



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



The 42nd year of MISGA golf is about to begin. An awful lot of participating clubs and associates have come and gone during that time. I am often asked how we can compete with other golf groups that have formed, especially on our eastern shore. We have lost our Division V as least temporarily, and some other clubs are in danger of dropping out. However, there is a moderate stream of clubs that are rejoining or coming into MISGA for the first time. Argyle is an example of the former, and Blue Mash an example of the latter.

Some of our associates have suggested that we form two separate MISGA's---one on each side of the Bay. This would cut down on lengthy travel times. Others have favored doing away with lunches, or making them voluntary. Still others suggest playing in the afternoons instead of the mornings when clubs need players and courses are not as crowded. More team competitions may also encourage more participation, and some even favor having nine hole mixers instead of eighteen, in view of our ageing membership.

Obviously, many of these ideas have their strengths and weaknesses, and we can debate their implementations. Or we can always keep things as they are, and hope that fate and the inevitable changes in life will work it all out in some way. What do you think?

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www.misga.org.

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December

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10 June (June)
20 Sept. (September)
20 Dec. (December)

All materials should be sent via e-mail to:

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

OBITUARIES

Joe Baily

USAF Major Joseph James Baily III passed away in January 2017 at the age of 77. Joe was born and educated in the Philadelphia area. He proudly served his country and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Joe was a longtime member of MISGA, retiring as Div 1 Chairman in 2016. Joe is survived by his wife, his brothers, two children and seven grandchildren. He will be missed.

The Lighter Side



Wouldn't you know, I landed in some casual water behind this tree, so now I'll have to take a free drop.

Celebrations

2017 MISGA SPRING FLING

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

TUESDAY MAY 16 (ARRIVAL)-----THURSDAY MAY 18 (DEPARTURE)

The 2017 Spring Fling will be in Williamsburg, Virginia for the tenth straight year! We have considered other locations but the Williamsburg area has proven to be very popular. It is approx. 2.5 to 3-hour drive from Washington, DC. Each year the weather has been very good with temperatures in the mid 70s. The combination of good weather and excellent golf courses makes Williamsburg an excellent location.

This year we will play three different courses: GOLDEN HORSESHOE-GREEN COURSE, WILLIAMSBURG NATIONAL (YORKTOWN COURSE), AND KISKIACK GOLF CLUB. A central hotel was not set up since a lot of people like to use their time shares or want to use less expensive motels to get points on their credit cards. There is a wide variety of lodging in Williamsburg with something to fit every taste and budget. The location is not critical since all three courses are within a few miles of downtown Williamsburg.

Shotgun start times are scheduled for:

1:00 PM ON TUESDAY MAY 16

9:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY MAY 17

9:00 AM ON THURSDAY MAY 18

Dinner on WEDNESDAY NIGHT will be at Fort Magruder (formerly Crowne Plaza) with COCKTAILS AT 6:00 PM AND DINNER AT 6:45 PM. No other meals are scheduled since there are a large variety of excellent restaurants in the Williamsburg area.

There will be a luncheon for the non-golfing wives at the Williamsburg winery on Tuesday.

The basic package price includes three rounds of golf, golf prizes, Wednesday night dinner, deli lunch at Kiskiack after golf on the last day and one luncheon for the non-golfers.

MISGA associates must submit an APPLICATION FORM accompanied by a check for full payment to the address on the form. Go to www.misga.org to download the form which is located under the Frolics & Flings heading on the home page. If you are unable to access the web site or do not have e-mail you can contact Ralph Starkey at 443-385-0730 for an Application form.

Fall Fling – 2017

Pete Sorge is currently firming up dates. He has narrowed the window to 10/22-10/27/2017, or 10/29-11/3/2017. More to come.

2017 SUMMER FROLIC

The 2017 MISGA Summer Frolic will be held again at Liberty Mountain Resort in Fairfield / Carroll Valley, PA. This also is the site of the MISGA Statewide Fall Board of Directors meeting which will be held @ 4:00 p.m. after golf on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The meeting is in the Highland Lodge Millstone Room.

