



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



As the incoming MISGA Board president, succeeding Greg Morris who has done an outstanding job, I look forward to 2019 and the opportunity to preserve what is unique about this organization: the fellowship, fun and competitive spirit that our interclub mixers and tournaments provide to you.

MISGA is all about providing opportunities for its members to play “mixers” at a variety of interesting – and sometimes exceptional -- golf courses in a friendly, collegial atmosphere, with just enough competitive team involvement to make the round interesting. MISGA members who want a more competitive format can enter our two MISGA wide tournaments, the two-person team and the individual Stroke Play championships. And finally, MISGA organizes special golf trips, that can include significant others, to destinations as close as Liberty Mountain and Williamsburg, and as far as Amelia Island. We should all applaud the people who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make these types of events possible.

Ours is a volunteer-run organization. We appreciate those who volunteer and make MISGA one of the great senior golf organizations in our area. Your club Representatives and assistant reps are vital elements of our success. Please make sure to support them and ask what you can do to help. On the MISGA website, you can find the names and contact information all of us who strive to make your membership a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. If you have ideas for improvement, want to volunteer or want to raise issues, use that contact information and fire off an email.

We continue to seek ways to make the job of Club Representative and assistant rep easier. For example, several clubs have adopted the mixer signup software created by Tom Rowlett. We are currently investigating the potential for Golf Genius software to further assist member clubs with event management. Over the next several months, we expect to engage the club reps and others who are involved in running our mixers and tournaments in the process.

Good golfing to all in 2019!

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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 MISGAGRAM is to provide information of common interest to association members. The MISGAGRAM can be read or downloaded at:

[www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org).

The publication months for the MISGAGRAM are:

**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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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

## The Lighter Side



"Why did you hit your ball in there Bob, do you know a shortcut to the 10th?"

## Petition to Save the UMD Golf Course

Thanks to many of our MISGA associates, the "Save the UMD Golf Course" petition has garnered more than 2300 signatures that have been delivered to UMD's administrators. Along with well-orchestrated efforts by the Maryland Golf Course Coalition, the University's Facility Council decided that there are more viable options, other than the golf course, to build recreational fields, a track and field stadium, and parking. The architects of the ill-conceived plan have been directed to look into other options. Thus, the golf course is "safe" for a while but there is always a chance that the valuable golf course property could be in the "crosshairs" for future repurposing. UMD's Golf Course will be fielding a full MISGA schedule for 2019.

## Meet Your MISGA Board

		New in Job	New on Board
<b>OFFICERS</b>			
PRESIDENT	Malcolm Peterson	Y	
VICE PRESIDENT	Jeff Hild	Y	
SECRETARY	Chris Pariseau	Y	Y
TREASURER	Gary G. Manion, CPA-Ret.	Y	
<b>DIVISION DIRECTORS &amp; ADs</b>			
DIVISION 1	Malcolm Peterson Bob Hodges		
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ASSOCIATES	Jim Wilcox	Y	
AUDIT	Errol Myers	Y	
GENERAL COUNSEL	Jim Ewalt		
EVENTS	Pete Sorge		
HISTORIAN	Lloyd Stimson	Y	
MEMBERSHIP	Carl Lazar		
MISGAGRAM	Bob Hodges		
PLANNING	Jeff Hild		
PP AD HOC	Tom Tarpley		
RULES & HCAPS	Wayne Rowland		
TOURNAMENTS	Greg Morris	Y	
WEB	Jake Jacobi	Y	

As Mal said in his remarks: MISGA is a volunteer-run organization. If you look at the number of folks in new jobs, you can see that they are drawn mostly from folks with recent prior board experience. Fresh blood is always welcome. Consider volunteering in your local Division or for the board.

## **TIDBITS of MISGA HISTORY**

Although no one realized it at the time, MISGA began back in the early 1970s when the golfing seniors at Kenwood Country Club and Lakewood Country Club held a “home & away” mixer. It was so enjoyable, it became a popular annual event for the two clubs.

These mixers were so delightful and entertaining that the senior golfing leaders at Kenwood and Lakewood thought it would be great idea to invite other country clubs to join the fun. Thus, in the Fall of 1975, recruitment action began. On January 20, 1976, senior representatives from 20 local country clubs met and discussed “home & away” mixers, guest reciprocity and other items of mutual interest.

On February 24, 1976, the MISGA founding meeting was held at Lakewood CC. The 12 charter member clubs of MISGA were - Bethesda CC, Brooke Manor CC, Congressional CC, Eaglehead CC, Indian Spring CC, Kenwood G&CC, Lakewood CC, Manor CC, Montgomery CC, Montgomery Village CC, Potomac Valley CC, Rossmoor GC (now Leisure World CC).

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA History Chair

## **Some Highlights from the December Board Meeting**

Two new clubs have been approved for MISGA for 2019 - Northwest and Hampshire Greens. If you are interested in scheduling these clubs, get a hold of Lou Montessi [themontesis@verizon.net](mailto:themontesis@verizon.net) for Northwest and Jerry Moxley [jemoxley@yahoo.com](mailto:jemoxley@yahoo.com) for Hampshire Greens.

