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Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Well guys, we've weathered our series of weeks with no events. Now we can play the Preserve – cart path only for the first three weeks. We scheduled par 3 events with the tees near the cart path for November 1 and 8. November 16 is a pick your team event, with regular holes and tees. But remember that it is still likely to be cart path only.

I'm sure you've seen the news (and my earlier email) about the further delay of the Mountainview reset. We further delayed the Club Championship to December 11 and 14 so that we could get as many players as possible, and with as little cart path only as possible. It seems likely that we'll still be cart path only for the front nine at Mountainview, but at least we'll be able to drive on the tougher (for walking) Preserve. We also moved the Winter Bash (December 7) to the Preserve so that it is not cart path only.

Unfortunately, the change in dates for the Club Championship made it too difficult to find a spot for the Ryder Cup. It is cancelled for this year. We'll be looking for a more favorable spot in the schedule next year.

Both the Bash and Club Championship will have luncheons afterwards. For the Club Championship, your signup fee also includes lunch, so you do not need to sign up separately. If you want to attend lunch, but not golf, there is a separate sign up for that on ForeTees. For the Bash, lunch is free and the \$5 event fee is waived. There are separate signups for golf and lunch, so if you want to attend both, you need to sign up for both. Confusing? Then read this paragraph again, slowly.

I hope as many as possible will sign up for the Bash luncheon. We have important work to do there (beyond a good meal and free beer). One task is to elect new board members. Our fantastic recruiting team (Joe Oczak, Dennis Marchand, Harry Clausen) found great candidates for all open positions. The slate of candidates and offices are shown on the website under Organization, Board Members. Thank you to Al Bolty, Jim Creel, Dave Hill, Pete Gregor, Dave Field, and Doug Zink for stepping to the plate to help run this organization.

<http://mountainviewmensgolf.org>

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.



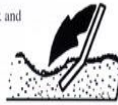
WRONG!

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
Dennis Marchand, TP #14

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

We also need to approve the 2024 Budget at the Bash. It is on the website under Organization, Budget. Please take some time to review how your money is spent before the luncheon meeting, and come with any questions.

And finally, there is a minor change proposed to the Bylaws that will need approval. Basically, it aligns the membership wording with what has already been going on. It makes it clear that pro shop employees who meet HOA2 age requirements are eligible for membership in MPMGA. And it allows all members of the club to continue maintaining their membership even if they move away from SaddleBrooke.

I hope by now you've all had a chance to play the new Mountainview back 9. If you have, and you play like me, you've been in a bunker or two. And you've learned that they are fantastic compared to our earlier bunkers. There isn't a rock to be found, the sand is smooth, yet compact enough to hit more easily out of fairway bunkers. And I played the day after our last big rain. The course was cart path only, but there wasn't a puddle to be found in any bunker! I think we're going to like the new course.

Many of those who play the green tees (including me) are probably disappointed that several holes were lengthened. It has some guys thinking about moving up to the red tees. Feel free to do so, but remember you do Red on both courses or Green on both courses. If the hole lengths stay as they are, the board may need to consider allowing separate choices by course. But we won't go there until things settle down, the course is fully open, and any decisions about possible hole length adjustments have been made. If you move to Red now, but changes are made down the road that cause you to want to return to Green, no problem. You'll be able to do so.

It's also clear that hole handicaps will need adjusting. The course will need to be re-rated, and hole handicaps will likely change with that. Then we'll need to collect data for some period of time before really fine-tuning the hole handicaps based on experience.

We've got fun events each week, and two special ones in December with the Bash and Club Championship. So, sign up and have some fun. Hit 'em long and hit 'em straight. If you can't do both, hit 'em straight.

Dick Helms
MPMGA President

Membership

As of 11/31, 123 full and handicap only members have renewed. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Online signup is at AZGOLF.ORG.

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

Paper signup forms can be found on the MPMGA site by clicking on Join or Renew at the bottom of the main page.

Dave Quesnell
Membership Chairman

Committee Business

Special Events

The Club Championship dates are now scheduled for December 11th at the Preserve and December 14th at Mountainview with lunch to follow. If you have not signed up, now is the time to do so. If you would like to come for lunch only you must sign up on ForeTees for that as well. Thanks

Pete Lima
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

The 2024 Men's events schedule is on the website.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

Good Breaks, Bad Breaks

You are playing a four ball match. You are team A and B. Your opponents are team C and D. You are player B. You are playing hole 11 at MountainView. All of you hit good tee shots and second shots. Players A and C play first and hit their shots near the green. You and player D have about 90 yard shots remaining, so you both decide to take your wedges and putters and walk in from there. Players A and C drive the carts up to the green and park on the cart path left of the green.

It is your turn to play first. You pull your approach shot and it hits one of the golf carts and comes to rest in the penalty area. Rule 11.1 tells us what to do. You must play the ball as it lies. There is no penalty to anyone. If the ball is lost or can't be played, you can take relief under rule 17 with a 1 stroke penalty.

Coincidentally, player D pulls his approach shot, hits a golf cart, bounces on to the green and the ball comes to rest 2 feet from the hole. Again, he must play it as it lies with no penalty.

Like life, golf has good breaks and bad breaks. It is all part of the game we have chosen.

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

Phil Gray
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Guys,

Due to scheduling changes, we now have two major events “back-to-back” in December! Our Winter Bash is on the 7th and the two-day Club Championship is on the 11th and 14th.

These events are followed by a luncheon. All members are invited for lunch in both events. EVERYONE must sign up for lunch at the Winter Bash, whether you are playing golf or not! Only NON-GOLFERS need to sign up for the Club Championship luncheon. Refer to the Events Page on ForeTees.

Further thoughts about this great game from “Golf in the Kingdom:” “Oh, golf is for smellin’ heather and cut grass and walkin’ fast across the countryside and feelin’ the wind and watchin’ the sun go down and seein’ yer friends hit good shots’ and hittin’ some yerself. It’s love and it’s feelin’ the splendor o’ this good world.”

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 is hard at work contacting our longtime sponsors and asking for their support in 2024. We are contacting 27 businesses in order to secure \$20,500.00 in revenue for our use in

2024. This is a very time consuming effort and we hope to achieve this important revenue goal. See you on the course.

Larry McNamee
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

Handicap

No news this month.

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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