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President's Message



2020 has been a challenging year for all. For MISGA the decision was made early to cancel the season and start fresh for 2021. The MISGA Board decided not to collect club dues and thus forgo collecting member dues. Those club who sent in club dues in 2020 will automatically be paid in 2021. On September 21, 2020, the MISGA Board voted unanimously to allow mixers in 2021, which raises several questions that need to be addressed.

1. How many clubs will be participating in 2021?
 - a. Do those clubs wishing not to participate still wish to be a member of MISGA?

2. How will clubs address any social restrictions due to COVID-19.

It will be up to the Division Directors to ascertain how many clubs in their division will continue in 2021.

Since each local jurisdiction can set their own guidance on when and how restrictions for COVID-19 apply it will be up to each club to abide by those restrictions and advise all participants. Clubs may find it necessary to find new or different formats to accommodate smaller size mixers. One format that MCC is exploring is the college team format.

Basically, each team is a predetermined size (example 10 player team). Invite appropriate number of clubs to achieve your player limit (we use 6 clubs for sixty players, which can accommodate individual carts if necessary). We use best 2 gross and 3 net scores for combined team score. We pay first and second place (first place 60%, second place 40%). This exceeds the 25% payout to the field and gives each player on the team either \$60 or \$40 to spend in the pro shop. An argument is this restricts the number of players a club may bring, but under the current restrictions that is already a reality.

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December

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10 June (June)

20 Sept. (September)

20 Dec. (December)

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The Lighter Side



I'M 75
I NEED
MY DAILY
DOSE OF
IRON!



Presidents Message (*Continued from p. 1*)

The MISGA Board is eagerly looking forward to having mixers in 2021 and is planning on having the MISGA Championships in early fall in hopes that restrictions for social distancing are relaxed.

The club representatives can start scheduling mixers for 2021.

A decision will be made later this year or early next year about holding the annual club representative meeting.

Wayne Rowland (for Jeff Hild, President)

MISGA Vice-President

The Editor Inserts Himself

The golfers were ready to go
'Til the Covidity Czars said "No!"
It's really a shame
But there's no one to blame
For our spirits being so low.

This was my year to break out
To end my long golfing drought
But alas and alack
I'm still a golf hack
And the year has been a washout

It's time to look to next year
And hope for some MISGA to cheer
The plotting's afoot
With schedules input
So pray for a year that's less drear.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM AND HOW IT APPLIES TO MISGA

There are two types of handicaps:

1. Course Handicap – you will have a Course Handicap for every set of tees that has a course and slope rating. This will be the handicap you use on your home course for most rounds you play. You will have a target score you should shoot each round and it is par plus your handicap. You cannot play a set of tees for handicap purposes that has not been rated by the USGA. (Look in USGA Course Rating and Slope Database).
2. Playing Handicap – Course Handicap minus handicap allowance (i.e. 85%) minus difference in par. Appendix C in the Rules of Handicapping gives the recommended allowances for various formats. Most MISGA mixers are best 2 out of 4 format which has a handicap allowance of 85%.

Maximum score that may be posted for a round is Net Double Bogey (if course handicap is calculated greater than 54 and a player gets 4 or more strokes on a hole, the maximum score is par + 5 for handicap purposes). **This will also be the Maximum Score for all MISGA mixers.** Net Double Bogey is computed as follows:

Par + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes player receives on the hole. (The handicap used for this computation is Course Handicap not Playing Handicap).

It is the players responsibility to know what their handicap is for the set of tees they are playing on a given course. MSGA App has a course handicap calculator that you can use to get your handicap for any course and tee.

At MISGA mixers the dots on the cards will be the Playing Handicap.

9-hole scorecard
Round 1
Montgomery CC
85%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Green Men (66.4/118)	456	347	127	298	342	152	307	351	435	2815
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	36
Handicap	3	7	17	13	5	15	11	9	1	
Wayne Rowland	.	.			.		.	.	.

