



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



I can think of no better way to start a new MISGA year than to welcome Fountainhead Country Club of Hagerstown, MD and Garrison Lake Golf Club of Smyrna, Delaware as our two newest clubs. If you are invited to visit either, please do so as they are two excellent clubs.

I am sure that many of you have noticed something new in our mixers in 2010 and that is the addition of some fine golfing ladies. I think we should all go out of our way and welcome them and not get too upset when they whip your butt, and believe me, many of them can do it! I know from experience.

I want to take a moment to address one problem and, unfortunately, it is an important problem both at the local club level and the division level and that is leadership. Many clubs have trouble recruiting MISGA representatives and assistant representatives, while at the same time some members are complaining. It just seems to me that they go hand in hand. If you have a complaint or think something is being done incorrectly, the best way to address it is to step forward, take a leadership position, and correct or change the way things are being done. You cannot always expect someone else to do it. Don't be a complainer --- take action --- become a leader!!

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our immediate Past President, Howard Taylor, and the entire Board of Directors for the fine work they have done on our behalf in 2010. You would not believe the amount of work they put forth each and every year. On behalf of the members of MISGA, I thank each and every one of them. That being said, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the guys who really do the hard, day to day work that keeps this organization running and they are the club rep and his assistants. They do the grunt work and ask nothing in return, but that we all enjoy ourselves on the golf course. What a thankless job and they do it willingly!

Many of our members will be, or already are, migrating to a warmer climate and we wish you a safe trip and are looking forward to seeing your return in the spring. Don't forget to post your scores when you get back!

We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a safe, healthful New Year!!

Thomas Taylor, President

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Byron W. Keadle  
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## NOTICE

Due to the large number of pictures resulting from the Fall Frolics, only the pictures from Fripp Island will be included in this issue. Pictures for Amelia Island will be published in a special edition MISGAGRAM in January, 2011.

### 2011 WINTER FLING

The 2011 Winter Fling will again be held at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort in Crystal River, FL. Dates are February 20 to February 26, 2011. This is a popular event and the number of participants continues to grow. So, get your applications in as soon as possible. Flyer and Entry Form are available currently on the MISGA web site at: [http://www.misga.org/Entry\\_Forms/winter2011.pdf](http://www.misga.org/Entry_Forms/winter2011.pdf).

### 2011 SPRING FLING

The 2011 Spring Fling will again be held in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia which is located about 2.5 to 3 hours south of Washington, DC. This will be our fourth consecutive year in Williamsburg. (So many golf courses and so little time!) Each year the weather has been ideal with temperatures in the 70's in the daytime and mid 60's at night. It is a prime time! That fact combined with the excellent golf courses makes Williamsburg an irresistible place in mid-May. We will be playing three different golf courses: The Woods Course at Kingsmill, the Gold Course at Golden Horseshoe, and the Black Heath Course at Fords Colony. Two of these courses are being played for the first time in the Spring Fling and the third course, the Gold course, we will return to for the first time in four years. (Everyone should play the Gold course one time, even if not a part of a MISGA event. The current rack rate at the Gold course is \$165.) Four years ago we did not know how many participants we would have. Consequently, we assigned the ladies to the Green Course. In order to insure that the ladies get to play the Gold course this time, participation will be limited to 120 golfers. Flyer and Entry Form are available at [http://www.misga.org/Entry\\_Forms/spring2011.pdf](http://www.misga.org/Entry_Forms/spring2011.pdf) on the MISGA we site.



Golden Horseshoe #16

## NECROLOGY

### JOHN BILLINGS

John Billings, a dear friend, MISGA associate, and member of Chester River Yacht and Country Club, passed away on October 28, 2010. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. --Jim Sood

### JACK TYSON – JOHN SCHAFER

I am sad to report the passing of two more MISGA members from Ocean Pines. Jack Tyson and John Schafer; both died this past October. --Steve Neal

### MIKE WALDEN (73) - IN MEMORIAM

Bretton Woods is mourning the loss of one of its founding MISGA members, Mike Walden, who died suddenly of a brain tumor in October. Mike was an Assistant Rep for ten years and a stalwart supporter of MISGA. He instituted a very effective handicap monitoring system and recruited many new associates. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a wealth of interesting stories. He and his wife Cynthia attended many of the frolics, bashes, and other events and had a wide circle of friends in all divisions. A celebration of Mike's life was held at Bretton Woods on October 16 and was attended by his family and more than 250 friends. He will be sorely missed. --Robin Woollatt & Keith Keary

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### Holes-in-One

On Tuesday, October 5th Harry White, member of Nutters Crossing MISGA, scored his third hole-in-one on the 17th hole, which was playing at 130 yards. Jim Jackson, Randy Rathell and Lloyd Wescoe watched as Harry used his six iron to make the ace. Nutters Crossing had players from Caroline CC and Shawnee CC playing in their MISGA outing.

