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Maplecrest Country Club



Newsletter

May/June



A letter from your President:

Alan Albrecht

Golf...finally golf season is here at Maplecrest.

April provided us with one extremely beautiful, warm week and our membership took advantage. During that 7 day span we had 600+ rounds at MCC and for the month eclipsed 2022 April rounds by over 500 rounds. The course seemed to come out of winter in great shape. Kudos to Devin and his team for all the spring cleanup work. When the weather cooperates, the maintenance practices that have been established over the past 8 years will produce a firm/fast course.

With that goal in mind, scoping of our main drainage tile both onsite and offsite happened in early March. During this process it was determined that the tile is compromised in multiple locations. Working our way backwards from Woodstock Pond:

- From the outlet at Woodstock approx. 200 feet to the south there is a sediment/debris blockage
- From that blockage to north of CR126 the 18" concrete tile is in working order and looks good
- From south of CR126 to our north fence line the 18" concrete tile is compromised and repaired in multiple areas
- Repaired with corrugated tile
- Compromised with tap roots from the tree line, blockages, collapses, concrete tiles shifting, etc.
- From our north fence line to the manhole on hole 12 the 18" corrugated tile is compromised with blockages and cracking/collapsing
- From hole 12 working across hole 5 the 18" corrugated tile was 100% full of water, compromised with stress fractures and had sediment dams

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

Office Hours**Monday - Friday**

9am-2pm

Saturday - Sunday

Closed

Bunker Room**Monday**

4pm-Close/Last Call

Tuesday

11am-8pm

Wednesday

11am-9pm

Lunch & Dinner

Thursday

11am-Last Call

(Bar Only)

Friday

11am-9pm

Lunch & Dinner

Saturday

7am-2pm

(Bar Open Later)

Sunday

7am-2pm

(Bar Open Later)

- From hole 6 manhole working across hole 2, 3, to hole 4 manhole the 18" corrugated tile had stress fractures with no running water, there was a collapse on hole 2 fairway (sinkhole), ending in hole 4 manhole with 100% water level.

- From hole 4 manhole to hole 4/14 pond the 18" corrugated tile was crushed in multiple locations, there was soil visible, and there was a rock dam.

The initial thought is that the main drainage tile on the golf course will need to be replaced. Also, the tile from our fence line to CR126 will need to be replaced along with about 200 feet of tile that outlets into Woodstock Pond. But because this is such an extensive project that cuts across multiple golf holes and extremely close to a couple of greens, the board feels that it would be in Maplecrest's best interest to hire a golf course architect to provide Maplecrest with a Master Plan.

Our spring concrete project finished up in early April and looks great. The turnaround by the deck was a much-needed expansion and the carport/sidewalk in the front of the building was redone. Appreciate all the hard work from the guys at Riegsecker Concrete and the partnership with Kuert Concrete to get these projects completed.

May will get busy fast with both leagues starting, a Spring Mixer, Friday Night Couples, and the Buddy Tournament. I encourage everyone to participate in as many events as your schedule allows, especially the Spring Mixer Shamble. It is important for country clubs to have mixer events, allowing new members a good avenue to meet people. It is our only true mixer of the year, all other events you create your own teams. Maplecrest will also be hosting 3 outside events in May (5/18, 5/20, and 5/31). The board and the pro shop realize that outside events can be an inconvenience on the membership. If these dates conflict with your golf schedule, please get with Carl or Parker and see what they can do to get you on a reciprocal course. We are trying to better spread the outside events out over the course of the season, but they are a necessary evil. MCC has some big projects that are needing to be tackled (i.e. drainage) and it is difficult to turn away an event that brings in 6+ times the revenue of a normal Saturday in May.

Hope to see you at the club!

MCC President - Alan Albrecht

Golf Shop Hours**Monday**

2pm-Dusk

Tuesday

8am-Dusk

Wednesday

8am-Dusk

Thursday

8am-Dusk

Friday

8am-Dusk

Saturday

7:30am-Dusk

Sunday

7:30am-Dusk

Weather

Permitting

Clean Pick Nights**Thursday & Sunday****Range Closes****5pm****Carl****574-202-6112**

golfshop@

maplecrestcountryclub.org

***Golf News***

As we observe the upcoming forecast it looks like we have turned the corner to Golf Season officially being here...welcome May! The end of April and the beginning of May bring a lot of firsts to the Golf Season here at MCC.

On April 29th we had our first member event of the season, big congrats to the team of Matt Clauss, Rocco Lisa, Rich Oiler, and Travis Oiler (pictured) for their 2-shot victory in the 4 Person 2 Net Better Ball. We will have our first Men's and Women's League nights, first round Season Long Match Play Matches and our first Couples event in May as well.

May and June will see plenty of opportunities to participate in events and we encourage you to do so. Sign up in the Golf Shop for the following:

May 13 Spring Mixer Shamble

May 26 Couples Scramble #1

May 27/28 Buddy Tournament

June 4 Double Pin Scramble

June 15-17 The Invitational

June 18 Father/Child Tournament

June 30 Couples Scramble #2

Junior Golf Camp

We welcome all Juniors to participate in our week of fun in the sun here at MCC. The 2023 MCC Junior Golf Camp will take place the week of June 26th-June 30th. Please go to www.maplecrestcountryclub.org and click on the Junior Golf tab to fill out the application. A formal invitation letter will be coming out in a few days.

