



# MISGAGRAM

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## President's Message



The MISGA golf season is rapidly coming to a close for 2022. The club reps have had to invite more clubs to their mixers in order to have the size of field desired. Our members have cut back on going to other courses for numerous reasons. There may still be a COVID fear that produces fear in some, particularly those with those infamous underlying conditions. Some of us have expressed dismay at the higher prices some venues are charging since the onset of COVID. Others have seen the prices of everything they buy going up, particularly gasoline and the effect

that has on their fixed incomes. There are a few clubs that still send many golfers to their scheduled MISGA Mixers at away locations. Bay Hills and Compass Pointe will ask how many they can send! Other clubs will only send a few players where they used to send 15 – 20 players! The most common complaint I have heard, is the issue of slow play. I guess they are afraid they will be late for their afternoon naps!

On the subject of slow play, we tried a different format for our June, July and August Mixers at Crofton. We used the Stableford with a quota (36 minus playing handicap equals quota). Points were awarded for birdies or better, pars, and bogeys. A double bogey and above were awarded zero points. Since a player could not hurt or help a team once they got to a gross double-bogey,

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Bob Hodges  
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## The Lighter Side



**“Hello, my name is Carl. I have a 22 handicap, but I actually shoot in the low 80s.”**

## Holes in One

<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>NAME</b></i>	<i><b>HOME CLUB</b></i>	<i><b>HiO COURSE</b></i>	<i><b>HOLE #</b></i>
08/17/22	Sandy Marks	Leisure World	Bretton Woods	2
08/11/22	Jing Ping (JP) Yang	Bretton Woods	Hobbit's Glen	11

*See p. 7 for directions to this info on the MISGA website.*

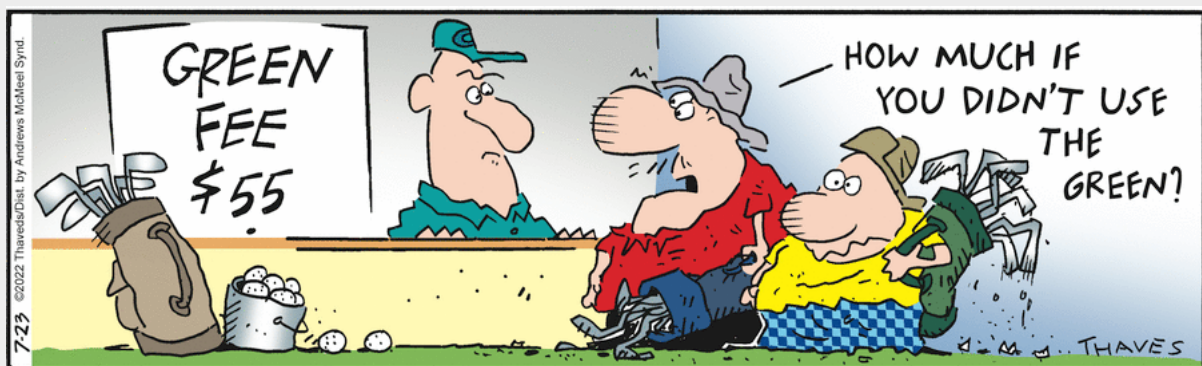
## President's Message, *continued*

players were encouraged to pick up at that point and record their “Most Likely Score” in accordance with USGA Rule 3.3. While most players played their ball until they holed out, higher handicap players found if they picked up at double-bogey gross, it picked up the speed of play. Some of the purists among us didn’t like that idea, but the last group came in an hour faster than the last group a month earlier using the traditional best 2 of 4 method! We maintained the 4:30 pace of play all summer. We ran a test in the September mixer and reverted to the best-two-of-four format. The last group came in over 5 hours! I tell the groups before they tee off that if they lose sight of the group in front of them, it is NOT because they are playing fast!

Your club reps will begin the annual “schedule dance” later this fall. Your input to your rep can assist them in scheduling venues you want to attend, and the venues you have no interest in visiting. Scheduling is the toughest job your reps have to do all year! Give them your support and attend as many mixers as you can!

Be safe and stay healthy!

