

MAPLEWOOD Men's Club Newsletter

One of the largest, friendliest and most active golf clubs in the area.

February 2019



Men's Club Meetings All members are encouraged to attend

March 6th April 3rd
May 1st June 5th
July 3rd August 7th
September 4th October 2nd
November 6th December 4th
January 8th, 2020

2020 Banquet January 25th

Men's Club Board

President	Brian Espe
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Tournament Director	Craig Johnson
Rules Chairman	Will Reynolds
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THE PREZ SEZ

Wow, what an exciting year we just completed. Our membership topped 400 for the first time since 2008. With the excellent membership number we also had a great participation in our events, with most of them all having 100+ participants. We should be able to get these numbers higher, get your friends to join and if you are some of those members that aren't playing in the tournaments come on out. I know a lot of you aren't happy about the time clock and the penalty that might be incurred if you don't finish in the allotted time. It was a tough decision by the board but it's paid off. We saw on average a 45 minute reduction in the playing time for our events with 2 of them having the whole field finish in 4 ½ hours. The year ended with our annual awards banquet scramble and dinner to honor those winners from the 2018 season. We had 102 members and guest attend. The RiverRock prepared a great meal, we had a raffle for some great golf packages and many door prizes. In the tournament that morning we had 48 players enjoy a fun blind draw scramble.

This past year we were once again treating with some outstanding weather. Very mild in the winter and fall, and then mother nature heated things up a bit. We had one of the hottest summers on record and thru all that the course was in excellent shape. A big shout out to Steve Meyers and his crew they did another excellent job keeping up with the heat as we didn't see much damage that emerged. There were a few greens that got hit with some disease, but their quick response kept the damage to a minimum. Along with the greens crew, many thanks to Doug Mills, Mike Toll and the pro-shop staff for everything they do to make Maplewood a great place to play. And let's not forget John and Barbara Parks along with the RiverRock staff. They continue to make us feel at home, with their food and beverage specials and great service. We even had a beverage cart for every event we held including the Winter Series.

On to the new year, by now many of you have heard there are numerous rules changes that went into effect as of January 1st. Some of them I am pretty sure will take some time to get used to, but we will. I know it's different watching the pro's putt with the flag in, if for one think this will help with the pace of play. Take some time to read up on them, but remember when in doubt play 2 balls. I also want to give an early heads up that this is an election year. We will be taking nominations for all board position (except webmaster) September thru October.. All positions are a 2 year term. If you want to get involved you have plenty of time to think about it. The last thing I would like to mention is about our Constitution and Bylaws. These haven't been reviewed since 2012. Last year I appointed 3 board members (Will Reynolds, Wane Dollasto and Dan Cabot) to review them and recommend changes if needed. That review is complete and you should be getting them via email by the end of the month. Please look them over. We will be having an open forum review at the March & April membership meetings. If you have any questions or concerns attend one of these meetings. We will be voting to accept the changes at the April meeting.

Everybody stay safe as the snow has hit with a vengeance. It appears that we will be getting a late start to our tournament schedule with the inclement weather. Once we get going we are looking forward to a great year. We have a great course, maintenance crew, pro-shop staff, restaurant and by far the best membership around, but we would like to see it get bigger and better. Your input will help us to accomplish this goal.

**Enjoy
The Prez**

Rule Golf with Golf Rules

Here we go into a new season of hope, fairways of dreams. We've a blank canvas to paint with these hopes and dreams of our games to be for the upcoming season.

We've the challenge of a year of new rules interpretations and terminology to start with. These are fully explained on the USGA [usga.org], WSGA [thewsga.org], and PNGA [thepnga.org] web-sites through their writings, pictures, and videos. Do take the time to review these. They explain the changes very clearly. Very good stuff to be aware of.

There are changes with the rules involving whether the flag is left in the hole or not, and what you can do with that. (Rule 13.2) It's a general penalty (Two strokes) if you assume wrong. Learn, get to know the rulings, don't penalize yourself for not knowing.

Get familiar with the MWGC Local Rules and our MWMC Preferred Lies rules for some of the changes we will be held to in our MWMC competition's.

We don't need to remain in the same cut of grass with placing the ball now.

Since listening to music is allowed now (Rule 4.3a-4). With that, earphones and the like, will not be permitted. Just respect others with the volume. Complaints will be cause for this permission to be revoked for all (Rule 1.2).

Please be considerate of all, for all of us who enjoy some tunes.

Do get familiar with these rules changes so as to keep up with your fellow players, who may already be on top of these changes.

This is our new world order for golf. These are the rules standards we'll all be held accountable to. Do take the time to get acquainted with them. Your game will only be improved by knowing what to do and when you can do so.

Knowing the rules will only make it easier. Be a part of 2019 rules quiz's to test you on the new order. You never lose when entering a rules quiz.

We play for the moments yet to come, we play for our day in the sun. Three bad shots and one good one, can still make par. Golf is a game of recovery.

Now lets turn off the snow and cold, heat it up, and lets play golf.



Message from The River Rock Grill

We are looking forward to this season at Maplewood. I'd like to thank you for your great support in 2018. I wanted to fill you in on a few things that are new.

There will be 6 Men's and Women's Club coupons this year instead of 4 and they will change every two months. As a reminder, we will have some new staff members this year so please have your 2019 men's club card available until they get to know you.

