



MAPLEWOOD Men's Club Newsletter

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



February 2020

Men's Club Meetings

All members are
encouraged to attend

March 4th	April 1st
May 6th	June 3rd
July 1st	August 5th
September 2nd	October 7th
November 4th	December 2nd
January 6th , 2021	

2021 Banquet January 30th

Men's Club Board

President	Brian Espe
Vice President	Jerry Bruce
Secretary / Treasurer	Dennis Maples
Handicap Chairman	James Postma
Tournament Director	Craig Johnson
Rules Chairman	Terry Graham
Trustees	Dan Cabot Ken McCollim
Web Master	Bryon Schultz

THE PREZ SEZ

As we welcome in a new season, we had another great season. The year didn't start of the best with a rough February. For the first time in many years we had to postpone our first tournament (5-Man Scramble) due to the course being closed the whole month of February after mother nature decided to dump numerous inches of snow on the region. Once we were able to kick the schedule in gear we had a great year. The majority of our events had 95+ players along with great prize funds. For the season we paid back \$54,000+ via tournaments, specials and weekly competitions. Our membership remained steady at 380+. These numbers are great as we had 25% of the membership participate in our events. We finished off the 2019 season with our annual awards banquet on January 25th. We had 93 members and guests in attendance and we handed out 29 awards to 25 members. All award winners are listed in this newsletter. We also had numerous door prizes and raffle winners. Our special presentation was the money that we presented from the Ed McCaffrey / Gordy Neilson Memorial Golf Tournament. We had a full field of 144 players. This past year we raised \$23,000 in memory of Ed & Gordy. The benefactors were Renton & Lindberg Golf Teams (\$1,600), Hazen Golf teams (\$8,000), Liberty Golf Teams (\$10,200), Clubs for Kids (\$2,500) and Renton Special Olympics (\$700). We are already making plans for our 2020 event that is scheduled for August 1st at Maplewood. Save the date and come on out and enjoy this fun event in honor of two great gentleman that were past members of our club. The live band featured our own Matt Johnson and Shawn Trudeau. A great way to cap our 2019 season and begin 2020.

To begin the new year we announced our new board for the 2020 – 2021 seasons. We have a few changes. I would like to welcome Terry Graham as our Rules Chairman and Ken McCollim as a Trustee. With these changes many thanks to our past Rules Chairman / Will Reynolds. Since 2012 Will has been instrumental in working with our head pro Mike Toll and the P.N.G.A. to keep our local rules current and address the various situations that we encounter on the course. Also many thanks to Trustee / Wane Dallosto who served for the past 2 years. Both Will

and Wane along with Dan Cabot review and proposed changes to our By-Laws and Constituion this past year. Will and Wane, thank you for your time serving on our board and making our men's club better. Our membership package for this year is better than ever with a \$135 value, not bad for only \$90 membership dues. Many thanks to our General Manger / Doug Mills and the RiverRock for this great benefit to our members. Our goal is to top the 400 membership mark and the board is working on some ideas to increase our total. Feel free to pass along any ideas you might have to increase our membership.

With this new year we will be going with the new handicap system that is being adopted throughout the world. The new World Handicap System or WHS has numerous changes. First and foremost is the way that your course handicap is calculated and revisions will now happen every time you post a score. There is more to come. We need to be patient as we work thru these changes. More to come from our handicap chairman James Postma.

The tournament schedule will be starting up by the time you get this. Our tournament chairman Craig Johnson has put together another excellent schedule for 2020. This is posted on the website and you will get a pocket calendar with your membership package.

We are looking forward to a great 2020 season. See you at the course.

