

# MISGA GRAM

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## President's Message

### Ralph Starkey

Having been a member of Caroline Country Club for over 40 Years and a MISGA associate for more than 16 years I think that the following Goals and Objectives are ones I would like to see achieved in 2007.

1. Seek ways to make MISGA Mixers more fun and enjoyable.
2. Work towards increasing our membership.
3. Try to control the cost of Mixers

Let's look at improving Mixers by trying new games such as best ball of A and B players and best ball of C and D players. Or have the ABC&D flights play in their own groups or create something for the lower handi-cap associates. If you have a different view that may work in your group please share it with the other MISGA Reps.

We must all work to increase our membership. I challenge each MISGA associate to promote and inform nonmembers of what the MISGA organization is and does. Advise them how they can play at better golf courses in their area at a reasonable cost. Make new friends, and etc.

Trying to control the cost of our Mixers can be accomplished if more Clubs participate in each Mixer. Talk to your Club Managers regarding the costs of food and other controllable cost. Car pooling and scheduling as many Mixers as possible close to home will also help.

Throughout the MISGA Organization, we have many dedicated leaders and a fantastic group of associates who have great ideas to accomplish these goals and objectives. I ask that you share these with others in our great organization.

I appreciate the privilege that you have given me to serve as your President in 2007. I am open and willing to listen to suggestions and even complaints that will improve our MISGA organization.

It is yours and my obligation to do our utmost to keep the organization moving forward and with your help we shall do so.

I look forward to seeing you all on the golf course, keep hitting them straight and long and not too often..

## Congratulations

**Robert (Bob) Kaplan-** HOLE IN ONE, October 26, 2006 @ Piney Branch Hole # 13, that is the second one for Bob.

Hole in one by **Norbert Muench** of Bear Creek at the Member Guest Day at Hunt Valley in September. Norbert didn't win a car but a very nice trip, I believe. Don't forget to report winnings! Was it skill or just a lucky shot—you be the judge, asks Tom Tarpley.



This is how you look after scoring a Hole - in-one and buying all the drinks, right Norbert?

Congratulations continued

**Charlie Fieldhouse** takes advantage of Hunt Valley!! Charles on a recent mixer had a net Double Eagle, Closest to pin, Winning team and topped it off by taking the 50/50. When he is my partner he can't see or play!!

From Tom Tarpley.

Nice going Charlie



If I won all of that in one day I'd be smiling too!

Correction:

**Subject:** October Misgagram

Jim, I enjoy MISGA and look forward to my MISGAGRAM.

However, October's issue had a mistake which I hope you can correct in the next issue. On the 3rd page, the results of the ABCD tourney have me, Dave Schwartz, as a West Winds member. While the place (4th, C flight) and the score (89) are correct, I haven't been a member of West Winds for two years.

I am a member of Bear Creek and proud of it.

Thanks,

**Dave Schwartz**

Dave, Thanks for the above. It's good to know that someone is reading the MISGAGRAM!

JWM



Fresh back from Amelia Island Fall Frolic are Bill Davis who had the only Eagle and Jean Ewaldt who had the only Hole in one. What a great MISGA event for both!

First Place at Amelia Island



Left to Right, Prieb, Scheller, Hall & Walden

Second Place at Amelia Island



Left to Right, Ewaldt, Taylor, Ukockis & Ris

Third Place at Amelia Island



Left to Right, Woollatt, Davis, Bowie & LeCrone

# George Meyer



83 years of age died at Buckingham's Choice in Adamstown, Md.

Thursday October 26,2006. George was a former member of Holly Hills Country Club. He served as Club Rep. , Div. Director and President of MISGA. He is survived by his wife Anne. George was active for many years in MISGA and he will be missed by those that knew him.

Tom Tarpley, DD2, President



**CHUCKEBBECKE**

**Secretary, MISGA**

**SEPT. 8, 1936-OCT. 19 2006**

**AMEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOV. 8, IN THE BETHLEHEM CHAPEL OF THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

**The following remarks were given in tribute by Thomas Tarpley, President of MISGA.**

It is both a privilege and honor to have been asked by Pat to say a few words regarding Chuck's life (And yes, Chuck I will be relatively brief and speak slowly so you can take notes—And I will keep to the script — to keep from rambling). My association with Chuck began during the senior circuit, which I like to classify as the golden years. He had enjoyed a successful career filled with accomplishment and travel, followed by a fulfilling retirement.

Chuck had many staunch friends and supporters. If one was out and about the town enjoying fine food and wine—you could almost count on bumping into Chuck and Pat. He did so appreciate the finer things, including his lovely wife. My Pat and I loved joining them for lunch at Jean Michel's, one of his favorites.