Rick Bisker, Nutters Crossing Rep

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The following poem is an original work by one of our own, Joe White, of Westminster National.

### CABIN FEVER

J. Maxwell White

Sudokus, crosswords and books entertain,  
But pars, birdies and eagles I must maintain,  
So, out with the putter and on the floor  
I putt and putt till my hands are sore,  
My wife thinks I'm such a bore.

Two feet of snow lies on the ground,  
I'm going nuts, I must play a round,  
Now they predict another Nor'easter,  
There will probably not be golf until Easter,  
This winter is a total disaster.

I call my partners, Garry, Larry and Bob,  
We talk golf, we drink and sob,  
I look out the window, again more snow,  
I can't take it, I'm about to blow,  
My wife is calm, she says take it slow.

If we get another coastal,  
Watch out, I just might go postal,  
Those who don't play, may scoff,  
But anything is possible,  
If I don't soon play golf.

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### A Golfer's Wish

by Edgar A. Guest

I have no wish to dress in silk,  
I do not care to wear a crown,  
I do not yearn to bathe in milk,  
Or champagne wash my dinner down.

I have no great desire to be  
A man of much importance here,  
And have the public welcome me  
With bands of brass when I appear.

And should a fairy, kind and good,  
Grant me one favor, without price,  
I'd make this golfer's prayer, I would:  
"Oh, kindly rid me of my slice!"

Enough to eat, enough to wear,  
And strength to do my daily task,  
With now and then a chance to fare  
On pleasure's ways, is all I ask.

But should a fairy come to me  
And say: "What joy will you suffice?  
I'll grant one wish. What shall it be?"  
I'd answer: "Rid me of my slice!"

You that have never swung a club  
And drawn its face across the ball,  
And muttered to yourself, "You dub!"  
As in a curve you watched it fall,

May never guess the rage that lies  
Within that shortened arc of flight,  
Nor how men curse the fall that flies  
With loss of distance, to the right.

But every golfing fiend will know  
Why gold and fame I'd sacrifice,  
If but some fairy, good, would show  
Me how to drive without a slice.

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A special thanks to Ron Wiles of Montgomery Village for supplying this poem by Edgar Guest.

## THE 2010 FALL FROLICS

Fripp Island: It was 37 degrees when we left MD, but we were greeted by a week of mid 80 degree weather at Fripp Island Resort. WOW-was that great. The courses were in fine shape. The golf staff insured a well run pleasant four days of golf. We completed most rounds in less than four and a half hours to everyone's delight. This allowed time for on and off site trips for lunch and additional sightseeing. The food was exceptional, plentiful and the entrees were diverse enough to please everyone's taste. The non golfers enjoyed their "foodie's tour" at several Savannah, GA. gourmet restaurants. As always, the non golfers made plans to visit or shop at other sites and told me they really enjoyed their outings.

Amelia Island Plantation: The Resort was sold to Omni International in September of this year and the new management was installed at that time. We experienced the same friendly reception by the staff as in the past and could not discern any major changes in the operation of the resort. I recognize that changes are coming and only hope they will be improvements on what has always been an enjoyable experience. Temperature averaged in the 70's and the wind wasn't blowing as hard as in the past which normally calls for at least one or two clubs longer on the Ocean courses. However, the golf still was very challenging and the scenery was magnificent. The non golfer's tour was a boat trip around historic Cumberland Island the US's largest Wilderness Island and Beach. They experienced a little rough weather towards the end of the boat trip, but endured it well. It didn't affect their appetites when they had lunch at Brett's Waterway Café!

I want to thank everyone who helped me on these outings and I really appreciate those who volunteer to assist. I have personally thanked all of them and look forward to their help in the future.

We had smaller groups at both venues than in the past. However, many people told me how much they enjoyed the smaller group because it gave them time to really get to know more people than in the past. Those of you who haven't been on a Fall Frolic should ask your friends about how they enjoyed themselves and make plans to attend in the future. As always, I will be happy to consider any venues that meet MISGA criteria for an outside event. Some of the requirements are that the venue has a least two golf courses, lodging must have one bathroom for each bedroom & the climate must be appropriate for the time of the year we are attending.

