

THE PREZ SAYS...

Welcome to the 2025 season!

As always, I want to start by saying, "thank you!" This Club would not exist without the 500+ Members who *choose* Maplewood as their "home course". The Board, the golf course staff, and I do not take that lightly. We are grateful for those who return year-after-year and we look forward to welcoming more new Members into our community this year!

As I reflect on 2024, it was another banner year for the Club...

- Membership grew to over 500 (521) for the first time in many years
- Of the 309 who played at least once, 233 of them cashed in at least one event!
- 3rd year-in-a-row we have had 75-80% of the active membership win *something*

We celebrated these accomplishments and our trophy winners at our first "Member Appreciation Event" in January, which replaced our historical "Banquet". The reimagined event included a casino night, 40+ raffle prizes, 10 golf packages, a few golf trip giveaways, lunch, and plenty of laughs. Feedback from the 100 attendees was universally positive, and we are looking forward to hosting a similar event next year!

As we look forward to the 2025 season, our Tournament Director (Terry Graham), has delivered a great slate of events, including a couple of new formats. Please check out this year's schedule at www.maplewoodmensclub.com/schedule. If you have any questions about the events, need help finding a partner/team, or require assistance getting registered, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are happy to help!

We are also going to be introducing a few changes to our pace-of-play policy, based directly on feedback provided by Members. We will be sending out the new policy ahead of the Tombstone tournament, which will be the first event we implement the new rules. We hope the changes to the policy will motivate a faster, more consistent pace-of-play throughout the round, while also providing fair opportunities for all groups to avoid being penalized. Please let us know if you have any questions and please continue to provide feedback.

2025 is also an election year for the Board of Directors. Multiple Board Members, including myself, will be transitioning out of their roles at the end of this year. We are looking for people to volunteer for the 2026-2027 term. There are a few roles to fill, including help on our Tournament Committee. If you are interested, please reach out to me. I would love to get you connected *early* and invite you to a few of our monthly Membership Meetings, so you can get acquainted before elections are held in the Fall.

In addition to roles on the Board, we are also seeking a new "webmaster" to help keep the Men's Club website updated. If you have any basic web development experience and are willing to volunteer 1-2 hours of time each month, please reach out to me. We NEED you!

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One of the largest, friendliest and most active golf clubs in the area.

Finally, it is very easy to take the Club and the golf course we call "home" for granted. Please remember to thank the volunteer Board Members, the Pro Shop staff, and the team in the restaurant for all they do to enable all of us to have a great experience. It would not be possible without their time, energy, effort, and support.

All of this to say, once again, **"THANK YOU!"** We are fortunate to have such a large, active membership, which makes our tournaments more fun, competitive, and enjoyable. If there is anything we can do to improve your membership experience, please contact me directly.

I look forward to seeing you on the first tee at one of our upcoming events!

Tim Pilgrim

Club President

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2025 MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT





FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – TERRY GRAHAM

2024 was an amazing year for the Club!

- Record membership numbers
- Solid participation in all 12 events (309 Different players) (1,574 total players registered)
- The events averaged 131 players per tournament – a new Club record!
- \$63,674 in prize money in tournament payouts and side games

Nobody made a Hole-in-One in a tournament last year, so the Jackpot continues to grow! (\$2,380)

The tournament committee and I want to thank everyone who participated in the events in 2024. We look forward to seeing all of you in 2025!

The 2025 Tournament Series will have some changes to the schedule and the “Major” events:

- There will only be 4 “Majors” in 2025 and moving forward.
- For the Espe Team Championship and the Club Championship, all participants must have played in at least one 2025 stroke play event -or- played in one of the 2024 “Majors” to qualify.
- New Pace of Play rules will be implemented.

New for 2025

The Tournament Committee will introduce a new Championship in 2025 called “The Tournament of Champions” (TOC). To qualify for the event, individuals must win their flight (or tie) in one of the seven individual stroke play events.

The inaugural event will take place at Maplewood and will be held in late 2025/early 2026. Date TBD.

The TOC NET champion will receive a perpetual trophy recognizing his achievement.

In closing, don’t forget to fix your divots and ball marks in the fairways and on the greens. Make sure to rake those bunkers too!