MENU Several new items will be appearing on the menus in February:

Breakfast: We are bringing back Huevos Rancheros to the menu. Other new additions include Avocado Toast, Steak & Eggs, and a Macrina Cinnamon roll

Lunch: We will have a Chef's special each noon this spring. In addition, Avocado Toast will also appear on the Lunch menu along with, a BLTA (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, and Avocado) sandwich. We will also feature a grilled cheese with tomato on Macrina brioche bread (ham may be added as an option). We will also add tomato basil soup to our menu.

Dinner: At dinner we are adding a Chef's Beef Special each week and also making Fajitas a permanent menu addition.

PATIO

The patio will open April 1st, weather permitting, and we have booked entertainment for every Friday and Saturday night from May through September.

Again, we greatly appreciate the support of the men's club. Please let us know if you have suggestions for us through the year.

John and Barbara Parks



Tournaments in 2019

The 2-Man rotation tournament format will be chosen by the members this year. During August and September, we will select from one of the following formats:

1. 2-Man Shamble
2. 2-Man Chapman
3. 2-Man Triple Play consisting of 6 holes best ball, 6 holes scramble, and 6 holes Chapman

The competition notebook is being updated. The tournament definitions are completed and accepted by the tournament committee. These descriptions will be in a notebook near the weekly competition drawer and submitted to the website. The rules for the weekly competition are being reviewed by the tournament committee. The weekly competition rules will be placed in the notebook and on the Men's Club website as well.

Pace of Play

In the 2018 tournament season, a pace of play penalty was assessed if one of the following conditions was not met during a tournament round.

- **The scorecard must be stamped upon completion of the round. The scorecard must have scores for each hole recorded. The time clock will be on the scorer's table inside the River Rock bar. The scorecard for the group must be stamped within one of the follow criteria:**
 1. **Round must be completed within 4 hours and 30 minutes**
 - OR**
 2. **Within 15 minutes of the group in front of you.**

Failure to meet the above criteria will result in a 1 stroke penalty assessed to each person in the group on the 18th hole. The scorecard, after being stamped, may be taken away for signatures (competitor and marker only) and checking scores.

We assessed 39 penalties for not meeting the above criteria. The players assessed penalties have been contacted.

The following tips for pace of play were provided by James Postma, Handicap Chairman and Doug Mills, Maplewood Golf course manager.



7 Tips for a More Enjoyable Golf Experience

The tips below aren't designed to rush players but instead to help them be ready to play. With that in mind, here are seven tips for improving pace of play.

1. ***The easiest of all recommendations is to play ready-golf.*** There is no need to debate, particularly when you are in the fairway, who is furthest out. The first person who is ready should hit. That goes for the tee box as well. Do not wait to go in a particular order if you're group is on the tee, and behind pace. *Make a conscience effort to catch the group in front of you.*
2. ***If you aren't hitting, get ready to play.*** Know where and how far you want to hit the ball when it's your turn to swing. After you tee off walk directly to your ball, unless that path impedes your playing partners. Figure out your distance and club and be ready to play.
3. ***Don't wait in the cart for your partner.*** Drop him or her off, go to your ball and get ready for your shot. If you want to leave the cart, that's fine, too, but take a couple clubs and start walking. Nothing wastes more time than sitting in the cart watching someone else play.
4. ***Be aware of how much time you spend looking for balls in the woods.*** Too many amateurs end up traipsing through the trees in search of a ball that will provide an unplayable lie even if found. Don't be afraid to declare a ball lost. Unfortunately, it's part of the game.
5. ***Fill out the scorecard on the next tee box,*** not beside the green where you just putted out.
6. ***Take every precaution to avoid walking back to the cart.*** Keep an extra ball in your pocket if you are in search of one; bring more than one club, particularly if you are chipping and have a variety of choices. Golf is a thinking player's game and using your head before you get to the ball will speed up play.
7. ***Don't mark every putt.*** If you have a two-footer or something just outside the leather, go ahead and knock the ball in the hole. You shouldn't rush, but conversely, there is no need to slave over every putt as if The Masters is at stake.

If one player squanders just 30 seconds per hole, which isn't hard to do, that's nine minutes per round. The reality is the difference between playing in 4:30 and 5 hours isn't as great as some might believe.

One person can back up an entire golf course ... Don't be that person!



2018 Trophy Winners

2-man Scramble / Aggregate

1st Div. James Postma / Jason Pedersen 205.00

2nd Div. Scott Sutton / Bryan Pedersen 198.00

3rd Div. Randy Liefer / John Scholl 193.00

Seniors Championship

Seniors (50 – 59) Terry Graham 64

Super Seniors (60–69) Craig Celigoy 64

Legends (70 & up) Bob Colwell 75

Club Championship

Net Champion Cesar Salas (71, 61, 69 = 201)

Club Champion Christian Downs (75, 74, 75 = 224)

Most Improved Golfer

Anthony Dollasto 13.4 to 08.3 (38 rounds played)

Hole in Ones

Frank Iacolucci #06 05/31/18

Field Day (Low Net of the Field)

Spring Ken McGuire 59

Summer Ryan Spencer 63

Fall Kurt Brandel 60

Leading Money Winner

Jerry Norsby \$860.30

Hall of Fame Award

Terry Gangnes

Golfer of the Year

1st Mike McDaniels 261.05

2nd Jerry Norsby 260.25

3rd Doug Mills 259.75

4th David James 240.75

5th Dan Cabot 237.25

Presidents Cup

1st Div. Aaron Volosin 133

Match Play Champion

Anthony Dollasto

