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Leadership transition at the December 8, 2009 Board Meeting at Patuxent Greens



Outgoing President Byron Keadle passes gavel to Incoming President Howard Taylor



2010 MISGA President Howard Taylor and Vice-President Tom Taylor

## MISGAGRAM TO CEASE BEING PRINTED

At the MISGA Board Meeting at Patuxent Greens Golf Club on Tuesday, December 8th, it was decided to stop printing the MISGAGRAM and to publish it only on the web site. The December issue of the MISGAGRAM is the last printed copy to be delivered to each associate. What about those who don't have email or access to the web? In that case, the Club Rep can put the MISGAGRAM PDF file on a CD and take it to the local FedEx-Kinko's. There, he can have copies printed directly from the CD for \$0.96 a copy for an eight-page MISGAGRAM, or \$1.43 for a 12-page 'gram. Or, and this is probably the preferred action, the Rep can print a copy and post it on the bulletin board. Ah, but color is out of reach at \$11.35 for 12-page 'gram. The only reasonable way to see color is to view it on the web site.

As a second board action, the annual associate's dues for 2010 were reduced by 50% to \$5.00, payable prior to June 1, along with complete club roster updates. This should avoid an uncomfortable surplus otherwise resulting from the \$13,000 savings in printing and mailing costs. Club Reps might also want to consider reducing the amount that they assess associates as annual dues for their senior organizations. The annual club dues remain at \$50, payable directly to the MISGA treasurer by April 1.

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The MISGAGRAM is the official newsletter of the organization published on the web site four times each year. The mission of the 'gram is to provide information of common interest to association members.

The 'gram can be read at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org).

The publication months for the MISGAGram 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:

**1 April** (April)  
**1 July** (July)  
**1 September** (Sept.)  
**1 December** (Dec.)

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## Editor's Message

This is the first issue of the MISGAGRAM to be published only on the web site. The MISGAGRAM has been operating on a four-per-year schedule, mainly due to printing and mailing costs. Since cost is no longer a major issue, the 'gram can be produced more frequently if the quantity of information or the timeliness requirement of the material warrants it.

While the next issue was scheduled for April, 2010, we have some material from late 2009 that has not yet been published. I'm referring to the Fall Frolic at Little River resort in North Carolina and to the Green Jacket award presented in December. We expect to have new material from the Winter Frolic at Crystal River available for the April issue. Although we are not limited in number of pages, timeliness of reporting suggests that we use two separate issues for these events.

### Use the Bookmarks

When this document opens on your screen, you will notice that the Bookmark palette is displayed along the left side. One can click a bookmark to jump directly to a specific area of interest. Or, if preferred, click on the Bookmark tab and the Bookmark palette will close, leaving the entire window for displaying the document. To re-open the Bookmark palette, click on the Bookmark tab once more.

### Zoom the Pictures

Although the pictures appear to be rather small when viewed normally, you can enlarge them to any reasonable size you choose by using the zoom control. The best detailed view is generally obtained by a zoom of 300 to 400 per cent. Use the scroll control to examine the entire picture or page.

### Maximize the Window

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### Read Aloud

Adobe Reader has a feature that "reads aloud" for you. Experiment by VIEW > Read Out Loud > Activate Read Out Loud. Then use SHIFT + CTRL + V to read current page only, or SHIFT + CTRL + B to read to end of document. (Or, you can use the "Read Out Loud" menu pick to choose these options.) I find this feature to be rather unexciting. Don't forget to "De-activate Read Out Loud" when you are finished experimenting.

## Large Fonts

We are using fonts large enough to be easily read at 100% zoom. If the senior eyes need larger font, then use the zoom control to enlarge the print; the maximize window control to enlarge the window space; and the “fit width” control of Adobe to fit the width of the page within the window.

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## Letters to the Editor

[Letters to the Editor are expressions of opinion by the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the MISGA Board of Directors or the Editor.]

### JUST REWARD

This year Chartwell hosts the finals for the ABCD, a prestigious event that any club would be happy to host. In my eyes Chartwell is being rewarded for their discriminatory practices. MISGA made a mistake when they gave Chartwell the tournament, because by doing so the MISGA is condoning such practices.

According to Buck Linthicum, the Chartwell Club Rep, the Chartwell Board instituted a policy that prohibits Chartwell from playing other clubs that are not equal to or better than Chartwell. Is this arrogance, elitism, snobbery, or just plain stupid? I would love to know the criteria for such discrimination. Perhaps the criteria include chandeliers, linen tablecloths, or deep pile carpeting. One thing for sure; the golf is not any better. If your phone calls to Chartwell have gone unreturned, and your e-mails unanswered, now you know why.

