



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



As I look out on my home course (Prospect Bay), I can see the Spring aeration cycle is in progress. We have had our Annual MISGA meeting of Club Representatives and their assistants with the Directors and Committee Chairmen. And, we have already begun playing MISGA mixers. Spring is here, and a full season of mixers and tournaments awaits all of us. I hope you are able to take full advantage of the opportunities to play golf this year. We have a great variety of golf courses to play, and it is always enjoyable to renew acquaintances and meet new senior golfers at our events. And, with the new rules that encourage improved speed of play, we should be able to avoid the frustrations of too-long mixers.

The MISGA leadership has spent much time attempting to improve the experience, from easing the process of signing up for mixers to facilitating greater opportunities to play golf and enjoy fellowship on the course and after play at the luncheon. Our website (MISGA.org) is greatly improved. We hope you will take full advantage. And, we encourage you to be evangelists to senior men and women about the benefits of belonging and participating.

Increasing our membership has many benefits. Perhaps the most important of these is making it worthwhile for Course Managers to see the economic benefits of hosting MISGA events. Among those are providing senior members with playing in low-stress competitive events, generating cart revenue, utilizing the food staff, increased sales of merchandise in the pro shop, and the ability to use MISGA membership as a marketing opportunity to attract new members. Here at Prospect Bay, our General Manager and our golf professionals are enthusiastic supporters of MISGA. One reason is that our members express their appreciation for their work in hosting MISGA events. Please take time to let your Club's management know that you appreciate their efforts. And, extend that appreciation to your Club Reps and Assistant Reps. Their work is critical in facilitating the success of MISGA!

Have a wonderful season.

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www.misga.org

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

The Lighter Side



A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"

Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."

Retiring President Greg Morris Honored

It looks like Greg is presenting the engraved clock, but Mal Peterson, current MISGA President (left) is actually presenting the well-deserved recognition to Greg.



TIDBITS of MISGA HISTORY

MISGA MIXER PRIZE POOL

At the MISGA Board of Directors meeting on June 2, 1988, the gentlemen of the Board decided it would be a great idea to enhance the enjoyment for associates playing in a MISGA mixer. They batted around a few suggestions and finally agreed to establish a “prize pool” for the winners. It was decided that \$3 from the mixer entry fee would be allocated for the “prize pool.” A club pro-shop gift certificate would be awarded to the winners of the mixer. In 1995, the Board increased the allocation to \$4 and, in 2002, the allocation was increased by the Board to the current \$5.

At the Board of Directors meeting on May 22, 2002, the “prize pool” payout percentage for the playing field in all MISGA golfing events was increased to a range of 25% to 33%.

*NOTE: This information is available in the document **MISGA Board Actions-Cumulative (1983-2018)** on the MISGA website. http://www.misga.org/Board_Actions/BA-CUM-1983-2018.pdf*

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA History Chairman



GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING A MISGA MIXER

DETERMINE TEAM PAIRINGS & CART ASSIGNMENTS

1. The host Club Rep and host Head Pro should work together to determine the team pairings and cart assignments.
2. Establish 4-man teams - each team should include an A, B, C & D level player.
3. The host Club Rep and visiting Club Reps should be assigned to the same cart. They should start on hole #1.
4. The host Assistant Club Reps and the visiting Assistant Club Reps should be assigned to the same cart and should start on holes #2 & #3.
5. Each team should include a host club player and a mixture of players from the visiting clubs. It's a "mixer".
6. The "A" player should be the team captain and serve as the official scorer.

PRIZE POOL

1. From each player's Entry Fee deduct \$5 (established by MISGA guidelines)
2. The prize pool payout will go to 25-33% of the playing field.

