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Well to say this has been a very strange year is an understatement. As we look back on 2020 it all started off with one of our wettest winters on records and although the course didn't flood as bad as a few years ago we still had situations where the holes on the other side of the river were closed down a for a time. Once we got thru that then the world was hit with one of the worst pandemics since the Spanish Flu that saw everything turned upside down. The course was closed for 6 weeks and many other businesses and jobs disappeared. Once the course was able to open again, I applaud the Doug, Mike, and the rest of the staff at Maplewood for everything they did to ensure that we had a safe place to play and enjoy a great day on the links.

With everything that has gone on the club had to adapt to, that meant the cancellation of our weekly competition and a few tournaments. It also changed the way we ran the tournaments that we still chose to run. I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support during this time. For the events that we have run, participation was great and almost all of our events have had close to 100 players each time. Also, we can't forget the hardship that the RiverRock has gone thru during this time. Many thanks to John and Barbara for their continued support of the club and everything they have done so we can still have a place to meet afterwards and enjoy a bite and beverage within the guidelines that the Governor has passed down. Also, to each of you who continue to support them during this difficult time. One of the most challenging of those guidelines is the size of groups. Going forward we need to be careful on meeting afterwards and I for one need to realize that we can't have large groups in the parking lot. With this being so visible to the traffic passing by the last thing we need to for somebody to report this to the Mayor. As we play thru the winter and continue to have events, I ask everybody to be cautious of gathering afterwards so we don't draw attention.

On a staffing note, many of you may not know that our General Manager Doug Mills has chosen to retire. We need to thank him for everything he did during his 4 ½ year tenure at Maplewood. He was a big part in the implementation and success of our membership package that has been a great benefit for all of us. He was on top of keeping up with the guidelines set forth to ensure that the facility was safe for all during this pandemic. Enjoy Retirement Doug.

Let's not forget everything that the greens crew has done this year with a minimal staff. The challenges this year in keeping the golf course in excellent shape shows their dedication to ensuring that we have a top notch place to play. Many thanks to Steve Meyers and his crew.

One change we have during the pandemic is the inability of not being able to hold our Annual Awards Banquet in January. We will still hold our 4-man scramble that will be done with tee times instead of a shotgun. We will have the trophies there during the day for all to see and the winners can pick up the event. Hopefully if you are an award winner you will be able to play in the event.

The board is looking forward to 2021 and hoping that we start to see things moving back to normal. Our Tournament Director / Craig Johnson has put together a great schedule for next year. The schedule will be available in January/.

Trophy Winners are:

Jerry Norsby	Jack Hanson	Ken McGuire	John Marinacci
Josh Lindor	Noel Pudwill	Tim Pilgrim	Andy Richards
Bob Witter	Mike Patterson	Joshua Lopez	Dan Kump
Steve Fiser	Mike Lindor	Dan Cabot	Brian Espe

In closing I can't say enough about how proud I am of this membership and how you have all handled this difficult situation. Your continued support goes to show that we are the best men's club around.

Stay Safe and have a Happy Holiday Season
The Prez

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