

THE PREZ SAYS...

Welcome to the 2023 season! Thank you for being a member of the Men's Club!

As I reflect on the 2022 season, there were a number of things to celebrate:

- We hosted 12 events and had 1,517 entries – that is an average of 126 players per event!
- We had 292 different members play in at least one event – of those 292, 234 different people cashed in at least one event! 80% of the players who played – won money! That's incredible.
- We paid out \$62,170 in our events – a new Club record!
- We gave \$25,000 to local high school golf programs and non-profits serving youth – thank you, Brian Espe and the McCaffrey-Neilson Tournament Committee for all of your efforts!

We celebrated these accomplishments and our 15 trophy winners at our annual Banquet on January 28. While we have listed all of our trophy winners later in the newsletter, we would like to give special recognition to two gentlemen – Bryan Pedersen and Dennis Maples.

For the first time in Club history, Bryan Pedersen won all three full-season awards – Most Improved Golfer, Leading Money Winner, and Player of the Year! Congratulations, Bryan!

In recognition of Dennis' 36 years of membership, 10 years of service on the Board, participation in nearly every event, and winning at least 12 tournaments over the years (*likely many more, but we only have complete records back to 2010*), we inducted Dennis Maples into the Men's Club Hall of Fame! Please congratulate and thank Dennis for his dedication and active participation in the Club. Congratulations, Dennis!

2022 was also a season where our Club navigated a number of changes: New Head Golf Professional, New Tournament Director, New President, New Online & Live Scoring, Online Registration, and New Restaurant Ownership and Management. Those are just the 'big' items. That is a lot for one organization to handle.

Change tends to bring challenges and the Men's Club was not immune. There were some bumps in the road and we did our best to acknowledge our mistakes. We also tried to solicit feedback and make adjustments based on the feedback we received. Please continue to keep the feedback coming – it is genuinely appreciated.

As we head into 2023, we are excited about the prospect of new members joining the Men's Club, especially those who may be joining from other local clubs that dissolved in the past year. If you see new people or someone you do not recognize, please say hello, welcome them, and thank them for joining! We love new members – please invite your friends and family to join us!

With that said, as the Club gets larger, we will need more people to lean-in and help support the Club. As an example, following some helpful suggestions and feedback we received from a handful of members, we are going to create a committee to reinvigorate the annual banquet. This committee will solicit feedback and work together to organize next year's banquet. Our first committee meeting will be in mid-March at the golf course. The Banquet Committee is open to all members, significant others, and anyone who wants to help. We will send out multiple invites to the Banquet Committee meeting, but please let me know if you are interested.



In addition, as our Club grows and demand to play in our events increases, it will become even more important to efficiently run our tournaments. To increase efficiency we moved to online registration and pre-payment in 2022. Based on feedback we have received, we tried to make this easier for members by creating a single website where players can find & register for EVERY event. Please visit our new registration site at <https://maplewoodmensclub.golfgenius.com>.

We will automatically open registration at noon on the Friday three weeks ahead of every event and close registration at noon on the Tuesday before the event. This gives the Tournament Committee the required time to organize the event and ensure timely financial reconciliation with the golf course.

To register for an event, simply navigate to the website (<https://maplewoodmensclub.golfgenius.com>), click the link to the tournament, and click 'Register Now'. Please select the correct payment option indicating your intent to use Book Money (or not) for your Green Fee. Enter your information and credit card, then you are finished. Please reach out to me if you have any issues – I am determined to not allow online registration/payment prevent members from playing in our events!

Lastly, with the new site and the online scoring app, we have the opportunity to acknowledge people or companies who may be interested in being a sponsor. If you are interested in making a donation to support the Club, reach out to me and we can discuss the options.

In closing, I acknowledge every person reading this newsletter has a choice to join any club and play at any golf course. I genuinely thank you for choosing Maplewood and being a member of our Men's Club. If there is anything we can do to improve your membership experience, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing all of you - and meeting many of you – on the first tee at an upcoming event.

-Tim
 Men's Club President
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 TROPHY AND AWARD WINNERS!

