	67

C Flight - Gross

Bill Cave	Manor	82
Don Nicholson	Hobbits	84
James Oberndorfer	Montgomery	87
Francis Yi	Hobbits	89
Terry Hill	Bretton Woods	89

C Flight - Net

Lloyd Knowles	Hobbits	66
Gary Sorrell	Hobbits	66
Bob Ghormley	Kenwood	69
Dennis Dunn	Norbeck	69

D Flight - Gross

Bob McMinn	Kenwood	90
Max Keeney	Mont. Village	92
Ed Curran	Kenwood	93
Paul Noonan	Mont. Village	94
Dave Lyons	Hobbits	94

D Flight - Net

Roger Halbardier	Kenwood	66
Gerald Gravett	Hobbits	67
Dan Churchill	Kenwood	69
Jim Lawson	Kenwood	69

Two-Man Team Division IV

Name	Club	Score
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Scott Bush, Bob McMinn	Kenwood	55
N. Hekimian, Bob Conley	Lakewood	55
Steve Parker, Dave Bak	Montgomery	57
Dick Cheney, Jerry Sandler	Norbeck	57
M. McHugh, Dick Watkins	Lakewood	58
Ed Wratten, Tom Twigg	Montgomery	58
Nick DiTullo, Gerry Gravett	Hobbits	59
Bob Ghormley, Paul Collins	Kenwood	59
Earl Gayler, Steve Munger	Kenwood	59
Bob Hinton, Joe Ward	Manor	60
Ted Walsh, Ray Jones	Montgomery	60
Billy Leech, Bob Tapp	Hobbits	61
Lin Steinko, Ray Theim	Kenwood	61
Andy Miller, Rudy Luzzatto	Manor	61
Dick Hunt, Nick Parker	Manor	61
Kyung Kim, Harry Plastas	Montgomery Village	61
Joe Magnino, Tom Conley	Montgomery Village	61
Bill Molster, Ralph Sharp	Montgomery Village	62

Best Golf Caddie Remarks

- Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
Caddie: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."
- Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddie: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."
- Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"
Caddie: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."
- Golfer: "How do you like my game?"
Caddie: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."
- Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddie: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."
- Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."
Caddie: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."
- Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddie: "Eventually."

*Courtesy George Benner
Wild Quail*

DIVISION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

President's Cup

Division III

<u>A Flight - Gross</u>		
Dick Stearns	Tantallon	72
Earl Gentry	Patuxent Greens	77
Dan Williams	Crofton	78
Bob Burkhart	Walden	79
Joe Fitzgerald	Chartwell	80

<u>A Flight - Net</u>		
Roger Bookhultz	Patuxent Greens	68
Henry Woltman	Tantallon	68
Frank Brady	Navy	68
Harry Dermody	Navy	69
Mike Lavelle	Paxtuxent Greens	70

<u>B Flight - Gross</u>		
Bob Wilks	Walden	84
Gordy McBee	Chartwell	84
Bob Borisko	Bowie	86
Jim Antrim	Bowie	88
Bob Nicholson	Walden	88

<u>B Flight - Net</u>		
Bob Imbergamo	Walden	67
Dave Houston	Bay Hills	69
Tom Ford	Chartwell	69
Leo Landry	Navy	73
Dick Knode	Crofton	73

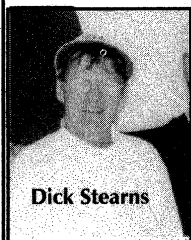
<u>C Flight - Gross</u>		
Jim Case	Walden	86
Bill Kline	Tantallon	88
Herb Fanz	Navy	88
Jim Mitchell	Walden	91
Wayne Fritz	Navy	91

<u>C Flight - Net</u>		
Bob Young	Crofton	68
Lloyd Stimson	Tantallon	69
John Fisher	Walden	69
Jack Bernard	Navy	70
Max Duncan	Navy	70

<u>D Flight- Gross</u>		
Yuri Okuda	Tantallon	92
Don Myers	Chartwell	93
Paul Higgins	U. of MD.	93
Cary Meredith	Navy	97
Pete Darcy	Walden	101

<u>D Flight - Net</u>		
Ed Cook	Navy	65
John Connors	Walden	66
Phil Langlois	Navy	70
Joe Bray Jr.	Navy	70
Don Barger	Navy	70

WOW!!!



Dick Stearns

He came, he conquered!! On Tuesday, June 25, Dick Stearns, of Tantallon Country Club in Fort Washington, MD participated in a MISGA mixer at Hunt Valley Golf Club in Phoenix, MD. The mixer also included the clubs of Holly Hills and Hobbits Glen. The weather was sunny and hot and the course was in great condition. That was all the 71 year old Stearns needed. He lapped the entire field of 117 golfers by shooting a blazing low gross score of 67. He hit 30 on the front nine and a 37 on the back nine. His round of golf included 9 birdies.

