

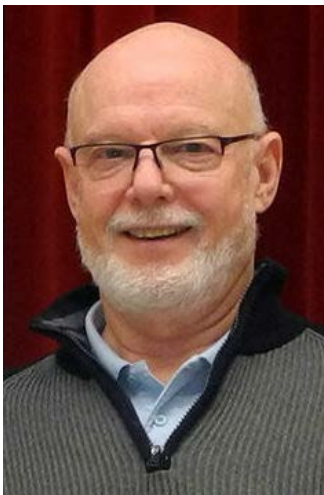


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President's Message



Rain, rain go away...it has been an interesting beginning to our golf season...lots of rain delays and cancellations. Of course, this type of weather is a Rep's nightmare, to cancel the home mixer or not, and when. Most want to cancel the day before the event, but, with the weather we've had courses can be closed with a few inches overnight that weren't expected. At my course, National Golf Club, the back 9 has been closed for over a week due to bridges being washed out. Nevertheless, as golfers and MISGA activists we learn to roll with the punches.

MISGA's Annual Reps Meeting at Prospect Bay proved very fruitful, and I think provided a glimpse of what may be ahead for improving sign up systems that can be helpful for all our clubs.

Wayne Rowland, our Rules and Handicap Chair, and Rep from Montgomery CC, lead a discussion on available options that make the life of a Rep easier, and provide, perhaps, more flexibility for clubs and associates alike. For clubs that handle their mixer management with or without the benefit or help from a pro, there are systems that not only sign folks up, but will provide a tournament system that will compute handicaps, assign teams, program the payouts, and even post the scores. This is something the Board, and your Division Directors will be focusing on at the next Board meeting.

At the Reps Annual meeting I announced that our Webmaster, Errol Myers and our Tournament Chair, Lloyd Stimson were "retiring", and that we needed a replacement for the position of Historian and for Secretary, a number of people came to the table to indicate interest. We were able to fill all those positions. Lloyd Stimson (National) volunteered for Historian, Chris Pariseau (Hog Neck) is now our Secretary, Pat Keller (Timbers), Joe Clark is taking over Tournaments and Jake Jacobi (Norbeck) will be the Webmaster Committee. I found it very gratifying that our club leadership was willing to take on more responsibility.

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

The Lighter Side



OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert A. Barnett, 92, a Lifetime Honorary Member of Manor CC, died February 12, 2018. Bob was an avid MISGA golf member who played in many Mixers and Tournaments, even at his advanced age. He was extremely proud of his service as a radio operator aboard B-17 bombers during World War II. As a member of the 8th Air Force, 305th Bomber Group, he flew 18 combat missions over Germany during 1944 and 1945. He spent 38 years in private practice of surgery and surgical oncology.

(President's Message, *continued*)

Along those lines, hats off to Errol Meyer, Lloyd Stimson, John Babyak, and Byron Keadle for their many years of service to our organization. As I have mentioned before in my previous MISGAgram missives, we need our associates and leadership to get involved and stay involved. Those guys leaving the Board; Errol, John, Bryon and Lloyd, exemplify those traits, and that is one reason MISGA has been around, and fulfilling its mission since 1976. Thank you, gentlemen, for your service, and we look forward to your continued involvement at the club and division level.

I hope to see many of you on the links this season, and am happy to listen to any suggestions or comments.

Greg Morris

Message from your Membership Director.

I have been asked by some members if it would help if, when they visit a non-MISGA course, they were to approach the Pro or GM and talk to them about MISGA. My answer is yes, it would help. I am constantly recruiting, but some of the time my phone calls don't always make the perfect presentation.

Find out if there is an organized senior group and if so the name of the leader. The group leader would be the one to work through. Even if you don't make further contact, please forward me the name.

If they do not have a group ask if they would be opposed to having a couple of MISGA members help them start one.

Just keep me in the loop. We are all in this together in trying to grow MISGA, but we don't want to be tripping over each other

Carl Lazar -- Membership

2018 MISGA SUMMER FROLIC

The 30th Summer Frolic is scheduled on Monday, Sept. 10th through Wednesday, Sept. 12th at Liberty Mountain Resort in Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Pa. This event is celebrating its 30th year!! If I am not mistaken, we still have several golfers attending who were at the very first event!

It was formerly called “The Board Bash” where all of the club representatives were invited to join the board of directors for a day of golf, comradery, and followed by a board meeting and dinner. This event is now open to all MISGA members **and their guests.** Complete details are on the MISGA website at misga.org/events.htm. Entry forms are now being accepted.

This is a great way to get away for a few days of real golfing fun with some really good people. Many new and lasting friendships are made at this affair. I am looking forward to seeing you in September 2018!!!

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)

Cell #: 410-596-9669)

FALL FROLIC -- October 28 to November 2, 2018:

This year we are returning to one of our favorite venues at Seabrook Island Club and Resort at Seabrook Island, Johns Island, SC. We will be playing the Ocean Winds and Crooked Oaks courses.

Golf will begin on Monday October 29 through Thursday November 1, 2018. Leaving after breakfast on Friday November 2, 2018. (see below for bonus exceptions)

Sunday evening there will be a short orientation meeting followed by a cash bar and a light reception (No dinner).

Breakfast and dinner is included each day Monday thru Thursday with check out after breakfast Friday morning November 2, 2018. Lunch is not included; however, it is available at the course or other venues at the resort or nearby. The non-golfers will have a one-day tour including lunch.

For complete information, please see the applications that are on line under MISGA.ORG. – (see Fall Frolics & Flings)

BONUS: You will be able to check in Saturday, October 27, 2018 and can check out on Saturday November 3, 2018 for no extra Villa room charges! Golf and food for the extra days **are not included.**

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.

