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Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all of you, and a special welcome to our new members. Our goal continues to be to make golf fun and enjoyable. We are in a great position now with our Preserve Course in as great of a condition as I can remember in my 20 years as a member of the MPMGA. And, as the front nine of our MountainView course opens early this year we will have a real showcase of courses for our membership to play.

This year our Association is welcoming six new faces who stepped forward to serve the membership (their names and positions are listed at the end of this newsletter). We all owe them, and the returning officers, a big thank you for volunteering for these positions. It is that willingness to step up that makes our Association what it is. This is a plug to encourage each of you to consider raising your hand at the end of this year to fill upcoming vacancies. Take a minute to thank the new Board Members.

Most of the agenda and activities have been put together for 2024. January brings the Tournament of Champions for qualifiers, quickly followed by the Member-Member Match Play. Early February brings the always fun Mars Venus event with the MPWGA. Get signed up.

One of our major focuses for 2024 will be on Care for our Courses. With The Preserve and MountainView courses being ones we can truly be proud of owning and playing, it becomes our responsibility and duty to make every effort to care for them. That means replacing and repairing divots wherever we see them on the course, driving our carts where directed on the fairways, raking the bunkers after hitting out of them and placing the rake in the recommended place, and repairing ball marks on the greens (yours and any others we see). A thought: when you pull an iron out of your bag to hit, at the same time grab your sand bottle. They quite often go together. It is a very good habit to get into.

2024 MPMGA Dues

Full Member: \$100 after 1/1/2024
\$65 after 7/1/2024

Handicap Only: \$50 after 1/1/2024
\$30 after 7/1/2024

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

Remember, have fun playing golf this year. Our Board members promise to do our best to help you. If you have any suggestions or complaints, please come to us with them.

Al Bolty
MPMGA President

Membership

As of 1/4/2024, 306 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, enter "mountainview" under club name. An input above city is not needed.

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

Drop them off at the MountainView proshop. The drop box is to the right once you enter the building's front main doors.

Dave Quesnell
Membership Chairman

Committee Business

Special Events

This month we have two special events. First, the Tournament of Champions will be played on January 11th, and the Member-Member Match Play will be played in three rounds: January 15th, 18th, and 25th. While the sign-up date will have closed by the time you read this for the Member-Member event, you can call the pro shop to get wait-listed for any cancellations.

Looking forward to February, the Mars-Venus event will be played on February 6th and 8th with signups now open on ForeTees. This is a fun and competitive event played with the ladies from the MPWGA and will include a luncheon after the second round.

Doug Zink
Special Events 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

Weekly Tournament Events

No news this month.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

First, I'd like to acknowledge Phil Gray and what a great job he did last two years. About me, I was bit by the golf bug 30 years ago. Although I've been playing for many years this is the first organized golf I've been involved with. So, I'm not a rules guru. Fortunately, there are many resources to utilize, and I've already learned many things I didn't know previously. I aim to continue the quick rules reviews before matches on Thursdays. If anyone has a suggestion or question just shoot me an email (ptrgregor@gmail.com). I'll do my best to get an answer back to you ASAP.

Here's to a great 2024!

Pete Gregor
Rules Chairman

Vice President

Hi Guys,

We very much look forward to sharing the golfing experience in 2024 with our exceptional MPMGA membership.

We are very thankful for the leadership and dedication of our friends who are retiring from the Board of Directors and look forward to serving with those members who have stepped up to fill those vacant positions. The talent pool in our golfing association is awesome!

As we start play in this new year, a special congratulations goes to our playing brothers who qualified for the Tournament of Champions. You are inspiring!

Have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

"Golf is the closest game to the game of life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots—but you have to play the ball where it lies.

— Bobby Jones

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.

Dave Field
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

Handicap

I would like to first thank Tim Ward for his efforts the past two years as our Handicap Committee Chairman along with his committee members, John Cahill, Jim Donat and Joe Strong. Tim and the other committee members have all agreed to stay on which will be a huge help to me as I take over as Committee Chairman.

In the previous newsletter Tim had laid out the changes that will be taking place with the World Handicap System in 2024. The three changes are:

1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating and Slope Rating. This will allow par 3 events that are held to be rated and scores posted. Some of you may have been surprised to see a round in the 50s or 60s posted to your handicap for the par 3 events that were held after the Preserve opened after overseed.

2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores. Previously a 9-hole score would sit in your handicap waiting for another 9-hole score to be posted and then the two 9-hole scores would be combined to form an 18-hole score. Under the new system when a 9-hole score is entered your 9-hole score will be combined with an expected Score Differential to create an 18-hole score which will then go into your handicap. This change will allow for a timelier accounting of the rounds played rather than waiting perhaps months for another 9-hole score to be entered and combined with an older 9-hole score.

This change in how 9-hole scores will be handled has a major impact on our current situation with the MountainView Course. Since each 9-hole score reported will result in an 18-hole score being posted, a change is needed for MountainView to allow two 9-hole scores to be combined as one 18-hole score. The AGA has implemented changes

to GHIN such that only scores for the back nine can be input until the front nine is reopened. Players will now have the option to enter a 9-hole score or to enter an 18-hole score if the back nine is played twice.

Another change regarding 9-hole scores is that previously if you completed 7 or 8 holes a 9-hole score could be entered using net par on the holes not completed. Beginning in 2024 if less than 9 holes are played no score is to be entered.

3) An updated approach for holes not played. Previously if at least 14 holes were completed, an 18-hole score could be entered using net par for the holes not played. Under the new changes any rounds with 10 to 17 holes completed will be counted as an 18-hole score using the expected Score Differential for the holes not completed. When entering scores for this type of round, hole by hole score posting is required for the holes completed. My understanding is that an option for posting between 10 and 17 holes will be shown in GHIN and if that option is selected it will then ask for hole-by-hole scores.

For more detailed information regarding the changes to the World Handicap System you can go to the USGA website: Revisions Coming to World Handicap System™ in 2024 (usga.org)

As always, remember to post your scores on the day played and if it is a non-postable round please fill out and submit the "Report a Non-Postable Round" form from the MPMGA website.

Dave Hill
Handicap Committee Chairman

Treasury

No news this month.

Jim Creel
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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