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New Golfing Season – Did it seem that there were fewer golfing days than normal during the past winter, or did my temperature threshold just go up a few degrees? Don't be surprised if your golf game hasn't improved, no matter how many golf magazines you've read over the winter or what new mega-driver you got for Christmas. Nevertheless, hope springs eternal - golfers always hope for the best, even in the face of adversity. Damn those rules!

Web Site – Almost 1300 associates have chosen not to have the printed **MISGAgram** delivered to their homes. We need to continue making good use of the MISGA web site, especially where it will save money. For example, Frolics flyers and entry forms are routinely printed in the **MISGAgram**, requiring many extra pages. Obviously, we will not get an additional 2700 applications for each Frolic. It would be much better to download Frolics information directly from the web site. Then, interested parties won't have to wait for the next issue of the **MISGAgram** and information will be available much sooner. The Club Rep can insure that each non-web user in his senior group will get a copy of any entry forms in which he has expressed an interest. In addition to saving money, more **MISGAgram** space will be available for articles of interest to all associates. Another alternative is to distribute the Flyers/Entry Forms to all associates with email using the established MISGA system (see next paragraph).

Communications – We want to encourage all club reps to maintain their email address books up to date, with all members included in a single address grouping. Current and accurate addresses are required for the MISGA e-mail Distribution System to function effectively in delivering important information to all associates, or to any subset of the hierarchy.

Participation – Attendance at the Frolics has been declining of late. The MISGA-sponsored Frolics are the only MISGA events in which spouses (or close friends) get to participate in mixed golfing and social activities. They represent good value and provide excellent and well-organized golfing vacations. In order to continue to enjoy this benefit of belonging to MISGA, we must participate in sufficient numbers to keep the Frolics viable. So, include the Frolics as a vacation option. We need your support.

Pace of Play – For 2009, let's resolve to play at a faster pace, not just for our own enjoyment, but for all those happy golfers behind us. Keep in mind that 4 ½ hours is not a "break-neck" rate, yet five hours or longer is certainly a "snail's" pace. Anyone for four hours?

*Byron Keadle, President*  
[b.keadle@comcast.net](mailto:b.keadle@comcast.net)

# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

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The **MISGA**gram is the official newsletter of the organization mailed free to all Associates four times each year. The mission of the 'gram is to provide information of common interest to all association members. The 'gram also can be read at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org).

The publication months for the **MISGA**gram are:

**April**  
**July**  
**September**  
**December**

Noteworthy events and announcement for away activities, and articles of general interest may be submitted to the editor at any time for printing. The closing dates for publication are:

**15 March** (April)  
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**01 September** (Sept.)  
**10 November** (Dec.)

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**MISGA**gram Editor

## In Favor of Fair Play

By *George Donadoni*

No man with any self-respect likes to be branded as unsportsmanlike. But, unfortunately, MISGA has a reputation in some circles as an organization whose members flout the rules of the game. Some think that cracking down on rules violators is contrary to the MISGA ideal of camaraderie. Why spoil a friendly match by insisting that the integrity of the game be maintained?

Well, to be blunt, if a player is not playing by the rules, he is not playing golf; he is playing some other game involving knocking a ball around. Ignoring the rules means shifting standards: the 83 he shot today may or may not be better than the 87 he shot last week. If he is not applying the same standards, to wit, the rules, he has no idea if today's score was better or worse than last week's. And, if he is in a competition and ignoring the rules - face it - that is unsportsmanlike conduct.

Obviously, claiming a score lower than one actually achieved is cheating by anyone's criteria. But, there are other ways to flout the rules that may not be so obvious.

- Deliberately making a bad shot or missing a putt to pad one's handicap.
- Failing to apply equitable stroke control.
- Failing to post every score played for 13 holes or more in an active season under the rules of golf, whether those scores come at a MISGA event or otherwise.
- Faithfully posting all one's high scores but conveniently forgetting to post the low scores.
- Conceding a putt or taking a "gimme" of any length when that putt will count in the score for a competition.
- Moving the ball in the rough (except under authorized conditions).
- Purporting to play a provisional shot when the original ball is in a hazard, then finding and attempting to play the original ball
- Taking an authorized drop, and re-dropping if one does not like the resulting lie.
- Being too liberal in determining the point at which the ball entered a hazard.
- Abandoning a ball, playing another shot, then finding and attempting to play the original ball.
- Grounding a club in a hazard, or moving objects in the hazard.

