

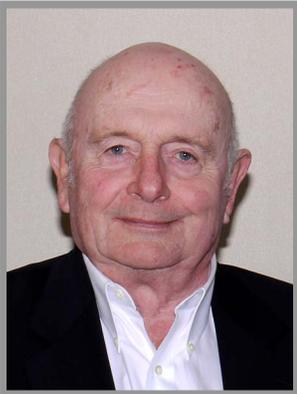


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President's Message



We are coming into the highly competitive tournament season. Finally, the weather seems to be golf friendly!

Our Frolics and Flings are excellent values for the money, and allow members from our geographically diverse organization to make new friends. They also involve our spouses and significant others, providing opportunities for them to appreciate what we, as MISGA members, enjoy. Please consider participating in one of these activities. You will not regret it! Information on costs and dates can be found at www.MISGA.org under the heading Frolics and Flings.

On a sad note, MISGA suffered a loss recently when Mark Teaney, long time Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club MISGA Representative passed away on May 1, 2014. Mark was a sports enthusiast, who in addition to golf, played softball into his ninth decade. I had the honor to attend his Memorial Service and learned much about a man, small in stature, but who loomed large in the lives of many. We miss him.

Jim Beisler, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club

FALL FROLICS 2014:

This year we will be returning to Fripp Island Golf & Beach Resort, SC. Check in will be on Sunday October 26, 2014. Golf will be played for four days starting on Monday through Thursday. We will be playing the Ocean Creek and Ocean Point courses. The views from these courses is spectacular and I recommend your bringing your camera to take pictures of the flora & fauna, as well as the many variety of birds and animals that are present. Sunday evening there will be an orientation meeting with cocktail hour and appetizers included. Breakfast, cocktail hour and dinner are included each day with check out after breakfast Friday morning October 31, 2014.

A winery tour and tasting tour of the September Oaks vineyard in Ridgeland, SC. is being planned for the non-golfers. Other events are being considered based on the non-golfing attendance and the weather conditions. Nearby, the historic city of Beaufort, SC has always been a place the non-golfers like to visit.

The Fripp Island staff has always gone out of their way to accommodate our group and their food and hospitality has been outstanding. We hope that many of you will join us for this event.

I would appreciate it if the Division Heads and club representatives would post this information and the application forms at each club.

For complete information, please see the applications that are on line under WWW.MISGA.ORG –Fall Frolics. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at 301-292-1597 or e-mail pete233@verizon.net.

Pete Sorge, MISGA Events Chairman

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20 Dec. (December)

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Byron W. Keadle
MISGAGRAM Editor

OBITUARIES

Recent Deaths not previously reported in the MISGAGRAM

George Abbott

December 1, 2013

George Abbott passed away on December 1 after a long battle with cancer. While George only played with us at **Patuxent Greens** for part of one season, he enjoyed getting together with our group and I will miss his humor and his courage.

-- John Bertak, SMGA President

Jack Ready

February 24, 2014

One of our members passed earlier this year, **Jack Ready**. Jack was a long time member at **National Golf Club (Tantallon)**, lived adjacent to the course, and a real gentleman. A quiet and pleasant fellow, he was not very active in golf the last few years. Noted Secret Service agent, he was on the Kennedy detail in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

-- Greg Morris, MISGA Rep, National Golf Club (Tantallon) 313-220-3291

Mark Teaney

May 1, 2014

See President's Message for comment on **Ocean Pines** member **Mark Teaney's** passing.

--Jim Beisler, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club

2014 Summer Frolic

It is time to mark your calendars and make plans for the 2014 Summer Frolic in Gettysburg, Pa.! The festivities will be held on **September 10th and 11th** (Wednesday and Thursday) with tee times starting at 10:30am. Download entry form and informational documents at

http://www.misga.org/Entry_Forms/summer2014_flyer.pdf (flyer) and
http://www.misga.org/Entry_Forms/summer2014_form.pdf (registration form).

Hole-in-One

Jack Lewis of **Glade Valley** made a hole-in-one at Musket Ridge on the 123 yard 17th hole during a MISGA Mixer on May 27, 2014. Unfortunately, Jack was not participating in the optional closest-to-the-pin prize pool.

MISGA Annual Representatives Meeting
Prospect Bay Country Club
April 14, 2014



Tournaments
Lloyd Stimson



VP Earl Gentry, President Jim Beisler, Secretary John Babyak



Rules & Handicaps
Bob Brewer



MISGA Representatives - In Session



Ad Hoc Chairman Tom Tarpley
Presenting Green Jacket Award Citation

Green Jacket Award

The Green Jacket is an award that is given, from time to time, to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to MISGA. The Green Jacket Award was presented to Lloyd Stimson during the Annual Reps Meeting at Prospect Bay on April 14, 2014 by Tom Tarpley, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

For something different today, a two fold purpose, hopefully to stimulate your interest in accepting more organizational responsibility and giving beyond the norms of your talents to MISGA, and to recognize one in attendance.