Chuck Ebbecke, (a Gentleman, Kentucky Colonel, Scholar, Golf devotee)—Loyal to his friends, and known to be a royal pain with those who might choose to disagree with his erudite rationale'. He had a deep commitment to organized golf [especially MISGA and The MULLIGANS]. It was my pleasure to interact with Chuck during his years as a Club Rep. at Argyle, where he was active in leadership roles at the Club and Seniors level—prior to his joining Norbeck. (As an aside, you were correct about the problems at Argyle). Our friendship grew as we served on the Board of Directors of MISGA. To continue his service he became Secretary and brought his expertise to facilitate the President's job and provide a smooth flow of business at the meetings. His ability to interpret the ramblings presented and distill them into cogent content was a tribute to his innate skills.

Chuck was not a scratch golfer but would always strive to play to the best of his ability. Winning some, losing some! He enjoyed the game as well as the camaraderie it offered.

Once more, Chuck, I will begin my last meeting as President, at precisely 10AM not 10:01.

We will miss him as a presence on the course, with his dry sense of humor. May we all meet somewhere for a round of golf followed by a nice dry Martini or two! Would like to close with something I borrowed. Golf is a game of honor-We who have played know this to be true- To live one's life with honor and dignity. Like the fairways we walk, Our path to eternal happiness will be Forever Green//or Blue Green in Kentucky.

**j.m.a.**

## **MISGA SPRING FLING 2007**

**Don't miss out. Get your application in early.**

**No entry will be accepted if postmarked after the March 31, 2007 closing date.**

The Spring Fling 2007 for men and ladies is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> at **Ocean City Golf Club's Seaside and Newport Bay courses**. An optional third day on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> will be available at the Bay Club. (Note: maximum number of players at the Bay Club is 120 since we will be using only one course.)

Again, because we have eliminated the Banquet and thereby reduced costs, we suggest that there are many fine restaurants in the Ocean City area at varying cost levels that you can visit with your friends. Accommodations will be available at a special MISGA rate at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. Participants who would like to arrive earlier than Monday and/or stay longer than one night may make reservations on their own at the special MISGA rate (Please call the Dunes Manor, 1-800-523-2888 after March 15<sup>th</sup>). The Monday evening reservation will be made and paid for, as a result of your selection on the application form. The Dunes Manor Hotel is located at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and the beach in Ocean City. All of their rooms are of good size and each and every room overlooks the beach, the boardwalk and the Atlantic Ocean. The Dunes Manor has all of the amenities and services of a grade 'A' hotel including a restaurant and indoor heated swimming pool

The November 1, 2006 handicap index will be used. We will be playing team golf. Each foursome of men or women will be playing as a team. Formats will be different on each course and each day.

Soft spikes are required for all three courses.

Check-in on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Ocean City Golf Course will begin at 10:30 am. A snack lunch will be available prior to the shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available at the club after play on Monday, while scores are being racked up. On Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, check-in at Ocean City Golf course will be underway by 8:00 AM with a shotgun start scheduled for 9:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be available prior to golf, and lunch will be at the club after play has ended. All foods mentioned above are included in the entry fee. In addition, a hot breakfast, if desired, will be available at the golf course. This hot breakfast is not included in the entry fee.

For Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bay Club, check-in starts at 7:45 AM followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 am. Please note that no food is included in the entry fee for play at the Bay Club. (Bay Club does have grill service available if desired.)

For those desiring overnight accommodations for Monday night, May 7<sup>th</sup>, arrangements will be made at the Dunes Manor Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, Maryland. Room fees, as applicable, are included in the rates shown on the entry form. Cancellations must be made no later than April 15, 2007 to insure a full refund. If you wish to reserve additional nights you may contact the Dunes Manor at 800-523-2888 ext. 5244 and ask for Lauren Prendergast.

A confirmation card or e-mail will be sent to you by March 10, confirming your entry. You will also receive a letter by April 15, 2006 outlining the arrangements the committee has made for you. If you are car-pooling with other golfers please inform us on your entry form.

Those playing at the Bay Club on May 9<sup>th</sup> will have to make their own room accommodations for May 8<sup>th</sup> and all food on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Additional information?

