



MPMGA Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Well, guys, we're back playing golf again after the Preserve closure for maintenance. But the weather hasn't changed a bit. It's still very HOT! Be sure to keep yourself hydrated when playing or doing other activities outdoors. And keep an eye on your playing partners for signs of dehydration.

You've seen the messages updating you on the Mountainview refresh project. It will not be completed by the October 1 deadline they had set. They now hope to have 9 holes playable by October 2, and possibly 13 holes by October 9. And they are confident they'll have all 18 open by November 1. Remember that the original discussion called for six months of closure, so perhaps a more realistic target was November 1 all along.

I recently attended a meeting with several board members, Matt Hudson, Paul Hallock, our general manager Walter Yazzie, Lee Leksell, and other golf club Presidents. The purpose was to update us on the status in a bit more detail. I came away from that meeting with an important impression. Yes, the project is behind and will be late. But that isn't causing folks to cut corners, hurry along, and give away some of the quality of the work. Our people (primarily Paul Hallock, but others too) are making sure the contractors are doing the job right. I am convinced that when the project is complete, we are going to love the result. If you see Paul, or Matt Kambic, or Denise and Lee Leksell, or Dan Linegar, or Matt Hudson or others involved in overseeing this project, stop and tell them you're grateful for their time and effort on your behalf. I can assure you that it is taking up many hours of their time.

Because of the delay in the project, they are pushing back the Preserve overseed by a week. It will take place October 9-29. So, during that time, we will have some number of holes at Mountainview open, but probably not 18 holes, at least early on. Because of limited availability of golf holes, the pro shop will not want the golf clubs to hold their weekly events during that time. So, we will likely have a couple weekly

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

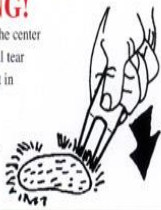
- 1) Insert tool on the high side behind the ballmark.
- 2) Push the back of the ball mark toward the center.
- 3) Do not lift or twist with the tool.
- 4) Close the hole by pushing both sides of the mark into the center.
- 5) Gently tap the surface down with your putter.
- 6) Never use a piece of loosened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

events cancelled in October until all 18 holes of MV are open. We'll know more as we get closer to October.

One consequence of the Mountainview refresh and upcoming Preserve overseed is that it packs all our play into fewer golf holes. So, the course is more crowded, and pace of play suffers. Please pay attention to the tips for pace of play that are on your scorecards every week. Incorporate those things into your normal routine, and pace will improve all days of play. It helps everyone enjoy golf more. Putting sand in your divots, fixing your ballmarks, raking the bunkers are some more things you can do to improve everyone's enjoyment of golf on YOUR golf courses. So come on, guys, step up and do your part.

It's the time of year that I've asked our recruiting committee (Joe Oczak, Dennis Marchand, Harry Clausen) to find candidates to replace the outgoing board members at the end of the year. Please be open to their discussions, if they come to you. If you already know you're interested, then give one of them a call and volunteer. We need new people stepping up each year to keep our great golf club going. This is a really fun organization! You can help keep it so. Answer the call – please!

And, of course, continue to answer the call to sign up for our fun events each week. It's a different format each week and lots of fun guys to play golf with. And ask one of the MPWGA lady golfers to be your partner in the upcoming Bubba Hawkins event early next month. If you're too shy, you can still sign up as a single. There will be some single lady golfers who also volunteer, and Pete Lima will be happy to pair you up. This is always a very fun event.

Let's hope that by the time you read this, or soon thereafter, we get some monsoon relief from the heat. Either way, hit 'em long and hit 'em 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

Committee Business

PGA/USGA Avg. Drive	Recommends Recommended Tees
300 yards	7,150-7,400 yards
275 yards	6,700-6,900 yards
250 yards	6,200-6,400 yards
225 yards	5,800-6,000 yards
200 yards	5,200-5,400 yards
175 yards	4,400-4,600 yards
150 yards	3,500-3,700 yards
125 yards	2,800-3,000 yards
100 yards	2,100-2,300 yards

Special Events

The next special event is the Bubba Hawkins scheduled for Thursday September 7th. This is a male and female team event, so get yourself a partner and sign up. There will be more information to follow soon.

Pete Lima
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

We are currently working on the 2024 schedule for tournaments.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

Lost Ball

A ball that is not found in three minutes after the player begins to search for it, is a lost ball. A ball does not become lost as a result of the player declaring it to become lost. What are the options if you believe the ball is lost outside a penalty area?

Let's use hole 16 at The Preserve as an example. You hit your tee shot and it goes far right into the jungle. You may do stroke and distance right away and you would be hitting 3 off the tee. Another option is to hit a provisional ball after declaring your intent to do so. If you can't find the original ball, the provisional becomes your ball in play. If you find your original ball, you must abandon the provisional ball. If you are in luck the ball may be playable. If it is not playable, your only option would be to declare it unplayable and proceed under Rule 19 (Unplayable Ball).

You may also decide not to hit another ball and drive down to locate your ball.

What if you can't find the ball? Since you did not hit a provisional ball, you have two options. You can go back to the tee and do stroke and distance, hitting 3 off the tee. Another option is to use Model Local Rule E-5, which our association has adopted. (A complete explanation of this rule will be covered in a future article.) This will enable you to drop a ball within 2 club lengths of the fairway, incurring a 2 stroke penalty. Whether you do stroke and distance or use the local rule, your next shot would be your 4th.

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

Phil Gray
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Hi Guys,

We hope all is going well and you were able to find ways to keep your game "Sharp" during our course closures.

It's nice to enjoy the convenience of having the Preserve open again and we appreciate all the hard work of the golf support staff.

" There is a seductive quality to golf found in few other sports. In moments of frustration many players vow to quit, but few are able to. For some reason, the two or three "triumphs" during a round are remembered long after the exasperating failures and dull mediocrity are forgotten."

- The Inner Game Of Golf

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

No news this month.

Tim Ward
Handicap Committee Chairman

Treasury

The recent acquisition of Bank of the West (MPMGA's bank) by the Bank of Montreal is effective Sept. 1 2023. The only impact I know of at this time is that checks written to our organization will no longer be accepted when written as payable to MPMGA. The full organization name is required i.e., "Mountainview-Preserve Men's Golf Association." This change will affect sponsors, a few members who write checks to the club for events and lunches as well as anyone playing in the Member Guest tournament.

Fred Kjar
Treasurer

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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