Milford, NH!?!
That's my hometown!

The recipient is from Milford, NH. As it is approx. 60 miles from Boston, we will assume he is an ardent Red Sox Fan. He returns to his Hometown frequently to visit friends and family. We know he likes to make charts, probably developed these skills while writing articles for his hometown paper, The Milford Cabinet.

It is not true that his first bed was a dresser drawer, but his father was in the furniture business and moved to Georgia and North Carolina. He graduated high school in Winston-Salem, promptly joined the Marines -- Following 9 days of Boot Camp -- "A Cease Fire in Korea." He claims it was signed because he was training as a killer -- We say they feared they would have to read his charts!

Graduated NC State, with a Bachelor's Degree -- back to Milford to teach math. Then off to Germany to work in Frankfurt for the Armed Forces, teaching Adult Education. Frankfurt is his favorite European city.

He returned to the states after 6 years, and received a Master's in Adult Education from Memphis State.

He moved to Washington DC to work for the Department of Agriculture in the early 1970's. He spent the rest of his Government career in The Dept. of Agriculture in various human resources jobs. During this time he met the love of his life, Linda Brick. They enjoy traveling to foreign destinations and visiting old friends. Have bags, will pack and go at a moments notice is their motto. After retiring, he continued to work as a contractor for Agriculture and The Dept. of Justice.

Once he gave up coaching football and basketball for the Fort Washington Boys Club, he and a friend decided to try golf. He joined Tantallon, and learned to play the hard way, by playing, there remains room for improvement. Sam Hall, a former President, got him involved in MISGA early on, and talked him into being Tantallon's Club Rep.

Lloyd's MISGA service includes the usual Assist. Club Rep., Club Rep (10+ yrs.), Division Assistant Director and Director. Currently he serves as the State Tournaments Chairman.

Lloyd Stimson, for your outstanding dedication and service to MISGA you are Awarded The Green Jacket.

Linda will you come forward and Mr. President, Jim Beisler, as well as former Presidents and Green Jacket Awardees in attendance, to assist in the presentation.

Congratulations!



Dick Dale, Tom Taylor, C.J. Myers, Tom Tarpley, Lloyd Stimson, Linda Stimson, Byron Keadle

PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) "TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE" MEETS



On Wednesday - April 9, 2014, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson traversed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and motored through the flat lands of the Eastern Shore to Wild Quail Country Club in Wyoming, DE to meet with the members of the MISGA leadership team and the WQCC management staff for the MISGA 2014 *Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament*. The purpose of the "orientation meeting" was to discuss the administrative and operational activities of the tournament (*e.g., format, tee placements,*

handicap allowances & adjustments, schedule, food & beverages, entry fees, prizes, etc.) and to review the associated documents for accuracy and adequacy (*e.g., website flyer, bulletin board poster, entry form, rules sheet, finance report, etc.*). Attendees at the meeting were L-R: Rick McCall (*WQCC GM & Head Pro*), Bob Hodges (*WQCC MISGA Club Rep*) and Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*).

Holly Hills Opening Day for the MISGA 2014 Season

April 9, 2014

It is an early, cool, windy Wednesday. Our new Rep, Bob Fitzsimmons, opens the meeting and welcomes all 12 attending. Bob outlines new play and scheduling changes for the year. Schedules will be available monthly with all pertinent information. Holly Hills will host the Division II Pro-Am, Monday August 4. Other Divisions will be invited to submit requests for vacancies that arise to fill the field.

Change is occurring in management and we are assured that Holly will play its usual role, as excellent hosts with course improvements and new sets of challenging tees.

We look forward to your visit.



Bob Fitzsimmons, David Rep Denison
Jack Remsberg (88 yrs)



New Members Bill Neeb &
Gene Thomas + Tim Bell



Tom Loggia, First Drive off Tee to Start

2-MAN TEAM “TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE” MEETS

On Friday - May 9, 2014, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson battled the Beltway traffic to Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD to meet with the members of the MISGA leadership team and NCC management staff for the *MISGA 2014 2-Man Team Championship Tournament*. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday - August 7, 2014. The purpose of the "orientation meeting" was to discuss the administrative and operational activities of the tournament (*e.g., format, tee placements, handicap allowances & adjustments, schedule, food & beverages, entry fees, prizes, etc.*) and to review the associated documents for accuracy and adequacy (*e.g., website flyer, bulletin board poster, entry form, rules sheet, finance report, etc.*). Attendees at the meeting were L-R below: Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*), Charlotte Kates (*NCC Director of Catering*), Clark Sisson (*NCC Head Golf Professional*) and Gary Manion (*Division IV Director, Division IV Tournament Chairman & Tournament Coordinator*).