We hope you will join us this year. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at 301-292-1597 or e-mail petesorge233@gmail.com.

Peter Sorge, MISGA Events Chairman

Winter Fling – It's Going to Happen!!!

Dates: **March 3 to March 9, 2019** (6 nights accommodations)

At The Plantation on Crystal

River Website.. www.plantationoncrystalriver.com ;

Schedule: Arrive Sunday March 3 . Reception Cocktail and light Apps 6-7 PM (cash Bar)

- Golf Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Breakfast included Monday through Saturday (get away day)
- Buffet Dinner on golf days (M, T, Th, F). Cash Bar
- Hospitality Room w/ice (not stocked-BYOB).
- Possible Spa discounts (working still)

Costs:

2 golfers - one room: \$2100

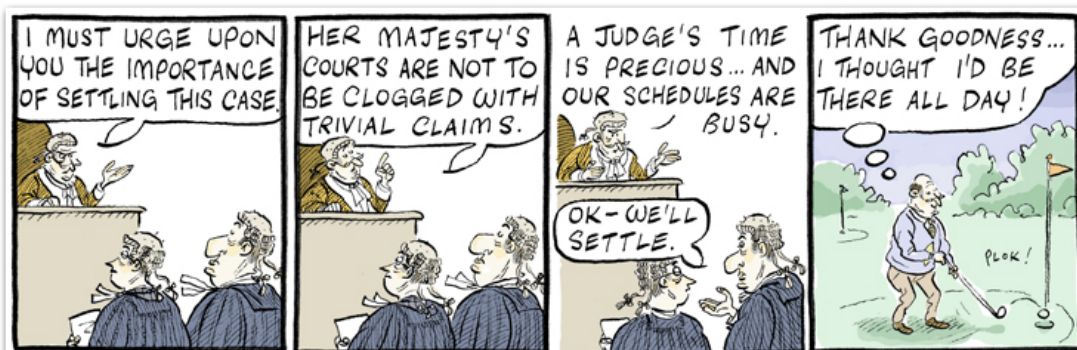
1 golfer+1 non golfer: \$1900

1 golfer, single occupancy: \$1500

Golf & Maid Gratuity, Meal Gratuity, Taxes and Resort Fee Included... also Prize money included.

Patio rooms add \$60 to total.

PLEASE RESPOND directly to Jack Sullivan, National at Tantallon,
email: JohnLSuL@msn.com



2018 MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS (MCTs)

Don't forget to register for your Division's MCT's Qualifiers. They are the pathway and entrance to the "State Finals." Check with your Club Rep to register.

Qualifier	Host Club	Date	Rain Date
Div I - PP-ABCD	Maple Dale CC Dover, DE	Monday July 9, 2018	Tuesday July 10, 2018
Div I - 2-Man Team	Chester River Y&CC Chestertown, MD	Tuesday June 12, 2018	Tuesday June 26, 2018
Div II - PP-ABCD	Holly Hills CC Ijamsville, MD	Monday July 16, 2018	Wednesday August 1, 2018
Div II - 2-Man Team	Rattlewood GC Mount Airy, MD	Monday June 18, 2018	Monday June 25, 2018
Div IV - PP-ABCD	Leisure World GC Silver Spring, MD	Wednesday June 27, 2018	Monday July 16, 2018
Div IV - 2-Man Team	Bretton Woods RC Germantown, MD	Monday July 9, 2018	Monday July 23, 2018
Div VI - PP-ABCD	Crofton CC Crofton, MD	Monday June 25, 2018	Monday July 16, 2018
Div VI - 2-Man Team	National at Tantallon Fort Washington, MD	Monday June 11, 2018	Monday June 18, 2018

If you make it through your "Division Qualifying Round", you'll be eligible to compete in the "State Championship Round."

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

Approximately 25-30% of the playing field will receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate(\$100 for the Gross & Net Champions)

In addition, the Gross and Net Grand Champions will receive a high quality engraved trophy.

Winners of the four Closest-to-the-Pin holes will receive a box of 12 golf balls.

MANNERS and COURTESY

on and off the golf Course

Normally, at the start of a match you should introduce yourself, shake hands and tell them what club you represent.

On the first tee, it is normal for the highest handicap to tee off first followed by the next highest and so forth. Ideally, once play has started the person with the lowest score tees off first on the next hole but, for the sake of time in MISGA, we like to play “ready golf”. This is very desirable as our rounds can be abnormally long.

It is common for us hackers to miss shots. It is not common for us to shout obscenity’s, profanities, and curses (unless under our breath), throw our clubs and complain about the condition of the course, as if the conditions only affect us and no-one else. This is not only rude and inconsiderate of our partners and our hosts, but it also shows what kind of person we really are. We are, either rightly or wrongly, judged by our actions. The old saying, “if you really want to know someone, play a round of golf with them” is so true. Your true colors do come through.

Replacing divots, repairing ball marks and raking the sand is a common courtesy to those following us.

At the end of our round, we should always shake the hands of our partners or our opponents. While I am on the subject of our caps, we should never wear them inside the clubhouse. Leave your caps with your clubs!

In MISGA it is expected that you sit with your playing partners for lunch. It shows disrespect when you ignore them and instead sit with another of your friends.

Clubs Reps should always play with each other, if possible. If there are more than 4 reps, they should be broken down into 3 in one group and 2 in another. This is showing respect to them as the leader of their club. It also gives them a chance to get to know each other and exchange ideas.

Tom Taylor, CR, PP

Quail Valley Golf Club