We are wondering if he broke or set the senior course record at Hunt Valley. In addition, Stearns, is a two-time MISGA "Past President's" tournament champion and was the runner-up in the 2002 tournament.

*Lloyd Stimson
Tantallon*

Holes-In-One

At the MISGA mixer on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Crofton Country Club, Tantallon's **Jim Ukockis** struck the shot of the day. He scored a hole-in-one on Crofton's # 12(par 3 - 148 yards). Jim used his 7 iron to record his first- ever ace. Following the appropriate golfing tradition, he treated his mates to a round of libation.

During a MISGA mixer with Bear Creek, **Jim Young** aced the fifteenth hole at West Winds, his home course. Although this was his first experience with this golfer's dream, we wish him many more such memorable moments.

SPRING FLING

May 6 and May 7, 2002

A total of 158 MISGA Associates and their significant others from 42 clubs attended this years Spring Fling. The ladies field had 68- eighteen holers and 6-nine hole golfers. There was a total of 232 golfers, five ladies took the tour and another 22 ladies only attended the banquet. The total attendance was 259.

Monday Winners at the Newport Bay Course:

	Lady 9 hole golfers	Club
1st	Lois Hresko Shirley Hunt Joanna Simms	Walden Chester River Eagle Creek
	Men's B Flight	
1st	Tom Maxwell Tim Young Al Procopio Charles Richeson	Lakewood Walden Walden Ocean City
2nd	Ralph Menton Don Taylor George Benner Jim Young	Ocean Pines USNA Wild Quail West Winds
3rd	Paul Desmond Milton Zepp Harry Sipes Arnold Olsen	Ocean Pines Wakefield V Quail Valley Maple Dale

Tuesday Winners at the Seaside Course:

	Lady 9 hole golfers	Club
1st	Lois Hresko Rose Rowden Joanna Simms	Walden Prospect Bay Eagle Creek
	Men's B Flight	
1st	Dave Wylie Frank Hogate John Tobin Michael Savarese	Tantallon Maple Dale Prospect Bay Hobbits Glen
2nd	Bob Wilks Earl Hersh Roy Betts Bill Smith	Walden Quail Valley Ocean City Wild Quail
3rd	Andy Wilcox Arnold Olsen Charles Peeling	Ocean Pines Maple Dale Quail Valley

Monday Winners at the Seaside Course

	Lady 18 hole golfers	
1st	Pat Ondrovik Mae Isensee Beverly Hogate Janet Bowersox	Walden Holly Hills Maple Dale Quail Valley
2nd	Jane Tinius Dot Dernoga Rosemary Ewing Mary Ann Huckel	Leisure World Prospect Bay Garrison's Lake Bay Hills
	Men's Flight A	
1st	Bill Kleisch Carl Ridenour Steve Duca Duane Robbins	Nassawango Patuxent Greens Tantallon Bowie
2nd	Gene Horan Dick Haney Bob Nicholson Tom Flynn Lakewood	Bear Creek Argyle Walden

Tuesday Winners at the Newport Bay Course:

	Lady 18 hole golfers	
1st	Sandy Witzke Jean Ewalt Dorothy Cahill Marge Francis	Rolling Road Elks Prospect Bay Sparrows Pt.
2nd	Pat Onorovik Carol Boardman Phyllis Widerkehr Mae Isensee	Walden West Winds Talbot Holly Hills
	Men's A Flight	
1st	Earl Gentry Jack Gambatese Jim Dougherty Sam Hall	Patuxent Gr. Wakefield V. Rolling Road Tantallon
2nd	Norbert Muench Bob West Tom Flynn Chick Cicolini	Bear Creek Tantallon Lakewood Bowie



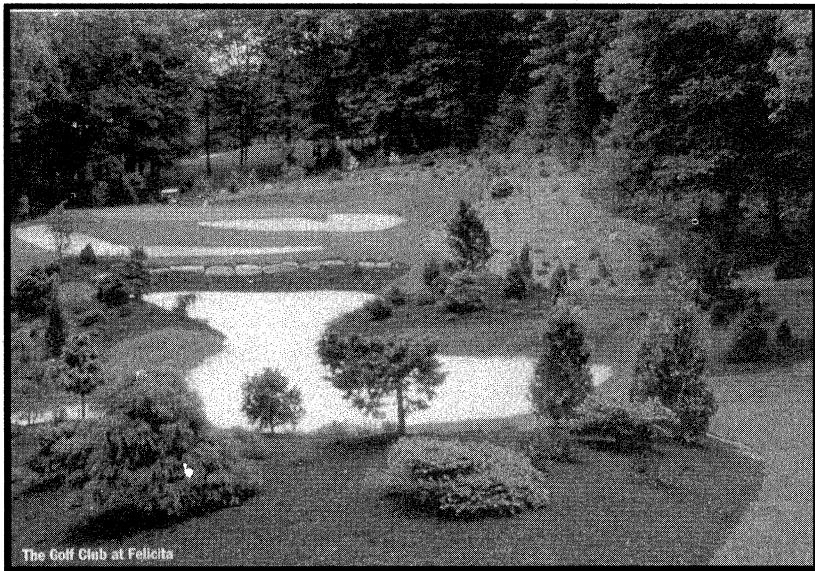
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May 6 and May 7, 2002



Great Golf Get Aways

Every year as August 12th approaches I begin to think about some really special place my wife and I can go to celebrate our anniversary. Luckily, last year, the Washingtonian Magazine came to my rescue with an article on fall weekends. Felicita, a garden retreat nestled in the Blue Mountains near Harrisburg, Pa which promised to excite the eye and calm the soul was featured in that article. It sounded pretty good, especially when I read about the golf course!