Chuck Woods, MISGA President



**2022 - MISGA 2-PLAYER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTRY CLUB - MONDAY - AUGUST 22, 2022**

On Monday, the 22nd of August in 2022, the annual MISGA 2-Player Team Championship Tournament was held at Montgomery Country Club's picturesque golf course in Laytonsville, MD. 50 talented teams (100 finalists) from 16 of MISGA's 36 member clubs traversed the highways of Maryland with hopes of becoming crowned MISGA's **Gross** and **Net** 2-Player Team Grand Champions.

Finish	Amt.	Grand Champions	Score	Div.	Club
GGC	\$101 ea.	* Craig Ostrom & Doug Wilson	67	IV	Hobbit's Glen
NGC	\$101 ea.	# Bret Bennett & George Warren	67	VI	Compass Pointe

\* 2019 & 2021 Gross Grand Champions

# Sudden Death Playoff Winner

**GROSS GRAND CHAMPIONS**



L-R: Parker Phillips (Asst. Pro), Craig Ostrom (GGC), Doug Wilson (GGC) & Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair)

**NET GRAND CHAMPIONS**



L-R: Parker Phillips (Asst. Pro), George Warren (NGC), Bret Bennett (NGC) & Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair)

For a full, complete and detailed report with photos of the MISGA 2022 2-Player Team Championship Tournament go to the MISGA website .... [MISGA.org](http://MISGA.org)

## 2022 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENTS (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP

CROFTON COUNTRY CLUB - MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

This year's championship tournament was held on Monday, September 26 at the very picturesque and highly pleasurable playing course at Crofton Country Club in Crofton, MD. 88 of MISGA's golden age golfers, representing 20 of MISGA's 39 clubs, jumped into their vehicles and traversed the roadways of Maryland to compete for MISGA's Gross and Net Grand Champion prizes.

Finish	Amt.	Grand Champions	Score	Div.	Club
GROSS	\$111	Barry Falgout	72	IV	Leisure World
NET	\$111	Chris Fanning	67	VI	Fairway Hills

### GROSS GRAND CHAMPION



L-R: Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman), Barry Falgout (GGC) & Chuck Woods (Tournament Coordinator)

### NET GRAND CHAMPION



L-R: Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman), Chris Fanning (NGC) & Chuck Woods (Tournament Coordinator)

For a full, complete and detailed report with photos of the MISGA Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament, go to the MISGA website .... [MISGA.org](http://MISGA.org)

## Tidbits of MISGA History

### MISGA MEMBERSHIP

MISGA was established as a formal golfing organization in 1976. It began with 12 private country clubs and 240 associates. There were no divisions. Six years later, in 1982, MISGA separated into four divisions. Over the 46 years of MISGA's existence, the number of clubs, divisions and associates has varied. The current number is based on the *MISGA Associates Dues Summary* - August 3, 2022.

#### Number of Clubs

Highest - **68** (2011)

Lowest - **12** (1976)

Current - **36**

#### Number of Divisions

Highest - **6** (2004-2016)

Lowest - **4** (1982-1995 & 2018-2022)

Current - **4**

Note: There were 5 divisions 1996-2003 & 2017

#### Number of Associates

Highest - 4,760 (2000)

Lowest - 240 (1976)

Current - **1,729**

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Lloyd Stimson

MISGA History Chair



## Stuff that's Good to Know

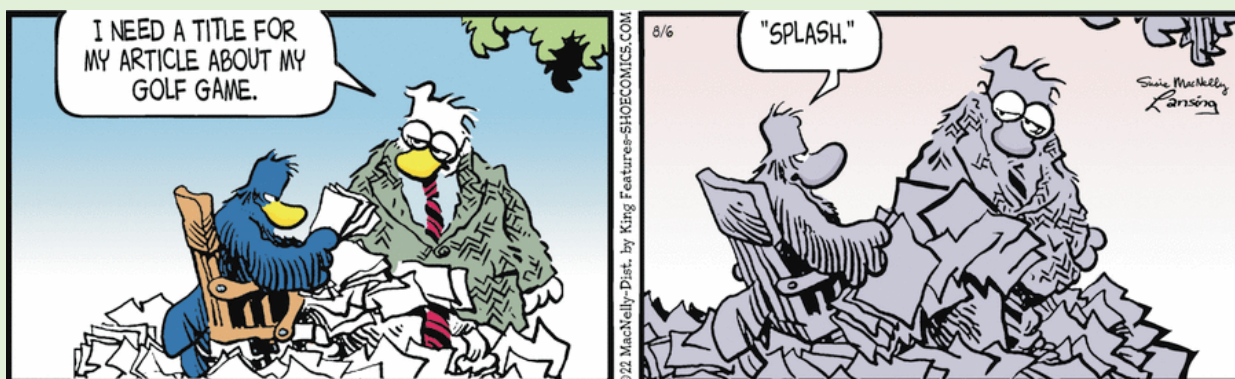
### Hole in One Info on the MISGA Website:

Go to the website ([misga.org](http://misga.org)), click on Documents in the thin blue line at the top. Look at the bottom of the box labeled Historical Documents, and you'll see Hole in One Honor Roll at the bottom of the list.

### Pictures:

Tom Tarpley has for many years recorded MISGA events and goings on with his trusty camera. Recently he set up a new web site for sharing his pictures at [tomtarpley.com](http://tomtarpley.com). In his words, "Have all the old pics up and the ones I took from the 2-Man at Montgomery CC 2022- feel free to enjoy" He assures me the increased traffic won't break anything.

Tom has his whole life on the site. To look at the golf pictures, select *Golf Album* from the menu. Newest pictures appear to be at the bottom.



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

Alrighty then! We're looking at 2023!!

### *Winter Fling 2023*

*Planned for February 26 to March 4, 2023 at The Plantation on Crystal River, which is in Florida. Check out the details on the MISGA website. Or... contact Jack Sullivan at [JohnLSul@msn.com](mailto:JohnLSul@msn.com)*

### *Spring Fling 2023*

**TBD**

### *Summer Frolic 2023*

**TBD**

### *Fall Frolic 2023*

**TBD**



## SCORING AND THE HANDICAP SYSTEM

*Our esteemed former President, now Rules and Handicap Chair, weighs in the the following exposition. Strap on your Deep-Readers and have at it.*

This season I have had several players question how we score mixers and whether it is fair to allow players to compete from different tees. The World Handicap System (WHS) takes all of that into account.

### Scoring

The scoring issue centers around *Net Double Bogey*. It was recommended by the MISGA Board that clubs adopt rule 21.2 Maximum Score for mixers and use the *Maximum Score* of *Net Double Bogey*. *Net Double Bogey* is using *Course Handicap* not *Playing Handicap*, so an individual's score may be higher than the dot on the card. It is up to each club do decide what Maximum Score is for their mixers. Clubs that limit the *Maximum Score* to double bogey not *Net Double Bogey* gives a distinct advantage to higher handicap players.

When a player picks up and the marker asks what score they want it **must** be proceeded by an X on the scorecard. This tells the scoring officials that the individual did not finish the hole and is a most likely score.

Rules of Handicapping Rule 3.3 discusses when a player starts but does not finish a hole.

### 3.3 When a Hole is Started But Player Does Not Hole Out

There are various circumstances that might result in a player starting a hole but not holing out. For example, when:

- The result of the hole has already been decided,
- A hole has been conceded in match play,
- A player's partner has already posted a better score in a Four-Ball format and the players picks up, or
- A player has already reached their *net double bogey* limit on a specific hole.

When a player starts a hole but does not hole out for a valid reason, subject to other provisions set out within the *Rules of Handicapping*, the player must record their *most likely score* or *net double bogey*, whichever is lower, as appropriate for the situation and depending on the format of play.

The *most likely score* is:

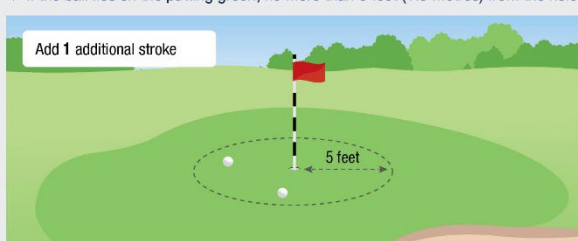
- The number of strokes already taken to reach a position on a hole, plus
- The number of strokes the player would most likely require to complete the hole from that position, plus
- Any penalty strokes incurred during play of the hole.

