



# News

December 2017

Maplewood Golf Course—4050 Maple Valley Highway—Renton, Washington 98058

*"This is a game of misses. The guy who misses the best is going to win." -Ben Hogan*

## The Prez Sez;

The Prez Says,

It's hard to believe that we are closing out another year. As the year started out with more rain than could be imagined to start the year, followed by one of the hottest summers that both set records. Hopefully we will get a little reprieve this winter. With all that a great shout out to Steve Meyers and his crew for doing an excellent job keeping the course in excellent condition throughout. With the close of the season comes the chance to celebrate the winners from the past year. Our awards banquet is scheduled for January 27th and we have another great evening planned. Tickets are on sale in the pro shop and don't forget we also have our banquet "blind draw scramble" scheduled for that morning. We will continue to pass along updates about the club, golf course and restaurant even though there aren't any club tournaments going on. By now you should have received the email about a dues increase, GHIN announced a \$5.00 increase so that is why we are bumping up the dues. It should be noted that the GHIN fees of \$36.00 represents 40% of our dues, so if you think about the membership package and numerous coupon discounts offered throughout the year we have one of the best deals around for a public facility. We also have our election of officers in progress. Ballots have been sent out and are available at the golf course. Please remember to vote. With the winter months on tap don't forget about the Winter Tournament Series that is run by the pro-shop. The schedule is posted and these are all great events. Also our tournament committee has put together another great schedule for the upcoming season.

All of you should be proud of what we have and your continued support makes us one of the best men's clubs in the area.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

The Prez



## Men's Club Board Members

President	Brian Espe
Vice President	Jerry Bruce
Sec/ Treasurer	Dennis Maples
Handicap Chair	James Postma
Tourn. Director	Craig Johnson
Rules Chairman	Will Reynolds
Trustees	Terry Graham
	Bob Navin

## Tournament Director

The tournament committee was compiling data on pace of play. The initial use of our time clock during the 2017 tournament season helped identify some members that will need to be conscious of keeping within 15 minutes of the group in front of them. A group including the Tournament Chairman did not keep pace with the group in front during the 2-Man Triple Play (clocked in at 34 minutes behind).

The Maplewood 2018 tournament schedule has been finalized. The goal of this tournament schedule was to reduce the congestion of tournaments held in July 2017. We had 3 Men's Club tournaments and 1 Pro Shop tournament.

### **2018 MAPLEWOOD MEN'S CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet (Blind Draw Scramble) <u>(8:00 Shotgun Start)</u>
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Men's Club Membership Dues must be paid to participate in Men's Club Events</u>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	5-Man Scramble <u>(Shotgun Start)</u>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tombstone <u>(Tee Times)</u>
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	4-Man Progressive Best Ball <u>(Tee Times)</u>
March 26 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	* * * <u>AERIFICATION</u> * * *
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Field Day <u>(Tee Times)</u>
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Championship & 49 and Under Open
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> – July 29 <sup>th</sup>	President's Cup (2 Rounds Net, 2 entries only)
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Match Play (First Round) Pre-Pay due on Signup
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	2-Man 2 Day Net Best Ball/ Aggregate Pre-Pay due on Signup (7 stroke differential 7 drives)  <i>(Shotgun Saturday – Tee Times Sunday Calcutta Sunday)</i>
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Field Day <u>(Tee Times)</u> & Jackie Bruce Putting Contest
August 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Club Championship
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Club Championship (Low 8 gross & ties, Low 8 net & ties)
August 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	* * * <u>AERIFICATION</u> * * *
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Field Day <u>(Tee Times)</u>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	2-Man Scramble <u>(Tee Times)</u> (7 stroke differential)
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of 2018 Maplewood Tournament and Weekly Competition Schedule
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-Man "Lone Soldier Scramble" <u>(9:00 AM Shotgun)</u>
January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Banquet Scramble <u>(8:00 Shotgun Start)</u>

### **NON-MEN'S CLUB EVENTS**

April 28 <sup>th</sup> – April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chelan 2-Man Best Ball
May 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bellevue Home & Home (Beat Bellevue!!)
May 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Espe Sequim
May 31 <sup>st</sup> - June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Navin / Mills Mesquite
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Red-White & Blue
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dino's McCaffrey/Neilson Memorial
October 6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chelan 2-Man Scramble
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wilderness Home & Home

The tournament committee hopes that the Maplewood 2018 tournament schedule will be more appealing.

