



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



I think MISGA has had a good year. Our State Tournaments were successful. Kudos go to Lloyd “Stim” Stimson and his crew for conducting the State Two-man Tournament and the State ABCD Tournament. Both were well attended and the golf was great! Also, a special thank you goes out to each of the Division Tournament Chairs for conducting their individual division tournament qualifiers so well. You all have set a standard that will be difficult to duplicate next year. I personally was at the Two-Man Championship at Wild Quail Country Club. The weather was good (a little hot), but I think everyone had an enjoyable time.

Last fall, the Board approved a revised MISGA Constitution document and this spring a revised MISGA Bylaws document were approved by the Club Representatives attending the MISGA Annual Meeting at Prospect Bay Country Club. You should review both of them so you are familiar with our governing documents. Both revised documents are on the MISGA web site within the Documents section. The Board is in the process of updating the MISGA Guidelines. We will be establishing a publishing date for them in December.

I wish each of you an upcoming joyous Holiday Season. Remember our men and women serving our Country and pray for their safe return home to their families and loved ones. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the Golf Course. Hit them long, straight, and not too often.

Remember to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Rowlett, Musket Ridge Golf Course

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[www.misga.org](http://www.misga.org).

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**June**  
**September**  
**December**

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

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Bob Hodges  
MISGAGRAM Editor

## OBITUARIES

Thankfully, none.

## The Lighter Side



*"Bad Dog! Dig up my lawn again  
and I'll have you neutered!"*

## Celebrations

We had a Mixer yesterday (8/17/2016) at Links at Challedon in which one of our guests had a hole-in-one.

The player's name is Tony Deshiro; Home Club is West Winds; Hole-in-One Course is "Links at Challedon" and this was on hole #12.

Gary Gafke – Rep, Links at Challedon

## **Report from MISGA 2016 Summer Frolic**

The MISGA 2016 Summer Frolic was held Tuesday, September 13 through Thursday, September 15 at the newly completed Highland Lodge at Carroll Valley golf course in Fairfield, PA.

Tuesday opening day began with a round of golf with 24 players and was followed by the Annual Fall Board of Directors meeting in the Millstone Conference Room. The Board meeting concluded promptly at 6:00 p.m. and we moved to the new Eagle and Owl Restaurant for dinner. 24 of the 26 current Board Members / Committee Chairmen attended the Board meeting and items that were not addressed during the meeting have been moved to the agenda for the Winter Board Meeting later this year.

On Wednesday, September 14, members who stayed overnight on Tuesday had Breakfast in the Eagle and Owl Restaurant and tee times for Wednesday's golf began at 10:30 a.m. The number of participants expanded to 39 players for a typical MISGA-type Mixer with Two Better Balls per group. The group was divided into a Men's Flight and a Ladies' Flight and awards went to Low Gross Man, Low Net Man, Low Gross Lady and Low Net Lady. Additional awards went to the top four (4) men's Teams and the top Ladies Team.

Wednesday evening began with a Social / Cash Bar / Appetizers and Soup at 6:00 p.m. and a brief program before dinner at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner prizes were awarded along with a 50-50 drawing.

Thursday morning breakfast again was available in the Eagle and Owl Restaurant and the format for Thursday golf was a Mixed Scramble. Following golf, we had an upscale luncheon buffet and following lunch prizes were awarded and after closing comments we adjourned.

While this was my first year serving as the coordinator of this event, I look forward to the 2017 Summer Frolic -- again at The Liberty Mountain Resort. I want to thank all who participated in this year's event and hopefully we can expand the number of participants next year. Please note that anyone who participated in this year's event and who has a suggestion or recommendation that will enhance the event, please send me your comments or give me a phone call. My contact information follows:

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**FALL FROLIC 2016:**

This year we will stay and play golf at The Country Club of Whispering Pines. The club is located in the Pinehurst area of North Carolina. They have two Maple Ellis designed Championship Golf courses. Amenities include a Fitness Center, Restaurant, Bar, & Club House. Daily housekeeping is included.

Check in will be on Sunday October 23, 2016. Sunday evening there will be a short orientation meeting followed by a deli buffet and cash bar. Breakfast and dinner are included each day with check out after breakfast Friday morning October 28, 2016. The non-golfing ladies will have a one-day tour “Historical Homes & History of Sandhills”. The tour guide will acquaint the guests with the history of the area and they will visit a local pottery studio for a Horsehair Raku demonstration. Also, the tour includes lunch.

THE APPLICATION FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE: MISGA.ORG. (See Frolics & Flings).

I would appreciate it if the Division Heads and club representatives would promote this event and post this information and the application forms on each club’s bulletin board.

For complete information, please see the applications that are on line under MISGA.ORG – Fall Frolics. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Peter Sorge at 301-292-1597 or e-mail [pete233@verizon.net](mailto:pete233@verizon.net).