It really does not matter if there is serious money at stake; the purity of the game demands that the rules be taken seriously. It also doesn't matter if one's playing partners agree to an infraction. It further doesn't matter if one thinks that a rule is silly (such as the prohibition on repairing spike marks). Finally, it doesn't matter if one is unsure of a rule - it is likely that at least one of his playing partners will know the correct procedure.

Bottom line: **learn the rules and abide by them - ALWAYS!** Play the game as it is intended to be played.

## **Summary of Responses to MISGAgram Editorial of Dec-08**

I've had a number of responses to my December **MISGAgram** editorial. There was general agreement that the problems identified were indeed problems that need to be addressed within MISGA. Some suggestions from the responses follow.

**Slow Play:** It has been the practice to expect the "A" player in each group to ensure rules compliance and pace of play. That has proven to be unsuccessful; no one wants to be the ogre. **Suggestion:** Set a strict time limit of 4 ½ to 4 ¾ hours, announcing before start of play that no scorecards would be accepted for prize consideration if not turned in prior to the time limit. The time limit has been effective at both *Manor* and *Lakewood*. Perhaps other clubs are using the time limit to help speed play.

**Cheating:** "Cheating" is tied with "Slow Play" as the number one reason that people are not participating. In the past, the "A" player has been charged with enforcing the rules; however, this has not been effective either because he doesn't know the rules, or is reluctant to challenge his teammates, or considers "winning" a more urgent requirement. The person not playing by the rules should be the pariah, not the enforcer. **Suggestion-1:** We recommend that each club rep purchase additional copies of the USGA pamphlet "*Golf Rules in Brief*" so that each of his members can have a copy. This is a small 8-page summary of the principal rules of golf, easily carried in the golf bag. It is available from USGA at \$0.75 a copy. **Suggestion-2:** Meanwhile, try the following experiment: (1) Banish the Gimme; (2) Play the Ball as it Lies; (3) Take Relief only according to the Rules; and (4) Post your Score. **Remember:** "Winning without Honor is no Victory."

**Course Length:** Many players consider the typical mixer course to be too long, even for many "A" players. Two solutions were offered for this: (1) Mixed Tees and (2) More Scrambles. Either of these suggestions would also tend to speed up the game.

(1) **Mixed Tees:** Several liked the idea of playing shorter courses, such as offered by the mixed tees format. The only requirement for playing a different set of tees is pre-notification for choice of tees. *Golfnet* does the rest. Here is the MISGA policy on Mixed Tees:

**"The use of alternate tees in MISGA Mixers, State Tournaments and other events, such as Frolics and Flings, is optional and is to be determined by the Club, the Club Rep or the Event/Tournament Chairman. All golfers may choose to play any of the optional tees if optional tees are offered. When optional tees are offered, participants must be informed in advance and the USGA Handicap Manual must be used to rate the use of all tees offered."** - BM-20060302

(2) **More Scrambles:** The Scramble is widely considered to be a "fun" format for groups with disparate capabilities. The **USGA** provides recommended handicap allowances for Scrambles, which seem to work well for most groups, regardless of minimum number of drives required or other special conditions. – Section 9-4, *USGA Handicap System*

**Segregate Field by Handicap:** One **suggestion** for improving participation is to segregate the field on the basis of handicap because some younger players don't want to play with older, high handicappers. While segregating the field on the basis of skill is somewhat counter to the social aspects of the mixer concept, the format for a given mixer is at the discretion of the club rep; consequently, he could try that to see how it works.

**Cost:** Cost is not so much a consideration for an individual Mixer, which even at current cost still appears to be a fair price for value received. Cost does become a factor when, because of expected low participation, multiple clubs are invited for a home mixer to produce a decent size field, resulting in reciprocal away mixers with every club invited. Now, we are talking 20 to 30 mixers a year. Thus, partly on the basis of cost, many will not participate in all scheduled mixers, resulting in continuation of the low participation problem. **Suggestion:** Increase participation by applying some or all of the suggestions noted herein.

