

# MISGA *GRAM*

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## President's Message

**Ken Wallgren**

The 2003 MISGA season has started with mixers and the Spring Fling and it is already time to start planning for the fall and winter trips to Sea Trails (November 2-7), Fripp (November 9-14) and the Plantation Inn at Crystal River on February (8-14, 2004). The announcements for the two fall trips are contained in this MISGAGRAM. Time does fly when you are having fun, especially golfing. Now if we can find the golf game that got lost in the snow, summer will be even more enjoyable. The fall and winter trips are a great way to meet other MISGA members and their significant others in a fun golfing experience.

A special thanks to the club reps that do all the MISGA mixer scheduling, planning and coordination necessary to make our golfing event easy and enjoyable. These are the real workers within the MISGA organization.

May all your golf be good and with good company.



Tom Tarpley, MISGA Treasurer, presents **“The Mulligan Award”** to his friend, MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee Chairman, C.J. Myers at the conclusion of the February Board meeting as President Ken Wallgren looks on.

## Twenty Five Years of News

**Dick Hunt**

Twenty five years ago, a small group of MISGA founding fathers took on the task of producing a newsletter for the then three year old organization. Volume 1 came out in May of 1978. Al Hagen from Lakewood was President. Ted Hayward was the first Editor with help from Joe Gambatese. There were 29 clubs in MISGA at the time - 19 in the DC area, three in the Baltimore area and seven from Delmarva- incredible growth from the initial seed developed by Al Hagen.

While the newsletter has undergone significant changes in the past 25 years, its initial purpose has been maintained: to help club reps by giving them announcements of tournaments, mixers, outings and other events; to provide news of MISGA objectives and progress; to publicize successful events and good ideas developed by member clubs; and to give member clubs a better idea of the value of MISGA and what it can mean to participating clubs.

In 1978, one issue was published. From 1979 to 1996 two or three issues were published each year and in 1997 we began the current cycle of four issues per year. The editors following Ted Hayward were: Joe Gambatese, Lee Shimberg, Bill Woolston, Harry Bryan, Ken Pierson, Merle Shumaker, yours truly and now Jim Mitchell.

There is every reason to believe that MISGA will continue to achieve its goal to foster friendship and camaraderie through golf. I believe that those who have enjoyed the fruits of this outstanding organization recognize that the MISGAGRAM has fulfilled its communication commitment.

## Letter to the Editor

We see the perpetual problem HANDICAPS has reared its ugly head once again!! This time it is the 2-man team tournament!!! **PREDICTION**; Participation will decline. **SOLUTION**; Eliminate prize money and play scratch golf. We have enough socks and balls.

**V. Rippion**

## MISGAGRAM on the Web

The February 2003 issue of the MISGAGRAM was posted to the MISGA web site at the same time that it was printed. This is the inaugural web edition, including the email message notification to subscribers. Prior versions were experiments to develop the process for converting the hard copy MISGAGRAM to the Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) and uploading it to the MISGA web site. MISGA associates are encouraged to visit the MISGA web site and check out the on-line version of the MISGAGRAM. From now on it will be available at the same time the hardcopy version is mailed and each subscriber will receive an email notification at the time of MISGAGRAM web publication.

The rationale for implementing the web version is partly economic and partly technological. Currently, MISGA spends about \$12,000 per year to print and mail the four issues of the MISGAGRAM to approximately 4600 MISGA associates. The \$12,000 represents about 46 % of the annual budget. This initiative is aimed at reducing the annual cost by replacing a significant portion of the hardcopy delivery with web site "delivery." Please note, however, that the cost savings occur ONLY if associates sign-up for the on-line MISGAGRAM and actually forego receiving hard copy via the postal service.

Why would you want to cut off delivery of hardcopy in favor of web delivery? Well, the web version offers several advantages aside from cost savings. First of all, nothing is given up. With your Acrobat Reader, you can view the MISGAGRAM on your screen with full color pictures; save a copy to your local disk for perusing off-line at your leisure; print a copy (if you like) in either color or grayscale; and search (Find) for the occurrence of any word(s) using the binoculars icon in the toolbar. Delivery is several days earlier. The MISGAGRAM (web) is not limited in number of pages, or in number of "copies," or in number of issues per year. The cost is the same no matter how many associates receive their MISGAGRAMs on the web, whether one or 5,000.

When using Acrobat Reader within your browser, remember to use the save, print, and find icons in the Reader's toolbar. Do not use the browser's icons for these functions – they may not work the same. When you open a saved MISGAGRAM, several additional functions are available in the Menu toolbar.

So give it a try. Visit the MISGA web site at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org) and try out all the features. Then, contact your local MISGA Rep and subscribe to the web version in lieu of the hardcopy. You won't be sorry and you will save some of the MISGA treasury.

