



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



Welcome to 2021. 2020 was unique experience for all of us, MISGA mixers were suspended for 2020 season and all frolics and flings cancelled. We are planning on a 2021 season; the clubs are preparing and scheduling mixers. We had one casualty, Westminster National has dropped out of MISGA. All other clubs plan to participate in 2021.

The frolics and flings are on hold for 2021. The Spring Fling has already been cancelled for 2021 and as the COVID-19 situation improves we will look at scheduling events for the fall.

Clubs have gone through a season of working with restrictions on size of gatherings, dining, and events it should be easier to hold mixers. Expect mixers to be different than in the past. New formats, tee times instead of shotgun, dining options and cart restrictions (all the things we saw in 2020).

As you start your New Year Endeavors, stay safe, remain healthy and remember the following golfers' prayer: May Thy ball lie down in green pastures, Not in still waters.

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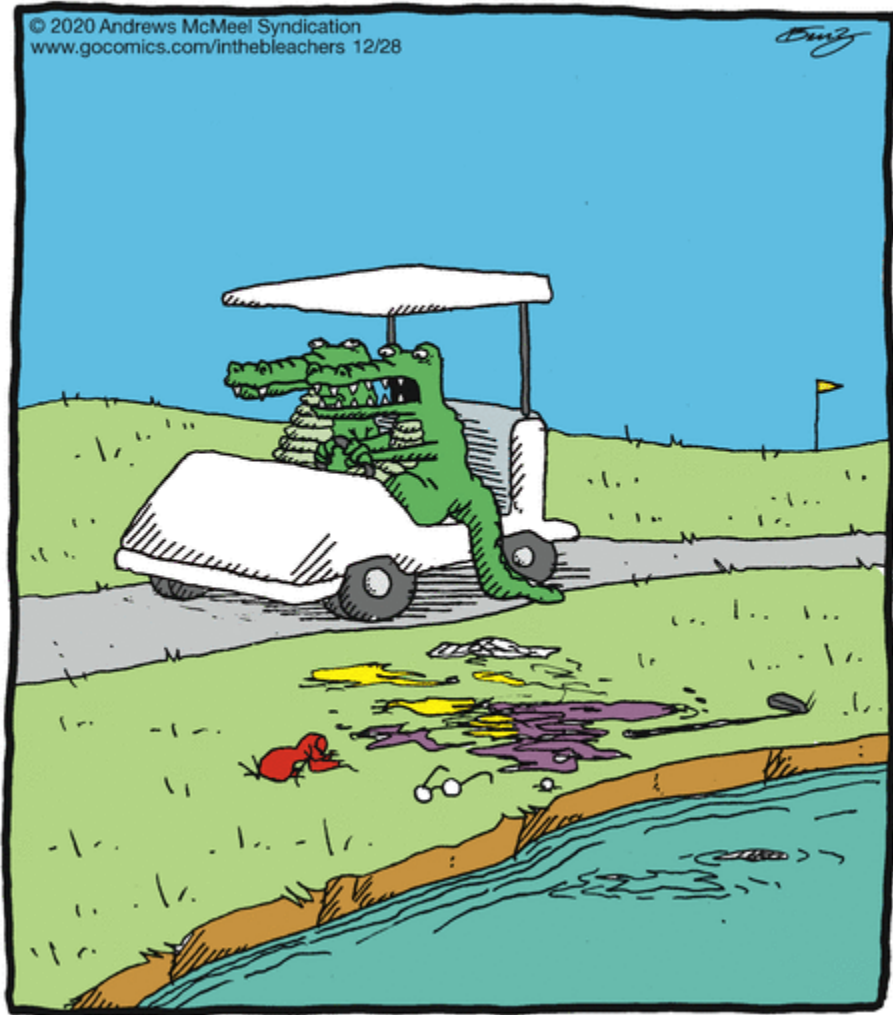
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The Lighter Side

In the Bleachers by Ben Zaehring



“Shoot ... I ate the keys.”

Flings and Things (Or... Frolics and Stuff)

Planning for these fun outings starts at least 6 months in advance. With that in mind the 2021 outlook is bleak.