As the year winds down, we would like to remind you of the score posting and handicap update policies of the Washington State Golf Association. Much like most of the Golf Associations located in the northern part of the country, the WSGA observes a period (commonly referred to as Inactive Score Posting Period, or Winter Freeze) where scores from rounds played from within the boundaries of the Association are never acceptable for handicap purposes. That period runs from November 15 to the last day of February. Listed below, you will hopefully find some helpful tips on score posting and handicap updates.

- 1) Scores from rounds played within the boundaries of the WSGA between March 1 and November 14 may be posted at any time, including during our Inactive Score Posting Period.
- 2) Scores from rounds played within the boundaries of the WSGA between November 15 and the last day of February are never to be posted for handicap purposes. While a number of our Member Clubs do use our off-season score-posting program, those scores reside only on the Member Club's computer and are never to be transmitted to GHIN. The WSGA does monitor scores posted during our Inactive Score Posting Period and if we find scores posted at GHIN that should not be posted, we will remove them from the member's scoring record.
- 3) During the entire year, scores from rounds played in an area that is still accepting scores for handicap purposes should be posted as soon as practicable. The preferred method of score posting is immediately following the round at the course where the round was played. So, if you play in Arizona, California, Hawaii, etc. during the winter, those scores should be posted as soon as practicable as they will be used in your next handicap update.
- 4) The USGA Handicap Indexes of all active WSGA Members are updated on the 1st and 15th of every month throughout the entire year, including during our Inactive Score Posting Period.
- 5) Maplewood Men's club will leave Handicaps Active thru February 5th, after that date we will de-activate all members who have not paid their 2018 dues.

Thanks JP

*Rule Golf with Golf Rules*

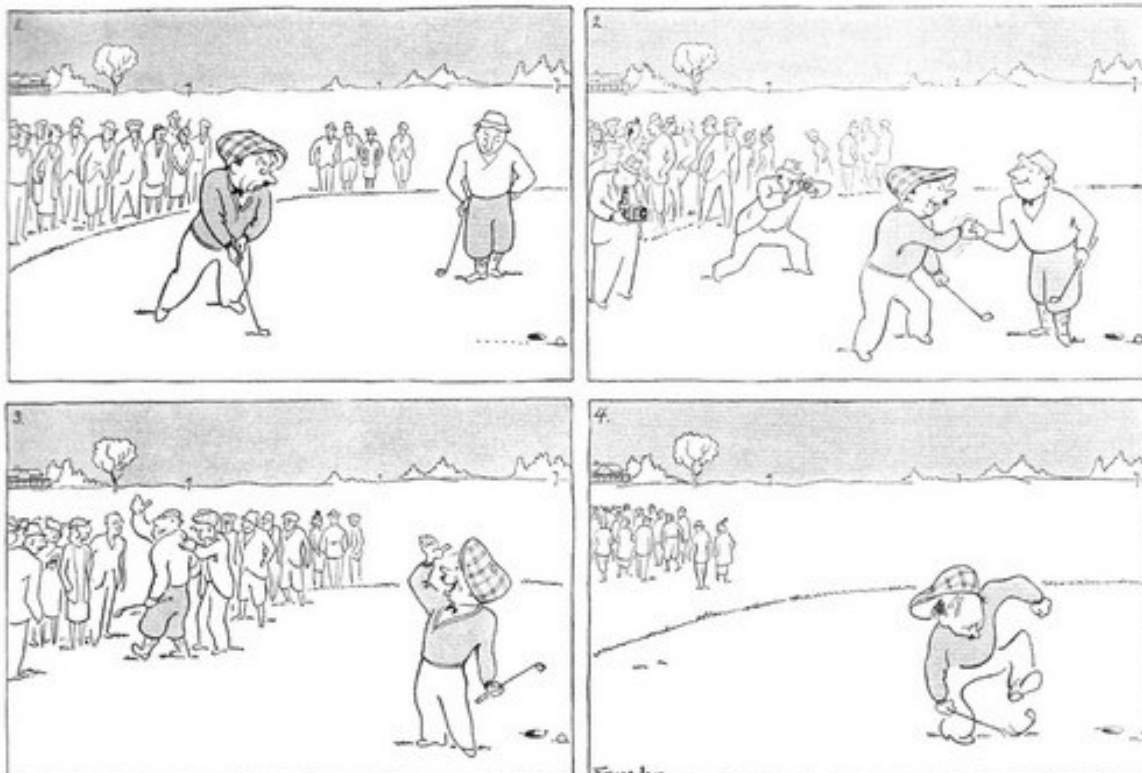
After a very wet start to the year, the rub of the green gave us a fantastic summer and fall. It sure was a pleasurable change.

