

# Maplecrest Country Club



## Newsletter



## March/April

*A letter from your President:*

*Gavin Miller*

Happy early Spring, MCC! As I look at the favorable forecast over the first week of March, the weather appears it is going to cooperate with our early opening of the course with our new carts this weekend. We've already had 100+ rounds logged in the month of February for walking only players, which is amazing. Thanks to Devin and his team for getting the course in a position to open so early.

As we get a chance to get out and play, just a friendly reminder to stay on the cart paths as much as possible and obey all "No Cart" signs as there are inevitably going to be soft areas that need to be avoided. While mother nature has cooperated enough to allow the course to open, we know the course conditions cannot yet be at the level we see in the middle of season. Let's just be thankful we can get out in the fresh air and enjoy this wonderful game a little early this year!

Looking back at the first two months of 2024, it is always slower at MCC during the winter months. That being said, I want to thank everyone who frequented the Club in January and February. We had some wonderful Elevated Dining opportunities, as well as a special Valentine's Dinner and a Wine Dinner. Kudos to the kitchen staff for preparing some delicious meals for those events. Those dinners, coupled with a few private events, have allowed the Club to generate more revenue YTD than we saw last year, which helps lessen the net hole that we annually begin each year.

Back to the golf course: As we start getting out and experiencing the grounds, we will notice a few changes as some trees were removed, but we were also able to plant some replacements with the mild February temps. An unexpected tree loss was the large Silver Maple on the left side of 18 Fairway that Carl already informed the Club about last month in his daily postings. This tree was not designated for removal; however, it split during a storm and when assessed it was determined it would not survive. I understand this tree held a lot of sentimental value to many members. We have planted a London Plane Tree to replace it, as it will mimic a Sycamore and is a faster growing option.

Other tree removals/replacements included:

Removal of a Black Locust behind 16 Green as it was nearing end of life. It was replaced with two Red Maples (one of which is a memorial tree for Jere Eaton) to better frame the green.

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### 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 @

[www.maplecrestcountryclub.org](http://www.maplecrestcountryclub.org)

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

9am-2pm

**Saturday - Sunday**

Closed

**Bunker Room****Monday**

11am-Close/Last Call

**(Thru 3/31)****Tuesday**

11am-3pm

Lunch

**Wednesday**

11am-Last Table

Lunch &amp; Dinner

**Thursday**

Closed

**Friday**

11am-Last Table

Lunch &amp; Dinner

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

10am-2pm

(Breakfast/Brunch)

**\*Hours change when Golf Course is Open\***

**Please do your best to email Kristin at [bar@maplecrestcountryclub.org](mailto:bar@maplecrestcountryclub.org) and let us know your coming. Not only does it help to better serve you but it also helps to manage labor in the slow season.**

Removal of two Silver Maples, one Red Oak and one Black Locust near 5 Green / 6 Tee. The Silver Maples are now considered an invasive species that are no longer to be planted in Indiana. These trees being removed will allow more morning sunlight onto 5 Fairway to help dry it out, similar to what we did for 15 Fairway a couple years ago.

We have replaced with two Sugar Maples and another London Plane.

Removal of three more Silver Maples on 8, including the large one to the left of 8 green. It is now best practice not to plant a tree within 30 feet of a green. We have replaced with two Cherry trees to better frame the hole.

I want to thank Carl, Devin and the Golf/Greens Committee for their work on these tree projects. A lot of thought and planning has gone into these decisions, so the trees are placed in a position that not only works today but hopefully for generations to come. Additional tree replacements are planned for the interior of the course but must wait until we have completed the on-course drainage project in the coming years. We continue to work on getting the off-site drainage project completed hopefully later this year.

Get out and enjoy this weather, MCC. See you at the course!