***Winter Fling***

*The Winter Fling is being discontinued due to lack of a coordinator and general interest.*

<u>MISGA Event Calendar</u>		
	Oct ‘16	Fall Fling
	Nov ‘16	
	Dec ‘16	Board Meeting
	Jan ‘17	
	Feb ‘17	Board Meeting
	Mar ‘17	
	Apr ‘17	Reps Meeting
	May ‘17	
	Jun ‘17	2017 2Man & ABCD Qualifiers
	Jul ‘17	2 Man & ABCD Qualifiers
	Aug ‘17	2 Man Tournament Aug 3 ABCD Tournament Aug 10
	Sep ‘17	Board Meeting Summer Frolic

## 2016 2-MAN TEAM TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Held on August 4 at Wild Quail Country Club, the 2-Man Tournament produced a couple of firsts:

- The team of Jeff Allen and Dave Cox (both from Wild Quail) won Gross Champion with a record setting score of 64 – 8 under par.
- The team of Tim Brewer and Patrick Normyle won the Net Champion. The record result is that Patrick Normyle has been on the Net Champion team in 4 of the last 6 tournaments.



**GROSS GRAND CHAMPIONS (L-R):**  
Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*); Tom Rowlett (*MISGA President*); Jeff Allen (*GGC*); Bob Hodges (*Tournament Coordinator - knelling*); Dave Cox (*GGC*); Rick McCall (*WQ GM & Director of Golf*)



**NET GRAND CHAMPIONS (L-R):**  
Lloyd Stimson (*MISGA Tournament Chairman*); Tim Brewer (*NGC*); Rick McCall (*WQ GM & Director of Golf*); Patrick Normyle (*NGC*); Bob Hodges (*Tournament Coordinator - knelling*); Tom Rowlett (*MISGA President*)

Pictures of both Tournaments: Go to [drtomtarpley.com](http://drtomtarpley.com) and scroll down to the event.

## 2016 PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) RESULTS



Jeff Allen won on the second hole of a sudden death playoff.

L-R: Gary Manion (Tournament Chairman); Jake Jacobi (Tournament Coordinator); Jeff Allen (GGC); Lloyd Stimson (MISGA Tournament Chairman); Clark Sission (NCC Head Pro).



Don Hoffmeyer shot a net 61 to win.

L-R: Gary Manion (Tournament Chairman); Jake Jacobi (Tournament Coordinator); Don Hoffmeyer (NGC); Lloyd Stimson (MISGA Tournament Chairman); Clark Sisson (NCC Head Pro).

*One of MISGA's unsung heroes is Lloyd Stimson, who organizes the two annual Championship Tournaments. He works closely with (sometimes reluctant) Tournament Coordinators, golf course pros and their staffs to ensure great tournament outcomes. I asked Stim what he looks for when selecting a club and associated MISGA chapter to host the tournament. Here's his response.*

## **SELECTING CLUBS TO HOST MISGA'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS**

One of the major activities of MISGA is sponsoring the two annual Championship Tournaments - the *Past Presidents (ABCD)* and the *2-Man Team*. The purpose of the two tournaments is to provide MISGA associates with an opportunity to compete against each other in a MISGA-wide tournament to determine the top individual and 2-man teams of the year.

Approximately one year in advance, the MISGA Tournament Chairman will select two of the superior and available MISGA member clubs to host the tournaments. The selection criteria include four items. The Club must receive a high evaluation mark in all criteria. A low ranking in any of the four criteria will eliminate a club from selection.

### **1. Proximity to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge**

The selected MISGA member club should be located within  $\pm$  50 miles driving distance from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. To balance the driving time and distance for Eastern and Western Shore finalists, one tournament will be held on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore.

### **2. The Course**

The tee boxes, fairways and greens should be in top playing condition and present a scenic appearance. The roughs should present a challenge, but not be unreasonable (*i.e., cut too high*). Sand traps, water hazards, and environmental zones should not be overwhelming. Cart paths should be damage free. There should be ball washers and yardage markers at every tee box. There should be "distance-to-the-green" yardage markers - 200, 150 & 100 - on the fairways and/or cart paths. There should be water stations every 3-4 holes. Hazards, out-of-bounds and ground-under-repair areas should be well marked and not present a trashy appearance. Courses with tee boxes, fairways and greens exhibiting an excessive quantity of brown & burnt grass and bare spots are automatically eliminated. There should be at least one WC facility on each nine holes.

### **3. The Club House**

The Club House should be a stately and majestic building with a scenic approach to the entrance. The interior décor of the Club should present an elegant appearance. In addition to a grand foyer, the Club House should provide a regal banquet room, an elegant dining & bar facility and a lounge area to comfortably accommodate 100 finalists and 5-10 tournament staff members. Furniture should be of a high quality and not in a worn out state. Tableware, silverware and drinking vessels should be first rate. There should be a sufficient number of servers to provide impeccable and prompt dining service for the 100-110 MISGA guests. For the awards banquet, the Club should provide a plated, double entrée meal (*filet mignon & crab cake, shrimp or lobster tail*). Outside dining for the awards banquet, as well as paper plates & plastic eating utensils, is strictly verboten.

### **4. Amenities**

The Club should provide ample and close-by parking (*dirt lot is unacceptable*). The Club should provide a well maintained grass/mat practice driving range, a practice putting green and a practice pitching area. There should be a sufficient number of operational golf carts to accommodate all the finalists and tournament staff members (*52-55 carts*). The Club should provide full-service male and female locker rooms. An attractive Pro Shop may be located within the Club House or detached. It should present a clean and attractive appearance. It should not be crowded nor cluttered. There should be an ample supply of golfing implements and apparel for purchase. The Head Pro and the Pro Shop staff should have had successful and substantive experience in managing large scale tournaments. The staff should have knowledge of MISGA's basic mission and objectives, operating policies and practices and administrative support requirements.

*Lloyd Stimson*