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President's Message



“Don’t it always seem to go; you don't know what you've got ‘til it's gone.” That wonderful lyric, from a classic Joni Mitchell song from the 1960s, is especially timely now. Although those deeply involved with MISGA did know what we had. Lloyd Stimson, although I personally only knew him briefly, was a rock in the MISGA foundation. “Stim” as his friends knew him suddenly passed away early June. His untimely death will certainly

leave a void in the world of MISGA. Besides being very involved at National, Stim was also our Historian on the MISGA Board. Back in 2014 the Green Jacket award was given to a very surprised Lloyd Stimson from Tantallon C.C. Lloyd served as Club Rep (10+ yrs.), Division VI Director, Division VI Associates Chairman, and MISGA Tournament Chairman for over 9 years. He will be sorely missed and obviously our thoughts are with his family and friends. Shortly before Lloyd’s passing MISGA had also lost Jim Wilcox of Hobbits Glen, a Past President and staple for years in the organization.

Besides updating all and acknowledging these fine men, my intent is to reiterate that no one knows what their future holds. So if you aren’t already, get out there and live, laugh and love. Dance like no one is watching. Enjoy every minute and leave no regrets. MISGA is one chance for camaraderie that can enhance our lives. Be a part, be active and enjoy MISGA and the game of golf while we can. Forget those ugly holes and/or scores, cherish the good

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The Lighter Side



"I see the ball bending to the right, then it picks up speed as it goes down a small hill. It curves back to the left for two feet then..."

President's Message, *continued*

ones and look forward to and hope for better rounds. Here's another quote in this vein to consider "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." Bil Keane. I hope it rings true for you.

Now for some good news! Beginning with this issue I have instituted and hope it will continue what for lack of a better term I'll call the Kudos Korner. Essentially, I'm hoping this will become a regular section of the MISGAgram where significant accomplishments will be noted and announced to the masses. To make this successful requires Club reps passing on the news to either the President or the MISGAgram scribe. They, of course, reserve judgement on the news worthiness of the submissions. This issue includes the first of those accomplishments courtesy of Mike Caporaletti and Jack Sullivan.

So that's it for now. As I've said before, Grandma C taught me "Say your piece and then shut up". Enjoy the rest of your summer, play well and have fun! .

Tom Ciandella

MISGA President 2023-2024



Kudos Korner

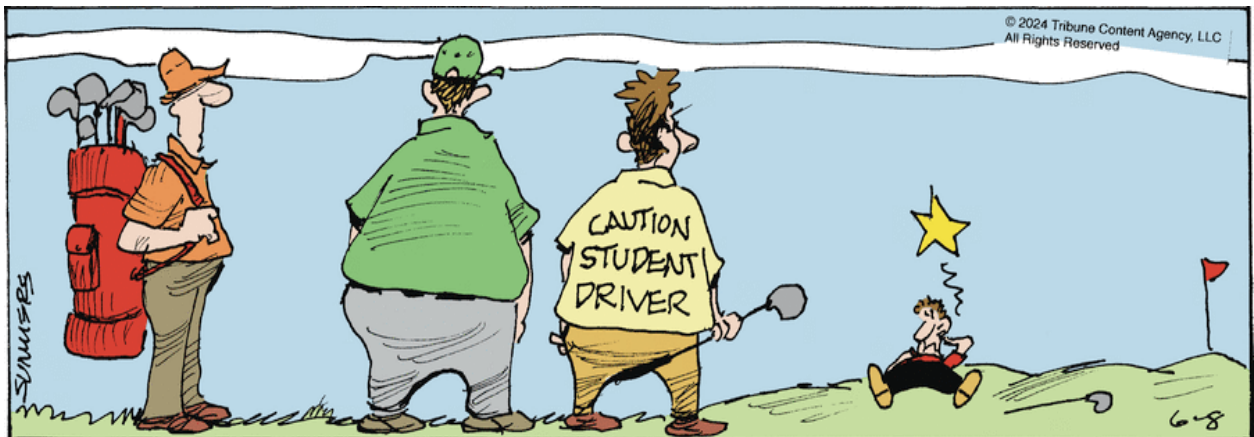


Steve Scarborough made a hole-in-one on hole #11 at Hobbits Glen on May 30.

Ace Man - Steve Scarborough May 30, 2024 - Hole #11

Brooke Greer shot a remarkable 10 under par 62 at Hobbit's Glen on June 6.

