



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



Usually spring is the time of the year most of us eagerly await to begin our golf travails for the new year. Each of us eager to drive, chip, and putt better than ever before based on the winter self-analysis of our golf game. Unfortunately, 2020 has welcomed us with several dangerous problems.

Along with a worse than normal flu season highlighted by a strain for which there was no early vaccine, we are faced with the insidious corona disease (COVID-19). Most distressing is that persons 60+ years of age are most susceptible to the disease for both infections and fatalities.

In light of guidelines issued at the federal, state, and local levels, plans to mitigate the spread of the corona virus are not conducive to MISGA sponsored mixers and tournaments. In response to these guidelines, we have cancelled the annual meeting of club representatives at Prospect Bay on March 31, most of the spring division meetings, and several clubs have cancelled April mixer dates.

This is a situation we will monitor closely throughout the year and decisions on state events will be sent to you as soon as possible. For the most part, this is a wait and see situation.

As far as local events, MISGA does not issue guidance to individual clubs concerning their schedule or the conduct of their events. We ask that each club give careful consideration to the welfare of their members and visitors in scheduling events this year. Please make sure you keep your members and visiting clubs informed of any actions you take.

Remember that the CDC wants everyone to take the following steps to protect themselves:

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

The publication months for the MISGAGRAM are:

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)

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

## The Lighter Side



“THIS TIME I’LL COVER MY EARS WHEN YOU MISS.”

## Obituary

Quail Valley Golf Club is sad to report the passing of George W. Keenan, one of our long-term members and an avid supporter of MISGA. George was a very young 87 and golfed every week until about 3 months ago. He succumbed to cancer which he had fought for over 2 years. He can well be remembered as one of the men who sold the 50/50 tickets at the Quail Valley mixers as well as at the Summer Frolic for many, many years. He will be long remembered and missed by his many friends in Division II and especially at Quail Valley Golf Club. He was one of the really good guys!!

## **Presidents Message** (*Continued from p. 1*)

1. Clean your hands often with soap and water,
2. Avoid touching you eyes, nose, and mouth,
3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick,
4. Put distance between yourself and other people,
5. Stay home if you are sick,
6. Cover coughs and sneezes,
7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

And stay tuned.

Jeff Hild

### ***SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO UPDATE THE MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES***

*In January 2020, the USGA implemented new rules for golf handicapping. The new rules are far reaching and have a significant impact on MISGA golfing events as well as the MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines. These Guidelines provide the instructions for managing and conducting the Past Presidents (ABCD) and 2-Man Team MISGA-wide championship tournaments.*

*The MISGA Board of Directors established a special committee to update and modify the Guidelines to comply with the USGA's Rules of Handicapping. On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, the Committee met at Norbeck Country Club to undertake its assigned objective. Mission accomplished !!*



*L-R: Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair), Jake Jacobi (MISGA webmaster & Div. IV Tournament Chair), Lloyd Stimson (MISGA Historian & Past MTC), Wayne Rowland (MISGA VP and Rules & Handicap Chair), Don Hoffmeyer (Div. II Tournament Chair), Jeff Hild (MISGA President).*

## ***WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM***

*On January 1, 2020 the World Handicap System (WHS) became effective. This brings a single set of Rules of Handicapping and Course Rating System for all National Golf Associations worldwide. It is administered by the USGA and the R&A. Previously there were six different handicapping authorities and they did not all compute handicaps or course ratings the same.*

*Previously the USGA computed your handicap based on the Course Rating of the tee you played. You could have the same handicap for different tees on the same course. Because of this adjustment had to be made if players played from different set of tees within the same tournament. Par played no part in the handicap computation. Now par plays a significant role in your handicap index.*

*You will have a separate course handicap for all tees at a given course, which will represent the number of strokes needed to play to Par. Which means that players can play from different tees without any adjustment if Par is the same for all tees.*

*Below are just a few of the changes that will affect MISGA members:*

*All players will have a home course that will keep their Handicap Index. They **must** list all courses that they belong to or play out of and advise their home course.*

*The Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) has been replaced with Maximum Hole Score, which is Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes).*

*Exceptional Tournament Scores no longer exists. It has been replaced with Exceptional Score Reduction for any round posted. Any Score Differential of 7.0 strokes or greater will be subject to an Exceptional Score Reduction.*

*Rounds are now either General Play or Competition. Tournament designation no longer exists since it was hard to define what was a Tournament Round.*

*Handicap Index is updated every day if a round was posted the previous day, which eliminates the need for a Trending Handicap Index.*

*You will have a Low Handicap Index which represents demonstrated ability over 365-day period from the most recent score in their scoring record. For MISGA members this was your Handicap Index as of January 1, 2020. It will change each time your Handicap Index is lower than what is currently posted.*

*There is a “Cap” on how high your Handicap Index can increase in a 365-day period. The maximum a Handicap Index can increase in any 365-day period is 5.0 Your Low Handicap Index determines when the “Cap” takes effect. There is no limit on how low your Handicap Index can go.*

*For more information about the Rules of Handicapping go to:*

[Rules of Handicapping](#)

*Wayne Rowland*



## **Tidbits of MISGA History**

### **THE MISGA WEBSITE**

**Beginning** - At the September 19, 2000, Board of Directors meeting, Secretary Dick Walsh (*West Winds*) announced that he had created a MISGA web page. He informed the Board that the web page contains the MISGA leadership roster, driving directions to all of MISGA's member clubs, the “minutes” to board meetings and links to individual club websites.