Let's keep the conversation going,

*Byron Keadle, President*



# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

**President Byron Keadle,  
The MISGA Board of Directors  
and Division II  
Announce the**

***2009 ANNUAL MISGA SUMMER FROLIC  
at  
CARROLL VALLEY RESORT***

## **PROGRAM**

Wednesday, 16 September 2009

08:30 AM thru 2:00 PM - Check-in at registration desk  
10:30 AM thru 3:00 PM - Golf, assigned tee times  
Lunch available in Coffee Shop  
06:30 PM thru 7:30 PM - Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar  
07:30 PM to..... - Dinner, Awards

Thursday, 17 September 2009

06:00 AM thru 11:00 AM - Check-out  
06:30 AM thru 8:30 AM - Breakfast Buffet  
08:45 AM - At carts for shot-gun start, briefing  
09:00 AM - Golf, Mixed Scrambles format  
01:30 PM - Buffet lunch, Awards

Study the Plan information on the next page carefully. For questions and inquiries, E-mail to [trytogolf@comcast.net](mailto:trytogolf@comcast.net); write to the address below; or call Tom Taylor at 410-848-1866

Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Saturday, **August 1, 2009**  
[If the field is filled, checks will be returned promptly]

**CANCELLATIONS:** Full refunds will be granted **only until August 15th**

**NOTE:** If you plan to arrive Tuesday, Sept. 15th, rooms are available at a reduced rate of \$99.  
Call Carroll Valley at 1-800-548-8504 as early as you can..

**MISGA Division II - Thomas Taylor, 843 Fairfield Ave  
Westminster, MD 21157 Phone 410-848-1866  
Email: [trytogolf@comcast.net](mailto:trytogolf@comcast.net)**

**PACKAGE ELEMENTS & FEES (Per Person. Double Occupancy)**

(Overnight club storage, taxes & gratuities included.)

<b><u>PLAN A</u></b>	<b><u>PLAN B</u></b>	<b><u>PLAN C</u></b>
(18-Hole Golfer)	(9-Hole or Non-Golfer)	(Local 18-Hole Golfer)
Green Fees & Cart	Greens Fee Extra	Green Fees & Cart
Wed Banquet	Wed Banquet	Wed Banquet
Wed Night Room	Wed Night Room	No Room
Thurs Breakfast	Thurs Breakfast	No Breakfast
Thurs Lunch	Thurs Lunch	Thurs Lunch
Prizes		Prizes
Fee = 235.00	Fee = 135.00	Fee = 155.00

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- 9-hole golfers will pay the golf fee at the pro shop. They should enter 9-hole handicaps on the entry form. The 9-hole fee w/cart is \$21/day.
- Persons wishing to room by themselves should add \$53 to the above plan prices.

**DIRECTIONS to CARROLL VALLEY RESORT:**

**From Eastern Shore;**

Rte 50 over the Bay Bridge to Rte 97; Rte 97 to Baltimore Beltway Rte 695 West (Towson) to Rte 795; I-795 to Exit 9B & onto Rte 140 (West); Rte 140 through Westminster, Taneytown to Emmitsburg;

**From Baltimore;**

Baltimore Beltway Rte 695 to I-795; I-795 to Exit 9B & onto Rte 140 (West); Rte 140 through Westminster, Taneytown to Emmitsburg;

**From Washington;**

I-270 to Rte 15 North; Rte 15 to Rte 140 (West); Rte 140 to Emmitsburg;

**From Emmitsburg;**

Continue West on Rte 140 into Pennsylvania where MD Rte 140 becomes PA Rte 16; Continue about 4 miles to PA Rte 116; Turn right (North) onto Rte 116; *Carroll Valley Resort* is about 2 miles on the right.

**TELEPHONE CONTACT:**

For someone trying to reach you at *Carroll Valley* from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. they can call the switchboard at **1-800-548-8504** to leave a message. If a caller knows your room number, they can call direct to your room at any time by dialing **1-717-642-8211** and the room number. The room number is necessary. If there is no answer, a voice-mail message will come on.

Please arrive at *Carroll Valley* at least one **full hour** before your tee time.

## ENTRY FORM

Entries must be received by August 1, 2009

### **2009 MISGA Summer Frolic**

**Wednesday, September 16th and Thursday, September 17th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_ July Index \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_ July Index \_\_\_\_\_

I will be rooming with \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All fees are **per person, double-occupancy**.

