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New Clubs: MISGA continues to grow by the addition of new clubs, three so far this year – Hunter's Oak, Links at Challedon, and Bay Club (reinstated). Total club count is now 64, the highest number in our history. By the time you read this, there may be other new MISGA clubs for 2009.

Reminder – Please submit information on Holes-in-One, if made during a MISGA event with two or more member clubs. You should include type of event (e.g., mixer), date, home club, club where Hole-in-One was made, and the hole number. Send this information to both MISGAGRAM Editor Herb Hanson (hahome@verizon.net) and Webmaster Errol Myers (errol@kiwiwineries.com).

Fall Frolic: Pete Sorge informs me that there are still a few openings for the Little River Fall Frolic, November 1-6. You must act before 9/25/2009 to be considered. Contact Pete at pete233@verizon.net.

Golfnet: For those of you who post scores to Golfnet through the internet, have you noticed how much less useful it is with the Maryland State Golf Association layered between you and Golfnet? You now need a password for each person's score that you want to enter.

Volunteers: There is a continual need for volunteers to step up and contribute to the efficient operation of MISGA. If you have skills in computer and internet technology, please offer your services whenever there is a need. As an organization, we are still struggling to get into the 21st Century.

Farewell: My term as president will end in December; it has been a privilege to serve as MISGA president for 2009. I want to thank the board members and all the club reps for the work they do in keeping MISGA running smoothly. I especially want to praise the new chairmen for 2009 who took on heavy workload positions, namely: Ralph Cruikshank, Associates Chairman; Tom Tarpley, Tournament Chairman; and Errol Myers, Webmaster. And, once again, Charlie Fieldhouse came out of retirement, this time to produce the History of Board Actions – 2009 and the Cumulative History of Board Actions – 2009. Thank you, Charlie. One further thank you goes to Gary Sorrell, who is stepping down after five years as MISGA treasurer, without even a hint of scandal.

New President: Howard Taylor, who has been MISGA's auditor since 2005, will be MISGA president for 2010. Congratulate Howard when you see him and please give him your support.

I hope to see many of you at the Frolics at Carroll Valley and Little River.

Remember, if you can't hit it straight, then keep it short so it'll be easier to find.

Byron Keadle, President

Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

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Byron Keadle

Vice President
Howard Taylor

Secretary
John Babyak

Treasurer
Gary Sorrell

The **MISGA**gram is the official newsletter of the organization mailed free to all Associates four times each year. The mission of the 'gram is to provide information of common interest to all association members. The 'gram also can be read at www.misga.org.

The publication months for the **MISGA**gram are:

April
July
September
December

Noteworthy events and announcement for away activities, and articles of general interest may be submitted to the editor at any time for printing. The closing dates for publication are:

15 March (April)
01 June (July)
01 September (Sept.)
10 November (Dec.)

All materials should be sent via e-mail to:

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H. A. Hanson
MISGAgram Editor

ONCE AGAIN IT'S CRYSTAL RIVER

The **2010 WINTER FLING** will be held at the *Plantation Inn and Golf Resort* in Crystal River, Florida...and they have given us terrific rates, which you will note on the application.

When we asked for a "show of hands", it was close to unanimous to return to the *Plantation*. We arrive Sunday, February 21 and depart Saturday, February 27.

DINING: Breakfast: daily, Monday through Saturday; Buffet Dinners Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m., with a cash bar open at 5:30 p.m.; there will be music for your dancing pleasure on Thursday; Friday will be a hosted Cocktail Party at 6:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. You will receive dinner choices when we meet for dinner Sunday evening.

GOLFING: Monday - 8:30 a.m. Shotgun - Scramble with everyone, including 9-hole ladies; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30 a.m. shotgun with daily formats by groups: 9-hole ladies/Executive Course and 18-hole ladies and men/Regulation Course. Events and teams will be posted at least one day prior to play.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we will sit with our golfing partners and their spouses/guests.

MISGA Associates must submit a registration form and a check for payment in full to the address on the application form; the earlier, the better!

Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing you all again and hoping some new folks will join us for this fun event.

Bob McIntyre

BOSOM BUDDIES:



Two of the Giants of MISGA at a recent Member-Guest event at *Piney Branch G. C.* Left to right: **Charlie** "Yellow Hat" **Fieldhouse** and **Thomas** "Plus Fours" **Tarpley**. The entire MISGA organization owes a huge debt of gratitude to these two gentlemen who have devoted many, many hours over the years and who have made significant contributions to the success of the MISGA organization.