Byron Keadle  
Patuxent Greens

## Winter Fling 2003

MISGA held its annual "Winter Fling" at Admiral Lehigh Golf Resort near Fort Myers FL Feb. 2 through 8, 2003. We are pleased to announce the following Winners:

<b>Day one: Opening day scramble</b>	<b>Day two: Best 2 ball of 4</b>	
<b>1st Place</b> Dick Dale -Seaford Carlton Tull - Seaford Pat Podolay - Bowie Rhea McVicker - U of MD	<b>1st Place Men</b> Don Hillard - Chartwell Don Winqvist - Chester River Don Tiedeman - Mapledale Lou Perna - O.City G.C.	<b>1st Place Ladies</b> Annette McNamara - Argyle Bobbie Maxwell -Lakewood Dee Perna - Ocean City Anita Stevens - Tantallon
<b>2nd Place</b> Paul Bowersox - Quail Valley George Leroy - Ocean Pines Dixie Hughlett - Harbourtowne Gwyn Linthicum - Chartwell	<b>2nd Place Men</b> Charles Hodgson - U of MD Carlton Tull - Seaford Jim Turner - Tantallon Chuck Kitzig - Oceans Resort	<b>2nd Pace Ladies</b> Jan Bickert - Harbourtowne Sue Brown - Chartwell Theresa Mueller - Oc Pines Pat Podolay - Bowie
<b>3rd Place</b> Ralph Harms - Tantallon Zelma Harms - Tantallon Carey Meredith - Navy Janet Bowersox - Quail Valley	<b>3rd Place Men</b> Ralph Harms - Tantallon Paul Bowersox - Quail Valley Jim Podolay - Walden Bill Gouker - Patuxent Greens	

In 2004 we are moving the "Winter Fling" to the Plantation Inn in Crystal River FL. This is an upscale facility with a championship golf course and excellent activities for all. Even better, it is 200 miles closer to Maryland than Fort Myers. The Dates will be February 8 to 14, 2004. Mark your calendars now and look for the application in the next MISGAGRAM.

## You Have 6 Minutes

The Life you save might be mine til the Paramedic Unit arrives.

Piney Branch Seniors Leadership held a luncheon on March 6, 2003 with Milton Zepp, Master Instructor on Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) as our guest speaker. Milton held a refresher course on using the AED and the importance of our "LIFEPAK CD-DEFIBRILATOR". He stressed that we have a window of about **6 Minutes** to react to hopefully save a friend. He also pointed out that CPR does keep blood going to the brain which is very important, but, CPR does not **restart** the Heart!

AED electrical shock to the heart is the only first aid that will restart the heart's electrical system. You only have minutes as this is the only temporary way to start the heart pumping again until the Rescue Team arrives and administers the proper assistance.

When an emergency occurs the very first thing to do is call 911 or #77 on a cell phone and get someone on the way. Then put the AED system to work. It is user friendly! Once it is turned on voice and visual prompts tell the user exactly what to do. The AED contains a cardiac rhythm analysis system that decides whether the heart needs to be shocked. The system is programmed to no shock, therefore no unwanted injury can occur.

The refresher course by Milton Zepp should be a must at one of your Division Rep. Meetings. He can be contacted at 410-848-2355 or MSZepp1@yahoo.com.

Charlie Fieldhouse

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 7, 2003

Pres. **Ken Wallgren** thanked **Fenton Martin** and his assistant Reps at Chester River for hosting the Annual Meeting.

VP **Don Ewalt** noted that because MISGA will be increasing next year to six Divisions, we will be needing additional volunteers to staff the the new Division.

Associates Chairman **Bob Dernoga** noted that the mailing list had been updated in February and printed rosters will be provided three more times this year, in June, August and November. He reminded everyone to get in their associates dues before June 1, 2003!

Membership Chairman **Paul Desmond** noted that we can use more good clubs as members and asked members to keep an eye out and let the Division Directors know when there is a good prospect.

MISGAGRAM/Website: **Byron Keadle** said the MISGAGRAM is now put on the MISGA website in

Acrobat Reader (PDF) format. Getting it into HTML is not easily produced from the current software.



**Bob Nicholson**, (right), Policy & Planning sub-  
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MISGAGRAM,

insure that member clubs maintain appropriate standards of participation, insuring that MISGA operates under the USGA rules of Golf.

Rules and Handicap Chair **C.J. Myers** reminded that this year's Two Man Championship will require that teams with a spread in handicap between the two players of greater than 8 strokes, the team will play at 80% of handicap rather than 90%. He recommended that qualifier tournaments be conducted under the same rule.

Web committee Chair **Dick Walsh** reminded everyone in our organization to check our website at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org). There are a number of items available on the site that are worth looking at for information about MISGA.