For single-occupancy add \$53 and check here (\_\_\_)

<u>Room Request</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PLAN A@: 18-Hole Golfer For smoking room check here (___)	(___)	@ \$235.00	\$ _____
PLAN B@: Non-Golfer or 9-hole Golfer For smoking room check here (___)	(___)	@ \$135.00	\$ _____
PLAN C@: 18-Hole Commuting Golfer	(___)	@ \$155.00	\$ _____
TOTAL (Payable to <b><u>MISGA DIV II</u></b> )			\$ _____

We plan to be overnight Tuesday at *CV* (or in the vicinity). \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to **Thomas Taylor, 843 Fairfield Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157**

Questions: email [trytogolf@comcast.net](mailto:trytogolf@comcast.net) or Phone **410-848-1866**

**Entries must be received by August 1, 2009**

## Outstanding Service Award

**Peter Sorge**, *National Golf Club at Tantallon Country Club*, has been presented the Hastings Green-Jacket Award for outstanding service to **MISGA**. Pete, a retired banker and financial consultant, has been the **MISGA** Events Chairman for the past eight years during which time he has organized and run the popular **MISGA Fall Fling** events. He also initiated the **MISGA** annual Pro-Am tournament to recognize the club pros for their support of **MISGA**. This year, the Division IV Pro-Am will be Monday, 29 June at *Tantallon* and other Divisions are invited to enter teams (contact Pete). In addition to being the MISGA events chairman, Pete is the Assistant Club Representative for *Tantallon Country Club*. He also serves on the board of the Prince George's Financial Services Corp., which provides financial support to small and minority businesses. Shown with Pete when he acknowledged and thanked **MISGA** for the



recognition and award is **C. J. Meyers**, a Past President of MISGA.

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## MISGA Treasurer

MISGA is looking for someone to replace **Gary Sorrell** as Treasurer. The Treasurer's duties can be found on the MISGA website ([www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org)) under Documents in Section V.E of the *MISGA Club Representatives Handbook*. The Treasurer should have a basic understanding of financial reporting and a desire to support the MISGA Board of Directors on all things financial. The current MISGA financial records use Quicken. Periodic Treasurer's reports use Microsoft Word and Excel, but any similar word processing and spreadsheet software could be used. Anyone interested in becoming the MISGA Treasurer, please contact Gary at [fadenterprises@aol.com](mailto:fadenterprises@aol.com) or call him at (410) 531-1202.

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## Recruiting

Prior to the onset of the current economic woes confronting the nation, the membership in MISGA had started to decline. Some of the possible reasons for this membership decline in 2008 were mentioned in prior issues. Although the numbers for 2009 are not yet in, the trend seems to be continuing and, perhaps, increasing. All of us need to become a little more active in recruiting new MISGA members from the membership of our respective golf clubs. For those who like to play a different venue occasionally, the opportunities and low costs offered by MISGA are hard to beat; certainly cheaper in most cases than paying guest fees. During the current economic stress, the potential cost savings should be appealing to many. Check with some of the club members who are not in MISGA and get them to join; talk it up; it can't hurt!

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## Recently Deceased

Name  
**Cliff Geiger**

Club  
*Crofton CC*

## **MISGA 2008 FALL FROLICS & the 2009 FALL FROLIC**

The November 2008 Fall Frolics at *Fripp & Amelia Islands* were successful even though attendance was down 35-40% compared to previous years. This was attributed to the high gas prices & economic situation in 2008.

The golf courses at both venues were in good shape and provided a challenge to the men and ladies. After a day on the courses, everyone relaxed during the cocktail hour and dinner (the food was excellent). The cocktail hours gave everyone an opportunity to talk with old and new friends. On Monday and Wednesday, we played bingo after dinner and many cash prizes were awarded. Check out the pictures taken at these events at [www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org).

The *Fripp Island* non-golfing ladies enjoyed a Ferry ride to *Daufuskie Island* and on the tour of the Island; they got a glimpse of "Gullah" life in the "Old South". After the return trip on the ferry, they lunched at The *Boat House Restaurant* at the Docks. The *Amelia Island* non-golfing ladies toured the Historic Downtown area of Fernandina, FL. They visited the majestic St. Peter's Episcopal Church and several bed & breakfasts that hold the history of Fernandina's 19<sup>th</sup> Century Golden Age. Another highlight of the tour was lunch at "*Brett's Waterway Cafe*". Also, I want to thank my wife, **Susan**, for coordinating the non-golfing ladies tours & luncheons.