Handicap strokes as of March 18, 2020

Init	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total	Hdcp	Net
348	150	168	447	128	323	298	349	408	2619	5434	(18)		
4	3	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	35	71		
8	18	12	2	16	6	14	10	4					
	.		.		.	.	.	.				13/11	

Competitor: _____ Marker: _____ Mar 19, 2020
Powered by [Golf Genius Software](#) Scorecard #1

The above sample shows the Course Handicap (13)/Playing Handicap (11). For the competition the player gets 11 strokes. For Maximum Score Net Double Bogey, the player gets an additional two strokes for posting purposes (a stroke on holes 4 and 12). It is recommended by the Rules of Handicapping that a player post scores hole-by-hole. The MSGA system and its App defaults to hole-by-hole.

There are two types of rounds: General Play and Competition Play. General Play is a casual round or competitive round not organized by a Committee (MISGA, local golf association, etc.).

Competition Play is any round organized by a committee.

Maximum Index for all players is 54.0 – All MISGA Championships will cap handicap index to 36.0 for all players. Any player can play in the MISGA Championship regardless of their handicap index if they qualify with their respective division. Any player who qualifies whose handicap index is greater than 36.0 will be reduced to 36.0.

Holes not finished by a player, they must enter a score of either *most likely score* or Net Double Bogey whichever is lower. The Rules of Handicapping now has guidelines for *most likely score*.


Position of Ball	Strokes to be added
If the ball lies on the putting green and is no more than 5 feet from the hole:	Add one additional stroke.
If the ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole:	Add 2 or 3 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.
If the ball lies more than 20 yards from the hole:	Add 3 or 4 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.

Should a player not play a hole they must post Net Par for that hole.

Posting of scores is paramount. Scores should be posted by midnight of the day of play.

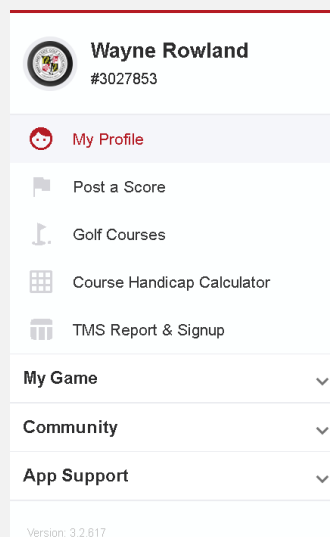
Each player has a *home club* designated by the player to ensure their Handicap Index is managed in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping. A player may belong to more than one club and must tell his *home club* what those clubs are, so that they may be listed in club memberships in the regional association system (MSGA). A player should advise any clubs they belong to which club is their *home club* and will be maintaining their handicap.

Most MISGA members in Maryland use GolfNet (MSGA) handicap system and your page when posting should look something like this. It lists your MSGA number and your *home club*.

#3027853  Wayne Rowland Golfer Montgomery Village, MD Montgomery Country Club	15.7	15.1	18.3	Club Name: Montgomery Countr... Member #: 3027853 CCID: 10123608 Association: Maryland State Golf ... Membership: Default Membership
	Handicap Index®	Low Handicap	Avg. Strokes Over Par	

On the mobile app these may be stacked vertically.

To find which courses a player has membership at you need to look for Community on the webpage. On the computer that is on the left side of the page. On the mobile app click on the arrow in the upper left corner under the MSGA Emblem.