2023 marks a special year for MCC regarding the Men's Monday Night league. This year marks the 50th season that the MNL has been in existence here at the Club. After consulting with Head Professional Gary Keaffaber, Dick Swartz began the league in 1974.

There were 16 players in that 1974 MNL inaugural season. It grew to 52 the following year, 100 in 1979, 112 in 1986, 120 in 1989, 132 in 1993 and 148 in 1996.

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Dick Swartz ran the MNL for 25 seasons in a match, match, medal scoring format until his death on Sept. 18, 1998. Up to then, there had been 497 different players in the MNL. In 1999 Wayne Lambright began to donate his time to help with the day to day, scoring, and reporting. In 2000 it was suggested by Mr. Lambright that the format be altered for easier scoring to its current format of match, match, match.

The Golf Shop now handles the logistics and scoring, this year we kick off the 2023 season with 166 players (83 teams) and a history as rich as any golf league in the state of Indiana. We would be remiss if we didn't thank all of those who have participated and/or gave a hand to grow it to what it is today. We also need to take a moment to remember Mr. Swartz for his vision 50 years ago...we certainly hope and think he would be proud.

As things start to ramp up and get busier, please keep golf/member etiquette in the forefront of your mind. Always allow faster groups to play through regardless of whether you recognize them or not. Check in at the Golf Shop before your tee time so we can check you in properly as well as let you know what tee to start on. Please do not tee off on #10 without permission from the Golf Shop Staff. As always repair your ball marks and sand your divots. The practice range will fluctuate between the synthetic mat and natural grass starting this month, please observe the sign that states which surface is open for the day. Clean pick nights are Thursday and Sunday, the Range will close at 5pm both evenings.

The Golf Shop is continuing to fill up with the latest merchandise. Please remember that if you need or want something and don't see it we will do all we can to get it. We want to be your one-stop shop for golfing needs to and from the course.

Thanks for all your support!

Carl Layher & Parker Everingham



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Golf Lessons?

**Contact Carl or Parker in
the Golf Shop**

***Individual**

***Packages**

***Playing**

***Clinics**

***Groups**

New Clubs?

**Fitting Days & Demo
Clubs Available**

**Let us help you get the
most out of your game!**



Pickleball

Many of you may have seen or heard the news about Pickleball gaining some traction lately and we couldn't be more excited. Jim and Lisa Caskey are taking over the reigns so to speak and things are in motion. We are in the process of getting the courts officially painted to add to our existing nets, new paddle rack, and new signage. Open play will begin this Wednesday, May 3rd for those interested. Please feel free to show up any time after 5:30pm. This is open to those who have played Pickleball before, once this takes off, we will have beginner clinics/sessions to get any and all involved. Guests are welcome at \$5 per (limit 5 times per guest). For more information please visit our website at www.maplecrestcountryclub.org and click on the "Pickleball" drop down or email Lisa at lkycaskey@gmail.com.



Social Events

5/23 Point & Click

6/2 Live Music

6/23 Live Music

6/30 Karaoke with Mike

Need Space to host an event?!?

Email banquets@maplecrestcountryclub.org to set up your next banquet, meeting or party!

Remember as an MCC Member there is no charge to rent the space you are just responsible for drinks and food!

We have audio/visual capabilities along with plenty of space and set up options!





A letter from your Director of Grounds:

Devin Solovey

Hello members! Needless to say, we are in the midst of it here in the Grounds Department. Great to finally see some smiling faces new and old as we get the season officially off and running.

Thankfully we were able to sneak in an early deep tine aeration on the greens. Some have asked what's the purpose so I'd like to explain the best I can.

One common trend observed on putting greens that are only aerated using a traditional aerator (with a maximum depth of 4 to 5 inches) is reduced rooting at the maximum aerator depth. Additionally, when examining the soil profiles of these greens, there can be a distinct interface that separates the aerated portion from the rest of the soil profile. This layer is suspected to form from repeated aeration treatments at the same depth. Facilities that regularly deep tine aerate their putting greens can break this layer and encourage water infiltration, gas exchange, and root growth deep into the putting green soil profile.

How many deep tine aeration treatments are enough? There are obvious variables that impact the optimal frequency, but at least one deep tine aeration per year, scheduled in conjunction with traditional aeration and just prior to optimal root growth should be the goal. However, poorly draining soils can be deep tined more frequently.

With all of this in mind we will continue these practices to maintain the healthiest turf possible. We will also be adding a bi-weekly top-dressing program that will benefit overall health and green speeds. Every other Tuesday morning we will run this program and hope to see the benefits immediately. Please be on the lookout for communication from the Golf Shop on when we will be top dressing and which side to start on during those days.

As always, we will do our best to maintain playing conditions and standards outlined in our Golf Course Maintenance Standards.

Look forward to seeing you all on the course!

MCC Director of Grounds - Devin Solovey