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*to Green*

## MCC Newsletter New Year 2023



January/February 2023

## *Friday Date Night Specials*

*Starting  
January 20th*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Maplecrest! I hope everyone had a great holiday and got to spend time with friends and family. Even better if you were able to get out of the Northern Indiana cold.

If you haven't been around the club for a while, we have had a big project going on. The concrete pad, ramp, and path from the cart barn was completed in late November. With this we added curbing around the main pad and the paths going to the first and tenth tee boxes. The aim is to keep the heavy cart traffic off the grass to increase the course appeal from the club house. The project will resume in the spring with a new ramp/turnaround to the bar and new carport concrete/sidewalk in front of the building. In early January we will be replacing our shingle façade along our roof line with seamless metal roofing. Over the past few years, we have had a hard time of keeping shingles on the building and this will provide a long-term solution. We have also enlisted the help of a designer to give us some options for a clubhouse facelift if desired. Exciting things are happening at our club!

- Course Drainage
- Golf Course Master Plan
  - Bunker Renovation
  - Greens Renovation (11 & 12)
- Parking Lot
- Painting Clubhouse
- Equipment Lift
- Freezer Space
- Locker Room Renovations
- Pro Shop Office Move/Renovation
- Mobile Bag Room Racks
- Exterior Electronic Scoreboard  
/Entertainment Screen for "Movie Night"

### **Office/Billing Reminder**

When making your payments by check please remember to include your member number.

To make payments online and to view your statements and real time charges visit:  
<https://sc.cps.golf/maplecreestbilling>

Call Casey at the office  
With any questions  
574-533-1925

Country Club project lists never end. In our effort for continuous improvement, the list you see was put together by Carl and Devin then evaluated by the Long-Range Planning Committee. These are outside the more routine things that need funding (course maintenance equipment, golf carts) but still should be considered and addressed in due time. The intent is to do things the correct way and not just put band aids on problems. So, while "yes", we can add more sand to bunkers; doing so isn't fixing the problem and inconsistencies in the bunkers will remain.

My focus for the next couple of years will be course drainage and parking lot improvements. Both require a lot of coordination with the local governments so both will take some time. (If anyone has firsthand insight in to how to navigate these waters, please reach out to either Carl or myself) The goal is to have all the pieces in place to be ready to pull the trigger if that becomes the direction of the board. Not knowing what either project will cost right now makes it tough to make promises. But my hope is that if MCC continues to operate the way we have the past few years these projects can be funded by the club. And if not fully at least a partial contribution with the rest coming from member fundraising.

Carl and Parker did an excellent job of tracking rounds and revenue in 2022. MCC had to be closed 9 golf days because of the course being too wet/drainage issues. An additional 4 days were walking only. Because of these closures, it is estimated that Maplecrest lost almost \$14k in golf revenue. Not an earth-shattering number by any means, but good information to have to make informative decisions.

The Greens Committee marked 9 trees for removal last summer which will be taken down this winter. The majority are old and dying but there are two marked for playability and to spread tee box wear. I think the biggest concern is the tree on hole 6 which comes into play for the men off the tee. I want to reassure everyone that decisions like these are not done on a whim. A lot of thought, effort, discussion, and time is put into these decisions. Specifically with this hole and tree, a lot has changed over the years. Originally in 1961 the tree didn't come into play. The green was redone in the mid 80's and expanded to the north. Also, the hole was shorter. The official yardage marker was moved 12 yards further back in the 90's, bringing the tree even more into play. Men (even slicer's) almost exclusively tee off from the south side of the tee box which leads to a lot of wear and tear. Once sanded and repaired, over time it crowns the south side of the tee box due to the buildup. The past changes led to an unintended problem. The 2023 budget has the funds to replace trees in the fall to make sure they are being placed in the best spots for both playability and course maintenance. And as always, you can donate to the memorial tree fund at any time to help honor members that are no longer with us.

In November the board approved a 5% increase to dues for 2023. The board also approved the continuance of the capital fund at 10% of dues for the year. Over the past 7 years the Maplecrest board has used the Consumer Price Index to evaluate and adjust. Since the last evaluation in late 2021 the CPI has increased 7.75% and Maplecrest continues to see costs increase. The hope is the inflationary pressures will at least slow and MCC will be able to absorb the difference in the short term. The greatest effect will be a \$159 increase for 2023 for a Family Membership.

Finally, I would like to thank Kare Andersen, Kevin Graber, and Frank Leftwich for their time, effort, and contributions to the board. It started off rocky in 2020, but a lot was achieved and Maplecrest is in a better spot today. I would also like to thank Roger Huffman, Olivia Kauffman, and Randy Rhoades for running for the board. Looking forward to a fantastic 2023!