APPLICATION - PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

MISGA FLORIDA WINTER FLING 2010

Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, Florida...February 21 - 27

Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

MISGA CLUB _____ Phone _____

Wife or Guest _____
Club _____ Phone _____

Accommodations: Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____

CATEGORY (Circle appropriate line)

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1. Couple - 2 golfers _____ | \$1750 |
| Specify if spouse/guest is _____ 9 _____ 18 holes | |
| 2. Couple - 1 golfer _____ | \$1585 |
| 3. Single golfer _____ | \$1265 |

Note: Patio doubles and kings have an additional \$10.00 per night charge, plus 9% tax. Please check here _____ YES _____ NO
(Do not include this amount in your application as it will be taken care of when you check out.)

Early arrival rate: \$99.00 plus 9% Tax.

Call Resort to book: 1-800-632-6262

Send Application and check payable to MISGA Winter Fling to:

Bob McIntyre
19 Boatswain Drive
Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Questions: Call Bob at 410-208-0101 E-Mail - bnmac@verizon.net

My spouse or guest and I agree to indemnify MISGA for any physical damage to the golf course, golf carts, equipment and resort facilities incurred due to our negligence and to abide by Article IX Code of Conduct.

Signature _____

Date _____

MISGA 2009 State Two-Man Team Championship

Prospect Bay CC – August 24, 2009 in Grasonville, Maryland

An excellent show was put together and implemented by the Host Club Rep, **Bert Bigelow** and Div. 3 Tour Chair, **Ralph Starkey** with input from Division Directors **David Cook** and **Malcolm Peterson** and aid from a host of volunteers. The lunch and dinner were of excellent quality and served with the style one would expect from the Eastern Shore. Both State Tournaments served crab cakes as an entrée – so those of us who attended both, can give an opinion as to which is best. That issue will not be covered here.

The food, beverages, chefs and wait staff provided a truly outstanding day for those attending. The golf course played well even though a bit of precipitation had fallen over the weekend. A small challenge to the ground super. **Mike Norton**, Golf Pro Did the scoring and helped announce the winners; a big Thank You to Mike.

The Net Winners with a home club advantage were **Bob Gerhold** and **Jim Micek** posting a 58 on their home course. The Runner-Ups were **Steve Carter** and **Ken Mugford** from *Walden* posting a 60. A new award for Low Gross, and for this year named “The Bert Bigelow Trophy”, went to **Michael S. Gorski** and **R. Aarne Tiikkala** for a score of 70. The winners are pictured below.

Hearty congratulations to you and all the other winning teams. Thanks again to our Host Club, *Prospect Bay*, for hosting a well-constructed tournament. MISGA extends warm praise to all of you.

TROPHY WINNERS ARE:



Bob Gerhold & Jim Micek – Prospect Bay
1st LOW NET



Steve Carter & Ken Mugford – Walden
2nd LOW NET



Michael S. Gorski & R. Aarne Tiikkala -
Eagle Creek LOW GROSS

(2Man Tourney, cont'd)

The placement of other teams in the two-man tournament are:

<u>3rd Net</u>	Larry Gingrich Maurice Spedden	60	<i>Prospect Bay</i>
<u>4th Net</u>	Herman Hohit Clarence Johnson	62	<i>Great Hope</i>
<u>5th Net</u>	John Ogilve Bill Cave	63	<i>Manor</i>
<u>6th Net</u>	Paul Norris Bob Rossiter	63	<i>Hobbits Glen</i>
<u>7th Net</u>	Sam Wood Adam Cockey	63	<i>Harbourtowne</i>
<u>8th Net</u>	Ron Hudson Rocky Christian	64	<i>Deer Run</i>
<u>9th Net</u>	Johnny Crews Bill Kalis	64	<i>Rattlewood</i>
<u>10th Net</u>	Dan Orendorf Dave Zadorozny	64	<i>Bear Trap Dunes</i>
<u>11th Net</u>	Chuck Bradley Chesley Wise	64	<i>Wild Quail</i>
<u>12th Net</u>	Bob Brewer Tim Brewer	65	<i>Rattlewood</i>
<u>13th Net</u>	Mo Dutterer Dave Oaks	65	<i>Hobbits Glen</i>
<u>14th Net</u>	George Foote Phil Peluso	65	<i>Walden</i>
<u>15th Net</u>	Ken Linde Jeffery Weber	65	<i>Lakewood</i>

TO ALL WHO PLAYED AND HELPED, MISGA AND I THANK YOU!! LET THE DIRECTORS, CLUB REPS AND ME KNOW IF YOU LIKED THE TEE PLACEMENT!