MISGA Service Awards: (see above) Awards for past service went to **Sam Hall** for serving as Division Director and President, **John Babyak** for serving as Associates Chairman, **Dick Hunt** for being the MISGAGRAM Editor, and **Nick Parker** for being the Mailing Chairman. President **Ken Wallgren** made the presentations.

### Hats off!

From Golf Digest's Marty Hackel: **Question;** I can't believe how many golfers I see wearing hats in the clubhouse. When is it OK to wear a hat indoors at a golf Club?

**Answer:** You should always remove your hat when entering a clubhouse, and absolutely never have it on while eating-even if your table is outdoors. Hats are OK in the lockerroom, but after you leave there, **Take it off!**

*There have been several requests to print the above again.*



## **Remembering by Arnold Simms**

Earle John "Duke" Rowdon of Prospect Bay Country Club died of a massive heart attack on December 17, 2002. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on January 9, 2003. He was 77 years old. Duke, as he preferred to be addressed, served with distinction in the United States Air Force for over 29 years. He was a Command Pilot and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1972. Besides his wife, Rose, he loved their dogs, the Eastern Shore, golf and MISGA. He had served on the Board at PBCC and was Chairman of its Golf and Greens Committee. Over the years he unselfishly devoted his time and talent towards developing a more vibrant MISGA. He held many MISGA positions including Historian, Division Director and President in the year 2000. During the early 1990's he and Otis Jefferson began active recruiting efforts to expand club membership into MISGA on the Eastern Shore and by early 1995 Division 1 had swelled to 17 clubs and was still growing. It was during that time period that I first met Duke. The bonding between us was instantaneous and everlasting. By late 1995, and now with 19 clubs in the Division, the decision was made to reorganize. Duke became Director of Division 1 composed of 10 clubs and Otis retained 9 clubs in the newly formed Division 5. During 1998, as MISGA Historian, Duke researched the MISGA archives and produced the much-needed History of Board Actions, which sequentially tracks board decisions and clubs' status. Ever approachable and visible he was always willing to help others and give his sage advice. The quality of his leadership, strength of conviction and selfless dedication has left a positive impact on all who knew him. In a recent communication to me a Club Representative wrote, "we are all going to be poorer without Duke's presence in our lives." Most certainly the legacy of Duke's contributions will remain a lasting testimony to his existence and influence upon us. At the passing of his friend a poet dedicated a poem to him and in the last line wrote, "he is not dead, he has just gone away." In this way shall I remember my friend and mentor.



# YOUR HANDICAP INDEX

What does it mean? How is it used? How is it computed? How often is it updated? What impact do tournament scores have on it? These and other questions about the USGA Handicap System are often asked by our MISGA Associates.

A Handicap Index is the USGA's service mark used to indicate a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place and is used for conversion to a Course Handicap. It is computed by taking the average handicap differential of your best 10 scores from your last 20 posted scores and multiplying that number by 96%. (handicap differential is determined from the course rating and slope rating associated with the score you posted)

EXAMPLE: Let's say your index is 17.4 and you are playing at a course that has three sets of men's tees: Gold, slope rating 118; White, slope 126; Blue, slope 133. From the Gold (senior) tees your course handicap would be 18. From the White (regular) tees your handicap would be 19. From the Blue (championship) tees your handicap would be 20. These numbers are taken directly from the USGA publication, "Uncle Snoopy Wants You To Know How To Use Your Handicap", that was distributed last year. If you didn't get this booklet, ask your Club Rep to get you a copy.

Every time you post a score it is possible your index could change. The oldest score is removed since only 20 are kept for the computation, thus your daily (sometimes called trend) index will be an accurate measure of your current playing ability. This is why it is so important to post your adjusted gross score on the day you play.

What is meant by the term *adjusted gross score* is that the score you post has met the requirements of Equitable Stroke Control, ESC, as follows. If your course handicap is 9 or less the maximum number you are allowed on any hole is double bogey. If your handicap is 10 through 19, the maximum number is 7. For 20 through 29, the maximum is 8. For 30 through 39, maximum is 9. For 40 or more, the maximum is 10. In the example above, if the individual played from the blue tees, he could take an 8 (even on a par 3) otherwise the maximum score he could use, for handicap index purpose, would be 7.

The maximum handicap index allowed by the USGA is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women.

Tournament or T-scores remain in the system for 12 months and may be used in the calculation of your index even though they are not within the time frame of your latest 20 scores. Exceptional tournament scores could result in an appreciable lowering of your index.