**Website Committee** - At the February 12, 2003, Board of Directors meeting, President Ken Wallgren (*Hobbit's Glen*) proposed the establishment of a formal *Web Committee*. The committee would be responsible for the design, management and maintenance of a *MISGA*

*Website.* The website will provide relevant and useful information and data to MISGA officials and associates. Members of the committee included: *Webmaster* - Dick Walsh, *Assistant Webmaster* – Byron Keadle (*news liaison – Patuxent Green*); *Assistant Webmaster* -Tom Tarpley (*business liaison – Holly Hills*). Dick Walsh was assigned the responsibility for developing a listing of the committee’s duties and responsibilities for inclusion in Section VI of the MISGA Bylaws. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Operating Instructions** - At the Dec. 1, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, the Board directed that responsible MISGA officials submit to the *Webmaster*, no later than March 1, all additions, deletions and changes to their MISGA Leadership Roster (*Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors, Club Reps, Assistant Club Reps, Club Pros, etc.*). Information to be submitted includes: title, name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number.

**Today** – The MISGA Website has grown into one helluva source of MISGA information. It is the primary station for all there is to know about MISGA - e.g., general info (*mission & objectives*), organizational rulebooks (*Constitution, Bylaws & Club Reps Guidelines*), organizational structure (*MISGA, divisions & clubs*), leadership rosters (*at MISGA, division & club levels*), schedules of meetings & events, division & club webpages, tutorials & guidebooks for MISGA’s administrative activities, forms for reports and finances, associates dues reports, MISGAgrams, flyers for tournaments and special outings (*frolics & flings*), “minutes” to board meetings, roster of past presidents, historical roster of board members (*1976-present*), history of board actions (*annual & cumulative*), history of the *Green Jacket Award*, hole-in-one honor roll, links to photos, MISGA-liany, etc.

**MISGA Webmasters** - Dick Walsh (*2003-04 – West Winds*); Byron Keadle (*2005-07 – Patuxent Greens*); Errol Myers (*2008-18 – Norbeck*); Jake Jacobi (*2019 – present – Norbeck*)

**Lloyd Stimson**

MISGA History Chairman

## 2020 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS DIVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS



(As of Feb. 27, 2020)



Division	No. of Associates *	Past Presidents	2-Man Teams
<b>I</b> (7 clubs)	<b>298</b> (13.2%)	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>II</b> (14 clubs)	<b>480</b> (21.2%)	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>IV</b> (9 clubs)	<b>645</b> (28.5%)	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>VI</b> (13 clubs)	<b>840</b> (37.1%)	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b> (43 clubs)	<b>2,263</b> (100%)	<b>93</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Past Pres.</b>	-	<b>5</b>	-
<b>2019 Champs</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,263</b> (100%)	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>

\* Based on the 2019 MISGA Associates Dues Summary dated December 2019

### The Tournaments



<b>Past Presidents</b> (ABCD)	Holly Hills CC (Div II) Ijamsville, MD	Monday July 20, 2020
<b>2-Man Team</b>	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday September 10, 2020

## Winter Fling – An Enthusiastic Report

Had a great time at The Winter Fling at The Plantation on Crystal River. We opened the event by recognizing Past President Greg Morris and current Vice President Wayne Rowland and a landmark achievement by Dick and Patti Dale on their 75th MISGA Fling or Frolic. Had 32 in attendance and everyone got a piece of the loot. We did crown Bill Sisolak from National as MR Crystal River and Carol Boardman from Rattlewood as MZ Crystal River. Notables include Wayne Rowland (Montgomery CC) with 3 of the 8 Closest or 2nd closest to the pins and Sally Reid (Fountain Head) with 2. Zelma Harms had lowest net score total for 4 days at 13 under par. Also, notable, no men net under par but still had fun.



Day 1 winners Bob Fitzgerald, Jack Sullivan, Tom Brown and Dick Dale. Day 2 Greg Morris, Barbara Driscoll, Fred Gera and David Cook. Day 3 Flight 1 Bill Sisolak & David Rapp, Fl 2 Rich Boardman & George Reid, Fl 3 Fred Gera & David Cook, Fl 4 Dick Dale & Tom Brown,

Fl 5 Sally Reid & Kathy Fitzgerald and Fl 6 Carol Boardman & Zelma Harms. Day 4 David Cook, Jack Sullivan, Ralph Harms and Zelma Harms. Many others in the cash circle in 2nd and 3rd places. No one made the impossible putt at dinner. On Day 3 we had 14 players putt-off at dinner to break scorecard ties. Food, Fun and no rain made for a very good event.

As coordinator, I have reserved next year's Winter Fling February 28 to March 6 2021. Join us and bring a friend.

Jack Sullivan

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## 2020 Spring Fling



Tuesday May 12th (Arrival) - Thursday May 14th (Departure)

The 2020 SPRING FLING will again be in Williamsburg, Virginia which is about a 2.5 to 3-hour drive south of Washington DC. The nice weather and the excellent golf courses make Williamsburg the perfect location in May.



As in the past, lodging is on your own. There is a wide variety of lodging in the Williamsburg area with something to fit every taste and budget. All three courses are within a few miles of downtown Williamsburg.

Shotgun start times are scheduled for:

- Tuesday – Golden Horseshoe (Green) @ 1:00 PM
- Wednesday - Golden Horseshoe (Gold) @ 9:00 AM
- Thursday – Williamsburg National (York) @ 8:45 AM

The basic package price includes three rounds of golf, golf prizes, the banquet dinner @ Colonial Heritage Golf Club, and deli buffet lunch after golf on Thursday @ Williamsburg National.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020**

MISGA Associates must submit an APPLICATION FORM (check the MISGA website) accompanied by a check for payment in full. The field will be restricted to the first 72 golfers. Get your application in early to ensure you will be playing these outstanding courses in May.

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