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS		TOURNAMENT TROPHY WINNERS	
Spring Field Day Champion	Zach Manao	President's Cup Champion	Ben Marshall
Summer Field Day Champion	Mike Patterson	Youngquist Seniors Championship	<u>Seniors (50-59 yrs)</u> Hung Nguyen
Fall Field Day Champion	Sergio Morales		<u>Super Seniors (60-69 yrs)</u> Terry Graham
Espe Team Championship	Don Patterson & Gary Bachmeier		<u>Legends (70+ yrs)</u> Ken Christianson
Net Club Champion	Bob Witter		
Club Champion	Chad Sanek		
SPECIAL AWARDS		FULL-SEASON AWARDS	
Hole-in-Ones	Doug Eisele - #14	Most Improved Golfer	Bryan Pedersen
	Victor Manao - #6	Leading Money Winner	Bryan Pedersen
Double Eagles	Bob Navin - #15	Player of the Year	Bryan Pedersen
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE			
DENNIS MAPLES			



FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL – KIRK GLEASON

My career at Maplewood Golf Course began on a Men's Club 5-man Scramble tournament day in February 1999.

I was hired by Gordy Graybeal – then PGA Head Professional. Along with Gordy, I had the pleasure to work with Mike Toll and Tom Walther. This trio introduced me to so many members: Bob Youngquist, Harold Greene, Mike Harwood, Seve Niemi, Whitey Niemi, Tom "Moose" Staudt, Russ Ritualo, Steve Lammon, Adolf Garbarino, Floyd Hughes, Ed McCaffrey, Dick Stein, Doug Haugen, Jack Peterson, Kurt Brandel, Glenn Knowle, Hab Bruce, Jerry Bruce, Brian Espe, Doug Mills, Jeff Aliment, Jeff Hupp, Randy Beane, Greg Kump, Gordy Bentler, Jeff McKenzie, Ken Galimanis, Jeff Stewart, and many more that have become legend. Each of these members were gentlemen, incredibly kind, and quickly accepted me into the family.

I stepped into the bar after the tournament was over and I was immediately in awe of the display of comradery exemplified by the players. Laughing, cheering, smoking – at that time you could smoke inside – and the inaudible roar of golf course conquests and defeat coming from each corner of the room. Schmidt beer – animal beer as it was called in those days because of the deer, elk, eagle, and bear firmly displayed on the can – was the Coors Light of the bygone era and piled crushed or half-empty on most tables. I remember those days like it was yesterday.

Fast-forward twenty-four years, the 2023 Men's Club season kicked-off with yet another 5-man Scramble, but with many new names – some that were not even born in 1999 – and new legends at Maplewood. Although change is inevitable, I know when I step into the 19th hole, the aspect will bring back the same memories I had so long ago. The mainstay, the transcendent tradition of golf, and all its attributes, such as comradery, acceptance, friendship, and competition, will always remain the same.

We are lucky to have some of these legends around, but such is life - new names and legends will fill the bar with inaudible conversation, laughing, cheering, golf course conquests and defeats, and thankfully for our health - no more indoor smoking.

January 1st of any year is an exciting time for us as golfers; maybe this year we shoot a score never attained before; or hit an incredible shot; or make new friends on the golf course. Whatever the opportunity may be, I hope you have a great 2023 season, and I hope to see you soon.

Thank you for your support, continue to practice and play golf, and always make your three-footers!

Respectfully,
Kirk Gleason
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FROM THE MAPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE MANAGER – STEVE MEYERS

As we leave 2022 and enter 2023, I would like to thank you for making Maplewood your home golf course. The staff at Maplewood is dedicated to making Maplewood a great place for all to enjoy.

We saw a lot of changes last year and we were able to get several projects done as well. A few things from last year were the arrival of 60 brand new golf carts, replacement of the driving range netting and hiring three new full-time workers. The golf course pro shop staff continues to give great customer service and the golf course maintenance staff continues to keep the course in excellent condition. In my opinion, the value golfers receive when they visit Maplewood is the best in the area. Please remember, if you have any comments or suggestions, please send them my way!

We are looking forward to 2023, as we will be replacing the range ball dispenser that will have options to pay at the machine and we will also be updating our point-of-sale system with the most current software, which may include some online pay options for certain programs or products.

The River Rock Grill recently changed ownership, as John and Barb wanted to retire. They had been looking for several months for a qualified buyer and finally found one in December. The River Rock name and staff will remain the same, but you may see a few more options added to the menu in the future. We look forward to working with the new owners, Manny, Sandeep and Aman, as they work to build a top-notch facility focusing on golf and restaurant patrons, while also improving the banquet experience for their customers.

