# MORESTOWN Moorestown Field January

FIELD CLUB

# A letter from the President

#### **President: Brian Deam**

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Dear Members,

Welcome to 2022! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are ready for a new year of activities at MFC.

We closed 2021 with the annual Holiday Cocktail Party and Breakfast with Santa events, which were both well attended. Our thanks to the MFC staff, volunteers and foodwerx for wonderful experiences. A special thanks to John Diepold, our very own Kris Kringle, for his 30<sup>th</sup> year of bringing joy to children young and old. Lastly, thanks to Stephanie Morrison, Patti Pomerantz, Tracey McCarthy, Cecile Buzzerd and Michelle Jagodzinski for making the Clubhouse look so beautiful and festive for the holiday season. Well done!

The fun will continue in January with the weekly Trivia Night starting on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Form your team of up to 6 players (members, family & friends) and come on out. On Friday night, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we'll have a live band playing from 7-10 pm. Other events are planned for February and March to help get us through the winter. The Social Committee is also planning several major events for the spring, summer, and fall.

Your Board of Trustees approved the 2022 budget at the December Board meeting. As a result of our strong membership growth and disciplined cost management, I'm happy to announce that the Sports, House, and Capital dues remain unchanged for the second consecutive year. The budget includes increased spending to improve our dining service, provide additional social activities, and enhance the course and facilities. We will also invest \$127,000 in capital improvements while building our operating and capital cash reserves for unplanned expenses and future major initiatives.

The Club continues to have a waiting list for new Golf & Club memberships only; there is no waiting list for Tennis or House memberships. In 2022, the Membership and Marketing Committee will be promoting the Club's social opportunities to attract new House memberships.

The recently rebuilt bunkers will remain as Ground Under Repair during the winter; please adhere to the signs and do not hit out of the sand or off the new sod.

We've posted an executive summary of the Member Satisfaction Survey on our website, which highlights where we excel, where we need to improve and what actions we're taking to improve your experience. Thank you for participating and providing your valuable feedback.

Steve Gallagher, our Traditions Chairperson, is updating the History of MFC publication. If you have any historical photographs or articles about the Club that you'd like to share, please contact Steve or Jessica McCann in our Business Office. The updated version and photos will be made available on our website.

This year the Club will celebrate its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. So, what else started in 1892 you ask? Well, Ellis Island opened, General Electric was formed, the Pledge of Allegiance was first recited, and "The Nutcracker" premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia. We're in pretty good company.

Lastly, in just the last two days several members wrote to express their concern with how the loud and foul language in the Clubhouse area and on the course is adversely impacting their experience and making them hesitant to invite other family members or guests to the Club. The reported loud and foul language represent code of conduct violations. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing this further and determining appropriate follow up actions.

Happy New Year and we'll see you at the Club.

#### **Golf Pro-George Frake II**

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Welcome to 2022. Last year finished on a high note and I am confident that we will continue that momentum as we move forward. The club hosted 28,000 rounds of golf in 2021 with the busiest day seeing 196 players. There were 147 days with over 100 players. There is no doubt that MFC has transitioned over the past few years and is now firing on all cylinders.

With this increase of play we need to focus on some housekeeping details that will keep things moving in a positive direction. At most clubs the big concern is for course care and I am a big advocate for that but I feel that we have some other issues that need to be addressed. As we see many more people on the course we need to be more aware of what is going on around us and have some more respect for the others on the course.

The biggest complaints from 2021 were not divots and ball marks, it was language, noise and behavior. The club adopted a "music policy" this year which has helped but there are still many times music is being played at too high a volume. In addition, foul language both in the Clubhouse and on the course has been reported by members and homeowners.

Moorestown Field Club is a place to get away from the stresses in life. The Club should be a comfortable and enjoyable place for all members and their guests. There should never be an uncomfortable situation.

Let's all make an effort in 2022 to make MFC more enjoyable for everyone.

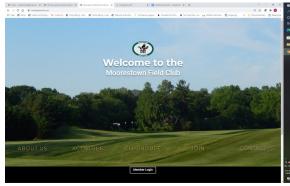
#### **Golf Golf Golf**

I will be attending the PGA Show later this month in search of the latest and greatest of everything!!! I am planning on purchasing some putting technology for use in the simulator room as well as some new training aids to assist with learning that new move. Next month I will highlight what I have acquired.

