



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



The December MISGA Board meeting was held at Crofton Country Club where I was elected to serve as the 42<sup>nd</sup> MISGA President. There have only been two people who have served for more than one term. At the very beginning of recorded history, Al Hagen, from Lakewood, served as President for the first five years of MISGA. The only other repeat President was Ralph Starkey who presided in 2007 and 2012. I am humbled while reading the names of the 41 guys who have preceded me. I will do my best to be part of this august group.

I believe MISGA is still going through a transitional year beginning with the 2020 COVID-19 shut-down year. The MISGA Board wisely decided to suspend all MISGA outings due to the strong advice to avoid crowds, etc.

The “restart” year of 2021 brought forth new challenges to MISGA. Some of our member clubs got hooked on the extra revenue received from selling nearly all available tee times at list that they could not see their way to offer MISGA Seniors with pricing they had agreed to in prior years. The document each club signed when joining MISGA proscribes pricing should be based on cart fees - waiving green fees, lunch and prize money. Several venues succumbed to “COVID Greed Syndrome” (CGS) where they made a conscious decision that they didn’t need the MISGA Mixers at discounted prices when they could continue to sell most tee times at list. They seem to have forgotten the years of MISGA Mixers bringing 75 – 100 golfers to a slow mid-week day.

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## The Lighter Side



**“Maybe you should find another activity to help you unwind.”**

### MISGA Presidential handoff:

Wayne Rowland to Chuck Woods, December 2021



## President's Message, *continued*

Jumping off my soap box, I am looking forward to the 2022 MISGA Mixer season. The MISGA Club Representatives and their Assistants have been engaged in the annual Scheduling Dance for a couple of months now with details to be announced after the New Year. As a result of many factors, pricing will be on the rise for most venues. Some clubs are looking at reducing the food offered to keep their prices in check. Some will be raising their prices upwards of \$70! Mixer participation rates may decline in 2022.

The other cause of declining Mixer participation is the old pace-of-play issue. This has been an issue for most of the 46 year history of MISGA! There are ways to reduce the time of play, foremost is encouraging play from forward tees. I would like to see all venues offer a short and even shorter tee set that can be chosen without any prerequisites, with appropriate handicap adjustments. Some of our Associates think they can still play back tees, groan while playing regular men's tees, and should be hitting from the forward tees! Egos can get in the way of faster play.

My hope is that you will have (or have had – depending on publishing date!) a safe, healthy, and merry Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing many of you during 2022.

Chuck Woods, MISGA President





## 2022 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

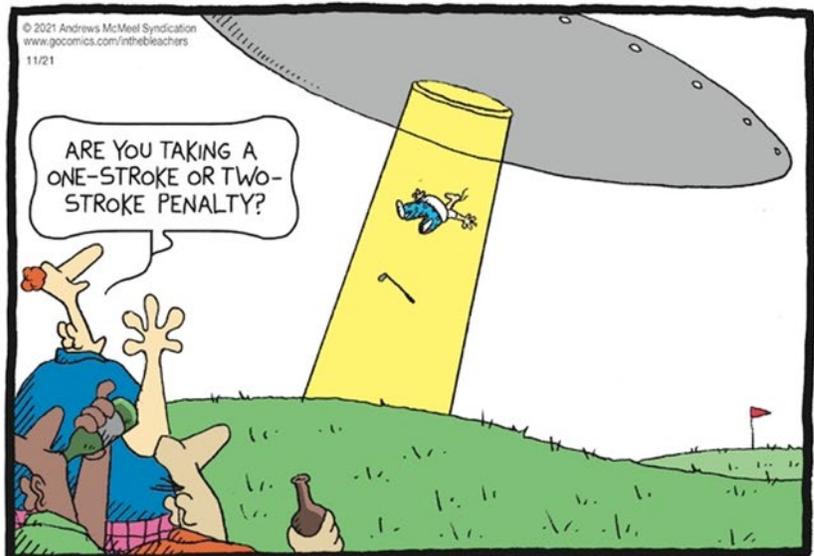
Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	Cost
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Crofton CC (Div. VI) Crofton, MD	Monday Sept. 26, 2022	TBD	\$100 pp
2-Player Team	Montgomery CC (Div. IV) Laytonsville, MD	Monday August 22, 2022	TBD	\$100 pp

Note: From the east side of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge,  
Crofton CC is 26 miles - Montgomery CC is 63 miles

### IN THE BLEACHERS



### BY BEN ZAEHRINGER



## Tidbits of MISGA History

### MISGA Board Bash

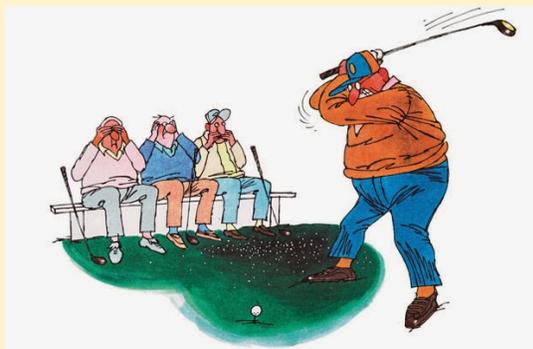
In the early 1980s, the MISGA Board of Directors established a *Board Bash*. The *Bash* was a special 2-day golf outing created to recognize and thank all the Club Reps and their assistants for their hard work and efforts in performing their volunteer duties and responsibilities. The Board cited them as the ones who had been key to making MISGA function successfully. The event included two days of golf with a delightful banquet and the awarding of prizes and presents. Wives, girlfriends or guests were invited.

Traditionally, the *Board Bash* has been held in early September at either the Penn National Golf Club & Resort located in Fayetteville, PA or the Carroll Valley Golf Course at the Liberty Mountain Resort in Fairfield, PA. Lodging at the facility is included.

In 2005, the name was changed to the *Summer Frolic* and was opened to all MISGA associates. However, in recent years participation has been in a steady decline. This parallels the decline in the number of MISGA member clubs and associates. Because of this decline, 2020 MISGA President Jeff Hild, who also served as the Frolic Director, was forced to suspend the event for 2020. Of course, the Covid19 pandemic would have cancelled it anyway. Hild stated that, in the future, MISGA will be looking for an alternative to the *Summer Frolic*.

*Stim*

Lloyd Stimson  
MISGA History Chair



## Flings and Things (Or... Frolics and Stuff)

Looks like we're back to normal. Sort of. What comes after *omicron*?

### ***Winter Fling 2022***

*The 2022 Winter Fling is planned for February 27 to March 5, 2022 Sunday to Saturday at The Plantation on Crystal River, Crystal River, FL. Go to <https://misga.org/events.htm> and you will be able to get additional information and also download the flyer and entry form.*

### ***Spring Fling 2022***

***Still TBD***

### ***Summer Frolic 2022***

***TBD***

### ***Fall Frolic 2022***

***TBD***

