



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



We are well into our mixer schedule now. I hope you are enjoying the golf so far this year.

Overall MISGA is sailing along fine; however, there have been some things happening that have some of our membership concerned about the future of MISGA. One thing has been the shrinking number of MISGA club memberships. As of last December we had 56 member clubs. That number is down from just a few years ago when we had over 60. With news that some of our current clubs will be leaving MISGA for various reasons, some would say that the future looks a little bleak. I want you to know that your MISGA

Board is working to address these issues. But there have been some things happening that make me to feel good about our future. Recently, we have three clubs that want to re-join MISGA. Also, we have initiated the Borrow-A-Rep, or Rent-A-Rep Program where a club that needs help in getting organized can get help from a pool of experienced Reps. Contact Jeff Hild, the Club Rep at Musket Ridge, if you know of a club that needs help or you are interested in being part of the Rent-A-Rep pool. Groups at a number of clubs are implementing online sign up tools so that associates can sign up for a mixer or an event from their own home or while on vacation. These online tools are making life easier for the members and the Rep.

Overall, there has also been a decline in the number of Associates. Last year we had less than three thousand members. One factor, I think, for this decline is the rising cost to play in a mixer. Not too long ago, the most expensive fee to play was less than \$40: Now 22 clubs charge \$45 or more with 24 less than \$45. Yes, some clubs have kept the fee under \$40 but the average fee is in around \$43. The most expensive, according to the web site, is \$52. Other factors are the age old slow-play and perceived cheating issues that some say hamper MISGA growth. Your Board is fully aware of these items. They are working to improve things but they need your help, too. Be creative at your club to reduce your mixer fee, make slow-play a thing of the past, and to keep mixers fun for everyone. If you find something that works, please pass it on so other clubs can take advantage of what you learned.

Have a happy summer and remember “keep it on the short green stuff.”

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www.misga.org.

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March

June

September

December

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

10 March (March)

10 June (June)

20 Sept. (September)

20 Dec. (December)

All materials should be sent via e-mail to:

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OBITUARIES

Thankfully, none.

The Lighter Side



“I warned him. ‘Don’t text and drive’ ... He wouldn’t listen.”

Celebrations

Jeff Hild reports: “Robert Fitzsimmons of Holly Hills made a hole-in-one on June 7 at Musket Ridge on hole #8. The hole played 180 yards. This was Bob’s first hole-in-one and now he trails his wife by only one career hole-in one.”

Summer Frolic

MISGA's 2016 Summer Frolic will be held this year once again at the Liberty Mountain Resort in Fairfield / Carroll Valley, PA. This also is the site of the MISGA Statewide Board of Directors meeting which will be held after golf on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Since last year the resort now "sports" its Highland Lodge, which not only serves as the "nerve center" for the resort, but houses the new hotel, golf Pro Shop, Fitness Center, Spa, several restaurants and meeting rooms. It truly is a very nice facility and one that can accommodate our needs. Most overnight accommodations and meetings will be held in the Highland Lodge, and our Wednesday evening social and sit-down dinner and the Thursday after golf "up-scale" luncheon both will be held in the Alpine Room at the resort. The schedule of events follows.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

- Board of Directors Golf - 11:00 a.m.
- Board of Directors Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- Board of Directors Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

- Breakfast in Highland Lodge Main Dining Area - 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Golf for all Participants - Consecutive Tee times begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Cash Bar Meet and Greet Social in Alpine Room - 5:00 p.m.
- Sit Down Served Dinner / Awards and Prizes - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2016:

- Breakfast in Highland Lodge Main Dining Area - 7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
- Shotgun Golf Scramble - 8:30 a.m.
- "Bon Voyage" Up-Scale Buffet Luncheon
- Awards in Alpine Room Following Golf 12:30 p.m.

The entry form for the 2016 Summer Frolic is available on the MISGA.org website and is being distributed to all MISGA Division Directors to send to their respective club representatives and then to all MISGA members.

Entry and Payment Deadline is Friday, Aug 8, 2016.

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FALL FROLIC 2016:

This year we will stay and play golf at The Country Club of Whispering Pines. The club is located in the Pinehurst area of North Carolina. They have two Maple Ellis designed Championship Golf courses. Amenities include a Fitness Center, Restaurant, Bar, & Club House. Daily housekeeping is included.

Check in will be on Sunday October 23, 2016. Sunday evening there will be a short orientation meeting followed by a deli buffet and cash bar. Breakfast and dinner are included each day with check out after breakfast Friday morning October 28, 2016. The non-golfing ladies will have a one day tour “Historical Homes & History of Sandhills”. The tour guide will acquaint the guests with the history of the area and they will visit a local pottery studio for a Horsehair Raku demonstration. Also, the tour includes lunch.

THE APPLICATION FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE: MISGA.ORG. (See Frolics & Flings).

I would appreciate it if the Division Heads and club representatives would promote this event and post this information and the application forms on each club’s bulletin board.

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

<u>MISGA Event Calendar</u>		
	July ‘16	2 Man & ABCD Qualifiers
	Aug ‘16	2 Man Tournament 8/4 ABCD Tournament 8/11
	Sep ‘16	Board Meeting Summer Frolic
	Oct ‘16	Fall Fling
	Nov ‘16	
	Dec ‘16	Board Meeting
	Jan ‘17	
	Feb ‘17	Board Meeting
	Mar ‘17	
	Apr ‘17	Reps Meeting
	May ‘17	
	Jun ‘17	2017 2Man & ABCD Qualifiers

2-MAN TEAM “TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE” MEETS

On Thursday - April 7, 2016, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson traversed the lovely Chesapeake Bay Bridge and motored through the bountiful agricultural lands of the Eastern Shore to the scenic and distinguished Wild Quail Golf & Country Club in Wyoming, DE (near Dover). He met with the members of the MISGA leadership team and the Wild Quail management staff to make plans for the MISGA 2016 2-Man Team Championship Tournament. The purpose of the “planning 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: John Stuart (WQ MISGA Asst. Rep), Rick McCall (WQ GM & Head Pro), Bob Hodges (WQ MISGA Club Rep) , Lloyd Stimson (MISGA Tournament Chairman) and Bob Burd (MISGA Div I Director).



PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) “TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE” MEETS

On Wednesday - May 18, 2016, MISGA Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson battled the congestion of Indian Head Highway, the bustling traffic of the Metro Beltway and easily traversed the Inter-County Connector (ICC) to the picturesque and idyllic Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD. He met with the members of the MISGA leadership team and the Norbeck management staff to make plans for the MISGA 2016 Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament. The purpose of the “planning 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: Clark Sisson (NCC Head Pro), Lloyd Stimson (MISGA Tournament Chairman), Jake Jacobi (NCC MISGA Club Rep), John Schaffer (NCC MISGA Asst. Club Rep), Charlotte Kates (NCC Catering Director) and Gary Manion (Div IV Tournament Chairman).