Peter Sorge, Events Chairman

(Winners at Fripp Island are pictured below; winners at Amelia Island will be in January 2011 issue)

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## ZOOM

The Adobe Reader 9 Zoom control is located in the Toolbar area. At the top of the Reader window, you should see a toolbar with a minus button, a plus button, a small window with a percentage in it, and a down arrow to choose degree of enlargement. This is the "zooming" control. If you can't find it up there, then right click on a blank spot in the toolbar area. When list of toolbar options opens, choose "Select and Zoom" with a left click. The Zoom control will appear in the toolbar area. Use it to enlarge the pictures (actually, the whole page) in Adobe Reader 9. In some versions, the toolbar option may be named "Viewing." Then use BOOKMARK palette on left to go back to where you were.

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## Fripp Island MISGA Fall Frolic – October 24-29, 2010

Forty-Six MISGA associates and spouses attended the 2010 Fall Frolic at Fripp Island. There were 37 18-hole golfers, two nine-hole golfers, and nine non-golfers.

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### Fripp Island Resort

[ZOOM FOR LARGER PICTURES – 300 to 400 % - Click [ZOOM](#) for Instructions]

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#### Monday – Ocean Creek Golf Course

##### Ladies - Two Better Balls Format



**1st** – Joan Shuba, Mary Ross  
Judy Taylor, Mary Rapson



**2nd** – Barbara Shearer, Aretta Keadle,  
Nancy Woodward, Zelma Harms



**CTP** – Gonzalo Delfierro, Barbara Shearer,  
Jerry Price, Nancy Woodward

##### Closest to Pin

##### Men – Two Better Balls Format



**1st** – Burr Short, Jack Brady  
Howard Taylor, Harry Conover



**2nd** – Larry Bathgate, Jerry Price,  
Sandy Ross, Gene Horan



**3rd** – Robin Woollatt, Ralph Harms,  
Tom Brown, Byron Keadle

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#### Tuesday – Ocean Point Golf Links

##### Ladies – 6(3)-6(2)-6(1) Format



**1st** – Judy Taylor, Aretta Keadle,  
Judi Short, Barbara Shearer



**2nd** – Ann Woollatt, Mary Rapson,  
Nancy Woodward, Joan Shuba



**CTP** – Larry Bathgate, Judy Taylor  
Dave Woodward

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##### Closest to Pin

#### Fripp Fauna



## Men – 6(3)-6(2)-6(1) Format



**1st** – Gonzalo Delfierro, Howard Taylor  
Bob Shuba, Ralph Harms



**2nd** – Bob West, David Schwartz  
Burr Short, Dave Woodward



**3rd** – Ed White, Jack Brady,  
Tom Brown, Gene Horan

## Wednesday – Ocean Creek Golf Course

### Ladies – 3-2-1 Format



**1st** – Nancy Woodward, Mary Ross,  
Judi Short, Mary Rapson



**2nd** – Ann Woollatt, Joan Shuba,  
Carolyn Price, Judy Taylor



**CTP** – Larry Bathgate, Mary Ross  
Carolyn Price, Dwight Short

### Closest to Pin

### Men – 3-2-1 Format



**1st** Burr Short, Peter Sorge,  
Bob Shuba, Ed White



**2nd** – Jerry Shearer, David Schwartz,  
Howard Taylor, Sandy Ross



**3rd** – Robin Woollatt, Jerry Shearer (Blind)  
Jack Brady, Larry Bathgate

### Bingo Men

Gene Horan (Randomizer), Robin Woollatt (Caller)



### The Wait Staff



**BACK:** Keri, Mike, Charles, Henry – **FRONT:** Tricia

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Thursday – Ocean Point Golf Links

Scramble Format

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1st Place Scramble



**1st** – Larry Bathgate, Ann Woollatt,  
Bob West, Gene Horan

2nd Place Scramble



**2nd** - David Schwartz, Barbara Shearer  
Peter Sorge, Nancy Woodward

3rd Place Scramble



**3rd** – Howard Taylor, Joan Shuba,  
Maureen Brady, Burr Short

4th Place Scramble



**4th** – Carolyn Price, Ralph Harms,  
Harry Conover, Dick Dale

**Non-Golfers**



**Back:** Rae Bathgate, Patty Dale, Susan Sorge, Peg Brown  
**Front:** Judy White, Sharon Schwartz, Macy West, Chris Conover

**9-Hole Golfers**



Jan Short, Barbara Delfierro

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## WOUNDED WARRIORS

The 7th Annual "IN HONOR OF OUR TROOPS" (IHOOT) Golf Classic was held at Piney Branch Golf & Country Club in Hampstead, Maryland on October 21, 2010. Its theme is "Creating Awareness of Challenges of Wounded Warriors and Their Families." Twenty-eight Wounded Warriors attended. In prior years, Ft. Meade sponsored this event, but due to building construction on the Ft. Meade courses, Piney Branch is going to sponsor the event for a couple of years.

