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President's Message



Well, here we are again. Another quarter has passed and now I'm supposed to impart some more great words of wisdom. Hopefully, Andy Rooney's 50-50-90 rule won't apply. That is, anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. I know you are fully confident I'll be on the better half of the 50-50 side of enlightening my readers. Maybe ?

Anyway, your MISGA BOD recently had their mid-year meeting, and the wheels were turning and brain cells burning. There were several items of interest to relay. No I'm not talking about the gratis Chick Fil-a biscuits or Chuck's infamous "not tiny" donuts. I am talking about hearty discussion about issues plaguing MISGA (ironically this came after I as President briefly stated how well things were going...hmmm). One of the biggest issues was Pace of Play. Everyone wants to play well at mixers and have a good time. Well evidently, 5+ hours together is too much time with each other. The remedies, well I only have so much space, so I'll condense the many ideas proffered, were basically two fold. First the BOD encourages all MISGAns to read the well written Pace of Play document on the website. Second, your BOD is asking the "A" player in each group to be proactive and help move the foursome along when there is a big gap in front of your group. Yes, you might make someone unhappy telling them to pick up after 8 but you have enough friends anyway !

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The Lighter Side



Given that Pace of Play is still an issue, your bent editor decided to issue last issue's article on the subject. Enjoy and make things go faster at MISGA events.

President's Message, *continued*

The two other semi-lengthy discussions (as my iron handed approach thwarted them getting obnoxiously long) were on late cancels/no shows as pertains to financial impact on host clubs and course rule breeches. The BOD decision was to ask clubs who engage catering guarantees to track their unpaid lunches through the rest of year. This will allow us to better evaluate the full scope of the issue at the EOY BOD meeting. Clubs are free to pursue reimbursement directly from violators through club reps; but the likelihood of collection was questioned.

The course rules breach item ensued from a complaint I received from a course owner about MISGA guests not following cart rules and disrespecting the course. This has been and will be addressed directly with that course. THE takeaway though is OBEY the cart rules ! They are not put in place to annoy you but to ensure that the courses we play remain healthy. As far as the attitude "What are they going do about anyway" ; well this course may consider pulling out of MISGA. A pretty steep consequence and I sincerely hope you will not be the one to cause such a drastic action. "Just Do It" and go only where rules and course respect limit you.

FYI: The full minutes of every BOD meeting are also available on our website misga.org.

In conclusion, hopefully the vast majority of you agree with the BOD thought processes and decisions. For those who don't there is a wonderful solution.... Get involved! As per my previous MISGAgram, we are still in need of a Division II Director for next year and possibly a BOD Secretary (do have a lead on that). There are other positions too. Give back to the organization, let your voice be heard and be a part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Thanks and stay well.

Tom Ciandella

MISGA President 2023

Pace of Play Tips

1. MISGA Pre-Announcements

- a. Pace of Play is 4:30 minutes
- b. Keep up with the group in front of you
- c. Replace large divots and use sand to fill fairway divots
- d. Repair ball marks on the green
- e. Utilize the USGA “Out of Bounds” or “Lost Ball” play
 - i. Estimate the spot where your ball went out of bounds or is lost
 - ii. Find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer the hole
 - iii. Drop the ball in the fairway within 2 club lengths of that edge
 - iv. Take a 2-stroke penalty

2. Senior Golf Play

- a. Play “Ready Golf”
 - i. If your cart mate is preparing to hit, and your ball is close by, take your club(s), go to your ball, and prepare to hit as soon as your cart mate has played. Your cart mate can come pick you up.
 - ii. Take multiple clubs if you are walking to your ball
 - iii. If you are ready to hit, and the person with “honors” is not, go ahead and hit. There’s no reason to wait
- b. Posting Score
 - i. When finished with a hole, get in your cart, drive to the next hole, and post the score on the scorecard then. Do NOT wait by the green you just finished and write in the scores. Do it at the next Tee box.
- c. Plan your shot before you get to your ball. ESPECIALLY when putting. Line up your ball while others are planning their putt.
- d. Keep your pre-shot routing short, try for a maximum of 2 practice swings.
- e. Aim to play in 20 seconds from when you arrive at your ball for your shot
- f. If you putt without a golf glove, take it off as you walk from the cart to the green. Do NOT wait until it is your turn to putt, and then take it off.
- g. If possible, watch everyone else’s shot – especially where it landed. Especially if it is an errant shot, into the trees, or into taller grasses. This reduces the time to look for a lost ball
- h. The USGA rule is 3 minutes to look for a lost ball.
- i. If there is a group behind you, do not re-putt if you miss the first one.



2023 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	* Entry Fee
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Crofton CC (Div. VI) Crofton, MD	Monday July 31, 2023	TBD	\$110 pp
2-Player Team	Holly Hills CC (Div. II) Ijamsville, MD	Monday August 21, 2023	Monday August 28, 2023	\$110 pp

* The Entry Fee includes the prize pool, a buffet breakfast (eggs, bacon, etc.), range balls, cart fee, post-golf cash bar cocktail hour (w/light hors d'oeuvres) and a buffet dinner.

Note: From the east side of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Crofton CC is 26 miles - Holly Hills CC is 68 miles.

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Tidbits of MISGA History



ORIGINAL MISGA MEMBER CLUBS

As a seniors golfing organization, MISGA began operations in 1976. During that first year, there were a total of 12 member golf clubs:

Bethesda, Brooke Manor, Congressional, Eaglehead (*now Westwinds*), Indian Spring, Kenwood, Lakewood, Rossmoor (*now Leisure World*), Manor, Montgomery, Montgomery Village & Potomac Valley.

This year, 2023, of the original 12 clubs, only 3 remain: Kenwood, Leisure World & Montgomery.

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Lloyd Stimson
MISGA History Chair



Frolics 'n Flings

Looks like the only Fling still business is the Winter event, which was pretty successful earlier this year (see the report in the last issue of the MISGAGRAM).

The 2024 WF (Winter Fling) is already locked and loaded for the late February into early March next year. Check the MISGA website for all the juicy details.