Terry Graham

Tournament Director

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2025 MEN’S CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

February 22 – 5-Man Scramble
March 15 – Tombstone
April 12 – Spring Field Day**
May 17 – Youngquist Championship
June 7 – 3-Club Tournament
June 21-22 – Espe Team Championship
July 19 – Summer Field Day**
August 9-10 – Club Championship**
August 16 – Club Championship Final
Round (*Top 8 Gross & Net*)
September 20 – Fall Field Day**
October 11 – 2-Man Shamble
November 1 – 2-Man Triple Play
November 15 – Lone Soldier
**Major Championship



FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL – KIRK GLEASON

“Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for”

~ Zig Ziglar

As I reflect on the 2024 season, Gratitude is an emotion I connect with.

I feel Gratitude is most prevalent with me because of the etiquette and characteristics we see displayed by our members throughout the year, characteristics such as the following:

- Rake bunkers
- Repair ball marks
- Replace or sand divots
- Fulfill obligatory tee times
- Obey posted rules
- Promote the Men's Club and golf course
- Participate in events
- Frequent the bar and restaurant
- Support the Pro Shop with merchandise purchases
- Utilize the driving range for practice and lessons

We are thriving thanks to your traits and the attributes noted, no doubt in my mind. The golf course conditions are better than ever, and each year seems to provide more.

I am excited for the start of the 2025 season and all the possibilities. Maybe next year Gratitude has given way to another attribute, but in the meantime, please be yourself, show love to this Club and golf course, and be ready to have the best year ever.

Continue to practice and play golf and always make your three-footers!

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FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN – ZACH MANAO

Welcome back to another great season in the Maplewood Men's Club!

The wait is over, and it's time to dust off the clubs and hit the fairways! The Maplewood Men's Club is excited to welcome back all our members for another fantastic season of golf, camaraderie, and friendly competition. Whether you're a returning member or new to the Club, we have a great season ahead with tournaments, weekly games, and plenty of opportunities to improve your game.

One of the most important aspects of competitive play is the golf handicap system. Your handicap allows you to compete on a level playing field, no matter your skill level. If you don't already have one, now is the perfect time to establish your Handicap Index.

How to Get Your Handicap Index

Establishing a Handicap Index is simple and ensures you can fairly compete in our club events. Here's how you can get started:

1. **Post Scores** – To obtain an initial Handicap Index, you'll need to submit scores for at least 54 holes. This can be any combination of 9- or 18-hole rounds.
2. **Use the GHIN System** – Once you've posted your scores, the USGA's GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) system will calculate your Handicap Index.
3. **Stay Active** – Continue to post your scores throughout the season to keep your handicap accurate and up to date.

For more details, check out this article from the USGA: [Want to Establish a Handicap Index? Join the Club!](#)

Get involved and enjoy the season!

With the season just getting underway, now is the perfect time to set your goals, track your progress, and enjoy the game with fellow members. Our Club events are designed for golfers of all skill levels, so don't hesitate to jump in and participate.

See you on the first tee!

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FROM THE RULES CHAIRMAN – WILL REYNOLDS

Rule Golf With Golf Rules

A basic rule of our game lately has been playing competitions and tournaments within a set time base. Something appreciated by all, that maintain a pace of play anyway.

The USGA recommends the player make their stroke in no more than 40 seconds after they are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction. (Rule 5.6b)

The player should usually be able to play more quickly than that and is encouraged to do so.

Play ready golf, be ready to play.

SOME READY GOLF GUIDELINES:

SCORING: If it does not affect your score for that competition, pick up your ball after reaching your posting score limit (your net plus 2) and move on.

PLAYING:

- Keep up with the group ahead.
- Try to track everyone's shots. This saves time looking for balls.
- Plan your next shot as you approach your ball. DO NOT wait until you get there.
- Be ready to play your shot when it's your turn.
- Leave your clubs or cart on the side of the green towards the next tee.
- Line up your putt while others are putting – without disturbing them.
- HOLE OUT your putt if you can do so without disturbing the line of another's putt.
- If your group is behind, the first two players to hole out can move ahead to the next hole while the others finish the hole.
- **After finishing a hole, go to the next tee before recording the scores.**

YOU ARE OUT OF POSITION IF:

- On a par 3, the group in front of you has left the green when you arrive at the tee.
- On a par 4, the group in front of you is on the green when you arrive at the tee.
- On a par 5, the group in front of you is approaching the green when you arrive at the tee.

Keeping a pace of play helps with this as well as with our day-to-day play. Others may also be more inclined to want you in their group.

Will Reynolds

Rules Chairman

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FROM THE GOLF COURSE MANAGER – STEVE MEYERS

Thank you for helping make 2024 a successful year at Maplewood!

As we move into 2025, there will be a few changes you may notice when visiting Maplewood, but the biggest change will be the returf project on the driving range. After a few delays in the project, we are scheduled to reopen on March 31, 2025.