Enjoy,
The Prez

2019 Trophy Winners

2-man Scramble / Aggregate

1st Div.	Jerry Norsby / Tim Pilgrim	194.00
2nd Div.	Tony Bubenias / Guy Clausen	196.00
3rd Div.	Ted LaValley / Noel Pudwill	193.00

Seniors Championship

Seniors (50 – 59)	Neal Diemert	62
Super Seniors (60 – 69)	Michael Diemert	67
Legends (70 & up)	Marshall Brenden	68

Hole in Ones

Bryce Wilson	#14	01/12/19
Bryan Pedersen	#06	01/20/19
Todd Byrne	#06	05/31/19
Pat Westergard	#14	08/14/19
Allen Bowdle	#12	09/24/19

Field Day (Low Net of the Field)

Spring	Dan Cabot	63
Summer	Bob Colwell	61
Fall	Tim Malgarini	61

Leading Money Winner

Matt Mahaffey	\$792.10
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Golfer of the Year

1st	Matt Mahaffey	225.40
2nd	Mike McDaniels	220.15
3rd	Don Patterson	216.65
4th	Mike Patterson	215.75
5th	Dan Cabot	206.25

Presidents Cup

1st Div.	William Scott Smith (Smitty)	134
2nd Div.	Gene Knox	134

Match Play Champion

William Scott Smith (Smitty)

Club Championship

Net Champion	Jeremy Kruize	(66, 73, 64 = 203)
Club Champion	Greg Caffrey	(67, 73, 81 = 221)

Most Improved Golfer

Ken McCollim 9.2 to 6.0 (66 rounds played)

Hall of Fame Award

Mike McDaniels



From The Pro-Shop

The start to the New Year and the new decade has been a little “soggy” to say the least. However, the good news is we have not seen the snow that Mother Nature gave us last year at this time, (*keep your fingers crossed there are no flakes in our future!*).

While the golf course has been very wet, we were fortunate to get all of the 2019-20 Winter Tournament Series events played according to the original schedule. Thanks to all (391) of you that participated in this year’s tournaments. Not only did we average (98) players per event, we had a record year for sponsorship, bringing in almost \$5,100 to add to the purses for each tournament. In the end, the “Race to the Cup” was very close, with our eventual champion, Brian Ling prevailing with a great final round.



During my last couple of rounds, I have noticed an increased number of ball marks on the greens, especially the par 3’s. This concerns me because this time of year it takes much longer for these marks to heal. I would remind all our members to fix your own and at least two other ball marks on each green during your round. It’s also a good time of year to take a moment to refresh yourself with our “**4Rs-Adopt-A-Hole**” program, (*posters are displayed around the facility*);

Rake a Bunker – Repair an Extra Ball Mark – Replace/Fill Extra Divots – Remind Your Partners to do the Same!

Steve Meyers and his Staff do an outstanding job with the maintenance and presentation of the golf course for all of us to enjoy. *Together, let’s do our part to leave the course in better condition than we found it!*

Another change in 2020 that we all get to learn about is the new “World Handicap System” (WHS). This introduces several changes to the legacy GHIN handicap system we have used for years. To help ALL of us understand what these change encompass, we have purchased a number of informational posters (10 in all), that are on the wall in the Pro-Shop, directly across from the handicap computer. Each one of these posters explains in detail the differences in how your handicap is now calculated, maintained, and administered under the WHS. I would encourage you to take the time to review these, as they are very informative and easy to understand.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your business. Despite being closed for (23) days in February, we had a solid finish to 2019. We are poised to have another good year in 2020, but cannot do it without your support of Maplewood.

Kindest Regards,
Doug Mills



From the Rules desk: **Terry Graham/Rules Chairman**

First point of this article is to thank everyone that voted for me in the recent election. I really appreciate all the support. Secondly is I always take pride in obeying rules. Regardless of whatever it is. I was taught at a young age from my grandfather and father. I hoped that I instilled this in my kids too. So much that I couldn't believe that my very own Son broke a rule in the last winter series event. The broken rule was not finishing the 7th hole. Weston was not playing well on that hole and became very frustrated. He missed a tap in putt and bent over and picked up his ball without putting it out. I was in shock and thought I was having a dream, I said what did you just do? He stood there looking at me with a blank look on his face. Do any of you know the ruling on this infraction?

- 1. I didn't know what the actual rule was for this breach.**
2. I resorted to Googling it but didn't find anything?
3. Did I need to DQ my own kid for something we do every weekend?
- 4. Correct the rule infraction by making him replay the shot?**
5. Discuss the infraction with the rest of the group?