Join me in asking the MISGA leadership to award the ABCD Finals to another club in MISGA which does not practice this kind of blatant discrimination.

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### LET’S PLAY TOGETHER!

My husband and I have participated in approximately twenty MISGA “flings” and “frolics”. I have always enjoyed the one day the women play with the men. I have wondered why it was only one day that we played together. In talking about it, I found both men and women agreed they enjoyed these golf events and would like to play more of them.

Men play with men in their MISGA mixers and most women belong to ladies golf groups, so we play with our own gender most of the time. It is only at the flings and frolics that we have an opportunity to enjoy playing in mixed foursomes. The formats are always a good time. They provide a change of pace and a different perspective on the “serious” game of golf.

I would like to see us play together at least two (or more) of the four days of play. These events are the only times we get together, and why not, golf is supposed to be fun and playing together enhances the social aspects of the events. Golf does not have to be a game of life or death, it can be fun too! --- Ann Turner

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## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Kenneth Wallgren was presented with the MISGA Green Jacket Award for outstanding service to MISGA. Previous recipients have been Merle Shumaker (1996), Sam Hastings (2000), C. J. Myers (2005), Charlie Fieldhouse (2005), Tom Tarpley (2006), and Peter Sorge (2008).

### A Tribute to Kenneth Wallgren by Byron Keadle



I first met Ken Wallgren in our professional capacities prior to joining MISGA. In Ken's previous career, he performed advanced research in supercomputer technology, architecture, and applications, including publishing in the IEEE Computer Journal. Thus, Ken was well suited to assist in the transition of MISGA to the computer age.

Ken has served in many positions of responsibility in MISGA, the earliest being Assistant Rep at Hobbits Glen. During the period 2000-2003, Ken was assistant director, and then director of Division IV, giving him a position on the board for a four-year period. He was vice president of MISGA in 2002 and president in 2003. He was chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee for three years and chairman of the Past Presidents Ad Hoc Committee in 2008. However, merely occupying positions does not necessarily qualify one for a special award. Rather, it is the impact that the individual has on the organization, and Ken's contributions have been numerous and significant.

In 2001, at the request of President Fieldhouse, Ken and two other board members turned Charlie's dream of a MISGA web site into reality. Later (Dec. 2002), he sought and won board approval to purchase Adobe's PageMaker program for the MISGAGRAM editor.

Early in his administration (2003), he encouraged the first publication of a MISGAGRAM on the web site; he managed the restructuring of MISGA to accommodate a new division on the Eastern Shore; he created the MISGA Web Committee with responsibility to design, manage, and maintain the MISGA web site; and he formed a Past Presidents Ad Hoc Committee under Charlie Fieldhouse to (1) develop an archival system, (2) produce the next 10 year history booklet covering 1996-2005, and (3) develop a "sell package" (brochure) for use in recruiting clubs for MISGA membership. All of these packages were completed by January 2006.

In early 2005, Ken personally acquired the content of the MISGA web site to expedite the transition to a new webmaster. As chairman of the Policy and Planning Committee, he pushed for and won approval for guidelines on the optional use of alternate or mixed tees in MISGA events, exemplifying his own attitude that golf should be an enjoyable and friendly pastime. His committee (P&P) produced an updated Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines (Rep's Handbook), the White Cover edition (2006). Ken also promoted the idea to stop printing both the Leadership Roster and the Reps Handbook, since both are maintained on the web site and always up-to-date.

Ken and Ruby live in Columbia just around the corner from Hobbits Glen Golf Course. Both are active golfers and frequent winners in the MISGA sponsored events.

## MISGA Fall Frolic -- November 1-6, 2009

The Fall Frolic at Little River Resort at Carthage, NC was well attended. After a lousy Sunday drive through heavy rain, we had very good weather the rest of the week, with temperatures reaching close to 70 degrees each day. One woman, Bev Hogate from Ocean City Golf Club, had a hole-in-one. The scramble at Seven Lakes was a fun event, with the men playing the Gold and the women playing mostly the Green tees. At Seven Lakes, the Green tees are used by senior women and juniors. Most teams had two women, and the men had trouble getting their required ONE drive on each 9 holes. The women outdove the men all day.