< 40 Players	40-60 Players	> 60 Players
1st Place - 50%	1st Place - 40%	1st Place - 30%
2nd Place - 30%	2nd Place - 30%	2nd Place - 25%
3rd Place - 20%	3rd Place - 20%	3rd Place - 20%
	4th Place - 10%	4th Place - 15%
		5th Place - 10%

MISGA Championship Week

The first week of August will be MISGA's Championship Week. Both the 2-Man Team and Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournaments will be held that week. It was not intended that way, but because of host club requirements, it just worked out that way. Here are the specifics:

2-Man Team -- Holly Hills CC (*Ijamsville, MD*) - Monday; August 5

Past Presidents (ABCD) -- Norbeck CC (*Rockville, MD*)- Thurs; August 8

Registration begins at 10:00 am, a light lunch at 10:15 am with a shotgun start at noon. There will a post-golf cocktail hour (*cash bar*) followed by the awards banquet (*surf & turf*). Each Gross and Net Grand Champion will receive a high quality trophy plus a \$100 pro shop gift certificate. Approximately 30% of the field will receive gift certificates. There will be prizes for the closest-to-the-pin winners. The entry fee for each tournament is \$110 each.

If you wish to participate in the either or both of the tournaments, contact your Club Rep for details on how to sign-up. For complete and detailed information about each tournament, check out the **Flyers** for each tournament in the *Information Info* section on the MISGA website.

<http://www.misga.org/tournaments.htm>

Greg Morris

MISGA Tournament Chairman

Championship	Host Club	Date
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Norbeck CC (<i>Div. IV</i>) Rockville, MD	Thurs August 8, 2019
2-Man Team	Holly Hills CC (<i>Div II</i>) Ijamsville, MD	Mon August 5, 2019

Check the MISGA web site for more details.

2019 MISGA SUMMER FROLIC DETAILS

The 2019 MISGA Summer Frolic and the Annual State Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Liberty Mountain Resort at Carroll Valley / Fairfield PA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - State Board of Directors Meeting 4:00 p.m.

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**

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 - Golf via Tee Times beginning at 11:00a.m.

Thursday, September 12, 2019 - 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.

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

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

Wednesday 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 SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE GROUP CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jeff Hild

Winter Fling

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

Some came a day or two earlier, but everybody was there for the Sunday night welcome party in our Hospitality suite. The Plantation, as an incentive to sign up, gave us an open bar and nice Hors d'oeuvres for the meeting.

Day 1 -- Standard MISGA 2 net best balls in a ABCD pairing. Closest and 2nd closest to the pin on same hole with men and women competing. 5 foursomes competed. First place went to Wayne Rowland, Steve Neal, Kathy Fitzgerald and Mark Rayford. CTP Patrick McAllorum-2nd CTP Carolyn Neal. The third place was decided in a putt off at dinner with 3 teams.

Day 2 -- 1 net from A and D plus 1 net from B and C. Winning team Jack Sullivan, Tom Maxwell, Owen Wise and Carolyn Neal. CTP Ralph Harms- 2nd CTP Bob Fitzgerald.

Day 3 – Thursday. We took Wednesday off to rest up for the serious games. 2 person teams playing against similar handicaps head to head. Winning teams were Jack Sullivan + Wayne Rowland, Fred Gera + Dick Dale, Dixie Hughlett + Patrick McAllorum, Carolyn Neal + Mark Rayford, Zelma Harms + C Neal (blind and double dipper). CTP Wayne Rowland- 2nd CTP Dixie Hughlett. In addition, we crowned Owen Wise as MR Crystal River and Dixie Hughlett as MZ Crystal River with the lowest individual low nets of the day.

Day 4 -- We played a Shamle with 2 net best ball scores with a twist that produced some very low scores. The team of Fred Gera, Patrick McAllorum, Tom and Bobbie Maxwell won with 86. Lapping the field by 10 strokes. CTP Steve Neal- 2nd CTP Owen Wise. There was special recognition given for the player carding the most strokes under par for all 4 days and the one player with the worst luck in “Taking the Collar” and not getting on a team that won, placed or showed.

We ate well with full breakfasts each of the 6 mornings and buffet dinners each golf day for awards and celebration. Special thanks for the help on insights provided by Ralph Harms, Dick Dale, Bob Fitzgerald and Wayne Rowland.

As a first-time organizer of anything resembling this event I am pleased enough that I'm committed on doing it again next year. Save the date of March 1 to 7, 2020 (Sunday to Saturday). By that time the fabulous marble water fountain with many Manatees at the front will be completed.

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