Al Green, who was complaining about starting on a par 3, changed his tune when his first stroke of the day-went in the hole #15, Hooray! Low and behold just an hour later our late, beloved, Lloyd 'Stim' Stimson did the same on #6, Hoorah! At the time Stim was 88 and playing lights out.



In Memory of: Lloyd Stimson



Lloyd Kitt Stimson, age 89, a retired education administrator and personnel management administrator with the U. S. Department of Agriculture died, on June 8, 2024, of a heart attack at his home in Fort Washington where he had lived since 1971.

It will surprise no one who knew him that he had played golf that day.

Lloyds service to MISGA covered 20 years:

2018 - 2024 - Historian

2010 - 2018 – Tournaments

2014 – Green Jacket Award

2006 - 2008 – Div 6 Director

2005 – Div 6 Asst Director

1998 – 2008 – Tantallon Club Rep



From the MISGA Archives:

At the annual Club Reps meeting on April 14, 2014 being held at Prospect Bay, the Green Jacket award was given to a very surprised Lloyd Stimson from Tantallon C.C. Lloyd served as Club Rep (10+ yrs.), Division VI Director, Division VI Associates

Chairman, and MISGA Tournament Chairman for over 9 years. Unbeknownst to Lloyd, his wife Linda was present in the building and assisted President Jim Beisler in placing the jacket on his shoulders. Lloyd is now serving as History Chairman.

In Memory of: Jim Wilcox

Dr. James E. Wilcox, Sr. of [Columbia, Maryland](#) passed away peacefully on April 13, 2024.

The following was reported in the MISGA Board Minutes, Thursday, December 8, 2005:

Jim Wilcox's Quest: After the introductions, Paul told the story of Jim Wilcox's quest to play all the golf courses in the state of Maryland. Jim reported on his experience of playing all of the public courses in the state in an article published last year in Washington Golf Monthly. He has just recently completed his quest to play all the private courses in the state and will report on it the spring edition of the same publication which has been renamed Golf Styles. Jim credited MISGA as a prime facilitator in providing access to many of the clubs in his unique quest to play all the 18- & 9-hole golf courses, both public and private in the state of Maryland. To much applause, the Board congratulated Dr. Jim Wilcox, the MISGA Club Representative at Hobbits Glen, for this unique accomplishment.



After that accomplishment he turned to supporting MISGA in a big way. Check out his services and awards:

- December 4, 2018: Received the Green Jacket Award
- 2018-2021: Associates Chairman
- February 2018: Awarded the Commemorative Clock for his service as the MISGA President
- 2017: MISGA President
- 2016: MISGA Vice President
- 2011, 2012 & 2016: Division 4 Director
- 2013-2015: Audit Committee Chairman
- 2008, 2009 & 2010: Division IV Assistant Director
- 2005: Hobbit's Glen MISGA Rep. (and probably for many additional years)
- 2002: MISGA Rules and Handicap Committee Member

He will be missed!

Note: The following is the first two pages of a draft report for the ABCD which was played on June 24. The full report will soon be posted on the MISGA website.

2024 - MISGA PAST PRESIDENT (ABCD) CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's championship tournament was held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the very picturesque and highly pleasurable playing course at Crofton Country Club in Crofton, MD. In the early morning, 98 of MISGA's golden age golfers, representing 19 of MISGA's 33 clubs, jumped into their vehicles and traversed the roadways of Maryland to compete for MISGA's Gross and Net Grand Champion prizes.



Crofton's tee boxes, fairways, greens, as well as the roughs, were in excellent playing shape. While it was a bit warm, the gentle (and not so gentle) breezes made it very bearable. At one point Chuck Woods got the anemometer out and measured the breeze...8-9 mph gusting to 20+ mph! Continuous liquidation was preached.

The four ladies and ninety-four gentlemen played from four sets of tee boxes. ~~Scroll down to page 8 for a complete description of each tee box - flight, tee position, par, distance, rating, slope and handicap adjustment.~~ The "first foursome" to complete the course came in at 4 hours and 45 minutes. The "last foursome" was in at 5 hours and 20 minutes.

THE MISGA PRESIDENTS

The Past Presidents tournament was created in 1991 to recognize and honor MISGA's presidents, both past and present. These hard-working gentlemen have devoted much time and effort to promote the mission and objectives of our illustrious senior's golfing organization. This year, four past presidents participated in the tournament's activities. Left-to-Right: Chuck Woods (2022), Greg Morris (2018), Tom Taylor (2011), and Tom Tarpley (2006).



