



MMC Membership Newsletter

SUMMER 2026

Greetings from your Prez: Terry Graham

Fellow Maplewood Men's Club Members,

As we move into the second half of our 2026 golf season, I wanted to take a few moments to provide an update on where we stand as a club and to thank each of you for making this another enjoyable and successful year.

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who participated in our tournaments, volunteered their time, and supported the club. The enthusiasm and camaraderie displayed at every event continue to make the Maplewood Men's Club one of the strongest golf organizations in the region.

Our Tournament Season so far

We have completed the first half of our tournament schedule, and participation has remained outstanding. It has been great to see both our long-term members and many new faces competing throughout the season.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to **Co-Tournament Directors Dan Campi and Tim Adamsen** for the countless hours they invest organizing registrations, preparing pairings, coordinating with the golf shop, posting results, and making sure every tournament runs smoothly. Their efforts, **along with our volunteer scorekeepers and committee members**, often go unnoticed but are essential to our success.

Our Financial Health

Your Board continues to monitor the club's finances carefully. We remain in a solid financial position, allowing us to continue offering competitive prize funds while maintaining the long-term stability of the club.

Our commitment remains the same:

- Operate with complete financial transparency.
- Keep tournament entry fees reasonable.
- Return as much prize money as possible to our members.
- Continue investing in technology and services that improve the tournament experience.

New Live Tourney Tournament Technology

This season has been our first using the **Live Tourney** Tournament management system. Like any new software, we've experienced a few learning curves, but overall, the transition has been very successful.

The Board appreciates everyone's patience as we've worked through registration procedures, online payments, scorecard printing, and live scoring features. We continue working with the software provider to improve the member experience and welcome your feedback.

Emphasis on Pace of Play

One area we will continue emphasizing during Tournament Play is pace of play. We have only given out a few pace of play penalties so far, which is good!

Every player can help by...

- Being ready when it's your turn
- Limiting time searching for golf balls
- Playing provisional balls when appropriate
- Recording scores at the next tee
- Keeping pace with the group in front of you
- Intend to play a 4:20 round, which benefits everyone (15 minutes per hole average)

Handicap Integrity

The integrity of our competitions depends on accurate handicaps.

Please remember to:

- Post all acceptable scores promptly
- Review your score before posting
- Follow USGA posting guidelines

Ask the Handicap Committee if you have any questions. maplewoodtournaments@outlook.com

Maintaining an accurate handicap ensures fair competition for every member.

Volunteers Make a Difference

The Maplewood Men's Club is entirely volunteer-driven.

I would like to personally thank every Board member, committee volunteer, marshal, and member who has stepped forward to help throughout the year. Whether assisting with tournament setup, scoring, rules questions, prize payouts, or special events, your efforts make this club what it is.

Looking Ahead

1. **The second half of the season includes several of our most anticipated events**, including the **Club Championship** and **Fall Field Day**. These tournaments always produce great competition and memorable moments, and I encourage everyone to participate whenever possible.

2. **We're also beginning discussions about improvements for the 2027 season.** Some of the topics under review include tournament operations, handicap procedures, registration enhancements, communication with members, and additional opportunities to recognize outstanding play throughout the year. As always, your suggestions are welcome. This club belongs to all of us, and the Board appreciates hearing your ideas.

Serving as President of the Maplewood Men's Club is truly an honor. I have been fortunate to be part of this club for 31 years, and it continues to impress me how willing our members are to support one another and contribute to the success of the organization.

Thank you for your continued participation, sportsmanship, and friendship. I look forward to seeing each of you at the remaining tournaments this season. **Play well, have fun, and enjoy the rest of the golf season!**

> **Terry Graham, MMC President**

Monitoring rounds and handicaps. Vice President: Joe Sammartino

Making sure we run fair and fun tournaments for our members is a top MMC Board priority.

In the spirit of transparency, we are currently collecting and analyzing Men's Club handicap trends and tournament data from 2025 and 2026 with the goal of implementing a **transparent and objective formula to measure and identify any anomalies or manipulation of handicaps** for an unfair advantage during tournaments.

We plan to implement a mechanism starting in the 2027 tournament season. We anticipate the majority of members will not be affected whatsoever and we will closely monitor unusual activity and take appropriate action to ensure a level playing field for all.

We will provide you with more details and findings towards the end of this year.

In the meantime, thank you for your membership and support of our tournaments!

And PLEASE... remember to post your score promptly after every round you play, and....



Tournament Committee Update: Tim Adamsen & Dan Campi

Thank you to all that played in our first half tournaments.

We hope you enjoyed the competitions and camaraderie. It's **YOU** that make this Mens Club great.

