



# MPMGA Newsletter

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## Monthly Newsletter

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## President's Message

As I write this, we have just completed another successful Member Guest. It was a bit smaller than in the past, but it was a lot of fun. Getting to play in this event with my son is very special. We had a great time. Joe Oczak, Dan Schroeder, and their team put on a great event. And the closing meal was fabulous.

Congratulations to the Member Guest overall winners, Scott Brewbaker and his guest Bill Vann. Also, congratulations to the AGA Qualifier winners a couple weeks ago – the teams of Don Sanders & Tom Winch, Matt Kambic & Joe Strong, and Rick Cole & Don Erickson. MPMGA will pay their way into the AGA Club Team Championship Qualifier event in November. And finally, congratulations to Bruce Fink for winning the President's Cup overall championship this year. Many fine rounds of golf are behind all those feats.

We are done with special events for a while now. But we have fun and varied games each week. So, sign up and come have some fun!

With the weather forecast in the 90s this week, hopefully we can FINALLY be done with frost delays. It sure seems like it has been a long winter, and colder than normal. But we should be grateful that we live here. It seems like most other parts of the country have had things even worse.

Finally, guys, as usual – hit 'em long and hit 'em straight. If you can't do both, at least hit straight.

Dick Helms  
MPMGA President

## 2023 MPMGA Dues

Full Member: \$100 after 1/1/2023  
\$65 after 7/1/2023

Handicap Only: \$50 after 1/1/2023  
\$30 after 7/1/2023

Application forms and online join/renew instructions are on the website

Note: Online join/renew fees discounted \$5

## Correct Method of Ball Mark Repair

### RIGHT

- 1) Insert tool on the high side behind the ballmark.
- 2) Push the back of the ball mark toward the center.
- 3) Do not lift or twist with the tool.
- 4) Close the hole by pushing both sides of the mark into the center.
- 5) Gently tap the surface down with your putter.
- 6) Never use a piece of loosened turf for repair.



Only YOU can prevent ball mark damage!  
*Remember:*

### WRONG!

Pulling up on the center or the sides will tear roots and result in brown spots, taking weeks for the surface to heal.



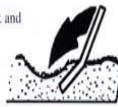
### WRONG!

Do not pull up with green repair tool. This will only bring sand to the surface and tear the root system.



### RIGHT!

Insert tool and push back and sides forward to center -no damage to root system. Healing starts immediately.



## 2023 ACES

Don Plapinger, MV #17  
Ron Victor, MV #17  
Alan Doan, TP #6

## 2022 ACES

Dennis Marchand, TP #14  
Kelly Paxton, TP #14  
Dave Hill, TP #6  
Doug Anderson, TP #4  
Scott Newberry, MV #13

11 Member Aces reported in 2013  
17 Member Aces reported in 2014  
6 Member Aces reported in 2015  
20 Member Aces reported in 2016  
8 Member Aces reported in 2017  
17 Member Aces reported in 2018  
5 Member Aces reported in 2019  
3 Member Aces reported in 2020  
7 Member Aces reported in 2021  
5 Member Aces reported in 2022

## Membership

Congratulations to all the event winners in March 2023.

Total Membership – 351 (compared to 358 in 2022)

Full Membership – 239 (compared to 242 in 2022)

Handicap Only Membership – 112 (compared to 116 in 2022)

If anyone has a change of address, email, or telephone #, please contact me to update your profile throughout the year.

Thank you!

Dan Sollin  
Membership Chairman  
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## Committee Business

### Special Events

As I am writing this newsletter, we are right in the middle of our Member Guest event and I must admit we are having a lot of fun. The next special event up is the Individual Match Play. Stay tuned for the dates of this event.

Now just a quick note on the need for volunteers. This year our board has a need for at least two people and I would like you all to think about helping our association out. This is a great organization but without fresh faces willing to help we put the responsibility of running the association on just a few. Thanks

Pete Lima  
Special Events Chairman

## Weekly Tournament Events

No news this month.

Tony Van Natter  
Weekly Tournament Chairman

**PGA/USGA  
Avg. Drive**

300 yards  
275 yards  
250 yards  
225 yards  
200 yards  
175 yards  
150 yards  
125 yards  
100 yards

**Recommends  
Recommended Tees**

7,150-7,400 yards  
6,700-6,900 yards  
6,200-6,400 yards  
5,800-6,000 yards  
5,200-5,400 yards  
4,400-4,600 yards  
3,500-3,700 yards  
2,800-3,000 yards  
2,100-2,300 yards

## Rules

### Rules Clinic

I will be holding another rules clinic soon. If you are interested, please send me an email at [colreavygray@yahoo.com](mailto:colreavygray@yahoo.com). I will get back in touch to arrange a time which is mutually agreeable to everyone. These clinics last about one hour and cover the most common rules situations you are likely to encounter.

I encourage new members and those who may have a limited knowledge of the rules to attend, but everyone is welcome.

Phil Gray  
Rules Chairman

### Vice President

Hi Guys,

We hope all is going well with you as we move into spring and warmer weather.

As a reminder, per your request, we have added a luncheon for the team event on May 4th. It is \$15 and look for the separate sign-up on ForeTees.

As usual, be on the lookout for any unique or “extraordinary” event that may qualify for Mr. McDivot. We do not want him to get lonely!

As part of our mission, we are adding a monthly quote or comment about this great game. It may be philosophical, mystical, or just plain fun! We hope it will add to your playing enjoyment!

**“Projectiles....** our urge to see them fly is derived from our Paleolithic past, from the hunt, we love to see the spear or stone in flight.

The thrill of seeing a ball fly over the countryside, over obstacles—especially over a stretch of water—and then onto the green has a mystic quality. Something in us loves that flight.”

Taken from “Golf in the Kingdom”

Gary Barnard  
Vice President



Member Guest Winners  
Scott Brewbaker and guest Bill Vann

## **Publicity**

Send along all information regarding special accomplishments either at our home courses or away. We will follow up and prepare an article for local publications.

Jim Grosjean  
Publicity Chairman

## **Sponsorship**

Your sponsorship committee has been active in securing as many sponsorship payments as possible for 2023. We have continued to schedule speakers for our special event lunches and have replaced several tee box signs that turned up missing or damaged.

Please review the MPMGA website for a recently revised list of sponsors and the business activities they are involved in. Remember these companies sponsor our organization in order to secure more business and increase their customer base. If you are in the need of products or services offered by an MPMGA sponsor, please give them an opportunity to compete for your business. Tell them you are a member of the MPMGA and you appreciate the financial support they provide to our organization. See you on the course!

Larry McNamee  
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

## **Handicap**

I want to thank all of you who are notifying us through the "Report a Non-Postable Round" form. That is a big help.

Also, I have noticed there seems to be a decent amount of confusion on how to submit that form. Several are not getting the form to go through. I think it is a matter of missing one step.

To get the submission to go through, you must click on the "I am not a robot" box at the bottom of the form. At that point the reCAPTCHA will either say "Verified" or you will have to follow the instructions until you get the "Verified" note. You then can click on "Submit" and the form should go through. You should see the word "Success" at the top.

We had to put in the reCAPTCHA step for security reasons. We have been hacked and this step eliminates that issue at least on this part of our web page.

If you continue to have issues, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you. Thanks again for your understanding and notifications.

Tim Ward  
Handicap Committee Chairman

## **Member's Corner**

We welcome constructive suggestions or comments. The editors reserve the right to edit or condense for space purposes.

### **Helpful Information on our Web Site**

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.mountainviewmensgolf.org> for the most updated information on M-PMGA business. You will find a wealth of information at your fingertips.

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