GROSS GRAND CHAMPION

After all the scorecards had been collected, tabulated, attested and posted, Kirk Thomas (*Prospect Bay - Div. I*) shot a sizzling gross 72 to defeat Barry Falgout (*Leisure World - Div. IV*) by 3 strokes. For his victory, Kirk was awarded the gross grand champions crystal vase trophy and a \$130 pro shop gift certificate. In addition, he will not need to qualify for the 2025 MISGA Past Presidents Championship tournament.



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



NET GRAND CHAMPION

On the Net side of the tournament, the very gifted Rohan Rodrigo (*Bretton Woods - Div. IV*) shot a fiery 65 net to top his closest competitor - Edward Frankoski (*Compass Pointe - Div. VI*) by 3 strokes. For his achievement Rodrigo was awarded the net grand champions crystal vase trophy and a \$130 pro shop gift certificate. He, too, will not need to qualify for the 2025 MISGA Past Presidents Championship Tournament.



L-R: Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chairman), Rohan Rodrigo (NSC) & Chuck Woods (MISGA Tournament Coordinator)

Frolics ‘n Flings

2024 Fall Frolic

We are looking forward to the next great adventure away from our home territory. The Fall Frolic is going to Virginia Beach October 6-12, THIS YEAR. To get the hotel to agree to host this we committed to bringing 40 people. For inducement, we contracted with Virginia Golf Vacations to book 4 great VB area



courses. Golf is the reason for the event but the social aspect and camaraderie of a Sunday evening reception with light fare and a cash bar and on golf days (Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri) a nice buffet dinner. Mornings, the hotel will provide a full breakfast before your tee timed golf. For golf and dinner, we mix you up as much as possible. Couples stay together for dinner.

More detail is available at <https://misga.org/events.htm>. The flyer has hotel, golf course and golf format info. The Entry form has the financial info. An entry in the first 10 registrations may get a king suite upgrade, via a drawing. All this can be had for as little as \$1250 (6 days hotel, food and golf). Detail questions to Jack Sullivan at (see below)

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2025 Winter Fling

At **The Plantation on Crystal River** Feb 23 thru March 1 2025

Opportunity for 4 rounds of golf at Plantation, plus four buffet dinners (cash bar) at a very laid-back older resort. Rooms are right across from the course. All gratuities, taxes and resort fees included.

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.



2024 - MISGA 2-PLAYER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HOLLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB - MONDAY - JULY 29, 2024

IJAMSVILLE, MD (Rain Date: Monday - August 19, 2024)



FORMAT: 18-HOLE - TEAM STROKE PLAY (*Gross & Net Best Ball*)

The maximum field of 50 teams will not be divided into flights. Each 2-Player Team will be competing against all other 2-Player Teams. There will be one **Gross** and one **Net 2-Player Team Grand Champion**.

ELIGIBILITY: All MISGA associates in good standing. Finalists must qualify through their Division's selection process. Finalists must have an established valid **USGA Handicap Index** computed and maintained at the finalist's home club. Teammates of each 2-Player Team must be members of the same club. The 2023 **Gross & Net Grand Champions** are automatically eligible (*do not have to process through their Division's qualification procedure*), but must pay the Entry Fee.

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:

Tournament Playing Handicap = **85%** of Course Handicap (*men & women*)



PRIZES:

1. Based on a full field of 50 teams, 16 total teams (*32% of the field*) will receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate (*the Gross and Net Grand Champions plus 7 gross teams and 7 net teams*).
2. In addition, the **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions** will receive a high quality engraved trophy.
3. Teams desiring to compete for the **Gross Grand Champion** trophy must play from the **SGA Blue** tee placement. Inform your Club Rep when you sign-up.
4. Winners of the four **Closest-to-the-Pin** holes will receive a cash prize - split the pot. \$5 entry fee.

ENTRY FEE: \$110 per person (*\$220 per team*) - includes the prize pool, a buffet breakfast, range balls, cart fee, cash bar cocktail hour (*w/light hors d'oeuvres*) and a buffet dinner.

REGISTRATION: SEE YOUR MISGA CLUB REP

For detailed information, refer to MISGA website, Tournament Info Section, 2024 2-Player Team flyer.