



MISGAGRAM

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President's Message



Hello, for those that don't know me, my name is Paul Bate. As the incoming MISGA President, I look forward to working with you for the next couple of years in this role along with my other responsibilities at the Division and Club level. While I appreciate that MISGA has associates that may be of differing beliefs, as I write this message, I am reminded of a song by John Lennon entitled "Happy Christmas," the opening words of which seem appropriate "So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over and a new one just begun and so this is Christmas I hope you have fun, the near and the dear ones, the old and the young."

Perhaps some of us have not done all that much in 2024 but I hope that you have at least had a chance to enjoy playing golf and taking part in what MISGA has to offer from mixers, tournaments, Pro-Ams, frolics and flings, and of course sharing in the camaraderie. As 2024 winds down I would like to thank my predecessor Tom Ciandella and the good volunteers who served as part of the leadership team. My appreciation also goes out to the MISGA Reps and Assistant Reps at each of our clubs without whom none of this would be possible.

Fortunately, the majority of the MISGA Leadership team has agreed to stay on (I think they want to make sure I behave) with only a few changes taking place:

- Greg Morris from National Golf Club at Tantallon takes over as Vice President
- Tom Ciandella (Prospect Bay) will take over as Associates Committee Chair
- Jake Jacobi (Musket Ridge) will assume the MISGAGRAM Committee Chair
- Historian and the Policy & Planning Committee Chairs are still vacant and looking for volunteers

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Bob Hodges

MISGAGRAM Editor

The Lighter Side



Editors Farewell

Paul is rushing the season by one MISGAGRAM. This is my final edition. I've enjoyed supporting our leadership with information and humor (well... the humor was my idea. Welcome Jake Jacobi!!

Bob Hodges

We all owe our thanks to Bob Hodges, the former MISGAGRAM Committee Chair and Jake Jacobi the former Associates and Policy & Planning Committee Chairs for their outstanding work over the years. All board positions and Committee Chairs are almost thankless tasks, and I ask that we all give them our support as we start the New Year in 2025 and beyond. While I think about it, the Spring Board Meeting and the Annual Rep Meeting will most likely be held on March 25th, 2025, at Prospect Bay, invitations and confirmation of date will be forthcoming in the New Year.



Handoff from Tom Ciandella to Paul Bate, the new President
(It only looks like Tom is trying to hang onto the gavel...)

Sadly, as many of you are aware, we are losing two clubs that are not returning to MISGA in 2025: Beaver Creek (Division II) and Hooper's Landing (Division I). This will undoubtedly cause MISGA membership to decline although it is hoped that many will join other local clubs. That said, MISGA membership is down overall albeit that one or two clubs had significant increases in the number of associates registered in 2024. Of course, associates are eligible to obtain membership at as many clubs as they like, so long as they pay their MISGA fees at each. I hear you say, "Why would you join more than one MISGA club?" The most likely explanation is that by doing so one can potentially play at a larger variety of other clubs and participate in more mixers.

Please continue to do all you can to encourage new associates, we would particularly like to see more younger entrants into the MISGA ranks.

One of other the issues that continues to increase is the cost to play in a mixer and as Tom pointed out in last year's December MISGAGRAM, there may not be too much we can do to reduce price but one club that I am aware of, National Golf Club at Tantallon, is trying something new in 2025 as an experiment - golf with prize pool is \$30 and lunch is optional with a range of typical lunch items likely in the \$14 to \$22 range, yet to be finalized. Players will select their choice of lunch or no lunch from the instructions sent to clubs invited to their mixers. We'll check how this goes in 2025.

Other approaches including using different formats rather than the more traditional 2 best net from 4, individual awards, blind draw of teams allowing golfers to choose who they ride with, etc. can be tried to offer value/variety with the aim being to increase participation and potentially encourage players to travel further afield. If you have other ideas, please feel free to send me an e-mail.

You may have heard about the proposal to realign clubs and divisions. Although this has raised considerable debate on the Policy & Planning Committee and at the December 10th Board meeting you should not be alarmed. As it turns out the proposal has been tabled for now and may be revisited by the Policy & Planning Committee if the need arises.

