



MPMGA Newsletter

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President's Message

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Monthly Newsletter

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Well guys, we're into summer. Hopefully you signed up for the Summer Bash, always a fun event. Or if you're a snowbird, I hope you're having fun at your summer location. As I write this, I'm visiting family and friends in the Midwest.

When I left, the grass was coming in nicely at The Preserve. I think we're in for some good summer conditions. The MountainView renovation is underway and I'm sure we all look forward to seeing the changes this fall.

When you see Dave Quesnell next time, tell him thanks for stepping up to serve the club. At our last board meeting, he was elected to fill the vacant position of Membership Director. I look forward to his contributions to our club.

Your board listens to you guys. You may remember that in our last individual event, we experimented with paying gross in addition to net in the 1st flight. We'll likely give it another try in the future.

And we've had a couple of rules demonstrations on the putting green before rounds lately. Look for that to continue too. Thanks to Scott Lundgren and Don Plapinger for their suggestions.

One way for YOU to contribute is to think about saying yes if asked to serve on the board or a committee in the future. It takes volunteers to create all the fun we have. Consider being one.

You will also contribute if you take a moment to think about how you affect golf conditions for everyone else. Do you rake bunkers, fix divots and repair ballmarks? Help take care of the courses you own. Take the time to actually read the pace of play tips on the scorecard and follow them. There is no reason for a round of golf to take five hours.

Also think about your attitude on the course. Are you fun for others to play with? Or do you swear a blue streak at every bad shot, toss clubs, and spoil the fun for your companions? We all have bad rounds and shots, and we're likely to grumble a little sometimes. But you can minimize it, shrug it off, and avoid dragging others down.

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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

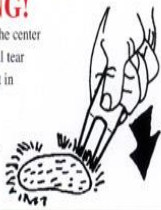
- 1) Insert tool on the high side behind the ballmark.
- 2) Push the back of the ball mark toward the center.
- 3) Do not lift or twist with the tool.
- 4) Close the hole by pushing both sides of the mark into the center.
- 5) Gently tap the surface down with your putter.
- 6) Never use a piece of loosened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

I hope you all have a great summer, whether playing in our events, snowbirding, or traveling for vacation or to visit others. Stay hydrated whatever you're doing. And when you play, 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 06/09/2023):

Full: 243 Handicap-only: 114 Total: 357

Final 2022 Membership (09/30/2022):

Full: 252 Handicap-only: 118 Total: 370

In the past month two full members renewed their membership, one handicap-only member renewed as a full member, and one new handicap-only member joined MPMGA.

Thank you!

Dave Quesnell
Membership Chairman

Committee Business

Special Events

No news this month.

Pete Lima
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

The Tournament of Champions information is now in the Golf Genius application. You can look at your points earned and dollar winnings.

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

Hole 6 at The Preserve

Recently a question arose concerning the Drop Zone at hole 6 at The Preserve. A member in a group thought that in order to use the Drop Zone, the ball must carry the penalty area. That is not the case. A player who hits a ball that comes to rest anywhere in the penalty area may use the Drop Zone.

Prior to the 2019 rules this would not have been the case. Under the old rules, Decision 33-8/2 would not have allowed this procedure. This decision, as well as rule 33 itself, no longer exists. Section 21 under Committee procedures now give guidance as to where to position Drop Zones. While it is recommended that the Drop Zone should be placed in a position where the player would still need to negotiate the penalty area rather than be on the putting green side of the penalty area, it does not mandate it.

The greens committees of the various associations, working with the golf professionals, decided that a Drop Zone on the green side of the penalty area would have several benefits. It would speed up pace of play and it provides an option for unplayable lies as well as an option for local rule e-5 (alternative to stroke and distance).

Rules Quick Reference Guide

Now posted on the MPMGA website is a Quick Reference Guide which will help you in how to proceed in many common situations. Go to the rules section and look for Rules Quick Reference Guide. Print a copy. You can fold it in half and then half again and it will easily fit in your golf cart or bag.

If you have questions about this rule or the Quick Reference Guide, do not hesitate to contact me.

Phil Gray
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Hi Guys,

By the time you receive this note, we have already celebrated the "Summer Bash."

The morning temperatures have been spectacular for golf and we are moving into summer very quickly!

Our next luncheon has been moved to August 3rd at MountainView.
Stay tuned for future updates!

As we are challenged and often frustrated by this great game, keep in mind:

“In no other game is the ratio of playing field to goal so large. We are spread wide as we play, then brought to a tiny place!”

- 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 completed our annual recruitment of MPMGA sponsors. The revenue derived from this effort is \$20,100.00. This is slightly more than our sponsor revenue for 2022 or 2021. We highly encourage you to do business with our sponsors if possible. Over 50% of all our weekly golf prize money comes from the sponsorship revenue.

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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