Gavin Miller – MCC Board President





## Golf News

**Golf Shop Hours**  
*Subject to Change if  
 Golf Course is Closed*

**Monday**

2pm-5pm

**Tuesday**

10am-5pm

**Wednesday**

10am-5pm

**Thursday**

10am-5pm

**Friday**

10am-5pm

**Saturday**

9am-5pm

**Sunday**

9am-5pm

**Golf Course will Open if  
 conditions permit! Please  
 follow alerts!**

**Carl**

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**golfshop@**

**maplecrestcountryclub.org**

Well as we often say around the Golf Shop..."Welcome to the Show!" The 2024 Golf Season is here and we couldn't be more excited. As I head into my 5th season I can't help but admit that this was the first year in my time that I saw anyone play in February let alone over 100 rounds (I was even fortunate to play twice myself!).

As you read this we will be opening with golf carts and for the first time in five years they will be NEW carts. Needless to say we are beyond excited and hope you feel the same. With the new carts comes greater responsibility as we hope to maintain/have them for a long time. When driving please handle with the utmost care. We will start the season with ropes up around the Clubhouse so that we get retrained on traffic patterns pushing us to stay on the concrete and off the curbs. Please do your best to observe signage and course regulations as we strive to maintain all of the great things we have going.

One thing to be aware of on the carts is a new "auto brake" feature that will not only make things easier but safer. The way the system works is that as soon you remove your foot from the gas pedal the cart will start to slow down while also sitting still at all times without any brake lock. Long story short once you get used to it it's a great feature.

2024 Merchandise is rolling in as we speak. New brands to be on the look out for are Club Glove, Nike, Lululemon, and Vessel among others. As always, we want to be your "One Stop Golf Shop," we understand that there are many options out there so if there is something your looking for and we don't have it don't be afraid to ask as we will do all we can to not only get it but give you the best price! Be on the look out for "Fitting Days" as we hope you take full advantage. These days are a chance for you to hit the "latest & greatest" while being fit from each company at no charge. It's a great part of being a member here at MCC so don't be afraid to sign up!

You will see an email circulating about the Titleist "Buy 3 Dozen Get 1 Dozen Free" Program which is the best buy of the year. If you have questions or want us to simply place your order for you let us know. Srixon and TaylorMade also have similar deals going, if you have interest let us know and will place the order!

A few things to be on the look out for as we get going:

- New forward blue tees
- 2024 Golf Booklet
- Online Member Event sign-up through Golf Genius
- Fitting Days

**Can't wait to see you all sooner rather than later!!!**

**Carl and the Golf Shop Staff**



***Thoughts from your Director of Grounds:***

***Devin Solovey***

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**Hello Members! Safe to say that we've been very fortunate with the mild winter to this point. Hopefully things hold steady and the golf season is truly underway for good. If you've been keeping up with the daily posts and newsletter you can see that a lot has been going on around here. There is a lot to be excited about as this weather will hopefully allow us to get a head start on a quality turf season!**

**Probably the most exciting thing on the list is the opening of the new teeing areas. Please be sure to play where the tee markers are set as well as to fill your divots with sand so we have optimum opportunity for regrowth as the tees continue to set in.**

**We will go through the deep tine aeration process this Monday (yes March 4th which is amazing). This will give the greens an opportunity to have their normal maintenance while also giving the membership the opportunity to play on "mid-season" putting surfaces faster and longer.**

**Lastly, its hard to believe but be on the look out for our irrigation system to be turned on in the coming weeks as things start to grow they will need water, we will do our best to stay out of your way and do it when play is limited as to not get anyone soaked.**

**I look forward to seeing you on the course in 2024**

**MCC Director of Grounds - Devin Solovey**



## ***Social Events***

3/8 Point & Click

3/15 St. Pat's Party w/ Peck 'N Frey

3/20 Trivia

3/21-3/22 March Madness

3/29 Live Music w/ Keagle

3/31 Easter Brunch

4/19 Point & Click

4/26 Live Music w/ Keagle

**Be sure to RSVP as these events will fill up fast!**

**[bar@maplecrestcountryclub.org](mailto:bar@maplecrestcountryclub.org)**

**Need Space to host your meeting or party!?**

**Email**

**[banquets@maplecrestcountryclub.org](mailto: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!**