MISGA Spring Fling – May 13 – May 15, 2014
Williamsburg, Virginia

Sixty-nine MISGA associates and spouses attended the Spring Fling at Williamsburg. There were 50 men golfers, 19 women golfers, and 21 non-golfing guests. Tuesday's temperature in the 90's and the hilly Green Course took a toll on these senior bodies. Consequently, by Thursday, we were down to 49 men and 18 women, with five blinds filling in. Fortunately, the temperature was much better for Wednesday and Thursday – mid-70's and low 80's. The buffet dinner on Wednesday was in the Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, formerly the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg.

Tuesday – Golden Horseshoe, Green Course
Mixed Scramble, All Drive, Play Own Ball from Best Drive
1 Net on Par 5, 2 Net on Par 4, 3 Net on Par 3



1st: Robert Fulton, Dick Young,
Ralph Starkey, Barbara Shearer (no pic)



2nd: Nick Smith, Carol Boardman
Larry Bathgate, Bob Fitzgerald



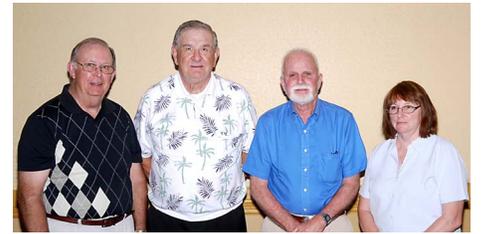
3rd: Dick Dale, Ginny Grossnickle
Fred Meers, Carl Ridenour



4th: Bob Walls, Janet Bowersox
John White, Owen Wise



5th: Carol Meers, Tom Taylor,
Joe Baily, Howard Taylor



6th: Steve Neal, Gene Horan,
Ed White, Jeannie Walls



Green Course #18



CTP: Robert Garrick, Richard Boardman



Gold Course #2

Wednesday – Golden Horseshoe, Gold Course
 Two Better Balls Net - Separate Flights – Men & Women



1st: Judi Short, Jeannie Walls,
 Kathy Fitzgerald, Janet Bowersox



2nd: Nancy Woodward, Jeannie
 Walls (blind), Aretta Keadle, Nancy White



CTP: Ralph Starkey, Jeannie Walls
 Judy Taylor, Tom Zgorski



1st: Owen Wise, Gene Sines
 Nelson Fenwick, Larry Bathgate



2nd: Fred Meers, Byron Keadle
 Ralph Starkey, Robert Garrick



3rd: Steve Neal, Aarne, Tiikkala,
 Joe Diamond, Frank Hogate



4th: Herman Hohlt, Tom Taylor,
 David Schwartz, Owen Wise



Gold Course #7



Gold Course #16



Gross Clears: Bob Fitzgerald, Joe Baily,
 Herman Hohlt, Aarne Tiikkala, Dennis
 Fenwick



Net Clears: Joe Diamond, Nick Smith, Pete Odell, Joe Baily, Aarne Tiikkala, Ralph
 Starkey, Robert Garrick



Thursday – Kiskiack Golf Club
 1 Net on 1-6, 2 Net on 7-12, 3 Net on 13-18 - Separate Flights – Men & Women



1st: Ginny Grossnickle, Nancy Woodward, Chris Smith, Jeannie Walls



2nd: Carolyn Neal, Nancy White, Mary Ann Zgorski, Kathy Fitzgerald



CTP: Carolyn Neal, Judy Taylor, David Schwartz, Joe Baily



1st: David Bowen, David Schwartz, Steve Neal, Herman Hohlt (no pic)



2nd: David Derheim, Will Hall, Fred Meers, Burr Short



3rd: Frank Hogate, Nelson Fenwick, Carl Ridenour (blind), David Melocik (no pic)



4th: Larry Bathgate, David Cook (blind), Owen Wise, Jack Saum



Kiskiack #18



Gross Clears: Joe Baily, Dick Dale, Richard Boardman, Owen Wise



Rules and Handicaps – Bits and Pieces

Since becoming the MISGA Rules and Handicaps Chairman, I've fielded a number of issues via email and noted some other issues while playing in our events. Here are some of the matters I've encountered:

- Since sending out the email in February stating that MISGA endorses using the 90% allowance for men and 95% allowance for women for our mixers that use the two-best-balls-of-four stroke play format, I haven't seen any clubs that are not using these allowances. That's great. And thanks to Dick Dale of Hooper's Landing for sending me a research article that was produced by the USGA some years ago that explains how the 90% allowance was derived. Using these allowances provides a more level playing field for high vs. low handicappers in our mixers.
- I commend some of the clubs that are allowing play from longer or shorter tees while the rest of the field is playing from the normal MISGA tees. However, I've noticed that handicaps are not always correctly calculated for the alternate tees. Handicaps for the women's tees are also not always correctly provided. In both cases the problem seems to be that the difference in course rating between the alternate and normal tees is not being taken into account. If there is a question about how to adjust handicaps for multiple tees, please let me know.
- What should we be doing to account for men/women coming into MISGA without an established handicap? Establishing a handicap requires putting at least five scores into the handicapping system. However, I've seen clubs give zero (0) handicaps for these individuals, and that certainly isn't fair for either the player or the team with which he is playing. There are a number of ways to get an idea of what a player's handicap should be. Here is a link that Lloyd Stimson, our MISGA Tournament Chairman, got from the USGA that discusses how to handicap an unhandicapped person:
- http://www.usga.org/handicapping/articles_resources/Handicapping-The-Unhandicapped/. Thanks Stim.
- Some rule infractions that I've encountered:
 - Unless there is a local rule that states otherwise, moving a ball off a root or rock (i.e., unplayable lie) costs you a stroke.
 - Yes, hitting the pin when you are putting costs you two strokes.
 - Grounding your club in a hazard (water hazard or sand trap) is a two-stroke penalty.

It wouldn't hurt for you to look at the USGA rule book every now and then when you have a question about a rule (<http://www.usga.org/rule-books/rules-of-golf/rules-and-decisions/>). There are also many useful articles on the internet that can help you understand the rules; here's one: <http://www.sdhsaa.com/Athletics/BoysSports/Golf/18MostMisunderstoodRulesofGolf.aspx>.

- Many players are still not abiding by the requirement to post all of their scores or to do so in a timely manner. Areas of concern I've run into: match play, playing less than 18 holes (either in match play or in rain-shortened mixers), and not posting scores for weeks after they were played. I've included the flyer I sent out in April (MISGA 101 – Tips for When to Post a Score) below for reference; note that instead of the term “expected score” I should have used the USGA term “most likely score.” Coming up: The 2-Man Team qualifiers and state tournament – be sure to post your scores and designate them (as well as the ABCD qualifiers and state tournament) as tournament scores.

Bob Brewer
MISGA Rules and Handicaps Chairman

From the USGA Handicap System Manual (2012 -2015)

“Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that **each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review.**” “Adjusted gross scores from all courses with a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating made during an active season, both at home and away, must be posted by the player along with the appropriate USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.”

Tips for When to Post a Score

- “Adjusted gross scores” means using equitable stroke control before posting.
- Post your score immediately after a round or as soon as practical. Your handicap index is revised on the 1st and 15th of every month. DO NOT collect scores and post them later – and, especially, DO NOT hold scores to be posted after a scheduled handicap revision.
- Whether you are “playing the ball down” or “lift clean and place in your own fairway,” the score needs to be posted - but not if a club tells you that the course is so unplayable that scores should not be posted.
- You can post all 9- or 18-hole scores that are played in accordance with the rules of golf: To post a 9-hole score a player must play 7 to 12 holes. To post an 18-hole score a player must play at least 13 holes.
 - For holes that are missed you will take your “expected score” for the hole, i.e., par plus the strokes your 100% handicap allows. (Learn what “expected score” means!)
- Scores for all forms of competitions must be posted – match play, stroke play, and team competitions (e.g., two-man teams). In any competition where you “pick up” during the playing of a hole you need to enter your “expected score” for the hole.
 - Important: The official score card should show your expected score for the hole preceded by an “X” (e.g., X-7), to show that you are disqualified from using the score for that hole in a competition.
 - Remember that when you post your score for a round these expected scores cannot exceed the max allowed by equitable stroke control.
- Obviously, you may not post a score for a round where you do not play your own ball on every shot, e.g., when playing in a captain’s choice tournament.
- A player who is disqualified from a competition, but has an acceptable score, must still post an adjusted gross score for handicap purposes.
- Section 5.1e of the USGA Handicap System Manual addresses circumstances where scores are not acceptable for being included in a player’s scoring record.

You may access the USGA Handicap System Manual at <http://www.usga.org/rule-books/handicap-system-manual/handicap-manual/>

Bob Brewer
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