### Little River Golf Resort – Carthage, NC



Little River #1



Little River Golf Resort



Seven Lakes #11

### HOLE-IN-ONE at Little River Golf Resort

Bev Hogate, of the Ocean City Golf Club, made a hole-in-one during the MISGA Fall Frolic at the Little River Golf Resort in Carthage (Pinehurst area), NC. Her feat occurred on the 8th hole, a 113 yard par 3, on November 4, 2009. This was Bev's first hole-in-one and fortunately, there was an open bar for the ninety-some thirsty well-wishers.



### A Few of the Winning Teams (ZOOM 200-300% for detail)



Barbara Shearer, Ruth Crovo, Rachel Wrat-ten, Nancy Woodward – 3rd 6-6-6



Carolyn Le Crone, Ruth Crovo, Beryl Keary, Carol Boardman – 1st 6-6-6



Frank Hogate, Pete Sorge, Bill Rapson, Gene Horan – 5th 6-6-6



Sam Montgomery, Don Tiedemann, Jerry Shearer, Jim Evans – 4th 6-6-6



Bob Turner, Charles Hartley, Ralph Starkey, Dick Young – 3rd 6-6-6



Bob Kessler, Chuck Voorhees, Burr Short, Ken Wallgren -2nd 6-6-6



Howard Taylor, Dwight Short, Russ Smith, Ed White – 1st 6-6-6



Kate Kessler, Patty Dale, Pat Rusman, Jan Short – 9-Holers



Frank Hogate, Pat Merkert, Henry Woltman  
1st Thursday Scramble



Bob West, Jay Crandall, Gwyn Linthicum, Beryl Keary – 2nd Scramble



Byron Keadle, Judy Taylor, Barbara Hartley, Jerry Shearer – 3rd Scramble



Bob Shuba, Burr Short, Joan Shuba, Robin Woollatt – 4th Scramble

## POPULAR MYTHS

### Looking Up

“Contrary to widespread belief, head lifting invariably is an EFFECT of bad swinging, not the CAUSE.”  
---Ernest Jones, *Swing the Clubhead*, 1952.

“Looking up is the biggest alibi ever invented to explain a terrible shot. By the time you look up, you’ve already made the mistake that caused the bad shot.”

---Harvey Penick, *Little Red Book*, 1992

So, if someone says, "I looked up!" as if to absolve himself of any personal responsibility for a poor shot, interpret that as, "I made a really bad swing."

## Necrology

### JAMES ANTRIM

James Antrim, 88, a long standing MISGA associate and member of Bowie Golf and Country Club for many years, passed away on October 21, 2009. Jim was active in our Bowie Senior group and played every week until his death. He would shoot his age or lower every time he would play – a hard man to beat. Jim will be missed by us all. --Gary Rottmann

### JOHN FRAGALE, JR.

Gentlemen, I must inform you that John Fragale, Jr., a MISGA associate at Marlborough Golf Club, passed away on January 13, 2010. --Ken Rothermel

### JOHN KRALL

John Krall, the rep from Deer Run, has passed away. John was the prime architect of the scheduling quota plan that the division developed to increase participation at mixers. --Steve Neal

### EDWARD C. WRATTEN

Ed Wratten, Rockville resident and Club Rep at Montgomery Country Club, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Ed and wife Rachel had just returned from the MISGA Frolic at Little River Golf Resort only a month earlier. --Dennis Beaufort

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### MISGAGRAM Articles Wanted

Please support the MISGA newsletter by contributing items of interest in the form of articles, pictures (with captions), letters to the editor, event reports, suggestions, holes-in-one, obituaries or death notices, and anything else of interest to the MISGA associate. You can use the Letters-to-the-Editor as a forum to express views or counterinterviews on MISGA topics.

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## PREPARING ARTICLES FOR THE MISGAGRAM (WEB)

Articles to be submitted for publication in the MISGAGRAM should be prepared as separate documents and attached to email for transmitting to the MISGAGRAM editor. Preferred formats are \*.DOC, \*.RTF, or \*.TXT.

Any reasonable format is acceptable. However, try not to use empty paragraphs for inter-paragraph spacing, or multiple tabs and spaces instead of tab-sets for aligning columns. Use of Tables is OK and may help with columnar arrangements.

Please use underlining and italics sparingly and only for emphasis or titles, not as a general font choice. Times New Roman and Arial are preferred font choices, but others can be handled if not too wild or varied.

Quality of pictures for the MISGAGRAM-Web is a priority. If you embed pictures with your articles, please also attach original, un-cropped, full-resolution photos, with undistorted aspect ratio (unless pertinent to the purpose). Formats may be JPEG, TIFF, or PNG.