Tom Tarpley, MISGA State Tour. Ch.

HOLE-IN ONE:



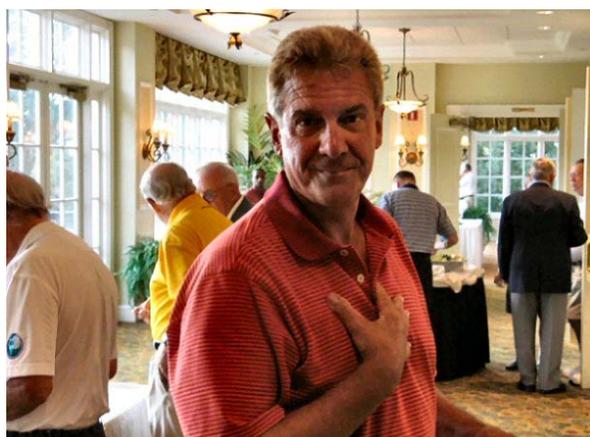
Everett Ruhland of *Green Hill* made a Hole-in-One on hole #11 at *Manor* during the Past Presidents Tournament on 8/13/2009. Congratulations, Everett. Just as Everett did not visualize the ball disappear in the cup, he seemed to disappear when the drinks were ordered. Guess the crowd of "well wishers" scared him away! We say enjoy your fete in good health!

Tom Tarpley, MISGA State Tour. Ch.

A-B-C-D Past Presidents Tournament

The Past Presidents (ABCD) Tournament was held at beautiful *Manor CC*. The course was in excellent condition, the day well organized and the food outstanding. If one could complain about anything it's that so many, played so well, there were numerous tiebreakers to go over. Golf Professional **Larry Velton** did not have time to eat—yet kept the shop open till all the stragglers departed. One had to return from Olney to pick up the trophy bowls he forgot. **C. J. Myers**, Division Host Tournament Chair, had the volunteers out in force to help manage the speed of play. Most finished in under 5 hours; not bad for a field of 122 players. **Dennis Barnes**, the local Club Rep deserves recognition for proper supervision of the day's event. Everyone at *Manor* deserves a word of praise. We in MISGA salute you!

The Low Gross Champion was **Mo Dutterer** from *Hobbits Glen* with a score of **73**. The Low Net Champion was **Bill Hall** from *Kenwood* with a score of **64**. Each received a desktop clock trophy and will be presented at a later date with the "MISGA Traveling Silver Bowl" to be displayed at their respective clubs until next year's tournament.



Mo Dutterer: *Hobbits Glenn Manor*



Bill Hall: *Kenwood* - Pro Larry Velton:

A number of additional photos will be placed on the misga.org web. Again, The State Tournament Chairman (**Tom Tarpley**, above, *Holly Hills*) thanks all of you who played and especially *Manor CC* for hosting our tournament. Hope you liked playing from the same tees as you do, in mixers!

The A B C D Winners are:

Flight	Place	Score	Amount	Name	Club
<u>D</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>	90	\$45	Tom Brewster	<i>Rattlewood</i>
	<u>2nd Gross</u>	91	\$30	Pete Sorge	<i>Tantallon</i>
	<u>3rd Gross</u>	95	\$25	Ed Boyer	<i>Harbourtowne</i>
	<u>Low Net</u>	64	\$45	Tom Tarpley	<i>Holly Hills</i>
	<u>2nd Net</u>	65	\$30	Dick Kwolek	<i>Hobbits Glen</i>
	<u>3rd Net</u>	66	\$25	Bob Kirkner	<i>Deer Run</i>
	<u>C</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>	82	\$45	Ed Wratten
<u>2nd Gross</u>		86	\$30	Owen Wise	<i>Caroline</i>
<u>3rd Gross</u>		86	\$25	Richard Ingram	<i>Glade Valley</i>
<u>4th Gross</u>		87	\$20	Ray Morrison	<i>Prospect Bay</i>
<u>Low Net</u>		65	\$45	David Fitzwilliam	<i>Rattlewood</i>
<u>2nd Net</u>		69	\$30	Chris Fanning	<i>Fairway Hills</i>
<u>3rd Net</u>		69	\$25	Paul Norris	<i>Hobbits Glen</i>
<u>B</u>	<u>4th Net</u>	69	\$20	Sam Wood	<i>Harbourtowne</i>
	<u>Low Gross</u>	78	\$45	Chris Smith	<i>Kenwood</i>
	<u>2nd Gross</u>	80	\$30	Ralph Starkey	<i>Caroline</i>
	<u>3rd Gross</u>	81	\$25	Dennis Reese	<i>Bay Hills</i>
	<u>4th Gross</u>	82	\$20	Tom Destefano	<i>Shawnee</i>