I would like to thank you again for choosing to be a member at Maplewood. We look forward to a great 2023 and giving our patrons the best service and playing conditions possible.

Thank you!

-Steve
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FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – TERRY GRAHAM

Welcome to 2023 season and the Maplewood Men's Club Tournament Series!

The Golfer of the Year point system is changing this year. The point structure will be as follows:

- Tournament Entry = 10 points
- Additional points will be awarded based on a players finish within their flight:
 - 50 points for 1st place down to 5 points for 10th place
 - Ties will evenly split their point allocation and be awarded the same number of points
- The five "Major Championships" will award double points for 1st through 10th place
- Trophy winners will receive an additional 25 points



The winner of the new full-season points race will earn the coveted title of the MAPLEWOOD CUP CHAMPION. The winner of this series will receive a crystal trophy, a cash payout, their name etched into the perpetual plaque in the Maplewood Hall of Awards, and their name etched into a new perpetual trophy that the Champion will get to keep for one year.

The Tournament Committee is excited about this new competition, will provide regular updates on the standings through the year, and hope it spurs more participation, competition, and comradery amongst the membership.

Thank you to the five members who joined me in playing in every event, last year: Bryan Pedersen, Ken McGuire, Dan Cabot, Noel Pudwill, and Chris Love! We appreciate your participation and hope to see more of you play in all of our events in 2023!

In 2023, we will continue using Golf Genius for event registration, pre-payment, live scoring, and electronic leaderboards on the app and in the River Rock Grill bar and lobby. In addition, we now have a single website where players can register for every event – <https://maplewoodmensclub.golfgenius.com>. We hope this single website will make it easier for people to register for tournament. Event registration will open three weeks before the tournament date and close the Tuesday before the event.

When you go to <https://maplewoodmensclub.golfgenius.com>, you will see the new 2023 tournament schedule. In that list of events, you will see a new Two-Man Shamble, which is a very fun event we have not hosted in the past few years. There may be a little twist to that format, so stay tuned for upcoming correspondence from the Tournament Committee.

The new 2023 season is going to be very exciting! I would like to thank all of the members who sent emails or stopped us in-person to share their complaints, comments, concerns, and suggestions, last year. We take every single one of those points of feedback, try to learn from them, and make efforts to improve. We appreciate the opinions of our membership.

The Tournament Committee has things to learn and the Golf Genius software is constantly evolving. Tim Pilgrim has worked very hard on the registration portals. If there is a concern, or you just don't want to register with the portal, then reach out to myself or Tim and we can help you get signed up.

Lastly, please reach out to me if you are not receiving the email blasts from the Men's Club via Golf Genius. We will figure it out and ensure you are 'in the know' about things happening in the Club and at the golf course.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing everyone in the 2023 season!

-Terry
 Men's Club Tournament Director
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2023 MAPLEWOOD MEN'S CLUB TOURNAMENT SERIES	
January 28	Banquet Scramble
February 11	5-Man Scramble
March 4	Tombstone
March 18	2-Man Shamble
April 15	Spring Field Day
May 20	Youngquist Seniors Championship & Under-49 Open
June 10	President's Cup
June 24-25	Espe Team Championship
July 15	Summer Field Day
August 12-13	Club Championship
August 19	Club Championship Final Round (Low 8 Gross/Net and Ties)
September 16	Fall Field Day
October 14	4-Man Progressive Best Ball
October 28	2-Man Triple Play



FROM THE RULES CHAIRMAN – WILL REYNOLDS

Here we go with the new year and all the hopes and dreams for better play that go with it. May it be a better day, a new tomorrow for all, and have more playable weather.

First, I want to congratulate the 2022 Rules Quiz winners Scott Sutton and James Postma. They both received \$50 book money for their playing pleasure. Who says Christmas comes but once a year?!

2023 Rules Quizzes will be coming out. I hope to see continued entries for each.

2023 USGA Rules. Updates have been made. Specific changes can be viewed [here](#). All previous years, 'smaller,' rules books will no longer be valid. Get a 2023 copy or use the USGA Rules app to be up to date with the changes.

Pace of Play rules have been put in place to keep play moving. Tournament times have been reduced because of these rules.