John Kennedy 302-381-0332 (cell)  
Bill Morton 302-674-3107  
Dick Dale 302-629-7322

# MISGA SPRING FLING 2007 ENTRY FORM

MAY 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at OCEAN CITY GOLF & YACHT CLUB. — MAY 9<sup>th</sup> OPTIONAL at BAY CLUB

## **CLOSING DATE IS SATURDAY MARCH 31, 2007**

A. *Couples - Both playing 18 holes daily and sharing room	\$372	\$ _____
B. *Couples - With lady playing only 9 holes daily and sharing room	\$320	\$ _____
C. *Couples - Man only golfing and sharing a room	\$253	\$ _____
D. *Couples- Both playing 18 holes daily-no room.	\$296	\$ _____
E. *Couples- With lady playing only 9 holes daily-no room.	\$244	\$ _____
F. *Single golfer with a private room	\$224.	\$ _____
G. *Single golfer sharing room	\$186	\$ _____
H. *Single golfer with no room	\$148	\$ _____
I. *Nine hole lady golfer (18 holes, 9 each day) no room	\$96	\$ _____
J. May 9 Bay Club golf option- Couples	\$124	\$ _____
K. May 9 Bay Club golf option-Single golfer	\$ 62	\$ _____

(Bay Club cost includes green fees, cart and prize money only).

**\* Includes: Monday snack lunch & hors d'oeuvres after golf.**

**Tuesday coffee & donuts and lunch.**

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRANTS - One MISGA Golfer or couple per application. Please print or type. We have to be able to read it!**

**“Use your ending season Nov 1, 2006 handicap index”**

Member's name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Index \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rm: Smoking** \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Smoking** \_\_\_\_\_

Lady's name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Index 18 holes \_\_\_\_\_ 9 holes \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: HANDICAP INDEX SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION**

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**Special requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to “MISGA DIVISION ONE”  
and mail to:

**John Kennedy**  
**4 Par Court**  
**Georgetown, Delaware 19947**

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## MISGA-2006-FALL FROLICS – FRIPP & AMELIA ISLAND

The November 2006 Fall Frolics at Fripp & Amelia Islands were well attended and a great success. We had good weather and the temperature averaged in the high 70s! At Fripp, one morning we had rain, however, we were able to play later in the day. At Amelia, it rained Wednesday night & early Thursday morning with the rain stopping during breakfast. The sky cleared & the day became sunny and pleasant.

The mixed scramble at both venues included both the men & women eighteen-hole golfers. These events provide an opportunity for the men to play with a mixed group and take advantage of the ladies skills. The remaining days, the 18 hole men golfers, the 18 hole ladies & the nine hole ladies played with their respective groups. The golf courses at both venues were in good shape and provided a challenge to all. At Amelia, we were able to increase the golf & bingo prize money considerably & add an additional tour trip for the non-golfers due to the raffle we had during the Ocean City Spring Fling. There we had a raffle with the prize being two separate free trips to Amelia. We hope to be able to do the same this year at the Spring Fling. At Amelia, Jean Ewaldt had a hole in one & Bill Davis had an Eagle! Congratulations to both of them!

After a day on the courses, everyone relaxed during the cocktail hour and dinner (the food was excellent). The cocktail hour gave everyone an opportunity to talk with old and new friends. On Monday and Wednesday, we played Bingo after dinner and lots of cash prizes were awarded.

I would like to thank all of those who provided assistance in making the Fall Frolics a success. Special mention goes to Bill & Mary Rapson, who coordinated the Fripp trip. They did an excellent job! Also, I want to thank Charlie & Kay Fieldhouse (master Bingo gurus & photographers) and their assistant Bob Rippeon. Thanks to Patti Dale at Fripp & Betty Gladden at Amelia who presided over the 9 hole ladies. Also, thanks to Dwight Short, Lloyd Stimson, Bob West & Henry Woltman who provided advice & prize money-auditing assistance. None of these events can be successful without having help.

The Fripp non-golfing ladies enjoyed a tour of the Fripp Plantation, The Chapel of Ease as well as other historical points of interest. They lunched at Kathleen's Grille in Beaufort & had time to shop. The Amelia Island non-golfing ladies toured the Historic area of St. Augustine, FL. Another highlight of the tour was lunch in The Famous 95 Cordova Cobalt Lounge in the historic Casa Monica Hotel. Also, I want to thank my wife, Susan, for coordinating the non-golfing ladies tours & luncheons & Carolyn Le Crone for her help with the survey.

Fall Frolics 2007: I am considering several places we have been to in the past, as well as other venues. Anyone who would like to provide comments regarding these trips can do so by e-mail ([pete233@verizon.net](mailto:pete233@verizon.net)). Details will be provided in a future MISGA GRAM. It is our hope that all of the attendees will spread the word and urge others to attend the 2007 outings. I expect the 2007 Fall Frolics to fill up quite rapidly, based on the positive feedback I received. **Please note** that dinner is usually at 7:00 or 7:30 PM. The reason we don't eat earlier is due to possible frost or rain delays, which are unpredictable! After golf is completed we need time to gather the scorecards and audit them for accuracy. This takes time!

Peter Sorge, Jr., Events Chairman

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**MISGA FLORIDA WINTER FLING FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3, 2007**

**PLANTATION INN, CRYSTAL RIVER, FL.**

**THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF OPENINGS. SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

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