(Pictured to the right is Lance Corporal Timothy Lang, USMC, the IHOOT 2010 Wounded Warrior Ambassador.)



IHOOT HONOR GUARD



WOUNDED WARRIORS

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## FOOL'S LUCK?

It cost \$10.00 (50% for the winners / 50% to the event) to enter the Putting competition, all those who entered were given a ball - you put your name or initials on the ball - We were standing around the green after the ceremonies and the leader said - "Now all of you put your ball down on the edge of the green and when I count three everyone putts at one of the two holes."



"One hundred or more balls headed for the holes, they were about 5 feet apart. What a sight! , only one ball went in the cup"- the leader called out, "Who is CRF?" – [That's me, Charlie R. Fieldhouse.] – "You have just won \$550.00." (if any other balls had gone in a hole, the POT would have been split).

Everyone said my ball was deflected by another and went in the hole. After the ball left the club, no one really knew where their ball was. I agree, but at the time I did not know it was mine that was deflected into the hole - the deflection did not show up on the score card; only that it went in the hole, and paid \$550.

## Ft. Meade MISGA Participates in Operation Welcome Home

Hundreds of our Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines return from the War on Terror every week through the gates of the Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Since March 2007, Operation Welcome Home volunteers have greeted over 500 flights and more than 100,000 servicemen. Operation Welcome Home Maryland is an all-volunteer organization and can always use more volunteers to meet flights or monetary donations to cover the cost of providing the goodie bags. More information on Operation Welcome Home Maryland and how your organization can help can be found on their web site [www.owhmd.org](http://www.owhmd.org).



MISGA members pictured above: Bill Andersen, Blair Turner, Bill Hays, Ken Rodey, Sandra Hochstein, Ron Perron, Bob Watkins. Not pictured, but also participating: Sid Hochstein and Rick Keen

On November 16th, nine members of the Ft. Meade MISGA went out to BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport to welcome home troops from Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Participating in Operation Welcome Home Maryland, the Ft. Meaders helped stuff "goodie" bags for the troops and along with about 50 other volunteers provided a heartfelt "Welcome Home" and "Thanks for Your Service" to each of the 270 passengers on the Air Mobility Command troop flight. Volunteers meeting this particular flight included members from other organizations, individual citizens and family members of the arriving troops. It's hard to describe the "feel good" emotions one gets welcoming these brave, young folks. Many of them were surprised to see so many folks welcoming them and were as choked up as we were with the emotions of the moment. To a person the Ft. Meaders enjoyed the experience. Our MISGA organization is planning to meet more flights in the future.

Ron Perron  
Ft. Meade MISGA Rep

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## Glade Valley Food Bank Donation



Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association of Glade Valley Golf Course recently presented its annual donation to the Glade Valley Food Bank. Pictured from left are: Vernon Rippeon, Asst. Representative, MISGA; Suzanne Fecteau; Betty Baggett; Shirley Morgan; Tina Craddock; and Donna Swanson, food bank manager. Glade Valley MISGA has donated to the food bank since the club was formed in 1992.

(Photo scanned from newspaper picture.)

# NEW LAWS OF GOLF

(View at 150%)

- LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have inner peace knowing that a worse shot is yet to come. (This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.)
- LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.
- LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. (Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water. Expensive clubs have been known to be partly made with this most unusual natural alloy.)
- LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.
- LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.
- LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.
- LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers - the shorter the hole, the greater its desire.
- LAW 8: Palm trees eat golf balls.
- LAW 9: Sand is alive. It will swallow your balls.
- LAW 10: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.
- LAW 11: All 3-woods are demon-possessed. (Your Mother-in-Law does not come close.)
- LAW 12: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (See LAW 3).
- LAW 13: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.
- LAW 14: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you.
- LAW 15: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.
- LAW 16: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.
- LAW 17: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.
- LAW 18: Since bad shots come in groups of three, your fourth consecutive bad shot is really the beginning of the next group of three.
- LAW 19: When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you should have continued watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
- LAW 20: The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about your swing.
- LAW 21: If it isn't broke, try changing your grip.
- LAW 22: Golfers who claim they don't cheat also lie.
- LAW 23: A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
- LAW 24: It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.
- LAW 25: Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
- LAW 26: Nonchalant putts count the same as chalang putts.
- LAW 27: It's not a gimme if you're still away.
- LAW 28: The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
- LAW 29: You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.
- LAW 30: Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- LAW 31: If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.
- LAW 32: There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.
- LAW 33: Hazards attract; fairways repel.
- LAW 34: You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.
- LAW 35: A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
- LAW 36: Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Remember: Craig Stadler once changed putters in the middle of a tournament. When asked about it, Craig said, "The other putter couldn't swim!"