MCC President - Alan Albrecht

### 2023 Fees

Membership Class	DUES	
	YEARLY	MONTHLY
Family Golf	\$ 3,344.00	\$284.00
Couples Senior Golf	\$3,090.00	\$263.00
Senior Single Golf	\$2,969.00	\$252.00
Couples Golf	\$3,227.00	\$274.00
Single Golf	\$3,090.00	\$263.00
Intermediate Golf	\$2,619.00	\$223.00
Junior Golf	\$1,729.00	\$149.00
Family Social	\$1,017.00	\$90.00
Single Social	\$754.00	\$68.00

## Kitchen Hours

### Monday

5pm - Last Call

### Tuesday

11am - 3pm

### Wednesday

11am - 9pm

### Thursday

Closed

### Friday

11am - 9pm

### Saturday

Closed

### Sunday

8am - 2pm

**\*Starts January 16th\***

## Golf Shop Hours

**Closed In January**

**Contact Carl for any**

**golf needs @**

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**golfshop@maplecrestcountryside.org**

Happy  
Valentine's Day!



# Golf News

## Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
9am - 2pm

**Saturday-Sunday**  
Closed

## Bunker Room

**Monday**  
4pm - Close/Last Call

**Tuesday**  
11am - 3pm

**Wednesday**  
11am - 9pm  
Lunch & Dinner

**Thursday**  
Closed

**Friday**  
11am - 9pm  
Lunch & Dinner

**Saturday**  
Closed

**Sunday**  
8am - 2pm



**\*\*EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16TH\*\***

Thank You MCC! Thank you for all the generosity, love, and support you showed us, the Golf Staff, and the Golf Shop in 2022! For it being our first year, Parker and I couldn't have had it any easier and that's a direct reflection of the membership. Mother Nature was slow to wake up in the Spring but once she got going it was all golf all the time through the beginning of December...just the way we like it!

We look to tackle 2023 with some of the same and a list of more...

- More exciting, new things
  - More merchandise that's the latest and greatest
  - More fitting day's
  - More ways and opportunities for YOU to be a better golfer
  - More communication
  - More organization
- And on and on...you get the idea.

From the beginner to the seasoned player, we want to be your one stop, welcoming Shop for all things Golf.

With a season under our belts, we now know more of what makes you tick and we will continue to listen and observe so that we can fulfill all your needs here at MCC.

Be on the lookout for...

- New APP based Golf Genius Scoring Software (will be used for all leagues and events providing a more interactive and streamlined experience)
- Fitting Days from Callaway, Cleveland/Srixon, Mizuno, Ping, TaylorMade, and Titleist (New through the bag technology to fit any and every part of your game)
- Couples Scrambles (with an added DJ night)
- Clinics and Discussion
- New Blind Draw Event (designed to get diversity and new pairing groups)

Please continue to keep us in mind as far as merchandise is concerned, though you may not see it on the floor it certainly doesn't mean we can't get it as we have accounts with every major manufacturer. Even if you don't purchase your golf equipment from us don't be afraid to ask us questions to make you feel more comfortable as you navigate what can be an intimidating process.

Keep in mind all of our fitting days are free to YOU the member...take advantage of them. I encourage you to look at the fitting process as a way to learn more about this great game in turn making you more knowledgeable which is only going to make you a better player, which in turn makes the game more enjoyable...something we are all looking for.

The offseason is a great time to get your clubs regripped and think about getting a new bag if this is a need. February will be the month of regripping and we have multiple bags coming from multiple manufacturers in March. New Merch will arrive in March and as always we will keep you in the loop!

I will leave you with 2 challenges for 2023...

1. Get out of your comfort zone...(play a new event, take a lesson, get fit) do something outside your norm (comfort zone) that will push you to be a better player.
2. Play or practice one more time a week than you did in 2023. (This doesn't mean it has to be 18 holes of golf. Hit balls, chip, putt, play 6 holes...anything to get a club in your hand and get the blood flowing...it will make your game and more importantly your health better!)

Thanks for all your support!

Carl and Parker

## *Upcoming Events*

**1/16 Club Reopens  
(Wing Night)**

**2/5 Winter Brunch**

**2/10 80's Dance Party (DJ)**

**2/14 Valentines Dinner**

**2/24 Trivia Night w/ Mike Keagle**

**3/10 Point & Click**

**3/17 St. Pat's Party  
w/ Peck 'N Frey**

**3/31 Trivia Night w/ Mike Keagle**



## Board Of Directors

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Kare Andersen-Past President

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## *Message from your Director of Grounds*

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is doing well as we juggle these up and downs in temperatures. Obviously that's not a great recipe for the golf course. We were fortunate to be able to lay sod around all the finished concrete work, we are happy with the results as it has taken nicely. Once the ground freezes deeply again we will begin the tree work project on the trees that were marked last fall. All winter turf applications were put down before the holidays and Winter equipment maintenance is in full flight (blade sharpening, oil changes, etc.).

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can tackle some of these off season projects so we can be in full go mode once the weather breaks for the golf season.

Stay warm and we hope to see you on the course soon!

Devin