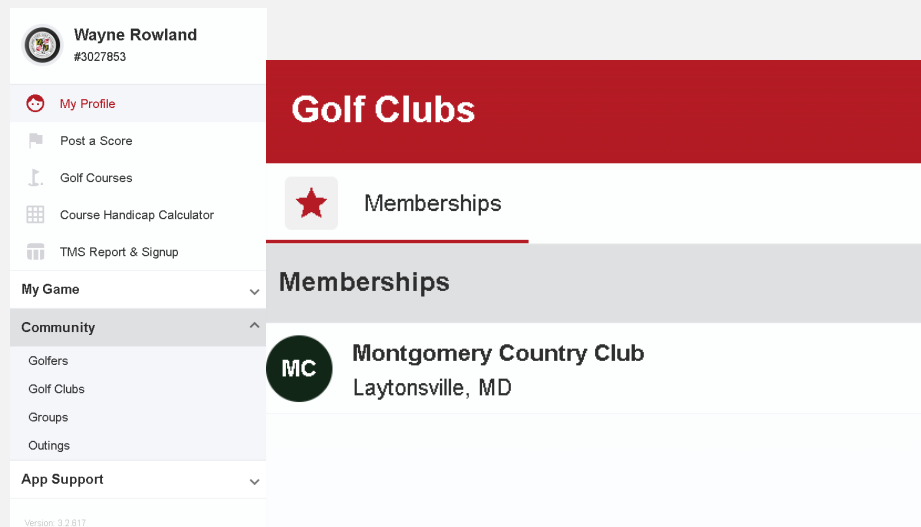


Wayne Rowland
#3027853

- My Profile
- Post a Score
- Golf Courses
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- TMS Report & Signup
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Version: 3.2.817

Click on Community, then click on Golf Clubs



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Golf Clubs

★ Memberships

Memberships

MC

Montgomery Country Club

Laytonsville, MD

It will list all clubs that a player belongs with the *home club* listed first.

All members of MISGA who play from multiple courses need to have all courses listed under memberships.

TIDBITS OF MISGA HISTORY

MISGA'S COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

COMMITTEE	YEAR Est.	1 ST CHAIR	CURRENT CHAIR
ASSOCIATES	1986	Dick Quinn <i>(U. of Maryland)</i>	Jim Wilcox <i>(Hobbit's Glen)</i>
AUDIT	1986	Ed Abel <i>(Indian Spring)</i>	Errol Myers <i>(Norbeck)</i>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	2007	Tom Taylor <i>(Quail Valley)</i>	Carl Lazar <i>(Bay Hills)</i>
COUNSEL	1986	Joe Malinowski <i>(Montgomery Village)</i>	Jim Ewalt <i>(Nat'l at Tantallon)</i>
EVENTS	1995	Sam Hastings <i>(Argyle)</i>	Pete Sorge <i>(Nat'l at Tantallon)</i>
HISTORY	1986	Claude Wideman <i>(Montgomery)</i>	Lloyd Stimson <i>(Nat'l at Tantallon)</i>
MISGAGRAM	1978	Ted Hayward <i>(Lakewood)</i>	Bob Hodges <i>(Wild Quail)</i>
POLICY & PLANNING	1986	Harry Bryan <i>(Crofton)</i>	Jeff Hild <i>(Musket Ridge)</i>
PP AD HOC	2003	Charlie Fieldhouse <i>(Piney Branch)</i>	Tom Tarpley <i>(Holly Hills)</i>
RULES & HDCP	2000	Sam Hall <i>(Tantallon)</i>	Wayne Rowland <i>(Montgomery)</i>
TOURNAMENTS	1986	Dick Moats <i>(Montgomery)</i>	Greg Morris <i>(Nat'l at Tantallon)</i>
WEBMASTER	2003	Dick Walsh <i>(West Winds)</i>	Jake Jacobi <i>(Norbeck)</i>
COMMUNICATION CONSULTANT	1978	Joe Gambatese <i>(Kenwood)</i>	Discontinued 1982

MAILING	1984	Sam Wolk <i>(U. of Maryland)</i>	Discontinued 2003
PARTICIPATION	2000	Paul Desmond <i>(Ocean Pines)</i>	Discontinued 2005
MIXER AD HOC	2004	Dan Williams <i>(Crofton)</i>	Discontinued 2007

A complete and comprehensive historical list of MISGA's committees and their chairs is located on the MISGA website under documents/board member history. Open this link: http://misga.org/Organizational/Board_Member_History.pdf

Lloyd Stimson
MISGA History Chair