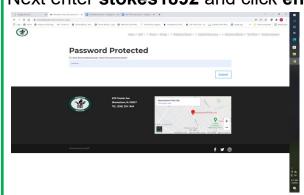
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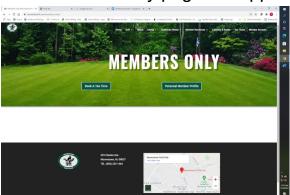
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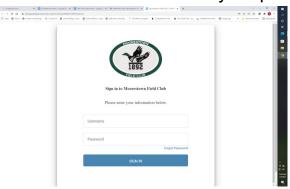


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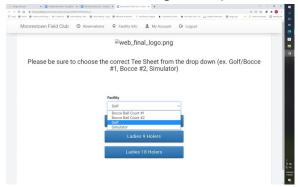
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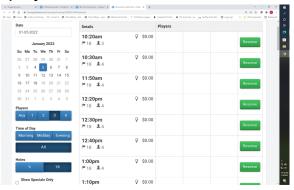
To make a general tee time select the **Moorestown Field Club** tab to see available times. The 9 and 18 Hole Ladies tabs grant access to the Ladies only during their restricted times on Tuesday's and Thursday's

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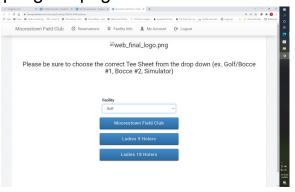
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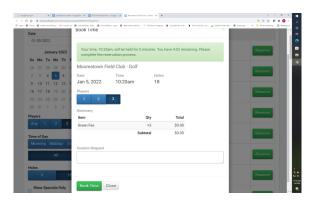
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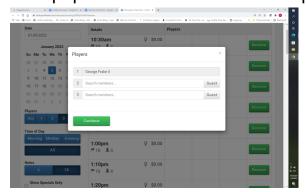


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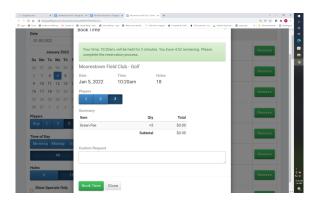
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Once complete click the Continue tab. Congratulations, your tee time is booked!



# **Golf Pro-George Frake II** Email: Gf2golfpro@gmail.com **View or Cancel Tee Times** To View or Cancel your reservations please click the MY ACCOUNT tab on the Member side of the website. Click MY RESERVATIONS You may now update/change or cancel your reservation If you have any issues or questions please contact the golf shop

# A letter from the Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

#### **Tennis Pro Mike Perrone**

#### Email: mptopspin@yahoo.com

#### **Spring League Teams**

Our Philadelphia interclub league will begin matches in April but we need to make sure players begin securing partners. It is also important to note that practices will begin in late February so please be available to play. We will field three teams again this year. If you don't have a partner and want to play please let Mike know.

#### Winter Tennis

MFC tennis plays 12 months of the year and we will definitely remove snow off a court or two to continue the program. Groups and lessons continue through the winter. Temps generally warm in mid to late February and by March the program is rolling. If you would like to get reacquainted with tennis again you will quickly feel that temps in the 40s are fine. So don't delay, join in on the fun now.

#### Tennis Tip

If you want to play tennis in the winter you need to learn how to play with gloves. Use runner's gloves that are warm but thin and grippy on the racket. It may take a day or two of getting use to them but once you do you'll be able to play in the 30s and 40s.

#### **New Banner**

If you have been to the courts recently you have seen our new MFC tennis logo painted on a sunscreen on the first hard court. Thank you to Michele Jagodzinski who did this professionally as a gift to MFC. It looks terrific and really stands out. Thank you very much.



# A letter from Men's Golf

#### Men's Golf-Tim Casale

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The Men's Golf season officially ended on 11/6, but we did hold our 3rd annual Cheermeister Tournament on 12/4. We had our largest field for this event and George and I were once again thankful for all the wonderful donations our members gave for the Volunteers of America Adopt a Family Program. Thanks to all who participated and donated items. The families that benefited were very appreciative.