Remaining 2026 Tournaments include

- **Major #3:** The Club Championship (August 8 & 9) plus Gross Champion Saturday (August 15)
- **Major #4:** The Fall Field Day (September 19)
- **Fall Season:** The remainder of the 2026 schedule will be announced mid/late August

2026 MMC Tournaments by the Numbers, through Summer Field Day

461	Total number of MMC Members
248	Members that played in at least 1 tournament
15	Members that have played <u>every</u> tournament
108	Average field size this season
4:47	Average tournament pace of play. <1% slow play penalties assessed. Good work!
31	Different flight winners (excl. team events) eligible for Tournament of Champions
177	Members that have won some CA\$H this season (71% of you did!)
\$4.5K	Prize money payouts so far this season

How are we doing? Constructive, well-thought-out event feedback is always welcome. We strive to consider suggestions that benefit the entire club, not just individuals. Our email is maplewoodtournaments@outlook.com

Treasurer's Financial Update: Dan Cabot

Our current balance is around \$19,000, which is almost entirely from membership fees over the course of the year. This is typical, as we build up a substantial balance early in the year and distribute it throughout the golf season via tournament payouts and operating expenses.

To date, we have added \$4,500 to the payouts in the tournaments through our most recent event, the Summer Field Day. We will be adding \$4,000 to this year's remaining tournaments.

Other expenses coming up include: Misc. fees, Golfer of the Year cash prizes, crystal trophies, plaque engraving and costs associated with our end of year Member Appreciation Event. We plan to have just enough left over to keep in the black as the next golf season gets started!

Rule Golf with Golf Rules: Rules Chairman, Will Reynolds

As a 2026 season of possibilities winds down, we still play with dreams of what could be.

So far, we've had good responses to the Rules Quiz's. Many thanks and appreciation to all who entered for their interest and care for learning the rules that govern our play.

- **Rules Quiz #1 winner:** Taylor Bracken
- **Rules Quiz #2 winner:** Ken Gunderson
- Each received \$50 in Maplewood Pro Shop credit
- Both quiz's had multiple entries with 100% correct answers, so a winner is chosen by random drawing



DID YOU KNOW?

On Hole 12, part of the penalty area was removed.

BEFORE: The area highlighted in **GREEN** used to be marked **RED**.

NOW: As illustrated, from the bridge between 11 green and 12 tee boxes up to the bridge short-right of the green (between 12 and 18), that mown ditch area in between the bridges is now considered part of the 12th hole rough/general area.

BONUS: It also takes away a majority of the ambiguity as to where a ball last crossed the red line if it ends up in a red penalty area

NOTE: If and when water is present in the **pictured green shaded area** (it is part of an active drainage ditch), you may take casual water relief per the Rules of Golf (see 16.1b)

Secretary Update: Ken McCollim

Summer Field Day: Jackie Bruce Memorial Putting Contest report

A long-standing and fun tradition of the Summer Field Day is the putting contest in honor of a long-time member and dear friend to many Maplewood Mens Club members, **Jackie Bruce**.

This year's contest highlights include: Ken Galimanis led the qualifying field with a score of 15 (impressive), followed closely by Jeff McKenzie with a score of 16. This course was tough, so good job!

A score of 18 or better made it to the Playoffs

- Playoff winner took 90% of the prize pot
- Second took 10%
- Low playoff score was crowned champion.

The results

- Over 200 rounds were recorded during the day until the 5pm Playoffs
- 2nd place went to Jeff McKenzie
- **The winner and 2026 Jackie Bruce Putting Champion - Ryan Feltmann**

Big thanks to all that participated with the biggest pay-out on record. Thank you to all that made a donation. Also, thanks for all that those that helped in set-up, scoring & clean-up.

Maplewood just gets better every year !!!

From the Pro Shop: Kirk Gleason, Head PGA Professional

- Summer aerification (punching of greens and turf) begins Monday August 31
- Pro Shop Winter Series Schedule, mark your calendars

Saturday November 28, 2026	Two-person Scramble
Saturday December 19, 2026	Individual Stableford format
Saturday January 16, 2027	Two-person Chapman format
Saturday February 6, 2027	Individual Stroke Play Final
- The Active Posting Season ends on Sunday, November 15 at close of play.
- Summer Rules are currently in effect until further notice by the MMC Board of Directors

Some Helpful Links:

Maplewood Mens Club: Main HOMEPAGE

General Information about our Mens Club

www.maplewoodmensclub.com

Maplewood Men's Club: Our Tournament Series Portal

View of all tournaments for 2026, and sign up page for any open registrations

<https://www.livetourney.com/league/58138>

Maplewood Golf Course: City of Renton WA Official Golf Course Website

Course information and on-line booking of tee times

<https://www.rentonwa.gov/Activities-Events/Maplewood-Golf-Course>