To close, I wish you all a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Paul Bate

MISGA President 2025-2026



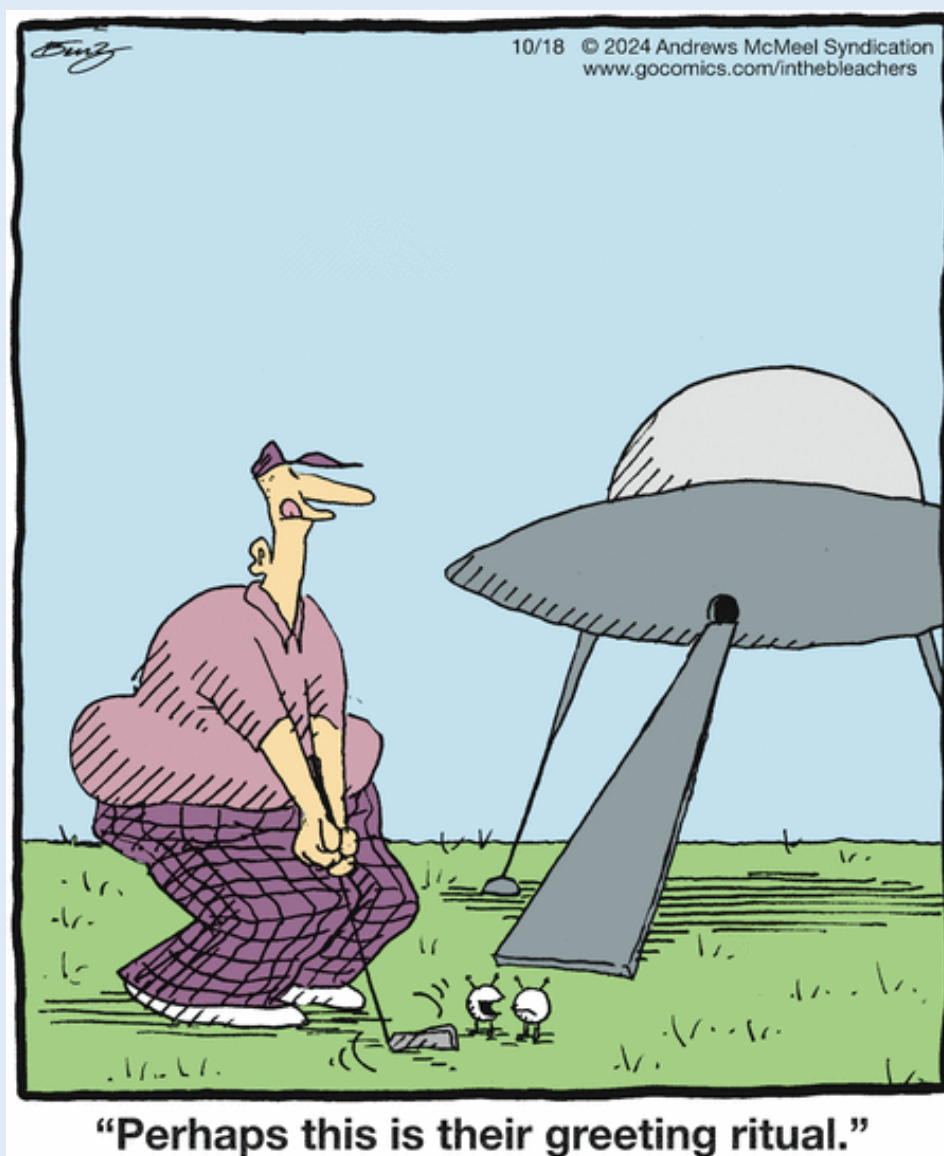
2025 Tournament Dates

June 16 for the ABCD/Past Presidents at Crofton

July 28 for the 2 Player at Holly Hills

Greg Morris

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Division IV Pro/AM Results

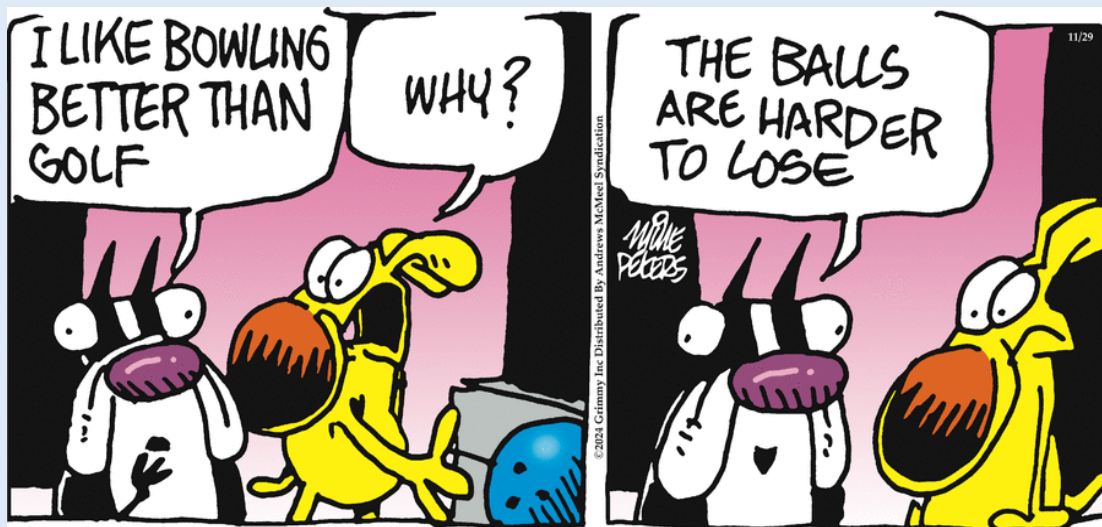
Congratulations to the individuals and 14 teams that played in the Division IV Pro/AM tournament that was held on October 8th, 2024, at Montgomery Country Club. Unfortunately, the records for the Amateur teams seem to have been misplaced so we are unable to report the second, third and fourth team finishers at this time. If you recall any of these details, please send to Jake Jacobi for inclusion in the next MISGAGRAM.

Pro Competition

Place	Score	Player(s)	Club	Prize
1	70	Zack Swink	Bretton Woods	\$250
2	73	Cole Hedrigsman	Kenwood	\$100
3 tied	76	Blake & Parker	Montgomery	\$50 split

Amateur Competition

Place	Score	Player(s)	Club	Prize per Player
1	62	Sam Coniate (Pro) Joe Hills George Hasenaeur Paul Bate Bill Van Der Weele	Blue Mash	\$100



Frolics 'n Flings

The Fall Frolic report.

A small but merry group attended, ate, drank and even played some golf at the Virginia Beach Fall Frolic this past October 6 to 12, 2024. Our host hotel was the Oceanfront Courtyard by Marriot and each room had balcony overlooking the ocean. Our MISGA format included a Sunday night reception with light fare and a cash bar for an hour plus, four buffet dinners with a varied menu on golf days, and we did play golf at four different courses. Monday was Heron Ridge, Tuesday was Virginia Beach National, Thursday was Honey Bee and Friday was Stumpy Lake. All were about 20 minutes from the hotel. The weather cooperated with no rain but a little windy on two days. Notice we don't play on Wednesday. We as a group prefer to have that day as a rest day. However, a few hearty golfers did play Cypress Point for a 5 day golf outing.

Competition results all with cash payouts were:

Heron Ridge was a standard 2 best nets with an ABCD lineup. First place to team Ed Kelly, Wayne Rowland, Christa Storm, and Tom Tarpley at 145, Second place team Helen Mulford, Charlie Roderick, Steve Irish, and Tom Tarpley (blind) at 149.