Winter Fling 2021

Before COVID-19: Held in March

Status: NGH (Not Gonna Happen)

Spring Fling 2021

Before COVID-19: Held in March

Status: NFL (Not Flippin' Likely)

Summer Frolic

Before COVID-19: Held in September

Status: MAM (Maybe A Miracle)

Fall Frolic

Before COVID-19: Held in October/November

Status: AOC (An Outside Chance,)





2021 - MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Championship	Host Club	Date	Rain Date	Cost
Past Presidents (ABCD)	Holly Hills CC (Div II) Ijamsville, MD	Monday August 23, 2021	TBD	TBD
2-Player Team	Norbeck CC (Div IV) Rockville, MD	Thursday Sept. 9, 2021	TBD	TBD

Note: From the Bay Bridge, Norbeck is 52 miles - Holly Hills is 68 miles.
(directions to each club are provided on the 2021 MCT flyers - refer to the MISGA website)

Note: Some restrictions may apply. Rampant or unconstrained COVID-19 may void all events



WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM AND HOW IT APPLIES TO MISGA

There are two types of handicaps:

1. **Course Handicap** – you will have a Course Handicap for every set of tees that has a course and slope rating. This will be the handicap you use on your home course for most rounds you play. You will have a target score you should shoot each round and it is par plus your handicap. You cannot play a set of tees for handicap purposes that has not been rated by the USGA. (Look in USGA Course Rating and Slope Database).
2. **Playing Handicap** – Course Handicap minus handicap allowance (i.e. 85%) minus difference in par. Appendix C in the Rules of Handicapping gives the recommended allowances for various formats. Most MISGA mixers are best 2 out of 4 format which has a handicap allowance of 85%.

Maximum score that may be posted for a round is Net Double Bogey (if course handicap is calculated greater than 54 and a player gets 4 or more strokes on a hole, the maximum score is par + 5 for handicap purposes). **This will also be the Maximum Score for all MISGA mixers.** Net Double Bogey is computed as follows:

Par + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes player receives on the hole. (The handicap used for this computation is Course Handicap not Playing Handicap).

It is the players responsibility to know what their handicap is for the set of tees they are playing on a given course. MSGA App has a course handicap calculator that you can use to get your handicap for any course and tee.

At MISGA mixers the dots on the cards will be the Playing Handicap.

9-holer scorecard		Montgomery CC		85%																				
Round 1																								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	Init	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total	Hdep	Net
Green Men (66.4/118)	456	347	127	298	342	152	307	351	435	2815	348	150	168	447	128	323	298	349	408	2619	5434	(18)		
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	3	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	35	71		
Handicap	3	7	17	13	5	15	11	9	1		8	18	12	2	16	6	14	10	4					
Wayne Rowland	.	.			.		.	.	.		.			.		.		.	.				13/11	

Handicap strokes as of March 18, 2020

Competitor: _____ Marker: _____ Mar 19, 2020
 Powered by [Golf Genius Software](#) Scorecard #1

The above sample shows the Course Handicap (13)/Playing Handicap (11). For the competition the player gets 11 strokes. For Maximum Score Net Double Bogey, the player gets an additional two strokes for posting purposes (a stroke on holes 4 and 12). It is recommended by the Rules of Handicapping that a player post scores hole-by-hole. The MSGA system and its App defaults to hole-by-hole.

There are two types of rounds: General Play and Competition Play. General Play is a casual round or competitive round not organized by a Committee (MISGA, local golf association, etc.).

Competition Play is any round organized by a committee.

Maximum Index for all players is 54.0 – All MISGA Championships will cap handicap index to 36.0 for all players. Any player can play in the MISGA Championship regardless of their handicap index if they qualify with their respective division. Any player who qualifies whose handicap index is greater than 36.0 will be reduced to 36.0.

Holes not finished by a player, they must enter a score of either *most likely score* or Net Double Bogey whichever is lower. The Rules of Handicapping now has guidelines for *most likely score*.

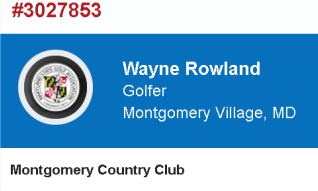
Position of Ball	Strokes to be added
If the ball lies on the putting green and is no more than 5 feet from the hole:	Add one additional stroke.
If the ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole:	Add 2 or 3 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.
If the ball lies more than 20 yards from the hole:	Add 3 or 4 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.

Should a player not play a hole they must post Net Par for that hole.

Posting of scores is paramount. Scores should be posted by midnight of the day of play.