We would like to thank all of you for making Maplewood your “home” golf course. The staff at Maplewood is dedicated to making Maplewood a great place for all to enjoy. The golf course Pro Shop staff continues to provide great customer service and the golf course maintenance staff continues to keep the course in excellent condition. We believe the value golfers receive when they visit Maplewood is the best in the area.

We would also like to remind all customers the Riverrock Grill is here for your food and beverage needs and the WA Liquor Control Board laws prohibit alcohol from being brought onto the golf course. Please utilize the Riverrock Grill, and give them your business, if you are going to have food and drinks. Please refrain from bringing your own to the golf course. Thank you!

Some of the 2025 green fees will see a price increase. 2025 prices will begin in April. Please see the fee schedule below that was approved for the 2025-2026 budget years.

Lastly, please mark your calendars - spring aerification is scheduled to begin Monday, March 17.

We would like to thank you again for choosing to be a member at Maplewood. We look forward to a great 2025 and giving our patrons the best service and playing conditions possible.

Remember that if you have any questions, please send them my way!

Steve Meyers

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CITY OF RENTON FEE SCHEDULE – MAPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

Note: For the purpose of this section, “weekend” shall mean Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. “Weekday” shall mean the remaining four days of the week. “Junior” shall mean ages 17 and under, “Senior” shall mean ages 62 and over. Off-season and promotional rates determined by management; posted on website.

TYPE OF FEES	2024	2025	2026
1. Green Fees			
Weekday:			
i. 18 Hole	\$43.00	\$48.00	\$50.00
ii. 9 Hole	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$37.00
iii. 18 Hole, Senior	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$42.00
iv. 9 Hole, Senior	\$26.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
v. 18 Hole, Junior	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
vi. 9 Hole, Junior	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00
Weekend:			
i. 18 Hole	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
ii. 9 Hole	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$42.00
2. Club Rental			
a. Regular	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
b. Premium	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
3. Golf Cart Fees:			
a. 18 Hole	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$40.00
b. 9 Hole	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
c. Single Rider, 18 Hole	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
d. Single Rider, 9 Hole	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
e. Half Cart, 18 hole	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
f. Half Cart, 9 hole	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$14.00
g. Trail Fee	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
4. Driving Range Fees:			
a. Large Bucket	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$15.00
b. Small Bucket	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00
c. Warm-up Bucket	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
5. Lesson Fees:			
a. ½ Hour Private	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
b. 1 Hour Private	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
c. ½ Hour Series, Private	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$230.00
d. 1 Hour Series, Private	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$340.00
e. Group Series	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$180.00
f. ½ Hour Private, Junior	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
g. Playing Lesson per hole (3-hole minimum/9-hole maximum)	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00



Thank you for joining the Maplewood Men's Club!

Be sure to take advantage of everything that comes with being a Member...

2025 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- USGA Handicap Index calculated through the World Handicap System (WHS)
- Membership with Washington Golf & the Pacific Northwest Golf Association
- Complimentary access to the Washington Golf Pass (www.wagolfpass.com)
- Complimentary access to WA Golf Rewards, which provides members with discounts on hotels, other travel opportunities and entertainment venues
- Free subscription to Pacific Northwest Golfer magazine
- Full tournament schedule throughout the year
- Men's Club Newsletter (1-2 per year)
- Members in multiple clubs can receive a discount through the W.S.G.A. (www.wagolf.org)
- Discounted rates at The Home Course (DuPont, WA); The OGA Golf Course (Woodburn, OR); Poppy Hills Golf Course (Pebble Beach, CA); and Poppy Ridge Golf Course (Livermore, CA)
- **Book Money can be used for the following:**
 - Green Fees, Cart Fees, Range Buckets, Range Cards, Lessons, Gift Cards and Merchandise

2025 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE:

Valued at \$93 + River Rock Promotions

NOTE: Promotions / benefits may not be combined with other offers unless otherwise noted

• Maplewood Golf Course

- **One (1) Free** 18-hole Green Fee, any day of the week (*excl. Tournament Green Fees*) – **\$60 value**
- **Five (5) Free** Warm-up buckets – **\$33 value**
- **10% discount** on all regular priced Pro Shop merchandise (*Excl. special order, gloves, grips & balls*)

NOTE: The complimentary green fee and warm-up buckets will be added to member accounts in Maplewood's point-of-sale system and listed as a Smart Card detail. A physical card will not be mailed.

• River Rock Grill & Alehouse

- **24/7 Happy Hour Pricing**
- **Additional Monthly Promotions** will be offered to members - **\$75 value**