I would like to thank everyone who provided assistance in making the Fall Frolics a success. They did an excellent job! Also, I want to thank **Charlie & Kay Fieldhouse** (master bingo gurus & photographers) and the bingo "accountant" **Jim Ukockis**. Thanks to the 9-hole ladies for their participation. Special thanks to **Dwight Short, Bob West & Henry Woltman** who assisted with the handicap pairings, score card auditing & prize money distribution. None of these events can be successful without assistance.

**Fall Frolics 2009**: Since the attendance was down for 2008 and the economy is unstable, the board voted to have only ONE Fall Frolic this year. The 2009 Fall Frolic will be at *Little River Resort* in Carthage, NC ([Pinehurst area](#)) on Sunday November 1, 2009. I am assuming that this event will fill up very fast and urge you to send in your application postmarked or hand delivered **no earlier** than the June 15, 2009 date mentioned in the application forms provided in this **MISGAgram** issue.

Anyone who would like to provide comments regarding these trips can do so by e-mail ([pete233@verizon.net](mailto:pete233@verizon.net)). It is our hope that all of the attendees will spread the word and urge others to attend the 2009 outing. **First time attendees**: Please note that dinner is usually at 7:00 or 7:30 PM. The reason we do not 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.

*Peter Sorge, Jr.*  
*MISGA Events Chairman*

## **2009 MISGA FALL FROLIC AT LITTLE RIVER, CARTHAGE, NC**

**Sunday, November 1 (arrival) - Friday, November 6 (departure)**

The 2009 MISGA Fall Frolic will be held at *Little River Golf & Resort* (Pinehurst area), Carthage, NC. 28327 (888-766-6538). It is approximately a 6-hour drive from the metropolitan Washington, DC area. **Participation will be limited to 128 golfers or to the available accommodations.** The golfers will be playing on two courses: *Little River* (a Dan Maples course) & *Seven Lakes* (a private course) (4) miles from *Little River*. Applications will not be accepted unless you are a MISGA member that has paid dues this year. ALL guests must provide a credit card at check-in.

The accommodations provide lodging for four (4) people. Please make up your own group. The accommodation will be a two-bedroom suite with two private bathrooms, two queen beds in each bedroom, a fully furnished kitchen, a comfortable living area, wireless internet access and a private patio or balcony. Additional features include daily housekeeping. The suites do not have a washer or dryer, however, a laundry service is available at additional cost.

Breakfast & cocktail parties & dinner will be served daily in the Buckingham Ball Room. Dinner will be buffet style with several entrees available each night. The banquet on Thursday night will be a plated dinner. All gratuities and taxes are included. Gratuities for bellman, valet parkers & golf bag attendants are at each guest's discretion. Lunch is not included but is available during and after each round at each respective course or the other restaurants at the resort.

Daily competitions, Monday through Thursday, are planned for the 18-hole men, 18-hole ladies and 9-hole ladies. Play will begin promptly with 9 a.m. shotgun starts. Ladies who only have a 9-hole handicap will not play with the 18-hole group. They will play with the 9-hole group.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Sunday welcome reception & cocktail hour with Hors D'ouvres; five (5) nights lodging (Sunday-Thursday); five (5) cocktail hours; five (5) breakfasts (Monday-Friday); three (3) buffet dinners; one (1) banquet plated dinner; four (4) days greens fees; four (4) days cart service, range balls & golf club storage.

### **WHAT IT COSTS: (RATES ARE PER PERSON)**

<u>2-Bedroom Suite Quadruple Occupancy</u>	<u>2-Bedroom Suite Double Occupancy ***</u>
\$796 - 18-hole golfer	\$916 -18-hole golfer
\$736 - 9-hole golfer	\$856 - 9 hole golfer
\$633 - Non-golfer	\$753 - Non-golfer

\*\*\* A minimum of **TWO (2) PEOPLE PER SUITE** is REQUIRED. **If you are a single, you must find another roommate & submit your applications together!**

**THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:** MISGA associates must submit a REGISTRATION FORM accompanied by a check for payment in full to the address on the form. If you have a prearranged group with which to share accommodations, please provide the names of the people in your group on the form. Applications will be processed on a "**first come-first served**" basis judged by the **postmark & date received; or if hand delivered, the date received.** **Postmarks or hand delivery earlier than June 15, 2009 will not be considered.** You will be notified of acceptance by mail or e-mail on or before July 25, 2009. If you have questions, contact one of the individuals listed below. Directions will be enclosed with your confirmation notice.