Submitted pictures must be in focus. For pictures of several people, they should all be about the same distance from the camera. Your camera should be set for low ISO, High Resolution (LARGE), and High Quality compression (FINE or SUPERFINE). For pictures of people, faces are more important than bodies (in most cases), and if the eyes aren't sharp, the picture is not sharp. Nevertheless, if in doubt, go ahead and submit your pictures – we'll try to use them.

The reason for this “paranoia” on quality of photos is this. Pictures on the printed page must of necessity be small in appearance so that several pictures may be placed on the same page. However, when this “printed” page appears on the computer screen, it is subject to enlargement by zooming. If the embedded picture has sufficient resolution, it can be zoomed by 300-400% and still be sharp and clear and it is much easier to see detail in the picture. Actual printed pages are not “zoom-able,” so poor quality is not as discernible.

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“I’d like to lower my handicap, let’s play men’s rules today.”

## DOs and DON'Ts for GOLF ETIQUETTE

It is the duty of every golfer to keep up with the game in front and not just ahead of the game behind.

### DOs:

- Play "Ready Golf" to speed play, even at the tee.
- Be ready to perform your shot when appropriate to do so, in a timely manner.
- Place your bag or cart at the exit point from the green before putting.
- Continue Putting if you can putt without standing on someone's line.
- Place ball mark immediately behind ball, not in front of it.

### DON'Ts:

- Don't stand on a line behind the person who is driving.
  - Don't stand on the line of a putt while another is putting, either behind or beyond.
  - Don't talk, move, or make noise while someone is hitting.
  - Don't go back to the cart to change clubs; hit with what you have with you.
  - Don't return your club(s) to the bag until arrival at the next shot location, if riding a cart.
  - Don't record scores until arrival at the next tee area.
  - Don't hit your shot until the area ahead is clear, including carts still at the green.
  - Don't wait for someone else to drive if you can drive safely and the tee is open. (Ready Golf!)
  - Don't be oblivious and step on line of putt of fellow competitor.
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## CARE of GOLF COURSE

### **Cart Manners:**

- Keep all four wheels on cart path when parking on or near a cart path.
- Keep all four wheels on cart path around tees and greens.
- Keep pull-carts on cart path around tees and greens.
- Don't take pull-cart between bunkers and greens.

### **Damage Control:**

- Replace divots.
  - Repair ball marks on greens.
  - Place flag softly on green when putting.
  - Fill gouges on tees with seed mixture or sand.
  - Stay off ladies' tees with pull-carts!
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[ZOOM to enlarge picture]



## PLAY BY THE RULES OF GOLF

Any game is more enjoyable when played within the rules.

### Some common breaches of the rules:

1. The proper measuring point for lateral hazard relief is the point where the ball last crossed the hazard line, not at a point opposite where it splashed down.
2. The nearest point of relief from a cart path is sometimes on the bad side of the cart path, and may be different for right- and left-handers.
3. When taking relief from water or lateral hazard or for unplayable lie, one may choose the option to go back as far as desired along a line to the hole through the point where the ball last crossed the hazard boundary, not along the line of flight back to the tee.
4. When taking relief within one or two club lengths from a given point, one should be sure to drop the ball within the stipulated distance, not beyond it.
5. For an unplayable lie, a golfer may drop within two club lengths from where ball came to rest, not two club lengths from boundary of troublesome feature.
6. There is no relief from a sprinkler head on one's line of putt; relief is for stance and area of swing only. That one chooses to putt from off the green has no relevance.
7. Taking relief under the rules does not necessarily provide line of flight relief.
8. If a ball is found after a provisional has been played, the provisional must be abandoned. Then, if unplayable lie is declared, one option is to go back and hit again from previous spot. Sometimes it is better not to find a ball if an unplayable lie is likely and the provisional is good.
9. A golfer has no authority to concede putts to a teammate or fellow competitor, and no authority to accept concessions of putts from a teammate or fellow competitor, except in match play.
10. A putt must be fairly struck, not raked or pushed, into hole. Gimmes are not permitted!
11. If a ball rolls back into a water hazard (yellow stakes), or is hit into a water hazard from the green side, the next shot can be from across the water hazard towards the tee at a spot which keeps the point where it last crossed the hazard line between that spot and the flag; or, from the spot where the previous shot was played; or, from the drop area if one is provided. Penalty is one stroke.

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“The real way to enjoy playing golf is to take pleasure not in the score, but in the execution of the strokes.”  
---Robert T. Jones, Jr., *Bobby Jones on Golf*

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