Many thanks to all who entered the Rules Quiz's this year. This is something where you can't lose. Congratulations to Andrew Tate and Scott Sutton for their winning entries. They both received the \$35 bonus to their book money.

The future will be bringing new revisions to the Rules of Golf. When they're fully defined we will share with all, what comes out.

Until then enjoy your play on the great track, Maplewood Golf Course, we have. Stay aware of our Local Rules and Preferred Rules for the off season. They're there to help us get through the questionable times we all encounter with just about with every shot.

I look forward to the next season and seeing many entries into the Rules Quiz's. They are the only part of this game of golf we play, where you can't lose. You only win.



## From the Pro-Shop

September 6 th , 2017 marked the completion of my first full year as Manager here at Maplewood. To say I have learned a great deal in the last year would be a significant understatement, but would also be recognizing there is much more to running/operating your golf course than I first imagined. For those of you that have attended our Fall Open House events in the last couple years, I hope I've been able to provide you with a glimpse of just how much there is going on each and every day we open the doors for business at Maplewood. From getting the course ready by mowing and rolling the greens, to raking the bunkers, and making sure the heat is on in the building, the staff is here 364 days a year (we do take Christmas off!), to make sure the facility is ready when you walk through the doors.

2017 has been a challenge because of what Mother Nature has thrown our way. From the rain, cold temperatures, and even the snow that plagued us through the first (5) months of the year, we have continued to prepare the course in anticipation of our Customers choosing Maplewood. Despite being down just shy of 5,000 rounds through May, we have still been able to manage our resources and complete several much needed projects around the course that should directly benefit you as a player.

We have listened to some of the comments about our pace of play, and have worked diligently to improve this as best our team can for our golfers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Men's Club Board for their efforts in this regard with the implementation of the timeclock, as well as working with Mike Toll and allowing us to change the starting interval for tee time events from 8 to 9 minutes. Your cooperation with Mike on the first tee when he keeps a tight rein on players wanting jumping the gun, helped us to adhere to the interval, and as a result we experienced a 20-30 minute per round improvement during tournament play.

Our list of projects for 2018 includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of the netting in the Driving Range, replacing the carpeting in the Club House, and hopefully the construction of a chipping area adjacent to the putting green. In addition, we need to replace our fairway mowers, as well as the potential for replacing other pieces of our rolling stock. If you attended the Open House, or took the time to review the presentation material I sent, you will understand how these projects and assets are funded ... It is through the direct result of your continued support of Maplewood. We recognize you have choices of where to play golf and it is my goal, and that of the entire staff, to earn your business each and every day.

My door is always open, I'm regularly checking my e-mail, and would enjoy talking to you about any concerns or suggestions you have that will help to improve Maplewood. As 2017 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support, and wish you and each of your family members a joyous Holiday Season, and a prosperous New Year.

Kindest Regards,

Doug Mills

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