**LATE REGISTRATION FEES:** Add \$3 per person per month beginning July 15; \$6 per person per month beginning August 15; \$9 per person per month beginning September 15, \$12 per person per month beginning October 15.

### **Questions?? Contact:**

**Peter Sorge** 301 292-1597  
e-mail: [pete233@verizon.net](mailto:pete233@verizon.net)

**Bob West** 301-292-6969  
[elmonwest@yahoo.com](mailto:elmonwest@yahoo.com)

**Dwight Short** 301-292-3395  
[lesters709@aol.com](mailto:lesters709@aol.com)

# Little River Golf

## REGISTRATION FORM

Full payment must accompany registration. Applications will be processed on a first come-first served basis. Postmarks or hand delivered applications earlier than June 15, 2009 will not be considered. Applications will not be accepted unless you are a current MISGA member that has paid dues this year.

MISGA ASSOCIATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (PLEASE PROVIDE) \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANION'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Golf\_18-hole Golf\_9-hole Non-golfer

NAMES: (as you wish them to appear on your name badges) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Numbers of units available (35): 2-bedroom Suites.** Each suite has two bedrooms with two queen beds in each room, two private bathrooms, and a private patio (the suites do not have a washer & dryer). The suites are either ground floor or second floor. The second floor has approximately 18 steps (**no elevator**). Laundry service is available at additional cost. All accommodations include a fully furnished kitchen, a comfortable living area, wireless internet access and daily maid service. **If you plan to be with a prearranged group**, please provide the names and clubs of the others in the group. **To avoid mix-ups on room assignments, the group is encouraged to submit forms and payment at the same time.**

ROOMS REQUIRE a minimum of **TWO (2) PEOPLE PER SUITE**. If you are a single, you must find another roommate!

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED (Note: all units are non smoking):

2-BEDROOM SUITE (Quadruple Occupancy) \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Floor \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Floor \_\_\_\_\_ (no elevator)

\*(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) \_\_\_\_\_

\*DOUBLE OCCUPANCY REQUIRES MINIMUM OF (2) PEOPLE PER TWO-BEDROOM SUITE

SPECIAL-REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attempts will be made to accommodate special requests):

ENCLOSE PAYMENT IN FULL: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "MISGA Little River"

COST FOR ASSOCIATE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COST FOR COMPANION: \_\_\_\_\_

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF APPLICABLE, CHECK ONE: Current Club Rep \_\_\_ Current MISGA Board \_\_\_ Committee Chairman \_\_\_  
MISGA Past President \_\_\_

Mail completed registration form(s) and check(s) to:

MISGA Little River  
Peter Sorge, Jr.  
233 St. Andrews Drive  
Ft. Washington, MD 20744

DRESS CODE: Casual dress - No short shorts, "T" or collarless shirts, blue jeans (denim) - Soft spikes required.

Sport coat or suit is required for Thursday dinner.

Check if you can volunteer to help with this event: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS ARE GOVERNED BY CONTRACT TERMS**

I, and my spouse or guest, agree to indemnify MISGA for any physical damage to the golf course, golf carts, equipment and resort facilities incurred due to our negligence and to abide by the MISGA Code of Conduct, Article IX, of the MISGA Constitution. All personal charges for services not included in the registration fee are the responsibility of each MISGA member. Also, I certify that I am a current MISGA member and have paid my dues for 2009.

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **Spring Fling**

If you haven't done so yet, there is still time to sign up for the MISGA Spring Fling at Williamsburg, Virginia May 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. The cut-off date for registration is 20 April. Accommodations this year will be at *Hospitality House*, which is located only two blocks from *Merchants' Square* and the historic district. Golf will be at *Golden Horseshoe-Green* course, *Williamsburg National*, and *Kiskiak*. A complete description of accommodations, events, and costs and the registration form are available in .pdf from the MISGA web site ([www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org)) under 'Documents/Entry Forms. Last year, the first year that the Spring Fling was held at Williamsburg, the event was a great success, largely because of the excellent golf and the myriad of activities available to the non-golfers, and was sold out.

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### **A GOLF POEM**

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.  
By It's Size I Could Not Guess,  
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.  
My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.  
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.  
It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,  
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.  
To Master Such A Tiny Ball  
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.  
It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.  
Often It Will Have A Whim,  
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.  
With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,  
If Only It Would Find The Hole.  
It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

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