Folks who attended last year had a great experience staying in the Highland Lodge, which not only serves as the “nerve center” for the resort, but houses the 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 12, 2017

- Board of Directors Golf - Tee times begin at 10:00 a.m - 11:20 a.m.
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. = Board of Directors Meeting, Highland Lodge Millstone Room
- 6:15 p.m. - Board of Directors Dinner - Eagle & Owl Restaurant

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. = Breakfast in Highland Lodge Eagle & Owl Restaurant
- 10:00 a.m. Golf for all Participants via Consecutive Tee Times
- 5:30 p.m. = Cash Bar Meet and Greet Social in Alpine Room followed by
- Dinner / Awards and Prizes - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2017

- 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. = Breakfast in Highland Lodge Eagle & Owl Restaurant
- 8:30 a.m. = Shotgun Golf Mixed Scramble
- 1:00 p.m. = “Bon Voyage” Up-Scale Buffet Luncheon / Awards in Alpine Room

Participant costs presently are being established and as in prior years there will be several options for folks staying 3 days & 2 nights and/or 2 days & 1 night. Costs include golf, prizes, lodging and meals. There also will be options for commuters that include golf, prizes, and/or meals. With regard to lodging double occupancy is preferred and folks who do not want to stay in the lodge will be accommodated in The Fairway Building. Single / Individual rooms will be available but at a slightly higher per night fee.

The entry form for the 2017 Summer Frolic will be available after March 15, 2017 on the MISGA.org website. It also will be distributed to 2016 participants, as well as to all MISGA Division Directors to send to their respective club representatives and then to all MISGA members.

SEND PAYMENT with ENTRY FORMS

DEADLINE FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

SEND TO:

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Keeping Up

The MISGA Club Representatives Handbook (2012) is out of date. This document contained versions of the MISGA Constitution and Bylaws, along with a section called “The Guidelines.” That combination document has now been broken down into three separate documents. The MISGA Policy and Planning Committee has spent the past two years trying to get these base documents in order. Over that period the MISGA Constitution has been revised and approved by the Board of Directors and the Club Representatives (at the annual Club Representatives meeting). Likewise, the MISGA Bylaws, over the same period, have been revised and approved twice. And, over the past year the Club Representatives Guidelines were revamped (twice). All of this work was geared toward bringing these documents up to date, making them better organized and more consistent with actual practices, and clarifying the wording to make them more understandable. The most current versions of these three documents may be found on the MISGA Website (www.misga.org) under Documents/Organizational:

- MISGA Constitution – 4/11/2016
- MISGA Bylaws – 2/22/2017
- MISGA Club Representatives Guidelines – 2/16/2017

Note to Club Reps: If you are still using the old Club Reps Handbook, please put it aside (it has been archived on the MISGA Website) and replace it with the three new documents above.

To all MISGA Associates: The MISGA Website contains a great deal of genuinely helpful information. If you glance through it, you can learn a lot about the history of MISGA, its organizational structure, and its leadership. If you find items on the MISGA Website that are in error, confusing, or incomplete, please contact the MISGA Website Web Master, Errol Myers, or any MISGA Board member (contact information for all of these folks are on the MISGA Website). You may also contact a member of the MISGA Policy and Planning Committee (see the committee contact information on the next page).

Something to think about: We are all MISGA Associates. Some Associates, however, have put in a lot of extra time to make MISGA better: Reps, Assistant Reps, Treasurers, and Handicap Committees, etc., at the club level; Directors, officers, and committee chairs at Division and State levels. Think about taking the time to thank them. They are doing it for you.

Bob Brewer

MISGA Policy and Planning Chair

MISGA Policy and Planning Committee Roster - 2017

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MISGA Facebook

We are looking for a person to curate the new MISGA Facebook page, which needs to be moderated to keep the page focused on MISGA stuff, and prevent personal pages from being exposed to all and sundry.

Send an email to Bob Hodges (tgnome1@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Curate: To apply selectivity and taste to, as a collection of news items or web pages