



# News

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

## The Prez Sez

As I sit here putting together our first news letter of 2011 I would like to take a few moments and reflect on this past season. A year that started off with great hope with the announcement of a new membership package was a good way to start off the year. We saw an increase in membership for the first time since 2001, ending up with 399 members. With that we also saw an increase in returns to you. Overall money posted to your accounts for the year exceeded \$35,000. Congratulations to all winners.. We also saw the driving range get a little sprucing up with a new turf cover. The greens crew also did another excellent job. Mother Nature dealt them another season of tuff weather and with that we saw the dreaded fungus return to many of our greens. Their quick response kept it to a minimum. Although some greens were harder hit than others they should be commended on a job well done. Overall they have kept the course in excellent playing condition all year long. Lets also not forget the pro-shop, they have once again done an excellent job. They assist with our events and weekly competition and are always there for you the members when you are looking for a deal or suggestion on merchandise. And let's not forget the RiverRock. They have always put forth a great venue for us to enjoy our events with food and beverage specials all year long. We had a great year with events too. Participation was up and many players won awards throughout the year. We had eight hole in one's with two members having two each. You also came thru in the Ed McCaffrey / Gordy Nielson memorial., donations this year were \$2,900 bringing our 11 year total to \$20,400. There was also the home and home victories against Bellevue and Riverbend. Along with all the good this past year there was also a little sadness, we lost two very dear members of our family, Tom "Moose" Staudt and Bill Niemi. Also to end the year was our annual awards banquet. It was attended by a record number of 132 members and guests. The food was great and many of you were presented awards. Our golfer of the year was Bill Schuman and our Hall of Fame award was presented to Harold Greene. All award winners from 2010 can be found later in this newsletter. So much for 2010, let's talk about 2011 season. Your board is very excited for this upcoming year. We have decided to raise our dues to \$75, this increase was dictated by GHIN raising their fees 10%. A letter explaining this is included with this news letter. The tournament schedule that Doug has put together is another great one. There are a few changes that should make this year better than last. We have also been approached by Fairwood Golf & CC on possibly having a few joint events. With the help of Steve Niemi we have had initial talks and tentatively we are working on the date of April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> event. There will be more info on this as we get closer to the date. When you pay your dues please include your updated email address. We are continually sending out Tournament and men's club updates throughout the year. The board also late last year decided to make a modification to the Ed McCaffrey scoreboard. We are going to modify the scoreboard so we can add the names of past men's and ladies club members. This will become a true memorial scoreboard. More info on this will be published after the score board has been updated. Let's have a great year and get your buddies who aren't members here to come on down and join. We have a great facility and one of the best courses in the area. Oh yea and all of you make up the best men's club in Washington. See you at Maplewood.

## The Prez

### NON-MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

February 19th	WTS – Individual Points
March 5th	Ball Buster
April 30 – May 1	Chelan 2-Man Best Ball
May 7 – 8	Bellevue Home & Home
May 14-15	Washington State Open
May 28 – 29	Espe Sequim
June 2 – June 6	Mesquite
June 25 – 26	Harwood Reno
July 16	Jackie Bruce Memorial
August 27	McCaffrey/Neilson Memorial
October 1 – 2	Chelan 2-Man Scramble
TBD	River Bend Home & Home



## A message from the Superintendent:

As we enter 2011, I would like to thank the membership for their continued patronage at Maplewood Golf Course and for doing their part by repairing ball marks and fixing divots. This winter has been a little nicer to us compared to the past couple years, as far as cold weather and snow goes. The greens are looking and playing good considering the amount of rain we have had.

The greens aerification dates for spring will be March 21st or March 28th depending on the weather.. The fall aerification is scheduled for August 29th. Aerification is a necessary evil, relieves compaction, removes thatch, improves drainage and allows oxygen to reach the root zone. The maintenance staff takes pride in getting the greens back to playing condition as soon as possible. This spring we are scheduling a deep tine aerification at the same time we do our regular coring. Deep tine aerification goes to a depth of 8-10 inches, regular coring is about 4-5 inches. This will give the soil profile additional and deeper area's for drainage as well as removes more of the deeper compacted soils improving the overall soil/turf health. The light topdressing on the greens and fairways will also continue throughout the growing season.

The #3 tee area will continue to have improvements done throughout this spring and summer. We have enlarged the white tee area, added a walk path and are still in the process of expanding the red tee area. Most of this work is being done in house to keep cost as low as possible. We are also looking at some possible drainage and cartpath work in that area as well.

Due to the heavy rains in December; we had a small land slide on the hill left of the #2 blue tee area above the rockery. We have removed some of the logs, more work will begin on that hill as things start to dry out.

Maplewood Golf Course has been awarded recertification into the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program after showing our commitment to Environmental awareness, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach & Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation and Water Quality Management. We are 1 of only 12 golf courses in Washington and 816 courses worldwide to be recognized for Environmental Excellence by Audubon International.

In addition, I would like to recognize the efforts and thank both the maintenance staff and pro shop staff throughout the trying 2010 season.

Please remember to fix your ball marks and repair your divots. This will make it more enjoyable for everyone that plays.

