



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



As the incoming MISGA Board president, I look forward to sharing ideas with you and your fellow MISGA members on keeping this unique and wonderful organization vibrant going forward. When I retired and moved to the DC area from Michigan in 2009, one of the first things I looked for was a reasonable club to join. I lucked into National Golf Club at Tantallon, and before I knew what hit me, I was the MISGA Rep! And for a relative “newbie” it turned out to be a great opportunity to really get to know members at my club, be involved with club management, and get to work with folks from other clubs.

MISGA is all about providing opportunities for its members to play “mixers” at a variety of great golf venues in a friendly, collegial atmosphere, with just enough competitive team involvement to make the round interesting. MISGA members who want a more competitive format can also chose their Divisional 2 man, and individual stroke play Qualifiers, and the MISGA-wide 2 Man and Stroke Play (aka, Past Presidents/ABCD) tournaments. Division 6 has competitive Match Play between it's member clubs and many Divisions provide Pro-Am tournaments to reward their club pros. And finally, MISGA organizes special golf trips, that can include significant others, to destinations as close as Liberty Mountain and Williamsburg, and as far as Amelia Island. We should all applaud the people who roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make these types of events possible.

There is no paid MISGA staff. Everything is accomplished by volunteers, and the backbone of our success is the club Rep and the Assistant Reps who schedule the season's mixers, collect dues, sell 50/50s, coordinate car pools, organize sign up systems and run their home mixers. I continue to be a club Rep, and am fortunate to have 7 assistant Reps to pitch in. Being involved as Division 6 Director, and now entering my 4th year on the MISGA Board, I have come to really appreciate all the folks who spend their time and energy at what I would call the more invisible levels of our organization. These are the guys who make sure the organizational infrastructure is solid and working.

My hat is off to those who now have the honor of being a “Past President”. They have paid their dues, and are a tough act to follow. I'll do my best, and I encourage you to give me your ideas and thoughts on MISGA's future. I hope you will consider getting involved at your club, or division. We work a lot better when everyone is pitching in. To paraphrase the old recruitment slogan, “**MISGA NEEDS YOU!**”

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www.misga.org.

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March

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:

10 March (March)

10 June (June)

20 Sept. (September)

20 Dec. (December)

All materials should be sent via e-mail to:

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

The Lighter Side



“You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?”

OBITUARIES

Thankfully, none.

2018 MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	Entry Fee
2-Man Team	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday Aug. 2, 2018	Thursday Sept. 20, 2018	\$110
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday Aug. 9, 2018	Tuesday Aug. 14, 2018	\$110

All MISGA associates in good standing are eligible to compete. Finalists must qualify through their Division's selection process. Each finalist must have an established valid USGA handicap computed and maintained at the finalist's home club.

In the **2-Man Team** tournament, the 2017 Gross and Net Grand Champions are automatically eligible, but must pay the Entry Fee. They do not have to compete in their Divisional qualifier tournament.

In the **Past Presidents (ABCD)** tournament, the current MISGA President, all MISGA Past Presidents and the 2017 Gross and Net Grand Champions are automatically eligible, but must pay the Entry Fee. They do not have to compete in their Divisional qualifier tournament.

The **Flyers** for the two 2018 MISGA Championship Tournaments will be posted on the MISGA website in January 2018. Each **Flyer** provides complete and detailed information relevant to each of the two tournaments. Also, a copy of each **Flyer** will be e-mailed to the Division Tournament Chairmen and all members of the MISGA Board of Directors.



2018 MISGA SUMMER FROLIC

The 2018 MISGA Summer Frolic and the Annual State Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Liberty Mountain Resort at Carroll Valley in Fairfield PA

Monday, September 10, 2018 -- Board of Directors Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Meeting is preceded by Golf via Tee Times beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Green / Cart fees and Dinner included in package if staying all 3 days, Otherwise DINNER FEES ARE AL A CARTE

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - Golf via Tee Times beginning at 11:00a.m.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 - Golf / Mixed Scramble Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Check-out /s 11:00am Those playing in the Scramble must check out prior to playing.

Monday Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 pm in the Eagle and Owl Restaurant in the Lodge.

Tuesday & Wednesday Breakfasts are served in the Eagle and Owl Restaurant in the Lodge between 6:00am and 10:00am.

Tuesday Dinner is at 6:00 pm for appetizers with dinner at 7:00 pm in the Alpine Room across the street from the Lodge. **Gentlemen are requested to please wear a jacket.**

Wednesday Lunch is also in the Alpine Room across the street from the Lodge immediately following golf.

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL CONTACT WITH STAFF AT LIBERTY MOUNTAIN ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH THE GROUP CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE:

Tom Taylor (Email: trytogolf@comcast.net)

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2018 Spring Fling:

Details are a little sketchy at press time, but here's what we know:

Date: May 8-10 (Tues-Thurs) Place: Williamsburg, VA.