Do play Ready Golf and be Ready to Play when it's your turn to play. Know what you want to do when you get to your ball.

Peace and let's have a great year of golf.

-Will
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FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN – JAMES POSTMA

When the World Handicap System™ (WHS) was implemented in January 2020, three new safeguards designed to protect the integrity of your Handicap Index® were built into the system. Now that more golfers are seeing these features come into play, here are three things to know about each one:

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

1) The PCC is entirely based on scoring data.

Simply put, the PCC compares the actual scores made at a given course each day to the expected scores of the players who made them. If the number of players who score at or below their expected score is higher than anticipated, the course played easier. If the number of players who score at or below their expected score is lower than anticipated, the course played more difficult. PCC adjustments are applied automatically and clearly identified within a player's scoring record.



2) The more scores, the better!

For the calculation to take place, at least 8 scores must be posted at a course by players with a Handicap Index of 36.0 or below – and the more scores that are posted, the more reliable the data becomes. The calculation also takes into consideration each player's Course Handicap and the Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® of the tees that were played.

3) When you post matters!

The PCC takes place at the end of each day, so only scores posted on the day of play will contribute to the data pool. With that said, if you forget to post on the same day, the result of the PCC will still be applied to your score when it is posted – as long as you post it to the appropriate date.

In 2022, 62 percent of scores were posted on the same day – let's all do our part to increase that number!

Soft Cap and Hard Cap

1) It starts with your Low Handicap Index®.

A Low Handicap Index serves as the baseline for the cap procedure and is the lowest Handicap Index achieved by a player within the 365-day period preceding the most recent score in their scoring record. A player does not establish a Low Handicap Index until they have 20 scores in their scoring record.

2) The caps are applied automatically.

Each time your Handicap Index updates, the new value is compared to your Low Handicap Index and:

- If a 3.0 stroke increase takes place, the soft cap reduces the rate of upward movement beyond 3.0 strokes by 50 percent.
- If a 5.0 stroke increase takes place (after the soft cap is applied) the hard cap prevents any additional upward movement from taking place.

3) The Handicap Chair can override the cap – but only if necessary.

All of us as Maplewood golfers experience a poor stretch from time to time (Usually right before the winter series begins) – but since underlying ability does not typically change significantly over a short period, a player's Handicap Index usually works its way back toward their Low Handicap Index. However, if a player experiences an injury or illness that causes higher scores and the cap(s) to be applied, the Handicap Committee at their home club can override the cap by adjusting their Handicap Index to a level reflective of their current ability.

Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR)

1) A score that is 7.0 strokes or better than the player's Handicap Index is considered exceptional.

WHS research shows that a player who shoots an exceptional score is more likely than others to score at or below their Handicap Index in subsequent rounds. As a result, the ESR is designed to better reflect demonstrated ability and prevent a player from having an advantage.

2) The procedure is simple.

When a score is between 7.0 and 9.9 strokes better than the player's Handicap Index at the time the round was played, their Handicap Index is reduced by 1 stroke. If the score is 10.0 strokes or better, their Handicap Index is reduced by 2 strokes.

3) The impact of the ESR diminishes over time.

When an ESR takes place, a -1 or -2 adjustment is applied to the most recent 20 score differentials in the player's scoring record. However, scores made from that point forward will not include the -1 or -2 adjustment – unless they are also exceptional – which allows the ESR to work itself out of the player's scoring record over time.

For more information or to learn more about the World Handicap System, visit www.usga.org/whs.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2022 MEN'S CLUB BANQUET



Most Improved Golfer, Leading Money Winner, and 2022 Player of the Year, **Bryan Pedersen**, celebrating one of the best single seasons in Club History. Joining Bryan in his celebration is **Terry Graham**, Tournament Director.

Hall of Fame Inductee, **Dennis Maples** (5th from Right), with other Hall of Famers (**Espe, Kump, Mills**) and his tournament winning playing partners over the years.



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Club Champion

ACES & ALBATROSSES



Doug Eisele
 Hole-in-One #14



Victor Manao
 Hole-in-One #6



Bob Navin
 Double Eagle #15

TROPHY WINNERS



Ben Marshall
 Presidents Cup Champion



Terry Graham
 Youngquist Super Seniors Champion



Hung Nguyen
 Youngquist Seniors Champion



Ken Christianson
 Youngquist Legends Champion