



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



Happy New Year! New golf year that is. We enjoyed pretty nice weather before Christmas, but after the New Year holiday, not so much. In Crofton, there have been days that the temperature got up to 70 and threat of snow the next! Better golfing weather is just right around the corner.

I believe this year will be a significant test for MISGA. Mixer scheduling began in earnest, earlier than in past years. Many clubs are having problems with pricing this year due to cost increases of food and fuel. I am worried that we

are approaching prices that are restrictive to some of our members and will cause lower numbers of golfers at many events. I have added the entry fees for all of the events on the Crofton schedule, including our home events, and it will cost over \$2,000 to attend every event! Add the cost of travel and it represents a significant budget item! We may have some serious soul searching looking forward as an organization.

Living through the pandemic of the past two years has been very difficult for many of us. Some have lost loved ones and you have my sincere sympathies. Golf was one of the events we were able to do with restrictions and the level of play at all of our venues has vastly increased over pre-pandemic years. What was missing over the past two years for many facilities has been the camaraderie enjoyed while having a post-game brew or two.

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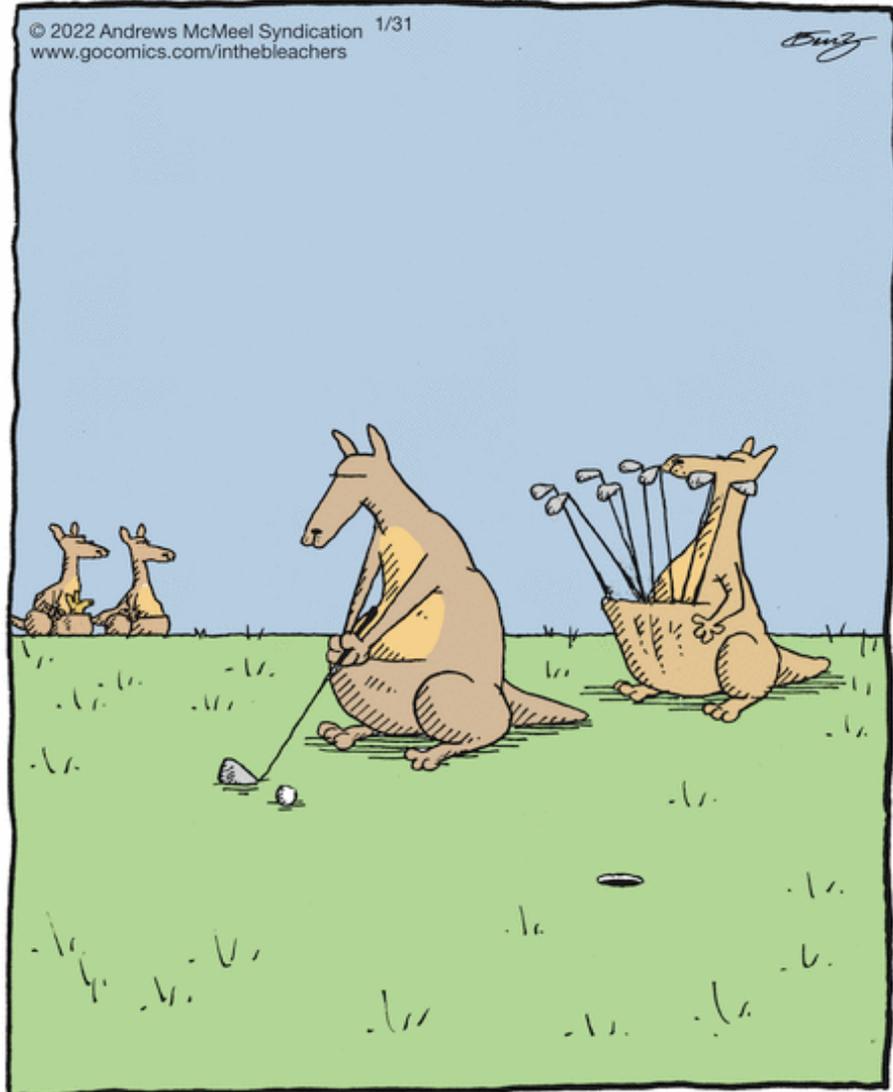
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## The Lighter Side



## President's Message, *continued*

Many golfers have become the infamous “trunk slammers” – immediately after your round put your clubs in the trunk and run home! I have really missed the pre and post conversations and kibbitzing about the days contest. Of course those conversations branched out into vast and varied areas, even the dreaded political realm! Now with the masking and gathering restriction have been largely removed, I hope the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of golf returns.