State MISGA dues for 2019 will be increased from \$5.00 per member to \$10.00. MISGA has had a loss of revenue for the three previous years and needs to reverse the trend. The \$10.00 fee will likely remain in force at least for the next few years.

## **Changes**

Don't forget (as if you could) there are new Rules of Golf for 2019. Google “2019 Rules – USGA” for great explanations.

Electronic scoring and event management are coming to us all. Watch this space for more about Golf Genius and the Rowlett System. You might even hear something at the Annual Meeting in April.

## Green Jacket Awarded To Jim Wilcox

At the 26th Annual MISGA Division IV Holiday Luncheon Party held at Manor C. C. on December 4, a Green Jacket was given to Jim Wilcox of Hobbit's Glen C. C. for his many years of outstanding service to MISGA.

Since beginning his MISGA career in 2000 Jim has served as Club Rep at Hobbit's Glen for 5 years, followed by Assistant Rep for 12 years. In 2008 he was named the Outstanding Club Rep of the Year for Division IV.

Jim has served as Division IV Director two different times for 2 years each time. Also, he has served as MISGA Auditor for 4 years. He currently is serving as MISGA Associates Chairman.

In 2016 when serving as MISGA Vice President he was instrumental in bringing Argyle C. C. back into MISGA after several years of departure and bringing a new club, Blue Mash G. C., into MISGA Division IV. Jim's highest achievement was to serve as MISGA President in 2017.

A personal achievement that Jim is very proud of is the fact that he has played all of the private and public golf courses in Maryland, including the executive courses!



## MISGA Championship Tournament Schedule

Championship	Host Club	Date
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Norbeck CC ( <i>Div. IV</i> ) Rockville, MD	Thurs August 8, 2019
2-Man Team	Holly Hills CC ( <i>Div II</i> ) Ijamsville, MD	Mon August 5, 2019

Check the MISGA web site for more details.



## FALL FROLIC – The Rest of the Story

The 2018 FALL FROLIC was held at Seabrook Island, SC. As always, we were treated to a great time by the golfing and food service staff. They have always gone out of their way to accommodate our needs. We played the Ocean Winds and Crooked Oak courses that were in excellent condition. The weather was perfect, 70-80 degrees, all four days of golf with the exception on Thursday, it rained for about two holes, but we were able to finish play. A hole in one was recorded by George Reid on his first trip to one of our away events. George is a member of Fountain Head Country Club and he got his ace on the Seabrook Island Ocean Winds course hole number 12. After a day on the courses, everyone relaxed during the cocktail hour and dinner (the food was outstanding).

The non-golfing ladies enjoyed their trip to Middleton Place. Their visit included a guided tour of the House Museum with its family portraits, furniture, fine English silver, china, jewelry and other objects owned and used by the Middleton from colonial times through the Civil War and beyond. In the Plantation Stable yards, they met artisans who demonstrate the skills practiced by enslaved people who made tools, pottery and clothing. They saw heritage breeds of livestock such as water buffalo, native Gulf Coast Sheep, Guinea hogs, Dominique chickens and Cashmere goats. The tour included a Low Country luncheon inspired by the cuisine of former Middleton Place Chef-in-Residence Edna Lewis, a chef and cookbook author honored by the James Beard Foundation with its Living Legend Award. Menu items include she crab soup, shrimp & grits, fried chicken, pulled pork, a variety of sides or a salad, all followed by dessert.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the Fall Frolics a success. They did an excellent job! Special thanks to, Helen Saum, for coordinating the non-golfing ladies tour & luncheon, Jack Sullivan and Bob Fitzgerald for the photos that will be available on the MISGA web site & in the MisgaGram. None of these events can be successful without assistance.

Anyone who would like to provide comments regarding these trips or suggest future venues can do so by e-mail ([petesorge233@gmail.com](mailto:petesorge233@gmail.com)).

Peter Sorge, Jr. MISGA Events Chairman



## Winter Fling

Dates: **March 3 to March 9, 2019** (6 nights accommodations)

At The Plantation on Crystal

River Website.. [www.plantationoncrystalriver.com](http://www.plantationoncrystalriver.com) ;

Schedule: Arrive Sunday March 3 . Reception Cocktail and light Apps 6-7 PM (cash Bar)

- Golf Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Breakfast included Monday through Saturday (get away day)
- Buffet Dinner on golf days (M, T, Th, F). Cash Bar
- Hospitality Room w/ice (not stocked-BYOB).
- Possible Spa discounts (working still)

### Costs:

2 golfers - one room: \$2100

1 golfer+1 non golfer: \$1900

1 golfer, single occupancy: \$1500

Golf & Maid Gratuity, Meal Gratuity, Taxes and Resort Fee Included... also Prize money included.

Patio rooms add \$60 to total.

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