



# MPMGA Newsletter

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## Monthly Newsletter

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## President's Message

As you read this newsletter, guys, we're heading into a period of inactivity. With the Mountainview renovation underway, and the Preserve closing for summertime maintenance, we'll have no events for a few weeks. But that doesn't have to mean no golf for you. You can take advantage of the arrangements Matt Hudson and the other pros have made for playing other courses. Check with the pro shop if you wish to do so.

We're also into the hottest part of the summer. So, whatever you are doing outdoors, be sure to stay hydrated.

At the end of this month, plan ahead to play in the August events planned. They are sure to be fun stuff. And we'll have a luncheon right away as well. So, sign up for that and visit with friends you didn't see in July due to the course shutdown.

Wherever you play this month, hit 'em long and straight. If you can't do both, at least hit 'em straight.

Dick Helms  
MPMGA President

## Membership

No news this month,

Dave Quesnell  
Membership Chairman

## 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.



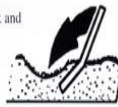
### WRONG!

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

## Committee Business

## Special Events

No news this month.

Pete Lima  
Special Events Chairman

## Weekly Tournament Events

No news this month.

Tony Van Natter  
Weekly Tournament Chairman

## Rules

### Dangerous Animal Condition

A “dangerous *animal* condition” exists when a dangerous *animal* (such as snakes, stinging bees, fire ants or javelinas) near a ball could cause serious physical injury to the player if they had to play the ball as it lies.

A player may take relief under Rule 16.2b from interference by a dangerous *animal* condition no matter where their ball is on the *course*.

This Rule does not apply to other situations on the course that could cause physical harm (such as a cactus). Here are the relief procedures for a dangerous animal condition.

(1) **When Ball Is Anywhere Except Penalty Area.** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d, depending on whether the ball is in the *general area*, in a *bunker* or on the *putting green*.

(2) **When Ball Is in Penalty Area.** The player may take free relief or penalty relief:

- **Free Relief: Playing from Inside Penalty Area.** The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b, **except** that the *nearest point of complete relief* and the *relief area* must be in the *penalty area*.
- **Penalty Relief: Playing from Outside Penalty Area.**
  - The player may take penalty relief under Rule 17.1d.
  - If there is interference by a dangerous *animal* condition where the ball would be played after taking this penalty relief outside

**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

the *penalty area*, the player may take further relief under (1) without additional penalty.

If you have questions about this or any other rule do not hesitate to contact me.

Phil Gray  
Rules Chairman

## Vice President

Hi Guys,

Welcome to Summer!

The hot days can sometimes be a challenge, especially if we don't stay hydrated. We hope you continue to be safe and enjoy the game and your friends in the MPMGA!

Don't forget that our next luncheon is on August 3rd at MountainView. You will need to sign up separately, whether you are playing golf or not. This event will soon be available on ForeTees.

PUTTING THOUGHTS: (Only for those of us who tense-up over that 3 foot putt)

" Why the Scots chose such a frustrating end for such a wide-ranging game is a puzzler; Ben Hogan sometimes said that putting should be abandoned, that it ruins an otherwise exciting game."

-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

No news this month.

Larry McNamee  
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

## Handicap

An issue was brought to our attention regarding "Reminders to Post" emails. This involves those rounds where you are the only one left on the tee sheet for a particular tee time, or you could have been a twosome or more originally, and all others dropped off leaving you alone on the tee sheet.

As you know, if you play alone, you are not allowed to post that round. So, what has been happening is that when this is the case, you get the reminder the next day to post if you have not filled out the "Report a Non-Postable Round" form.

We have now put in place programming that will recognize when this situation exists on the tee sheet. You will no longer need to fill out the "Report a Non-Postable Round" form. This will only work when you are the ONLY one on the tee sheet. If more than one person is on the tee sheet and the others do not play for whatever reason, you will still need to submit the form, as there is no way the system can detect that you were the only one to play. Hope this helps.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks for working with us.

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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