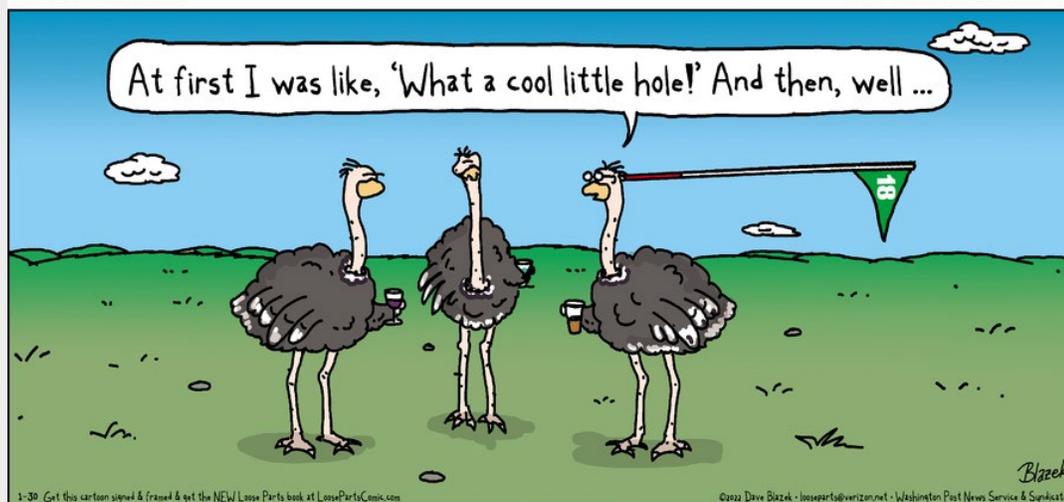
March 15<sup>th</sup> signals the return of posting scores on GHIN for play north of the Potomac River. I am sure all of us who travelled south for some portions of the winter have posted all scores while away! We need to remind ourselves that all scores should be posted, not just the high ones! Inaccurate handicaps have been a long-term complaint from MISGA events. Don't be one of those people!

I look forward to a very busy MISGA year and I am anxious to hear from you regarding your thoughts on the future of MISGA!

Chuck Woods, MISGA President

LOOSE PARTS

BY DAVE BLAZEK



## SAMUEL L. HALL



One of MISGA's most industrious and prodigious members - Sam Hall - passed away at his home in Locust Grove, VA on January 5, 2022. He fought a long battle with kidney cancer.

Sam spent many years as a member of and in leadership roles of MISGA. He assumed the MISGA Club Rep position at Tantallon CC (*now National GC*) in 1994 and remained at the helm through mid-1996. From 1999-2002, he served as the Division 6 Director (*then Div. 3*). In 2001, Sam served as MISGA Vice President and became MISGA President in 2002. In 1999, he established the current MISGA Rules & Handicap Committee and served as the chairman from 2000-2002. In 2001, he authored the *MISGA Rules & Handicap Manual* (*open link below*). His tenure with MISGA ended when he and his wife moved from Fort Washington, MD to Locust Grove, VA in 2004.

Sam was born in York, Nebraska on February 23, 1938. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1960. Upon graduation, he received a commission from the USAF where he served until his retirement in 1986. He attained the rank of Colonel. After retirement he was a defense business consultant. In 1961, while he was attending flight school in Dallas, TX he met his wife, Joan. They were married in 1962. She passed away in 2011. Sam is survived by his son, daughter, 6 grandchildren and his companion Gertraud Yeager. In the future, Sam and Joan's ashes will be interred together at the Omaha National Cemetery in Nebraska.

[https://misga.org/Guides/2001\\_RandH\\_Project.pdf](https://misga.org/Guides/2001_RandH_Project.pdf)

## 2022 MISGA Championship Events

	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	Cost
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Crofton CC	Mon, Sep 26	Mon, Oct 31	\$100
2-Player Team	Montgomery CC	Mon, Aug 22	Tues, Aug 30	\$100

*See your MISGA Club Rep to Register*



## Tidbits of MISGA History

### MISGA ICONS - Clarence J. Myers (L) & Dr. Thomas Tarpley (R)



Since its establishment in 1976, MISGA has had many fine and illustrious gentlemen volunteer and serve the organization in many capacities. For MISGA to function effectively and capably it requires much time and effort by these volunteers. Two noblemen who have volunteered and served MISGA in many dimensions over many years are Dr. Thomas Tarpley of Holly Hills CC and Clarence J. Myers of Manor CC.

