



MPMGA Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

Spring is taking its time, but soon everything will be in full bloom and with the heat comes the growth of grass roots. That is what we need to get our MountainView front nine open for play. We are hoping for April 15, but no guarantees. It is entirely up to the warmth of the sun.

A couple of reminders, or explanations, for your play on the MountainView course, concerning hole Number 11. The ditch on 11 is an Environmentally Sensitive Area and we are not to drive through it nor hit golf balls out of it. You must take your ball out of it and drop it no closer to the flag at a cost of 1 stroke. The ditch has been hydro seeded so is a flora area. In the future you will be able to try to hit out of it if you want to try, but not now. The other surfaces that are dirt and have been hydro seeded are also areas that you shouldn't drive through nor hit out of. You should walk to your ball, bring it to the closest spot on the grass no closer to the flag, take a drop and hit. There is no penalty for this action.

Those playing The Preserve Course have noticed a temporary change on Holes 1 and 10 tee boxes. Due to the large number of players playing on the green tees, they are showing wear. Paul and his crew are trying to provide necessary care.

It appears that golfers are being much better at caring for our courses: sanding yours and other golfers' divots, driving 90 degrees on the fairways, repairing marks on the greens, and raking bunkers. You should plan to refill your sand bottles at least once or twice per round until we can get ahead of the divots.

We are looking for more volunteers for the Adopt-a-Hole program. Diane Marchand is running the program and reports that she could use a few additional volunteers on MountainView and several more at The Preserve. If you would be willing to step up and help, please call Diane at 562-972-3697. Your contribution will be much appreciated, and for those already helping – A Big Thank You!

Al Bolty
MPMGA President

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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
Tom Quinn, TP

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

Membership

We added 5 to our membership and we are now at 320.

Dave Quesnell
Membership Chairman

Committee Business

Special Events

For the month of March 2024, the special event is the President's Cup played on March 18th and 21st with a luncheon following the 2nd round. Signups end on March 12th. Also, any member can attend only the lunch for \$15 by signing up on ForeTees.

For April, the 2024 Member-Guest Desert Classic will be held on April 18th, 19th, and 20th. This is a 3-day event which includes a 3-hole shootout on the 18th, and a 2-round tournament on the 19th and 20th. The MPMGA member can invite one guest who cannot be a MPMGA member but can live in SaddleBrooke or anywhere else in the world as long as they have a handicap! The players, along with a spouse or significant other, are invited to a BBQ after the shootout, a lunch after Friday's round, and the awards luncheon after round two on Saturday, April 20th.

You should have received an email with the entry form. Contact me if you did not get the email, and I will shoot you over an entry form. When completed, it should be left in the MPMGA drop box at MountainView pro shop. But don't forget, the member and guest must also sign up on ForeTees.

Doug Zink
Special Events Chairman

Weekly Tournament Events

No news this month.

Tony Van Natter
Weekly Tournament Chairman

Rules

No news this month.

Pete Gregor
Rules 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

Vice President

Hi Guys,

Even though there is still snow on Mount Lemmon, we hope that those dreaded frost delays are a thing of the past! We are now marching toward spring, in anticipation of many days of enjoyable golf ahead!

Our next major event is the 2-day "President's Cup" beginning March 18th. Whether you are playing golf or not, come join us for lunch to honor our Past Presidents.

Their hard work and dedication to the MPMGA deserves special recognition. We hope to see you there!

Thoughts For The Day:

"When I was growing up, I always dreamed about being a golfer. Now I realize I should have been more specific!

Marc Ostrofsky - Successful Entrepreneur

"When playing golf, a sense of humor can be the most important club in the bag."

Anonymous

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

I had another topic in mind for this month newsletter. After our guest we need to address another issue. The complete lack of courtesy that was shown to our guest as well as our own board members was below what a 3rd grade class would show. We just spent four hours together on the course, we don't need to talk over a guest let alone someone trying to pass along information. The only time it was somewhat quiet was the flight results. Several members informed me of their low opinion of our conduct. Next lunch we can do a lot better.

Dave Field
Sponsorship Committee Chairman

Handicap

No news this month.

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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