



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



Somehow, somehow, I must have blinked twice as we have essentially entered our final month of the 2023 MISGA season. This leads us to what may or may not be my last words of wisdom as MISGA President. In December your MISGA Board will meet to review the year and begin plans for 2024 including the Budget. After the usual Treasurer's, Division and Committee reports the BOD will continue discussion and reach decision (hopefully) on the Officer term lengths. This possible change is the result of difficulty in finding willing volunteers and the limited number of Divisions we have. This leads to quick cycles of a division again needing to find a VP/President candidate.

Since I mentioned the topic of volunteers, I have two asks. One, if you possibly can, please consider taking on a rep or Board position to help ease the burden on those that do. Second, and sad that I even must mention this; but it stems from a recent incident. PLEASE show respect (and gratitude) for the volunteers that make MISGA a reality. All of us willingly do the best we can. Neither I or any other deserve the unwarranted wrath of any associate. I feel comfortable the Board is behind me when I say there will be a ZERO tolerance policy for abusive behavior, and we will confirm this at our December meeting as well as consider action against the recent offender.

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**December**

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**20 Dec.** (December)

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## The Lighter Side



**“Add this to Article IV, Section 3: ‘The citizens of each state will always replace their divots.’”**

### *Hole in One*

On Aug 23 at Fairway Hills MISGA event, Joe Riley (who had been a long-time member of Fairway, but now plays out of Musket Ridge) got a hole in one on Hole # 6. Joe hit the 90 yard shot and landed 5 yards in front of the hole, then in for the ace -- helping his Team to come in third.

Earl Gentry

## President's Message, *continued*

On a cheerier note, our 2 annual tournaments were held the last few months and well attended. The Grand Champions for the ABCD @ Crofton CC were Kirk Thomas of Prospect Bay (Gross) and Greig Hubbard from Compass Pt. (Net). Congrats Kirk those 500 rounds a year are paying off ! Congrats to Greig (who everyone knows as that dude with the golf bike).

The 2-man tourney @ Holly Hills saw Tom Roullard & Dave Pitchure (Musket Ridge) as Gross Grand Champions and Barry Falgout & Hank Weiss (Leisure World) as Net Grand Champs.

Well done guys and the moral of the story is... don't bet with these guys at your next MISGA! Also, kudos and thanks to Crofton and Holly Hills for a job well done.

In conclusion, full disclosure, I'm repeating this from my last article as it bears repeating and time is of the essence. 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! Plenty of opportunities exist. We "may" have a Division II Director going forward but still need a BOD Secretary. Give back to the organization, let your voice be heard and be a part of the solution rather than part of the problem. That's all I've got for now. Play well and have fun; if not there are lessons or Pickleball! Thanks and stay healthy.

*Tom Ciandella*

MISGA President 2023





## 2023 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP

CROFTON COUNTRY CLUB - MONDAY - JULY 31, 2023



This year's championship tournament was held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at the very picturesque and highly pleasurable playing course at Crofton Country Club in Crofton, MD. In the early morning, 106 of MISGA's golden age golfers, representing 20 of MISGA's 35 clubs, jumped into their vehicles and traversed the roadways of Maryland to compete for MISGA's Gross and Net Grand Champion prizes.

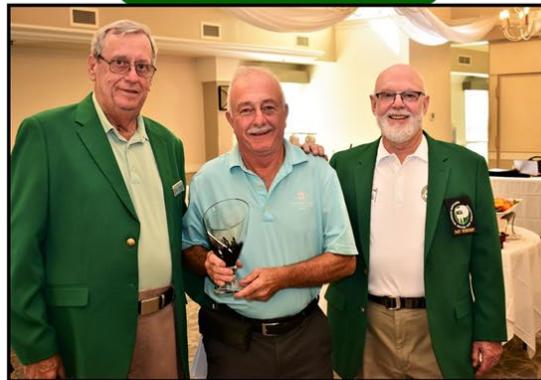
Finish	Amt.	Champion	Score	Div.	Club
GROSS	\$115	Kirk Thomas	73	I	Prospect Bay
NET	\$115	Greig Huggard	65	VI	Compass Pointe

### GROSS GRAND CHAMPION



L-R: Chuck Woods (MISGA Tournament Coordinator), Thomas Kirk (GGC) & Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman)

### NET GRAND CHAMPION



L-R: Chuck Woods (MISGA Tournament Coordinator), Greig Huggard (GGC) & Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman)

For a full, complete and detailed report with photos of the tournament, go to the MISGA website .... <http://misga.org/>



## 2023 - MISGA 2-PLAYER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HOLLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB - MONDAY - AUGUST 21, 2023



On Monday, the 21st of August in 2023, the annual MISGA 2-Player Team Championship Tournament was held at the scenic and picturesque golf course of Holly Hills Country Club located in the rolling hills of Ijamsville, MD. 54 talented teams (108 finalists) from 17 of MISGA's 35 member clubs traversed the highways of Maryland with hopes of becoming crowned MISGA's **Gross** and **Net** 2-Player Team Grand Champions.

Finish	Amt.	Grand Champions	Score	Div.	Club
GGC	\$110 ea.	Tom Roullard & Dave Pitchure	72	II	Musket Ridge
NGC	\$110 ea.	Barry Falgout & Hank Weiss	64	IV	Leisure World

### GROSS GRAND CHAMPIONS



L-R: Tom Roullard (GGC), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair) & Dave Pitchure (GGC)

### NET GRAND CHAMPIONS



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## Tidbits of MISGA History



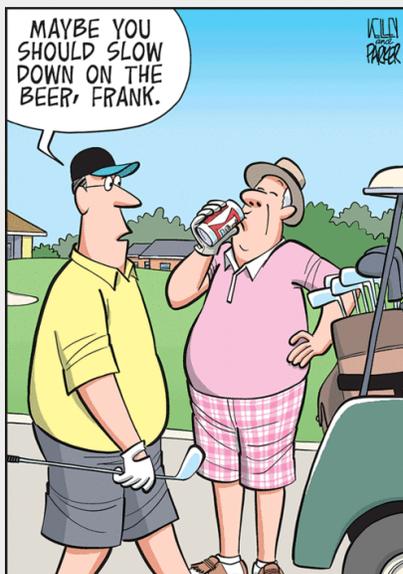
### MISGA CLUB & ASSOCIATES MEMBERSHIP

As a seniors golfing organization, MISGA began operations in 1976. During that first year, there were a total of 12 member golf clubs with 240 associates. Since that initial year, club membership peaked in 2011 with 68 member clubs. Associates membership peaked in 2000 with 4,760 associates.

This year, MISGA club membership is at 35. At the end of 2022, the total number of MISGA associates was 1,729. The associates total for 2023 has not yet been tabulated.

*Stim*

Lloyd Stimson  
MISGA History Chairman



# Frolics ‘n Flings

Looks like the only Fling still business is the Winter event, which was pretty successful earlier this year.

The 2024 WF (Winter Fling) is locked and loaded for the late February into early March next year, at The Plantation on Crystal River. Check the MISGA website for details.