So you see my dilemma. After the round I went to the tournament committee and they assessed a penalty and took away his chance to place in the individual scoring. He learned from his mistake and I hope it never happens to him again. We all need to take these tournament rules, local rules and USGA rules seriously. Learn them, breath them and obey them. If in doubt, ASK before you ACT and use that 2 ball rule. Protect yourself along with the rest of the field.

Terry Graham



Tournament Handicap

With the new World Handicap System (WHS), the current plan is for tournament handicaps to be downloaded some time during Thursday.

Weekly Competitions

The Maplewood Men's Club board will be discussing how to incorporate the WHS with the weekly competition.

Additional weekly competitions are being reviewed for inclusion in the competition schedule.

2020 Tournament Schedule

Twelve tournaments have been scheduled for the 2020 Tournament Season.

For the 2-Man 2-Day tournament held June 27th to June 28th, you must have played in at least one Men's Club to participant.

The Club Championship held on August 8th and 9th, you must have participated in a stroke play event back to and including the 2019 Club Championship. For example, if played in the 2019 Fall Field Day you would be eligible.

On October 31st, the tournament format is TBA. Suggestions for this tournament are welcome.

Also, the tournament committee will be investigating side games for the tournaments.



Five things you need to know about the new World Handicap

1. Fewer scores count toward your Index. System:

Under the old USGA system, 10 of your past 20 rounds contributed to your Handicap Index. With the WHS, that number falls to eight of your past 20. The reduction, allows for greater responsiveness to good scores and rewards more consistent play.

2. Your Index updates in your sleep.

Those accustomed to getting a new Index the first and 15th of each month, take note. That rhythm changes under the WHS, with a new Index calculated daily (or at least any day after a golfer posts a new score). This is meant to create a more responsive handicap and keeps players from having to wait up to two weeks for new scores to have an impact. Tournament committees beware: It will be best to establish clear cutoff dates for handicaps. Also, all members need to post promptly, preferably the day you play. Use the GHIN App, Computer Kiosk at the Course, or GHIN online.

3. Welcome to the net-double-bogey world.

To safeguard against (cough) sandbagging (cough), the USGA system employed Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) to cap the maximum score on any hole. ESC was calculated on a sliding scale, depending on your course handicap (10-19 could take no more than a 7 on any hole, 20-29 took a max of 8, etc.). The WHS also has a maximum, but it uses net double bogey as the universal standard. This provides consistency in its application and is a nod to handicap systems used in other parts of the world, particularly those that use Stableford scoring, where net double bogey is the equivalent of zero points. Net double bogey equals double bogey plus whatever stroke allotment you get for the hole played

4. Your Index will weather the storm.

Modern technology can tell you within a yard of how far you are from the flag on any hole. Why can't it make your Handicap Index more intuitive? It will thanks to the addition of a "playing conditions calculation" (PCC) that adjusts how your score impacts your Index depending on the average of all scores posted at that course that day. Say 20 mile-per-hour winds cause you to shoot in the high 80s when you normally post 78s and 79s. The WHS algorithm accounts for this to keep the score from negatively affecting your Index, particularly if all scores that day were high.

5. How many shots you're getting will change.

Although the formula that computes your Handicap Index isn't fundamentally changing, the one that calculates how many shots you're getting from any set of tees is. Previously, your course handicap represented the number of strokes you got based on your Handicap Index in relation to course rating, a metric that only the most avid golfers knew or understood. Now course handicaps reflect the strokes you get in relation to par, a more intuitive measure for most golfers (To do this, the formula adds "course rating minus par" to the equation.)

Tournament chairs will appreciate this. Now they won't always have to make stroke adjustments when golfers are playing from different tees or when men and women are competing against each other.

Note that course-handicap values from tee to tee will vary more under the new system. Golfers playing forward tees will get fewer strokes than before, and those playing back tees will get more. This might affect matches in which you're playing from one tee and your opponent is playing from another. It's possible you'll receive or have to give more strokes than in the past. But if you're playing the same tees, the difference in the shots you're giving/getting from an opponent should be minimal. That's because the equation is applied to all.

