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Monthly Newsletter

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Well, guys, the Mountainview course is closed, so we are into the months of crowded golf in the mornings. I imagine the pro shop will put more golfers into our shotguns, so pace of play will be more important than ever. Please pay attention to those pace of play tips on your scorecard each week. And remember that ready golf does not mean play whenever you finally get ready, it means you should be getting ready while your foursome mates are hitting. Do not sit in the cart waiting to drive 10 yards further after one mate hits. You can get your distance where you are (I think you can subtract the 10 yards in your head), decide on your club, and as soon as he hits, WALK to your ball, take your stance, and hit! When your mate is putting, if you are not in his line, you can be sizing up your putt. There are numerous small things you can do all the time to speed up play, if you just have the proper mindset.

When you are done playing, do you know what verifying the scorecards really means? I get cards turned in that do not even have the individual scores added up. How can you verify that the individual totals match on the two cards AND that they match the individual totals in the live app, if you don't even add them on the paper scorecard? Verification means this: compare the two paper scorecards, be sure they agree with all four individual totals AND the team score. Then compare those individual totals on the live app with those scorecards. Then go to the leaderboard and compare your team score on the live app to the team score on the scorecards. ALL those things are needed to ensure everything is in alignment. When it is not in alignment, those running the event have no idea which is correct. So, they spend time chasing it all down. Help them out, guys – please.

While we are on the subject of things we should all be doing, I was asked by the Rules and Regulations Committee Chair to put in a plug for traffic safety. You've all seen it, and many (maybe most) of you have done it. Cyclists, pedestrians, and golf cart drivers approach an intersection and do not stop at the stop sign. They roll on through. This can be dangerous to themselves and to others. So please pay attention to those stop signs when driving your golf cart around the community. Two extra seconds to stop, then go, are not going to destroy your day. But they might prevent an accident. Also, when you approach a street

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
John Wrbanek, 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

crossing in your cart on the golf course (e.g., from #3 green to #4 tee at The Preserve, or #8 green to #9 tee at MountainView), try not to encourage those car drivers who come to a stop and waive you across the street. THEY are creating a traffic hazard by stopping on the roadway. If a car comes up behind them, they are not expecting the car in front to stop when they clearly have the right of way. When this happens to me, I remain stopped in my cart and waive the car driver through. They should not be stopping!

And some more things we should be doing – take care of the golf courses. We own them. Fill your divots, repair your ball marks, rake the bunkers. I cannot tell you how many times I walk up to a bunker and find a bunch of footprints, often right where the rake is located! How lazy are some golfers that they just leave the bunker that way. We may not have the best bunkers in the golfing world, but that does not mean it's OK to leave them unranked for the next guy that comes along. Small steps on our part will keep our courses in the best shape we can leave them in as we play.

Congratulations to John Wrbanek for his hole in one on hole 6 during our April 20 event! Awesome!

Be sure to sign up and play in our events each week. We have a great variety of games and lots of fun guys to play golf with. The members of your board of directors and their committees are working very hard to ensure that everyone can enjoy membership in our club. Give them a thank you when you are around them. It is the only payment they get!

As the summer heats up, always remember to hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Let us stay safe and well on the golf course as we have fun at this great game.

And remember, hit 'em long and straight. If you can't do both, at least hit 'em straight.

Dick Helms
MPMGA President

Membership

2023 Membership (as of 05/07/2023):

Full: 240 Handicap-only: 113 Total: 353

Final 2022 Membership (09/30/2022):

Full: 252 Handicap-only: 118 Total: 370

In the past month one new full member and one new handicap-only member joined MPMGA.

Thank you!

Mike Miller

**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

Committee Business

Special Events

As most of you are aware, the next special event on the calendar has been cancelled due to the closing of Mountainview and the inability to find dates that would work for this event.

The next special event is the Club Championship in November. Stay tuned. Thanks

Pete Lima
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

The Preserve Golf Course will be closed July 10 thru the 30th for maintenance.

Please look at the 2023 Schedule for Tournaments if you have any questions.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

Ball Moved by Outside Influence

Several weeks ago, I was playing hole 8 at the Preserve. My ball came to rest left of center but in plain sight. Suddenly a coyote appeared and picked up the ball in his mouth and ran back into the desert. Now what?

Rule 9.6 covers this situation. The coyote would be an outside influence. There is no penalty and the ball must be replaced (not dropped) on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated). In my case, when we arrived at the scene of the crime, we found the ball in the desert (I guess the coyote didn't like the taste). I was then able to put the ball back in play by placing it on the estimated spot.

Had I not found the ball, I could have substituted another ball with no penalty. If you have questions about this or any other rules, do not hesitate to contact me.

Phil Gray
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Hi Guys,

Our next luncheon will follow the "Summer Bash" on June 8th. Come and enjoy food, beverage, and golfing stories with your friends. You are invited, whether or not you play golf that day.

Golfing Thoughts:

"Bobby Jones and other lovers of the game have attributed it's widespread appeal to the fact that it reflects so much of the human situation: comedy, tragedy, hard work and miracle; the agony and the ecstasy. There is something in it for almost everyone."

"Golf in the Kingdom"

Gary Barnard
Vice President

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

The sponsorship committee has achieved 98% of our revenue forecast for 2023. We have five non-renewals this year and two new first-time sponsors. Every sponsor is important to our financial health. Please review the list of sponsors on our website and make an effort to use their products or services if they can meet your needs.

Best wishes for a great summer!

Larry McNamee
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

Handicap

No news this month.

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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