*Most likely scores* should be determined on any hole in accordance with the following guidelines:

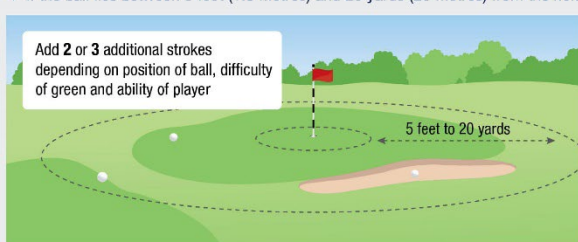
Position of the Ball	Strokes to be Added
If the ball lies on the putting green, and is not more than 5 feet from the hole:	Add one additional stroke <i>Check out Diagram 3.3 below</i>
If the ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole:	Add 2 or 3 additional strokes, depending on the position 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

**DIAGRAM 3.3: MOST LIKELY SCORE WHEN A HOLE IS STARTED BUT PLAYER DOES NOT HOLE OUT**

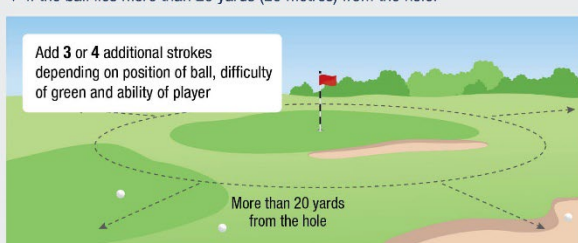
▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



Notes:

1. There is no limit to the number of most likely scores that can be recorded within a player's adjusted gross score, provided that the failure to hole out is for a valid reason and not for the purpose of gaining an unfair scoring advantage.
2. Players with an established *Handicap Index*, the *most likely score* on any hole cannot exceed *net double bogey* for handicap purposes.
3. When a player submitting scores for an initial *Handicap Index*, the *most likely score* on any hole cannot exceed *par plus 5 strokes*.
4. In a Maximum Score format of stroke play, there may be situations where a player has not reached their *net double bogey* score before reaching the maximum score determined by Terms of the Competition. In such cases, the player should record either a *most likely score* or *net double bogey*, whichever is the lower score (see Rules of Golf, Rule 21.2).

### Rule 3.3 Interpretations:

#### 3.3/1 – Clarification of the Meaning of Most Likely Score for Handicap Posting and When it Should Be Used

A *most likely score* is used to record a player's probable score on a hole, when the hole has been started but the player did not hole out their ball. It should be a reasonable assessment of the number of strokes needed to complete the hole.

For example, in a Four-Ball match-play competition, a player's partner holes their ball from off the putting green for three. The player's ball lies 15 feet away from the hole in four strokes and

the score side cannot be improved. To save time, the player may pickup and record a *most likely score* for handicap purposes.

Based on the *most likely score* guidelines, the player would record a score of six or seven for handicap purposes (four strokes taken plus two or three additional strokes).

### Different Tees

The WHS computes a course handicap for each set of tees used in a competition.

We will use the example of a player with 15.0 Handicap Index.

The players have the choice of playing from three different tees for this competition.

1<sup>st</sup> tee has a course rating 70.8, slope rating of 118, 6002 yds and par is 72, the player's course handicap is 14.

2<sup>nd</sup> tee has a course rating of 67.6, slope rating of 117, 5774 yds and par is 72, the player's course handicap is 11.

3<sup>rd</sup> tee has a course rating of 65.3, slope rating of 112, 5301 yds and par is 72, the player's course handicap is 8.

If par had been different from any of the tees the handicap would be adjusted up/down by the number of strokes in the difference of par. (i.e., 3<sup>rd</sup> tee par is 71 the players playing the first two tees would have an extra stroke added to their handicap or the players playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee would have handicap reduced by 1 stroke.).

The argument I hear most is that the players playing forward have an advantage, their handicaps are reduced to take in this difference. The difference between the 1st and 2nd tees is 228 yards (a long par 3). The difference between 2nd and 3rd tees is 473 yards (a long par 4). The difference between 1st and 3rd tees is 701 yards (a long par 5/6).

Golf is supposed to be enjoyable and letting players play from different tees according to their ability allows that.

Wayne Rowland

MISGA Rules & Handicap Chair

