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THE PREZ SAYS...

As we wind down the 2023 Men's Club Tournament Season, I wanted to start with a simple and genuine "Thank You!" Every person who calls Maplewood their "home course" or their "Club", has an opportunity to choose an endless number of other options, and I am grateful you have chosen Maplewood!

The Club broke another record this year with 483 Members! While we have seen some attrition with people moving to other locations for retirement & personal reasons, the continued growth of the Club is a testament to the welcoming community, the great golf course, the well-run tournaments, and the fun our Club offers to those who join.

As we head into the "off-season", I would encourage you to invite your friends to join us for the Winter Series events, hosted by the Pro Shop, which are open to anyone with a USGA/GHIN Handicap. These events are a great opportunity for people to get a taste of our Club and we would love to see even more people join us in 2024!

That said, there would not be a Club for people to join, without the dedicated volunteers on the Board of Directors. Every two years we elect/re-elect eight men to operate the Club. 2023 is an election year and I am grateful all but one of our existing Board Members opted to run for an additional two-year term. Please thank Bryon Schultz (VP), Dennis Maples (Secretary/Treasurer), Terry Graham (Tournament Director), Will Reynolds (Rules), Ken McCollim (Trustee), and Dan Cabot (Trustee) for their continued service to the Club.

After 12 years on the Board, our current longest-tenured Board Member, James Postma has stepped down as Handicap Chairman for the Club. James has been essential in ensuring we run fair and competitive events, while also helping new members get established, and helping existing members navigate various handicap system changes over the years. He has always been a very active voice in Board Meetings and his leadership will be missed. We all wish him well in Kansas, but I hope he returns for an occasional event each year, and eventually moves back "home" when his professional pursuits conclude. Thank you, James! We are grateful for your service to the Club.

Taking over the reins as the new Handicap Chairman will be Zach Manao! I am very excited to welcome Zach, his fresh energy, and new ideas to the Board. I have no doubt he will continue to ensure the Club runs fun & fair events. Thank you, Zach! We appreciate you stepping up for this volunteer position.

While our 2023 elections are complete, if you are interested in volunteering for the Board or assisting with other Club activities, please reach out to me directly. I anticipate at least a couple of roles may transition in 2025, so I would gladly help you get connected and ensure you are prepared for nomination in 2025.

One of the events the Board hosts every year is the Men's Club Banquet. This is our annual opportunity to come together as a Club, celebrate our trophy winners from the previous year, and have a fun night ringing in the new tournament season. Planning is well underway and the Board is considering a few changes. We will be sending more information over the next couple of months, but please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27! We hope to see you at the Banquet!



On a more somber note, and with a heavy heart, I also wanted to share the passing of our dear friend, Bob Azarcon. Bob was not able to play in many events the past couple of years, but he was a stalwart of the Club, joining us at the River Rock for nearly every tournament. His humble, warm spirit was forever welcoming, and I feel he almost always greeted me with a question about the round, my “game”, and/or my family, followed by a quip of encouragement. I was lucky enough to share a few beers with Bob over the years and I will miss seeing him at every event.

In closing, I just want to thank you again 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 on the first tee at an upcoming event!

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FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL – KIRK GLEASON

Well, it's been another successful year! We've had huge tournaments, plenty of participation, ample sunshine, and the golf course continues to hold up against the weather. We have some cool things happening this winter! Here is a rundown of upcoming events and new opportunities at Maplewood:

The Winter Tournament series is back with three events starting December 9, 2023, culminating with a series Champion to be crowned in February. Please contact Kirk Gleason for sponsorship opportunities.

Winter Tournament Series 2023-2024

9:00am Shotgun

\$74 Entry Fee, includes Green Fee & Tournament Fee

Saturday, December 9 – 2-person Scramble

Saturday, January 6 – 2-person Chapman

Saturday, February 10 – Individual Stroke play

10-stroke differential for two-person team events

Open to anyone with a GHIN number

Registration will be available at <https://maplewood.golfgenius.com>

Points awarded for each event will determine Champion

Upgrades were made to our payment processing in the Pro Shop. We can now use tap to pay -and- we now accept American Express/Discover, in addition to Visa/Mastercard and all forms of contactless payments.



Thanks to Maplewood Men's Club member, Brian Holmberg, representing <https://www.golftrainingaids.com>, the Pro Shop will carry demo training aids with easy access for members to order and get a discount. Use Maplewood10 when ordering to get a 10% discount. Ask me about them the next time you are in the shop.