Third place money went to Bill Buffington, Mike Roblyer, Hobie Swartwood, and Sandra Hochstein at 150. Additional payouts went to Ed Kelly's low gross 75, Steve Irish's L men's net at 77 and Helen Mulford L women's net at 75. Our Closest to the pin (CTP) Helen (again) with 2nd CTP Sandra Hochstein.

Tuesday at Virginia Beach National playing a Stableford format: first place team was Bill Buffington, Don Seyfferth, Sperry Storm, and Kip Seyfferth (blind) 125, Second place to Ed Kelly, Steve Irish, Jack Sullivan, and Carol Boardman at 122, Third place to Greg Morris, Mike Roblyer, Christa Storm, and Sperry Storm (blind) at 117.

Low gross was Bill Buffington's 79, L men's net to Sperry Storm at 72, and L women's net to Carol Boardman 73.

CTP Rich Boardman and 2nd CTP Kip Seyfferth.

Day 3 golf at Honey Bee GC: first place to John Weiss, Chester Taylor, Hobie Swartwood, and Carol Boardman (blind) at 129. Second place to Jim Dong, Helen Mulford, Carol Boardman, and Michael Mulford (blind) 132. Third to Michael Mulford, Mike Roblyer, Tom Tarpley, and Christa Storm at 133.

Low gross to John Weiss at 68, L men's net to Ken Lee 69 and L women's net to Christa Storm at 71. CTP won by Ed Kelly and 2nd CTP Don Seyfferth.

Friday at Stumpy Lake GC: Playing a shamble: First place to Sid n Sandra Hochstein, Rich n Carol Boardman at 117, Second place to Ed Kelly n Martha Arthur, Hobie Swartwood and Christa Storm (blind) at 120, Third place to John Weiss, Charlie Roderick, and Sperry n Christa Storm also at 120. Tie was broken

by a putt-off at dinner won by the Kelly team. Low gross by Michael Mulford with 72, L men's net by Tom Tarpley's 65, and L women's net by Christa Storm's 61!! CTP Helen Mulford and 2nd CTP Charlie Roderick.

ONE MORE THING: Ed Kelly was awarded the crown of MR VIRGINIA BEACH 2024 with a combined 4 round total of -1 net. And Christa Storm was crowned MZ VIRGINIA BEACH with a combined 4 round +5 net



All in all, we had 33 in attendance with 26 golfers from Bay Hills, Compass Pointe, Hobbit's Glen, Hampshire Greens, Holly Hills, Leisure World, Montgomery, Northwest, Ocean Pines, Rattlewood, Musket Ridge and Tantallon (National).

Only one major injury came at the expense of Wayne Rowland who tore a muscle in his hip on day 1 and could hardly finish the round but he did on his first-place team. On Tuesday he left VB for home and a repair job. Last report he is healing and will be ready for next year's F/F.

Jack Sullivan

SMGA Chair, MISGA Club Rep. National GC Tantallon with a combined 4 round +5 net.

MISGA Division 6 Tournament Director

Coordinator Fall Frolic Williamsburg, VA, October 5-11, 2025

also the Winter Fling at Crystal River, FL Feb 28-Mar 6, 2026

(info on misga.org) update coming

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2025 Winter Fling – Canceled!

The Winter Fling at Crystal River 2025 has been cancelled by the resort for hurricane damage so severe they won't reopen until April/May of '25. We hope they will be receptive for February of 2026.

2025 Fall Frolic

The Fall Frolic will drive over to Williamsburg, VA for October 5 to 11, 2025. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites and playing golf at 4 fine courses (Williamsburg National, Kiskiack, Colonial Heritage-Yorktown and Ford's Colony-Blackheath). All the info will be posted online at (<https://misga.org/events.htm>) as soon as the final contracts are ratified. The total package prices are going to be very reasonable. Looking forward to doing our thing in Williamsburg. The total package prices are going to be very reasonable. Interested? Get on my F/F interest list for direct and timely emails. (johnlsul@msn.com)

Some interesting games are being planned and winners can make some moola as well as the recognition. What we're going to have is fun. All will be revealed at the Welcome Reception Sunday evening.

Check the MISGA website under Frolics and Flings for details.