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President's Message

Ken Wallgren

"Are we having a more enjoyable season?" When I have asked this question of MISGA members, it all too often leads to a discussion of Handicap problems in MISGA.

The solution is related to posting of scores so that the USGA system, based on individual honesty, can work. If club reps would verify, as a minimum, that all home and away mixer winners have posted their correct scores, most of the problems would vanish. The MISGA goal is for members to post all rounds. Based on personal experience, I found that checking scores revealed that only a few members were not posting scores. Checking is not an arduous task. The checking and notifying the player is part of the education of MISGA golfers.

I firmly believe that within a few months this action could make MISGA a more enjoyable experience for all of us.

Any golfer's index can be checked by computer at www.Golfnet.com.

Then clicking the following:

"Your Handicap Index"

"What's Your Handicap Index?"

"Maryland, Delaware, or Pennsylvania"

"Search for individual" ... (enter name) ...

"Submit"

Golfnet is the major handicap system used in the Mid Atlantic Section of the PGA. Only 4 MISGA clubs are not on Golfnet at this time.

Letter to the Editor

On 10 June 2003 I endured an unfortunate round of golf at a MISGA event at Sparrows Point. On the first tee we discovered we had been paired with a gentleman who said he had just taken up golf "one week earlier." He was assigned a handicap of 30, but it could have just as easily been 50. On the first tee he topped his drive about 20 yards into heavy rough. It took us approximately 10 - 15 minutes to locate that drive. This was repeated for the next 18 holes. A round that started at 9:00 a.m. dragged on and on for 6 1/2 hours until it ended at 3:30 p.m. When we arrived in the clubhouse for the luncheon all the food had been served and people were ready to leave as soon as our scorecard was posted. Fortunately, the Sparrows Point people were kind enough to see that we were fed.

I am reporting the above in the hope that MISGA can take some steps to assure that someone can't just show up at a MISGA event and begin learning how to play golf. I was from Crofton and my cart partner was the Sparrows Point host. I was never aware what club the gentleman in question was associated with. At no point did my host make any attempt to deal with the situation. My only recourse of action was to try to speed up play, but this was an exercise in futility and only further irritated me.

Not knowing how to deal with the situation as it unfolded, I would hope that maybe some guidance could be provided in a MISGAGRAM on some method of preventing/handling this type of occurrence. I have always immensely enjoyed the MISGA events both for the golf and the company it provides, but would hope my experience can somehow be used in a positive manner to establish guidelines/procedures in dealing with situations of this type.

Thanks again for the opportunity to vent.

Tom Simpson, Crofton Country Club

Editor's Note:

Tom's letter points out one of the few complaints that I hear as we play in MISGA Mixers, mainly slow play!

On page two of this month's MISGAGRAM is an excellent suggestion from our Handicap Committee that addresses "Picking Up" and speeding up play. If all of us follow the suggestion I'm sure it will speed play.

Handicap Issue: Scorecard postings in “picking up” situations

It is helpful to know what score must be posted for holes where a golfer picks up his/her ball. This should encourage us to pick up more often, which should assist in speeding play. That would be a good thing.

To speed play correctly, it is important to know what score must be posted on holes which are not completed (where the golfer starts the hole but picks up the ball before finishing the hole) or on holes which are not played at all (such as at the end of a match play event where the match is over before the last hole is completed and the competitors do not want to finish the round).

According to the USGA’s “brown book,” titled “The USGA Handicap System” (which contains all the USGA’s handicap rules), when a golfer picks up during the play of a hole, he must record a score for that hole which is his/her “most likely score” for that hole in that situation. That score would be the number of strokes already taken plus the number of strokes the golfer would take to complete the hole more than half the time in that situation.

For example, if the golfer picks up from the fringe of, or just off, the green or a short chip or pitch from the green, the golfer would assume that he would take three more strokes to complete the hole: the pitch or chip plus two putts (one putt greens are not most likely). The scoring gets tricky when the golfer picks up when on the green. Usually the golfer records two putts. On short putts, the golfer might want to putt out to achieve a one putt green, if to do so would not unduly delay the group’s play of the hole and the course. In situations where the golfer picks up very early, such as after hitting his first ball out of bounds and his provisional drive is behind a tree, the most likely score on a four par hole would appear to be three, plus a chip to the fairway, plus one (or two or three?) more strokes to get to the green (depending on what is most likely for that golfer), plus two putts.

(The most likely score cannot, of course, exceed the equitable stroke control score for that hole, for score posting purposes.)

When holes are not played at all, such as at the end of a match when the match is over before the last hole, or when the golfer is fatigued and needs to retire from play, the score to be entered on the scorecard for those holes is “par plus,” which is: par for the hole, plus the number of strokes given to the golfer on that hole by the handicap system.

Hopefully, this brief outline of scoring in pick-up situations will help us all speed our play everywhere, and especially in MISGA events. Have a good round!

Fall Frolics-2003 & Fall Frolic 2004

The Sea Trail 2003 Fall Frolic scheduled for November 2-November 7, 2003 is filling up fast. We still have room for a few more golfers. I would urge those of you who are considering going to please submit your applications before all of the spots are filled.

The response we received for the Fripp Island Fall Frolic scheduled for November 7-November 14, 2003 was overwhelming. We now have a waiting list. Normally, we receive a small percentage of cancellations and we anticipate that some of those on the current waiting list will be able to make the trip. However, we can’t make any promises! Those on the waiting list will fill any cancellations we receive **subject to the type of accommodations requested**.