Tom Tarpley entered the realm of MISGA in 1988 when he became the Assistant Club Rep at Eaglehead CC (later named changed to WestWinds)

and then served as the Club Rep from 1991-1993. Later he moved to Holly Hills CC where he was the MISGA Club Rep during the years 1996-1997 and again 2012-2013. From 1997-2000, as the Director of Division II, he served on MISGA's Board of Directors. Tom was the MISGA Treasurer 2001-2004. His second term on the Board was from 2004-2007. During that term, Tarpley served as the MISGA Vice President in 2005 and President in 2006. During 2009, Tom served as the Tournament Chairman. From 2000-2002, Tarpley served as the chairman of the PP Ad Hoc Committee and again from 2010-present. He served his third Board term as Director of Division II from 2011-2013.

C. J. Myers' responsibilities in MISGA began as Club Rep at Manor CC in 1994-1996. He served as Director of Division IV from 1995-1999. During that term, C.J. served as the MISGA Vice President in 1996 and President in 1997. From 2000-2002, he was Chairman of the Policy & Planning Committee. In 2003, C.J. chaired the Rules & Handicap Committee. From 2004-2008 he served as MISGA's Tournament Chairman. Once again, during 2016-2018 he served as Club Rep for Manor CC. In 2018, Myers served a second term as Director of Division IV. For many years, C.J. has directed the annual Division IV Holiday Luncheon and awards ceremony at Manor Country Club.

The *Sam Hasting's Green Jacket* is awarded to MISGA volunteers who have provided many years of outstanding service (*beyond the call of duty*) and contributed much time and effort for the furtherance and enhancement of the MISGA organization. C.J. Myers was awarded the *Green Jacket* in 2005 and Tom Tarpley was awarded the *Green Jacket* in 2007.

Over the years, Tom and C.J. have become well known for hosting evening *Bull Sessions* during the annual Board Bash/Summer Frolic. Normally, the sessions are held on the patio outside their shared hotel room. However, it's inside if the weather dictates. A variety of grand liquid refreshments supplemented with very tasty hors d'oeuvres complement the majestic "discussions of life". C.J.'s electronics equipment provides the soft sounds of gentle music. To participate in their *Bull Sessions* is an honored experience.

*Stim*

Lloyd Stimson, MISGA History Chair

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

Looks like we're back to normal. Sort of.

### *Winter Fling 2022*

*Hoo Ha! This one went off as planned. See article below..*

### *Spring Fling 2022*

**TBD**

### *Summer Frolic 2022*

**TBD**

### *Fall Frolic 2022*

**TBD**



## 2022 WINTER FLING to CRYSTAL RIVER FLORIDA

Official event dates were from February 27-March 5, 2022. Sunday night we had a welcome party in our Hospitality suite. Our MISGA dignitaries were past presidents Wayne Rowland and Greg Morris. Also, 2019 MR Crystal River, Owen Wise. We raised a glass to honor Tom and Peggy Brown, veterans of many Flings and Frolics, who both passed just 6 months apart after the 2020 Winter Fling.

On day 1 the game was **MISGA MIX**. 2 net best balls in a ABCD pairing. 5 foursomes played. First place went to the team of Bob Fitzgerald, Christa Storm, Owen Wise and Alan Lord. CTP and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Greg Morris and Jack Sullivan. No One scored on the Cluster Putt.

Day 2 was **Handicap Challenge** with similar HCs playing against similar HCs. Team 1 winners Greg Morris+Richard Michaud, team 2 in a tie putt off, Wayne Rowland + Chester Taylor. Team 3 winners Christa Storm+Owen Wise. Team 4 winners Mark Rayford w blind of Wayne Rowland. Team 5 winners Kathy Fitzgerald w blind of Cliff Valliant. CTP and 2<sup>nd</sup> were Wayne Rowland and Bob Fitzgerald. The Cluster Putt was won by Sperry Storm.

Day 3 of golf was Thursday. We took Wednesday off to rest up for the serious games. We played a true **Blind Squirrel** The match was 2 person teams of A-D and B-C but the teams playing as a foursome were not teammates UNTIL at dinner, we drew teams out of a hat and put the 2 scores together to decide winners. 1<sup>st</sup> place Jack Sullivan w Mark Rayford plus Leonard Abercrombie w blind Lloyd Stimson. This was first day a player used a new playing option. The player chose to only Chip and Putt and disregard all other shots and still be part of a team. To be fully explained in 2023s Winter Fling Flyer.

Day 4, Friday we played a **Partner Shamble** with 2 net best ball scores. The team of Wayne Rowland, Leonard Abercrombie, Alan Lord with blind of Sperry Storm taking first place. CTP and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Greg Morris and Alan Lord. The Crown of MR CRYSTAL RIVER went to Mark Rayford with a 2 day total of 137. The Crown of MZ CRYSTAL RIVER went to Crista Storm with a 136 for 2 days.

With the improvement in COVID numbers I expect a great turnout for next year's Winter Fling. Currently in negotiations for February 26 to March 4, 2023. Save the date.

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