(A-B-C-D Tourney, cont'd)

	<u>Low Net</u>	69	\$45	George Keenan	<i>Quail Valley</i>
	<u>2nd Net</u>	69	\$30	Jerry Moxley	<i>Patuxent Greens</i>
	<u>3rd Net</u>	70	\$25	Don Hoffmeyer	<i>Rattlewood</i>
	<u>4th Net</u>	71	\$20	Ben Snouffer	<i>Glade Valley</i>
A	<u>Low Gross</u>	74	\$45	Bob Rehman	<i>U. of MD</i>
	<u>2nd Gross</u>	75	\$30	Bob Burd	<i>Shawnee</i>
	<u>3rd Gross</u>	75	\$25	Tom Whitehead	<i>Patuxent Greens</i>
	<u>Low Net</u>	66	\$45	Dwane Krosner	<i>U. of MD</i>
	<u>2nd Net</u>	68	\$30	Ray Theim	<i>Kenwood</i>
	<u>3rd Net</u>	68	\$25	Larry Lewis	<i>Quail Valley</i>

Tom Tarpley

RULES ISSUE - THE PROVISIONAL BALL - Rule 27

STEPS TO AVOID A MESS !!

(1) Announce the Provisional

(2) State the Differing Identities of the Balls

You've just hit your drive so far to the right that it may be lost or out of bounds. You know the ball did not go into a water hazard. If you are going to hit another ball, you must clearly [announce], "This is a provisional ball."

It's always a good idea to hit a provisional ball if you think your original ball may be out of bounds or lost. If it turns out that indeed your ball is OB or lost, [as] you play your provisional ball ... you will be hitting [your third shot].

There is no such thing as a provisional ball for a shot you suspect entered a lateral water hazard. In this situation, if you play another shot [from the tee] thinking it's a provisional, you're really placing a second ball in play and you've [chosen the hazard option of playing another ball from the place of your original spot. You can't then choose any of the other hazard options, such as dropping two club lengths from where the ball entered the margin of the hazard, etc.]

[Before you hit a provisional ball, you should announce the identity of the original ball and that of the provisional ball, so that if you find either or both balls, it will be apparent to all which ball(s) you've found.]

[If you do not announce the identity of both balls, then: (1) if you find only one ball, in bounds and not in a hazard, it is assumed to be the provisional, because it cannot be identified as the original; you are lying three, hitting four. (Decision 27-11, Situation #3.); or (2) if you find both balls in bounds and not in a hazard, you are to select one of the balls to be treated as the provisional ball and play it; again, you are now lying three, hitting four. (Decision 27-11, Situation #4-2). It could be argued that both balls would be determined to be lost, because it is not possible to determine which ball is the original ball and which is the provisional; but Decision 27-11 further states that it would be inequitable to require you to return to the tee box to play what would be your fifth shot (aren't you glad?)]

[To AVOID THIS MESS, announce the identities of your original and provisional balls before you hit your provisional, and make sure the balls' identities are different. For example, if your balls are both Titleist NXT Tours, make sure they have either different numbers or that you have given them different markings.]

Follow those steps. Avoid the mess! (And don't forget to have fun!)

(This article was part of the MISGA 2001 Rules and Handicap Project, a well-crafted set of 28 one-page articles on rules, etiquette, and handicapping, produced by former MISGA President Sam Hall's Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Handicaps. Those articles were handed out to the club reps in 2001, with the intent that they be posted or distributed at the clubs. Only a few of the original articles were inserted into the MISGAgrams then. To give these fine articles a new life and to provide "reminders" of rules, etiquette, etc., they will be inserted somewhat regularly in current MISGAgrams.) [Updating and enhancing edits and additions appear in brackets.]

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