Next year I am looking at a possible additional Fall Frolic for 2004, subject to an expression of interest from MISGA members. I have received what I consider to be an excellent package offer to go to the Dominican Republic (Amber Coast) in October or November of 2004. The trip will be for either seven (7) or eight days (8). The trip includes golf, airport, resort and golf course transportation and deluxe accommodations at a 4 star “all-inclusive” beachfront resort. Both trips include five (5) rounds of golf played on the Robert Trent Jones “Playa Grande” or “Playa Dorada” courses overlooking the Atlantic. The trip includes - Shared carts and caddies, **all-inclusive food and national drinks**. That’s correct; all drinks whether they are with or without alcohol! Air Fare is separate & arrangements for airfare will be the individual’s responsibility.

The seven-day package includes two nights at the Puerto Plata village resort and five (5) nights at the Bahia Principe Resort (Hacienda Club Privileges). . The seven-day package cost range is \$1199 per person based on double occupancy per golfer or \$849 per person for a non-golfer based on double occupancy (Tours are available at \$25 per person). The eight-day package is priced at \$1399 per golfer dbl.occ. and \$999 per non-golfer dbl. Occ.. It will include 5 days of golf and 3 days of optional or included tours, cart fees, all meals and national drinks!

I am looking for an expression of interest from our membership. The trip will be limited to a maximum of 64 participants. If you are interested, please either e-mail me (pete233@erols.com) regarding your thoughts and suggestions or call me (301-292-1597). I will be looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Peter Sorge, Jr.
Events Chairman

Two-Man Team Qualifiers for the State Tournament

DIVISION ONE

	Gross	Net
<u>Steven Merchant & William Seeds</u>	<u>59</u>	
<u>Ev Crouse & Sam Wood</u>	<u>61</u>	
<u>Hal McBee Sr. & Ed Hoffman</u>	<u>62</u>	
<u>Ron Bell & Tim Linck</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Ed Navarre & Larry Sharpe</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Tom Contoy & Julian Orlinski</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Bill Taylor & Jack Powell</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Ches Wise & Jimmy Lee</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Dick Antonio & Paul Parson</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Tom Corbeil & Mario Beltran</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Arnie Simms & Tom Gancarz</u>	<u>64</u>	
<u>Bob Sisson & George Sweeney</u>	<u>65</u>	

DIVISION TWO

	Gross	Net
<u>Bob Dozier & Bill Rector</u>	<u>53</u>	
<u>Dick McCurdy & Frank McGowan</u>	<u>57</u>	
<u>Carl Frock & Henry Payne</u>	<u>57</u>	
<u>Ed Mellott & Sam Zahn</u>	<u>57</u>	

DIVISION THREE

	Gross	Net
<u>M. Onorato & J. Reddington</u>	<u>56</u>	
<u>R. Nicholson & A. Procopio</u>	<u>57</u>	
<u>G. Crum & J. Belanger</u>	<u>59</u>	
<u>M. Suranno & L. Ramos</u>	<u>59</u>	
<u>R. Madden & D. Pond</u>	<u>59</u>	
<u>C. Devlin & D. Myler</u>	<u>60</u>	
<u>J. McCollum & L. Richards</u>	<u>60</u>	
<u>D. Jensen & E. Smith</u>	<u>61</u>	
<u>J. McGrail & D. Yerkey</u>	<u>63</u>	
<u>G. Cleary & J. Connnelly</u>	<u>64</u>	

Deceased

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

Paul Bolyard William Dykes Jerry Groom

George Kohut Bob McMinn Richard Nelson

Mayo Pittman Joseph Suozzi Francis Val

Bill Wells George Wood

Bob McMinn's dedication to MISGA was truly shown when he, as MISGA Secretary, distributed the last Board Minutes just two days before he died. We will miss him as a person we cared for and admired.

ABCD Qualifiers for the State Tournament

DIVISION ONE

A FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
Tim Linck	78	Sam Wood
Bob Burd	78	Tom Gancarz
Chuuck Bradley	73	R. Tiikkala

B FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
E. McDonald	92	Ches Wise
D. Glidden	94	M. Fradel
D. Hunt	94	K. Hoisington
Jim Lee	94	

C FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
B. Merritt	96	O. Wise
T. Rossi	99	L. Sharpe
Bill Seeds	100	T. Russell

D FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
B. Colman	102	E. Fluharty
J. O'Grady	105	M. Lederer
C. Platzer	106	E. Daino

DIVISION THREE

A FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
G. Marathon	73	K. Lint
D. Stearns	76	B. Micholson

B FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
D. Jensen	82	L. Richards
P. Regala	86	Jim Maselli

C FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
P. Sorge	81	M. Suranno
B. West	87	B. Wilks
R. Surgen	95	F. Carillo

DIVISION FOUR

A FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
D. Markey	77	S. Parker
P. Gold	77	C. Smith
B. Haight	77	T. Reckford
H. Dillon	80	R. Theim

B FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
L. Steinko	84	J. Hasab
A. Westerman	86	B. Cave
M. Urquhart	86	J. Boland
R. Harrison	87	R. Turner

C FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
D. Beaufort	90	R. Pellicoro
J. Benson	90	D. Watkins
D. Simms	93	T. Hall
M. Rosenblatt	94	I. Spector

D FLIGHT

	Gross	Net
G. Delfierro	95	R. Dante
J. Obendorfer	97	T. Conley
B. Rudy	100	R. Camfield
D. Cohen	103	G. Avery

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