Courses: Kingsmill Golf, Tues PM; Golden Horseshoe, Wed AM;
Kiskiack, Thurs AM

Lunch provided all days (including non-playing spouses)

Watch the MISGA website for further details and registration information.

2017 FALL FROLIC:

This year's event was held at Omni's Amelia Island Resort and Plantation in Amelia Island, Florida. The resort has numerous pools, ocean beaches and other entertainment centers.

The weather was warm and sunny each day. Golf was pleasant, and the courses were very picturesque. The "Ocean Course" has several holes adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean that provide spectacular views and challenging play. The Oak Marsh course, as a contrast, presents different challenges and open views of the Marsh area with a variety of birds and wild fowl hovering in the area.

The non-golfers went on a boat tour of The Cumberland Island National Seashore. The tour/cruise is along the Western Shore of the United States' largest Wilderness Island and Beach. Wild horses graze along the shoreline and there are old ruins to see. The Isle of Eight Flags is the birthplace of the US shrimping industry. After the cruise they had lunch at Brett's Waterway Café. Several of the women returned to the area on another day to visit other landmarks.

Everyone indicated that they were pleased with the Resort's facilities, food and golf courses.

I want to thank everyone who helped me on this outing. I really appreciate those who volunteer to assist, and I have personally thanked all of them for their help.

If you haven't attended any of these outings I hope you will join us at the 2018 events.

Peter Sorge Jr., MISGA Events Chairman

Editor's Note: Greg Morris provided pictures of this event that you can view by clicking on this link (unless you're looking at a paper copy of the M-Gram).

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Reminder New Rules Coming

This is a reminder that January 2019 we will be playing golf with a major rewrite of the rules. The rules most likely will come out early summer for all of us to read and absorb prior to taking affect. There will be two versions of the Rules of Golf. One will be the “Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf” which will be a condensed version of the Rules of Golf that is written with a focus on us, the golfer.

The “Player’s Edition of the Rules of the Golf” is the publication to be circulated to golfers worldwide. It is not a quick guide, but rather is a condensed version of the Rules of Golf that is written with a focus on you, the golfer.

Here are some of the key elements of the Player’s Edition:

- It is a functioning Rule book. It looks like the full Rules of Golf, with the same organization, numbering, style of headings bullet points, etc. Although its text is condensed, it gives you the same answer that is in the full Rules.
- It focuses on the Rules that are most relevant to you as a player. This includes the Rules that describe the essential characteristics of golf – for example, playing by the Rules and in the spirit of the game, the different parts of the course and the equipment you may use – and the most commonly used Rules.
- Although it does not cover some of the less frequently occurring situations, it tells you where to find the text covering these situations in the full Rules of Golf, with the following reference icon: see full Rules. This icon means that the full Rule or explanation for that situation can be found under the same Rule number in the full Rules.
- It is written in a style that refers to “you” the golfer. This golfer-focused style is another key step in making the Rules more accessible.
- Diagrams and illustrations are included to help visually explain the Rules.

The Player’s Edition aims to present the Rules in a way that is more easily understood and focused on what you, the golfer, need to know to play by the Rules.

The other version is the “Full” Rules of Golf.

The USGA is recommending that you test out the new rules prior to them taking effect in 2019. To this end they have a downloadable customizable word file on their web page under rules. I have included a copy here.

If you adopt these rules for an event prior to 2019 you **cannot post that score**. A perfect time to test them would be any round that you play this winter where that does not have a posting season (Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware).

MISGA Board Meeting – December 17, 2017

The following items are from the Board meeting:

1. The Board approved the merger of Div I and Div III, since both have lost a number of clubs in the past year. The new division will be known as Div 1. Mal Peterson will be the Director and Bob Hodges will be the Assistant Director.
2. Eagle's Nest was voted into MISGA.
3. Mal Peterson was elected to become the new MISGA Vice President, as Greg Morris moves up to President for 2018.
4. The Board thanked Jim Wilcox for his service as 2017 President. Also departing (and thanked for their service!) are Mike Urquhart as Associates Chair, Bob Brewer as Policy and Planning Chair, and Bob Burd as the old Director of Div I.
5. Lloyd Stimson announced that the Two-Man and ABCD tournaments will both be held at Norbeck in 2018. Lloyd also announced that this was his last year as Tournament Chair. Anyone with an interest in becoming the new Tournament Chair should contact Lloyd.
6. Byron Keadle plans to retire as Board Historian after the coming year. Anyone with an interest in the position should contact Byron or Greg Morris
7. The Board was very supportive of the new Master Schedule, currently maintained by Wayne Rowland. It can be found on the home page of the MISGA web site