Steve Meyers  
Golf Course Superintendent

## “Winter Rules” Rule Change

As if the current, actually old now, PNGA “Preferred Lies” or “Winter Rules” Local Rule isn't confusing enough, it has been replaced by two different options – none that come close to the old one. As of this time, the new Preferred Lies will not take effect for Maplewood Men's Club golf tournaments until the next “winter rule” season, hopefully late September or even October. We will start the year and play under the current “Winter Rules” policy – please check it out on our website ([www.maplewoodmensclub.com](http://www.maplewoodmensclub.com)).

If you are planning to participate in any PNGA or WSGA events, please be aware that they will be using the new rule, either option #1 or option #2 (depending on how they feel that they). Please familiarize yourself with both options (see PNGA's official Preferred Lies Local Rule below) and with the conditions of the competition for the tournament (player's responsibility).

The main difference between the two new rules is that under Option #1 you are able to clean the ball anywhere on the course, but the ball must be replaced its original spot (no 6” anymore). Under the 2<sup>nd</sup> option the cleaning of the ball is allowed only in your own fairway (closely mown area) and then 6” or a club length may be permitted (some pre-defined distance).

Under both rules it does not matter anymore how close you are to a tree, stump, shrub or an out of bounds stake your ball may be... You are entitled to clean your ball under Option #1 but you must replace it in the original spot while under the Option #2 you will not be able to touch it as you probably won't be in the fairway. Also be aware that a local “embedded ball” rule may be in effect thru the green an as always be familiar with the Rule 25-1c – Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found.

Thanks!  
Dragan

## From the Pro:

Seattle is such a beautiful place to live but it is sometimes dark, gloomy and wet in the winter months. Winter can still be a time to work on things to improve our game.... The good news, spring is right around the corner!!!! If you look at the top players, they surround themselves with a team to help them improve. The most common, a swing coach, sports sociologist, fitness trainer and caddie. Each and every one of these individuals can play a major role in a players success. Since most of us do not have the monetary means to have all these individuals help us improve, we all know a golf professional who would be able to help us with our game, if we would let them!!!! So, we should seek out these individuals to help us enjoy the game more. As mentioned before in the colder months and at sea level, it is not a great time to work on distance. Let's face it, the ball just is not going to travel as far here in Seattle in the winter months, so what can we do???

1. Good time to work on a your pre shot routine.
2. Grip, posture, alignment, ball position, timing and tempo.
3. Cardio, running or walking.
4. Stretching and light weights.

During the cold wet months, all these may be done in the comfort of your own home. With some time spent on a couple of these and warmer weather, you should see improvement in your game. Please let me know if I may assist you in any way to make your day on the golf course more enjoyable.

*Mike Toll*  
PGA Head Professional

**Watch for your 2011 club membership  
packet in the mail after you pay your dues.**

## Western Washington Sweeps News;

Many of you may not be aware, but we are a member of the W.W.G.A.. This association has member courses throughout Western Washington. They run numerous events throughout the year. These are a two man team crossover and individual gross and net. The schedule includes some great courses that you may not normally go play. The signups for these events are posted on the Men's Club board and if you have any questions let me know. I would be glad to give you more information. The events run Saturday – Monday. You can play on any of the days or choose to play all three.

Gene Knox  
W.W.G.A Rep / President

### 2011 Maplewood Men's Club Tournaments

Date	Event	Pre-Pay Cutoff
February 26th	5-Man Scramble	February 24th
March 19th	Tombstone	March 17th
March 21st	* * * AIRIFICATION * * *	
April 16th	Spring Field Day	April 14th
May 21st	Seniors Championship	May 19th
June 1 – 30th	President's Cup	
June 11 – 12th	2-Man 2-Day Scramble/AGGIE Pre-Pay due on Sign-up (Calcutta 2nd day) Wednesday June 8th cut-off	

Member MUST have played in at least (1) 2011 Men's Club Tournament to participate in Calcutta

Date	Event	Pre-Pay Cutoff
July 9th	Summer Field Day	July 7th
July 23rd	Match Play	Pre-Pay due on Sign-up Wednesday July 20th cut-off
August 13 – 14th	Club Championship	August 11th
August 20th	Club Championship (Low 8 gross & ties)	
August 29th	* * * AIRIFICATION * * *	
September 24th cut-off	4-Man (3) Net	Wednesday Sept 22nd
October 8th	Fall Field Day	October 6th
October 22nd	2-Man Triple Play	October 20th
January 21st 2012	Banquet	

## 2010 Award Winners

### 2-MAN Scramble / Best Ball (36 HOLES)

1st Division	Justin Mentink/ Darren Case	(119.75)
2nd Division	Bob Colwell/ Terry Hjermstad	(124.25)
3rd Division	Rocky Jones/ Craig Lynch	(124.25)

### Seniors Championship

Seniors	(50 - 59)	Rick Craddock	(64)
Super Seniors	(60 - 69)	Dennis Harrison	(65)
Legends	(70 - up)	Jim Kostohris	(76)