The Golf Club at Felicita

Felicita means great happiness. If you love beautiful gardens and good golf - then it will deliver the promise of happiness. This garden retreat has the usual resort amenities i.e. pool, tennis, hiking, spa, and large attractive rooms with mountain views, but it was the gardens and GOLF which we fell in love with.

Felicita boasts of 35 spectacular acres of show gardens with 21 different themes. There are rock, Japanese, moon, Monet and alpine gardens with pools, streams, a tea house, water falls, bridges and statuary worked into the designs. The 8-acre, formal, terraced Italian garden with its many pools, statues, and fountains is worthy of a Hollywood production! Strolling among the rare plants, shrubs, and trees is a pleasant way to relax before getting down to the real business at hand...GOLF!!!

The golf course, built in 1963 was designed by David and William Gordon, a father/son team. It provides a great visual treat as well as a fun golfing experience. It is a challenging 18-hole course which offers unique landscaping. The brochure we were given called it golfing in a garden - and that it was. Some of the tees have different garden themes which are stunning especially with the mountain backdrop. In addition, the entire course is dotted with rhododendrons, laurel, azaleas, weeping cherries, Japanese maples, and magnolias.

The course at Felicita is par 72 and 6,053 yards long. It is a classically-designed course where golf is straightforward. It offers several fine holes and an outstanding collection of par 3's. This course was voted by the Washington Golf Monthly Magazine as one of the Top 100 courses to play.

If you decide to try Felicita, I hope you will find it fun and relaxing!!!

Have you played an interesting golf course lately? If you would like to share your experience in the MISGAGRAM please submit article to Richjhunt@aol.com.

Deceased MISGA Members

Chartwell
Chester River

Crofton
Lakewood
Leisure World
Nutter's Crossing

Ocean City

Andrew Sosnowski
George Crown
Bill Rogers
John Scott
Tony Cannetti
Paul Guild
Harry Barker
Lee Keck
Charles E. Petzel
Gene Brukiewa
Fred Cox

Seaford
Sparrows Point
Sussex Pines
Tantallon
Univ. of Maryland
US Naval Academy
Wild Quail

Elwood Hudson
Robert Lating
Andy Stark
John Hardy
Edward Marzoa
Linwood Sirman
Connie Cumberland
David Grego
Charles Reddick
Roy Smith
Chuck Barkins

JOKES

An octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local country club. He went to the club for the first time to play but was told there wasn't anybody to play with because they were already out on the course. He repeated several times that he really wanted to play. Finally, the Assistant Pro said he would play with him and asked how many strokes he wanted for a bet. The 80 year old said, "I really don't need any strokes as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of the sand traps." And he did play well. Coming to the par four 18th they were even. The pro had a nice drive and was able to get on the green and 2-putt for a par. The old man had a nice drive, but his approach shot landed in a sand trap next to the green. Playing from the bunker he hit a high ball which landed on the green and rolled into the hole! Birdie, match and all the money! The Pro walked over to the sand trap in which his opponent was still standing. He said, "Nice shot, but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps?" Replied the octogenarian, "I do. Please give me hand."

Courtesy George Shenk

Golf Quotes

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf."

Bob Hope

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."

Billy Graham

"Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing."

Ben Hogan

"The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law."

H.G. Wells

Letter to the editor



On 9/21/99 the MISGA board recommended "the use of 90% handicap by MISGA Clubs where the two- best -balls-of-four format is used". On 5/17/01 the board amended the bylaws to state: "MISGA and its associates shall comply with the USGA rules of golf---". With all of this information, I would be interested to hear why some clubs still do not follow the guidelines.

*Dick Dale
Maple Dale*

Some additional comments by Dick Dale:

I recently talked with the handicap chairman from another club who mentioned that golfers take it very personally when they lose a stroke or two. His comment really struck home with me. He said we need to emphasize that the USGA is providing us with a method of having a **TEAM handicap** for best- two- balls -of- four play; **not individual handicaps**. If you think of the system in this way, it is easier to understand why it's necessary.

Quote from the USGA concerning best-two -balls -of- four format: "The relative equity which the system brings to individual matches, however quickly changes to inequity in multi-ball team events at stroke play- if full handicaps continue to be used."

We obviously have a lot of educating to do!!