If you are wondering how to spend your tournament winnings, the holidays are coming! Check out our Pro Shop for Footjoy jackets, pants, boots, gloves, and Maplewood logo beanies. We have all the winter accessories you will need to stay cozy during those cold and drizzly rounds.

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

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FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – TERRY GRAHAM

While getting ready to start this newsletter article I realized that I am coming up on my 2-year mark as the Tournament Director. It has been fun, challenging, and ever-changing with the Golf Genius program.

The Player of The Year race is getting exciting with only one event left in 2023. Can the leader hold on?

Our membership continues to grow with the closure of the Willows Run Men's Club. Maplewood has picked up a few of those members and that means our tournaments continue to consistently be over one hundred players. It has been a long time since our club has experienced that steady number of participants in our golf events.

That brings up a good question... What side games would you all like to see in 2024 that we have not done in a while? More KP's? More deuce pots? What about different golf tournament formats? Two-man teams, individual, 4-man events, three club... I am open to looking at all suggestions!

Please drop your suggestions into an email and send them to maplewoodtournaments@outlook.com.

We are finalizing the 2024 tournament, so please send your ideas soon!

That said, the last tournament of the year is the Lone Soldier on November 11. This is a fun format and we hope to see many of you play. If you do not have a team, please sign-up as a single. I have a great track record of pairing teams together that end up winning!

Thank you for your participation in 2023 and we look forward to the 2024 tournament season!

Terry Graham

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FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN – JAMES POSTMA

What options does a Handicap Committee have if a score is not posted as soon as is practical?

A common error made by Handicap Committees is posting par for a penalty score. In actuality, if a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical after completion of their round, the Handicap Committee has three options:

- 1) Post the actual score made by the player;
- 2) Post a penalty score equal to the lowest/highest Handicap Differential™ in the scoring record;
- 3) Post the actual score and a penalty score. (Used by Maplewood Men's Club)

The Handicap Committee is not required to notify the player prior to posting a penalty score. A player should post their score immediately after their round at the course where the round was played. This must be done whenever possible. The club should make it convenient to post, and the procedure of how and where to post is generally the responsibility of the Handicap Committee. This has been made simple through the use of the GHIN App or GHIN.com. The scores posted for the day must also be available immediately to all members for peer review.

The Handicap Committee also has the responsibility of making certain that each player has a Handicap Index® reflecting potential ability (Dan Cabot). The Handicap Committee has the ultimate authority to adjust a Handicap Index under any circumstances. Before a modification becomes effective, the Handicap Committee must give the player an opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed adjustment, either in writing or by appearing before the Committee. When a modification does go into effect, it must be identified with the letter M, reflecting that the Handicap Committee has modified the Handicap Index (e.g., 4.9M).

The Handicap Committee may set a reasonable limit within which scores must be posted, taking into account extenuating circumstances.

To avoid a penalty score appearing on your scoring record, post your score as soon as possible. And remember that the score cannot be subject to peer review by others until it has been posted.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board as tournament and handicap chair. I'll see you all soon.

James Postma

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FROM THE RULES CHAIRMAN – WILL REYNOLDS

First, I'd like to congratulate our 2023 Rules Quiz winners, Bob Witter and Ken Gunderson. They both received \$50 of book money.

I hope to see continued support for future quizzes. No one loses. All gain more knowledge of the Rules of Golf by participating or just following them.

As the seasons change, we will be going to our rules for winter play. For that we need to be ready for playing per the standards set by the 'Bunker Rule' and Preferred Lies, or 'Winter Rules.' Also, please stay up-to-date and understand Maplewood's 'Local Rules'.

Description of all our rules are available on Men's Club website - www.maplewoodmensclub.com.

As always, play ready golf and be ready to play when it's your turn.

Stay well, play well for our fall & winter seasons.

Will Reynolds

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FROM OUR TRUSTEES – KEN MCCOLLIM AND DAN CABOT

First of all, it is an honor and pleasure to be part of the Maplewood Men Club with its rich history and talented players at all levels.

Being a Trustee has many responsibilities:

- Helping & assisting in auditing when required
- Knowing rules & regulations to assist players
- Being a positive voice for the Club & it's membership
- Assisting the Board, as necessary
- Carrying out tasks to facilitate tournament days, which can include collection of scorecards, editing, and delivering and collecting side game activities for the Tournament Committee
- Securing end-of-year prizes and gifts for the annual Banquet
- Working with local businesses to promote their products
- Encouraging growth in the membership
- But most of all, playing golf on a repeated basis

All in all, we have a great Club with numerous members and want to keep moving forward to assure everyone of a pleasant experience.

Ken McCollim & Dan Cabot

Men's Club Trustees