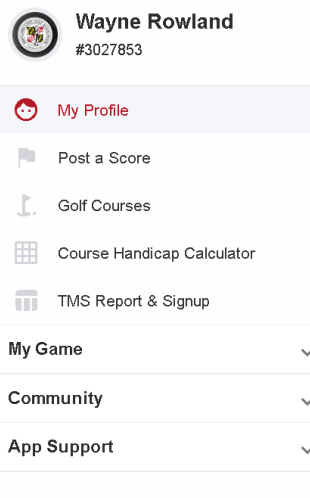
Each player has a *home club* designated by the player to ensure their Handicap Index is managed in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping. A player may belong to more than one club and must tell his *home club* what those clubs are, so that they may be listed in club memberships in the regional association system (MSGA). A player should advise any clubs they belong to which club is their *home club* and will be maintaining their handicap.

Most MISGA members in Maryland use GolfNet (MSGA) handicap system and your page when posting should look something like this. It lists your MSGA number and your *home club*.

 <p>#3027853</p> <p>Wayne Rowland Golfer Montgomery Village, MD</p> <p>Montgomery Country Club</p>	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 20px; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">15.7</div> <p>Handicap Index</p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 20px; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">15.1</div> <p>Low Handicap</p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 20px; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">18.3</div> <p>Avg. Strokes Over Par</p>	<p>Club Name: Montgomery Countr...</p>
				<p>Member #: 3027853</p> <p>CCID: 10123608</p> <p>Association: Maryland State Golf ...</p> <p>Membership: Default Membership</p>

On the mobile app these may be stacked vertically.

To find which courses a player has membership at you need to look for Community on the webpage. On the computer that is on the left side of the page. On the mobile app click on the arrow in the upper left corner under the MSGA Emblem.

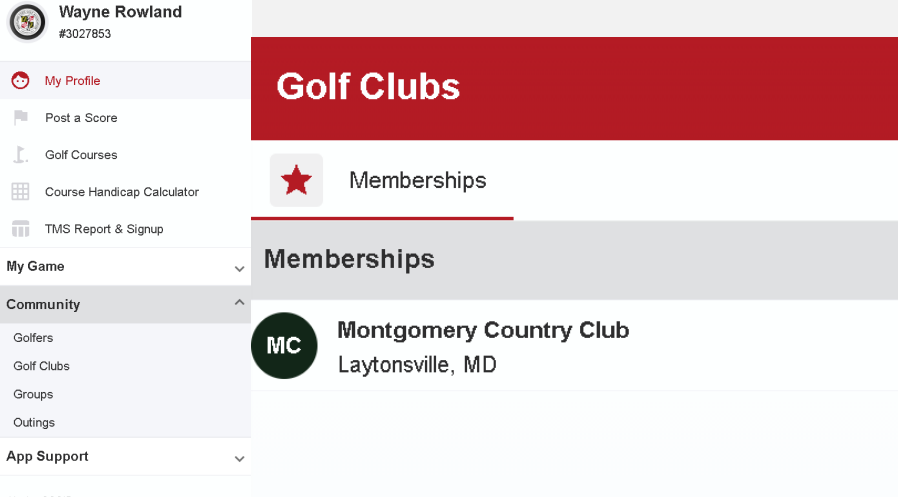


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- My Profile
- Post a Score
- Golf Courses
- Course Handicap Calculator
- TMS Report & Signup
- My Game
- Community
- App Support

Version: 3.2.617

Click on Community, then click on Golf Club




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Golf Clubs

Memberships

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Montgomery Country Club
Laytonsville, MD

Version: 3.2.617

It will list all clubs that a player belongs with the *home club* listed first.

All members of MISGA who play from multiple courses need to have all courses listed under memberships.

TIDBITS OF MISGA HISTORY

MISGA's TREASURERS

YEAR	TREASURER	CLUB
2019 – Present	Gary Manion	Norbeck
2010 – 2018	Dick Schwinger	Holly Hills
2005 – 2009	Gary Sorrell	Hobbit's Glen
2001 – 2004	Tom Tarpley	Holly Hills
1993 – 2000	Harry Breitbach	Crofton
1983 – 1992	Sid Rapoport	Hobbit's Glen
1982	Lee Shimberg	Greencastle
1981	Sid Rapoport	Hobbit's Glen
1976 – 1980	Perry Lippitt	Kenwood

Lloyd Stimson

MISGA History Chairman

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell



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