## C. J. Myers, Rules & Handicap Chairman

### *Deceased*

*The following MISGA Members have passed on since the last MISGAGRAM Issue:*

*William D Bradford*

*Fred Cox*

*Robert Eiden*

*Warren Fields*

*Bill Finlayson*

*Tom Kohn*

*Lewis Lawrence*

*Daniel McGuan*

*Jack Neighoff*

*Joe Simms*

*Edward Wilamowski*

## Spring Fling Results Monday May 5, 2003

### Seaside -Men

- 1st Place Gene Horan  
Arnie Simms  
Jim Mitchell  
Tom Cahill
- 2nd Place Ken Wallgren  
Dick Watkins  
Dean Steyer  
Louis Perna
- 3rd Place Steve Duca  
Buck Linthicum  
Mike Walden  
Patrick Mctran
- 4th Place Dick Blanchard  
Bob Horne  
Jim Rasmussen  
Mac Magrogan
- 5th Place Gordon Stafford  
Peter Koutsandreas  
Dick Mehaffey  
Vince McGugan



### 9 Hole- Ladies

- 1st Place Roni Holthaus  
Nancy Stafford  
Jackie Mitchell

### 18 Hole-Ladies

- 1st Place Dot Dernago  
Sandy Witzke  
Barabra Merrit
- 2nd Place Darlene Watkins  
Paula Tobin  
Cynthia Walden  
Gwyn Linthicum
- 3rd Place Wilma Kennedy  
Carol Boardman  
Georgia McGraw  
Doris Wilt
- 4th Place Joan Harrison  
Ruby Harrison  
Jo Baunner  
Catherine Miller



### Newport Bay -Men

- 1st Place Chuck Lane  
Jim Burrows  
Ed Gazze  
Ed Boxwell
- 2nd Place Bob Burkhart  
George Benner  
Jin Ukockis  
Bob West
- 3rd Place Byron Deadle  
Bob Mead  
Jack Tomasson  
Men Benhoff
- 4th Place Dave Woodward  
Pete Sorge  
Don Allewalt  
Henry Scriba
- 5th Place Harry Bowie  
Bob Wilks  
Jim Curran  
Rod Boucher
- 6th Place Bob Nicholson  
Paul Keiser  
Bob Dozier  
Joe Lynott

- 1st Place Fern Kicklaw  
Kathryn Gazze  
Beverly Hogate  
Roberta Redenour
- 2nd Place Ann Tomasson  
Sandy Winquist  
Nancy Benner  
Mary Huckel
- 3rd Place Norma Shriner  
Lorraine Donadoni  
Betty Wilks  
Edna Lynott
- 4th Place Ina Ray Foskey  
Bootsie Bowie  
Eleanor Anderson





## Spring Fling Results Tuesday May 6, 2003

### Seaside - Men

- 1st Place      Norbert Muench  
                 Dick Hughes  
                 Roland Foskey  
                 Ed Anderson
- 2nd Place      Bob Nicholson  
                 Paul Keiser  
                 Bob Dozier  
                 Joe Lynott
- 3rd Place      Joe Shriner  
                 Jim Denny  
                 Frank Huckel  
                 Jim Douds
- 4th Place      Bob Burkhart  
                 George Benner  
                 Jim Ukockis  
                 Bob West
- 5th Place      Sam Ewing  
                 Vernon Walker  
                 Charles Peeling  
                 Rudy Arkin



### Seaside - Women

18 Hole

- 1st Place      Ina Ray Foskey  
                 Bootsie Bowie  
                 Eleanor Anderson
- 2nd Place      Fern Nicklaw  
                 Kathryn Gazze  
                 Beverly Hogate
- 3rd Place      Aretta Keadle  
                 Joan Shuba  
                 Judy Dixon  
                 Patty Douds
- 4th Place      Carole Walker  
                 Claudia Young  
                 Rosemary Ewing  
                 Jesse Peeling



### Newport Bay - Men

- 1st Place      Herman Baker  
                 Philip Peluso  
                 Hawley Waterman  
                 Tom McNamara
- 2nd Place      Mike Lovelle  
                 Henry Lederer  
                 Bob Merritt  
                 Phillip Lee
- 3rd Place      Brain Falconer  
                 Paul Bowersox  
                 Dick Stem  
                 Walt Brunner
- 4th Place      Bill Kleisch  
                 Dick Boardman  
                 Dave Bowen  
                 Bob Rippeon
- 5th Place      Gary Chick  
                 Doug Hall  
                 Tom Tarpley  
                 Bob Dennoga

### Newport Bay - Women

9 Hole

- 1st Place      Joyce Jones  
                 Haydee McGugan  
                 Lois Hresko
- 18 Hole
- 1st Place      Joan Smith  
                 Sally Laderer  
                 Marilyn Rudden
- 2nd Place      Becky Linton  
                 Cleo Koutsandreas  
                 Harlyn Horne  
                 Cathy Imbergamo
- 3rd Place      Wilma Kennedy  
                 Carol Boardman  
                 Georgia McGraw  
                 Doris Wilt
- 4th Place      Darlene Watkins  
                 Paula Tobin  
                 Cynthia Walden  
                 Gwyn Linthicum



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**Welcome to MISGA, Deer Run and The Bay Club!**