### HOLE IN ONES

John Sheen	#06	05/09/10
Craig Celigoy	#14	07/28/10
Dan Cabot	#14	06/20/10
	#14	07/31/10
Bill Schuman	#06	07/31/10
Ken Christianson	#14	12/10/10
Dan Campi	#14	07/14/10
	#02	08/15/10

### Field Day (Low Net of the Field)

Spring	Will Reynolds	(64)
Summer	Paul Diaz	(63)
Fall	Steve Niemi	(64)

### PRESIDENTS CUP

1st Division	Jerry Norsby	(135)
2nd Division	Mike Berger	(134)
3rd Division	Gary Garvin	(134)

### Ed McCaffrey / Gordy Nielson(2 Person Scr)

Justin Mentink / Darren Case	(54.75)
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### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Div	Jeff McKenzie	
2nd Div	James Postma	
3rd Div	John Lewis	
4th Div	Jeremy Kruize	
Net Champion	Harrison Diemert	(64, 66 = 130)
Club Champion	John Sheen	(74, 72, 72 = 218)

### MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Div	Terry Graham
2nd Div	Wane Dalosto

### LEADING MONEY WINNER

John Sheen	Total Won \$868.00
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### GOLFER of the Year

1st	Bill Schuman	190.25	\$125.00
2nd	Bob Gomavitz	189.00	\$100.00
3rd	Dan Cabot	185.50	\$ 75.00
4th	Jerry Dronen	181.00	\$ 50.00
5th	Bob Navin	180.25	\$ 25.00

### MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

Harrison Diemert

### HALL OF FAME AWARD

Harold Greene

## Hello gentlemen!

2010 - The year of "NO SUMMER"! Good riddance. Here's to looking forward to a good golfing weather year.... ONE TIME.

What a great year end banquet.... As usual a ton of fun and, according to Brian the best attended ever. Would like to start out with some THANK YOU'S:

- Thank you to the Maplewood Men's Club for your continued support and feedback over the years. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and friendly club here at Maplewood.
- Thank you to Mike Toll and his staff, Kirk Gleason and Chris Hughes, for ALL of their hard work and dedication throughout 2010 and again hosting a great Winter Tournament Series.
- Thank you to Steve Meyers and the entire maintenance staff for their hard work throughout the year to keep the golf course in the best playable conditions. As well as some of the on course maintenance projects like rebuilding portions of #3 tee box.

We are happy to again offer the Club Membership Benefit Package (coupons). This year they include the following: (Approx. \$89 value)

- Birthday dinner – (\$15 value- RiverRock will honor Jan. and Feb. Birthdays)
- ½ off Sunday Brunch – (\$8.75 value)
- Discounts on beverages in the bar (2) \$3 off pitchers of beer, (2) \$2 off glass of wine, and (2) \$2 off well drinks (\$14 value)
- 1 free 18 hole round of golf (\$31)
- \$10 off ANY lesson
- (5) Free warm-up buckets (\$10)

A couple of final items:

- There will be NO INCREASE in fees this year
- We have committed to the Single Rider Cart Rate again this year
- Continued promotions through March – "Bucket and Bites" - \$12 for large bucket and a meal, and "Trifecta" - \$33 for reg./ \$27 for Seniors – Golf, Cart and Lunch special

Also as a reminder, or new information to new members:

- The golf course is operated as an Enterprise Fund – which means that we are **completely self sustaining**. The golf course receives absolutely no money from the city; in fact we pay the city for some services, i.e., payroll and accounts payable, utilities, etc.
- The golf course also is responsible for paying off the bond that was used to construct the clubhouse and driving range – approx. \$440,000 per year.
- The golf course also reserves approx. \$100k annually into a capital fund, which has been reduced due to the economy.

Thank you for choosing Maplewood as your home course, me and the entire staff do appreciate it. Please know that **my door is always open**, or phone - 425-430-6617, or email [kbeymer@rentonwa.gov](mailto:kbeymer@rentonwa.gov), if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to talk golf!

Keep swinging for the greens,

Kelly Beymer  
Parks and Golf Course Director

## From the Handicap Chairman;

Beginning March 1st, scores from rounds played within the WSGA boundaries (Washington State and North-western Idaho) will once again be acceptable for handicap purposes. It is the responsibility of each golfer to post every acceptable score as soon as practicable.

Acceptable score types include:

- 1) Those where you play 7 or more holes (If you play 7 to 12 holes you post a nine-hole score. If you play 13 or more holes you post an 18-hole score).
- 2) Scores from all courses that have a USGA Course and Slope Rating, whether home or away.
- 3) Those made in both match play and stroke play including those made in multi-ball competitions.
- 4) Those made under the principles of the Rules of Golf. If you play Winter Rules/Preferred Lies that score must be posted. Please see article below on PNGA Preferred Lies Procedure.
- 5) Those made during a competition in which you may have been disqualified as long as the round meets any of the acceptable types of scores mentioned above.

Did you know that the preferred way to post scores is as soon as practicable at the course at which you played the round? Posting of scores via the Internet, facsimile or when you return to your home club should always be the secondary method of posting scores not the primary option.

James Postma  
Handicap Chairman

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