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# Maplecrest Country Club



## Newsletter

### March/April

*A letter from your President:*

*Alan Albrecht*

#### 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/maplecrestbilling>

Call Casey at the office with any questions

574-533-1925

News and Upcoming Events @ [maplecrestcountryclub.org](http://maplecrestcountryclub.org)

March is here and we have already seen some golf at Maplecrest for 2023. Mother nature put a stop to that quickly. But hopefully it is a sign that spring is close, and we can get the season rolling soon.

The next step in our evaluation of the drainage tile to the north is to scope the tile offsite. This was supposed to start on February 28<sup>th</sup>, but with the large amounts of rainfall we received it got pushed back. Scoping the tile allows us to determine if there are any defects in the run that prevent flow from 5/12 pond to Woodstock Pond. If so, the simplest solution would be to repair those defects to improve the water movement. But we are also in the process of having lift pumps quoted for both 5/12 and 4/14 ponds to move water offsite if it is determined that the tile no longer fits our needs. Hopefully the board and Long-Term Planning Committee will have a clearer picture by the end of March.

January was a rough month for Food & Beverage. Granted we were closed for 2 weeks, but when we were open attendance was very light. February it picked up a little with strong nights for Valentine’s Day and the Couples Night the last Friday of the month. I heard a lot of positive things about both, so kudos to the kitchen and waitstaff for their efforts. March should be better with both March Madness and the Wine Dinner. We will be open both Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> for the Big Ten Tournament (**Go Hoosiers**) and Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> for the First Round of the NCAA Tournament (**Go Hoosiers**) along with our normal hours on Wednesday’s and Friday’s. Right now, the plan is to still be closed on Saturday (if the course is closed) since we haven’t seen very high traffic in past years on those days of the tournament. Unless Carl hears overwhelming support for the kitchen and bar to be open Saturday, this will be the direction.

Even with the slow start there is no doubt in my mind that we will make up for it once golf season starts. This isn’t a new problem for Maplecrest or other country clubs. But none the less, it is a problem and I’ve tasked the board to address. Some of it can be solved just by moving around the social calendar.

**Kitchen Hours****Monday**

5pm-Last Call

**Tuesday**

11am-3pm

**Wednesday**

11am-9pm

**Thursday**

Closed

**Friday**

11am-9pm

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

8am-2pm

**Golf Shop Hours****Monday**

Closed

**Tuesday**

11am-3pm

**Wednesday**

11am-3pm

**Thursday**

Closed

**Friday**

11am-3pm

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

9am-12pm

Below are the 2023 committees and chairs:

**Committees/Chairs for 2023**

- **Executive - Alan Albrecht**
- **Golf/Greens - Alan Albrecht**
- **Budget - Brad Hartman**
- **LTP/Bylaws/HoF/Memorial/Historian - Pat Schneider**
- **House/Social/Membership - Olivia Kauffman**
- **Tennis/Pickleball -**

If getting involved at MCC is something that interests you, get in touch with Carl, myself, or a committee chair. Being on a committee is a good step to getting to know more about Maplecrest and should make the transition to being a board member more comfortable.

Over the years, the number of board members has decreased from 15 to 11. But the committees the bylaws established has remained consistent. Hence it becomes harder to individually chair all those committees without combining. Pat Schneider has offered to go through the bylaws and help propose changes to make them more current. In the next few months, you will see these proposed changes posted for membership approval. The goal of the changes is just to make the bylaws more relevant to the current way Maplecrest operates.

Hope to see you at the club!

*MCC President - Alan Albrecht*

**Office Hours****Monday - Friday**

9am-2pm

**Saturday - Sunday**

Closed

**Bunker Room****Monday**

4pm-Close/Last Call

**Tuesday**

11am-3pm

**Wednesday**

11am-9pm

Lunch &amp; Dinner

**Thursday**

Closed

**Friday**

11am-9pm

Lunch &amp; Dinner

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

8am-2pm

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***Golf News***

As we welcome the upcoming season we are thrilled to share some exciting news with you. We have new merchandise pouring into the Golf Shop. Right now on the floor are apparel and footwear drops from adidas, FootJoy, Puma, Straight Down, Travis Mathew, and Under Armour along with the latest equipment from Callaway and TaylorMade. We are confident that you will find something to enhance your game and style. If not, remember you always have the ability to Special Order with us as we will try to accommodate in any way possible.

Although the weather in the area is unpredictable this time of year please pay attention to our App and emails, along with our Facebook and Instagram pages to see course conditions and hours of operation. Our dedicated team is working hard to ensure that everything is in place to provide you with a fantastic golfing experience and we ask that you make starting times/let us know your coming so we can serve you to the best of our ability.

Spring is always an exciting time for the latest and greatest in equipment and 2023 is no different. We have you covered as we have booked a full slate of fitting days available to the membership with the intent to give you an opportunity to improve your game throughout the bag. Even if you're on the fence about purchasing new clubs please, PLEASE, take advantage of this opportunity to get fit with technology that can make the game easier and more importantly more enjoyable for you. Simply reach out to Carl or Parker and book an appointment to any of the fitting days you wish to attend.

**April 28th Cleveland/Srixon 2pm - 6pm****May 3rd Ping 3pm - 6pm****May 5th, June 2nd, & July 6th Taylor Made 2pm - 6pm for all****May 6th Cobra 10am - 2pm****May 11th Callaway 3pm - 7pm****Titleist TBD**



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Lastly, we are super excited to announce that the Reciprocal Program is back! You will again have the opportunity to play nine Clubs throughout the state of Indiana at a rate of \$35 (including golf cart) up to 2 times per year. This is a huge privilege and bonus for all of us. Tee times must be made in advance through the MCC Golf Shop based on the availability at the below Clubs. PLEASE do not call yourself.

Anderson CC, Anderson

Coyote Creek CC, Fort Wayne

Delaware CC, Muncie

Dye's Walk CC, Greenwood

Forest Hills CC, Richmond

Hillview GC, Franklin

Kokomo CC, Kokomo

Rolling Hills CC, Newburgh

Ulen CC, Lebanon

As things begin to ramp up you will see letters come out for Invitationals, Leagues, and Junior Golf. Please visit our website [maplecrestcountryclub.org](http://maplecrestcountryclub.org) for the 2023 Golf Schedule. The Golf Booklet will go to press over the next couple days so be on the look out.

Parker, myself and the entire Golf Staff look forward to serving you for a great 2023 season!

As always...Thanks for your support!

*Carl & Parker*



Maplecrest Country Club



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*A letter from your Director of Grounds:*

*Devin Solovey*

If I'm being honest in agronomy terms this didn't feel like "Winter!" The grass never truly went dormant so when Spring truly hits things will be popping over night. Even though the ground didn't freeze for any lengthened period of time we were able to remove the scheduled trees on #1, #2, #3, and #18. Dogwood Tree will be out in the coming days to professionally handle the trees on #8 and at the Chipping Green.

Spring Aerification will be just around the corner. Please pay attention to the course updates to see when that will take place.

The final stages of the concrete project will be in the works as we look to finish the ramp and turnaround to the Clubhouse along with the sidewalk and carport. We hope to be on it as soon as the weather consistently allows.

We will continue to open the Golf Course as much as possible for walking and hopefully sooner rather than later for carts.

My staff and I look forward to seeing you as you make your way down the fairways!

*Devin*

*The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark*



**1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.

**2** Insert at the edges of the mark- not the middle of the depression.

**3** Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.

**4** Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.

