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Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Well guys, we've now reached that month with no MPMGA golf events. MountainView will be open for the rest of the month for 9 holes only, and the Preserve will be closed for overseeding. We will not have MPMGA events until we have 18 holes to play. When our events return in November, we have a revised schedule. We know that the Preserve will be cart path only, and that means many of our members would not be able to play in the Club Championship as originally scheduled. So, we've moved the Club Championship to the Monday and Thursday after Thanksgiving. I realize that means some other folks won't make it due to holiday travel plans. Hopefully we've arranged the schedule to get as much participation as we can during a tough scheduling time. We also have a par 3 event at the Preserve after overseeding, and it will have all the tees near the cart path. So, sign up for that and the other fun events that month.

I went to the ribbon cutting ceremony for MountainView today, and the course looks great. The bunkers had not a single rock in sight! Our bunker experiences should be much better in the future. Many of the holes have bunkers in different places, some tees are moved, the 15th green has a much gentler slope. So, we'll have changes to the course that affect our play. It'll obviously change the hole handicaps, rating and slope. But we won't know those changes right away, so be patient while we get some experience under our belts to help with those things.

Maybe after you're impressed with the conditions at MountainView, be on the lookout for Matt Kambic, Paul Hallock, Lee Leksell, Matt Hudson, and others you know have been heavily involved with the MountainView reset. They have been working on your behalf for many months to make this happen.

I'm sorry to say that there is some sad news to report. Many of you will remember Bill Hammond, a longtime member of the club some years ago. He passed away in early September. Also keep Jim Van Sistine,

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

one of our current members, in your thoughts. His wife passed away just this past week.

Many of you will be trying out the new MountainView this month. When you do, remember – you still want to hit ‘em long and hit ‘em straight. And if you can’t do both, hit ‘em straight.

Dick Helms
MPMGA President

Membership

We’re at that time of year again when it is time to renew your MPMGA membership for 2024.

Use of the online renewal option is recommended and highly preferred, thank you 😊 (www.azgolf.org)

[AZGolf Home](http://www.azgolf.org)

This is the official website of the Arizona Golf Association. Here you can find members, resources, and much more.

www.azgolf.org

However, for those who choose it a paper application, is available on our MPMGA website (bottom of the main page “Join or Renew”).

There is a \$5 discount for renewing online versus renewing with a paper application and check.

Final 2023 Membership (as of 09/30/2023):
Full: 243 Handicap-only: 115 Total: 358

Final 2022 Membership (09/30/2022):

Full: 252 Handicap-only: 118 Total: 370

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 Club Championship. Note, the dates have changed, **the new dates are November 27th at the Preserve and November 30th at MountainView. A lunch at the MountainView ballroom will follow.** This is our premier event so plan to attend if you can.

Pete Lima
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

Club Championship dates:

Day 1. November 27th. Course will be The Preserve
Day 2. November 30th. Course will be MountainView

Lunch will follow on Day 2.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

My Ball Hit Another Ball

Rule 11.1 states if a player's ball in motion hits another ball, there is no penalty to any player and, with the exception of the putting green, is normally played where it lies. There is one exception to this rule. This exception applies only to **stroke play**.

If the player's ball in motion hits another ball at rest on the putting green and both balls were on the putting green before the stroke, the player gets the general penalty which is two strokes.

Keep in mind that you have the right to ask to have any ball marked and lifted if you think it may interfere with play. Don't be afraid to ask, it may save you two strokes.

If you have questions about this or any other rule, please contact me.

Phil Gray
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Hi Members,

Welcome to the last few months of 2023!

The 2024 Event Schedule is now available on the MPMGA website. Take special note of the "Keys" section at the bottom of page 2, for event details.

Many thanks go to Paul Hallock and his staff for meeting the challenges of transforming our courses into sources of pride. We look forward to enjoying many hours together on the fairways and greens!

It's easy to get lazy on the course but... As a reminder: "Golf is a game of blows and weapons. In order that the game continue we must make amends for every single act of destruction. In a golf club everyone knows the player who does not replace his divot. One can guess how he leads the rest of his life."

Replacing the divot is "an exercise for the public good." It is also a reminder that "we are all one golfer." There would simply be no game if every golfer turned his back on the damage he did.

- 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 \$21,600 in revenues for the calendar year 2023. Much effort has been put forth to produce this record amount of sponsor financial support for the MPMGA. Thank the committee members:

Pete Baragona, Tom Blong, Dan Nordhill, Glen Hanson, Jerry Hollingsworth, Ron Pozzi and me.

We are now starting the process of organizing our efforts for sponsorship solicitations to support the association for 2024. If you do business with a company that might be a valid target for our sponsorship program, pass the contact information on to us so we can follow up.

PS: welcome Dave Field as the incoming committee chairman.

Larry McNamee
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

Handicap

We can now renew our membership with the MPMGA and AGA. This includes full and handicap only members.

During the last couple of years, I have fielded many questions from handicap only members regarding the need to post all scores when you are not competing in events. I do understand the question, unfortunately we are not allowed to differentiate between full and handicap only memberships when it comes to posting requirements.

If our oversight is an ongoing issue for you, and you are a handicap only member you might consider online handicap options.

We welcome everyone as a member but please understand our responsibilities as required by the AGA and USGA.

Tim Ward
Handicap Committee Chairman

Treasury

No news this month.

Fred Kjar
Treasurer

Member's Corner

We welcome constructive suggestions or comments. The editor reserves 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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