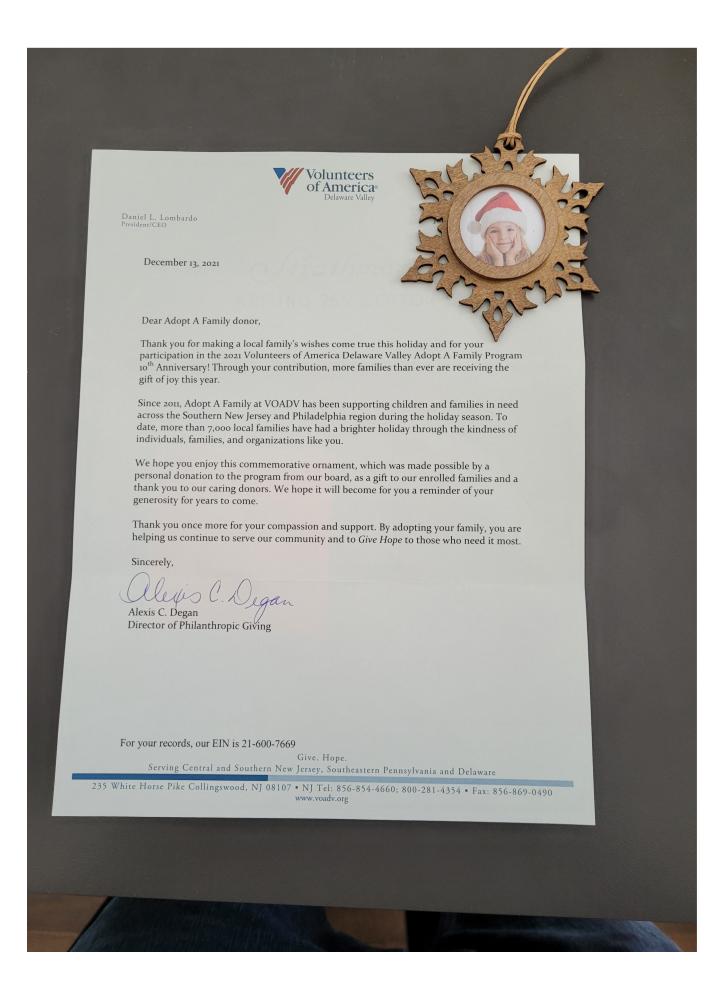
This year George and the grounds staff set the course up as a "greenskeepers revenge" in which competitors had to avoid obstacles and follow specific instructions for each hole. The low gross score of 60 shot by the team of **Eric Piro, Kevin and Jimmy Kramarski and Kevin Eckenrode** was extremely impressive given the difficult course setup.

This past Thursday and Friday, I was able to get two more nine-hole rounds completed before the end of 2021. During my first round **Dan Pomerantz** shared his golf feat from a few weeks ago. If you read last month's newsletter you would have known that **Tom Fordham** recently made a hole-in-one on the converted 18th hole as Dan Pomerantz, Brian Moody and a guest looked on. Back on Thursday 12/16, Dan, playing with Tom and Brian again, hit his tee shot into the right-side fairway bunker on hole 15. Using his 3 hybrid from about 185 yards out, he hit a beauty that ran up the fairway onto the green and into the hole for the rarest of all scores...an albatross.

Dan's 2 on the par 5 got me thinking that he probably one-upped Tom in the rarity category and the impressive play from this group is making me think I need to play with them more often in hopes that it rubs off. I decided to do a little research and from Golf Week & USA Today I found out the National Hole-In-One Association, which tracks holes-in-one and sets odds for the feat, states that an albatross is less likely than an elusive hole-in-one. The association sets a golfer's odds of making a hole-in-one at 12,700 to 1 or, for a professional, 3,700 to 1. The odds of achieving an albatross, meanwhile, are set at 6 million to 1. Congrats to Dan, who we can now say is truly one in 6 million!

The Men's Golf Committee will be getting together to work on this year's men's golf schedule in the coming weeks and hope to present it to the membership at the annual meeting in February, if not before.

Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2022.



### Ladies Golf

#### **Ladies 18 Holers**

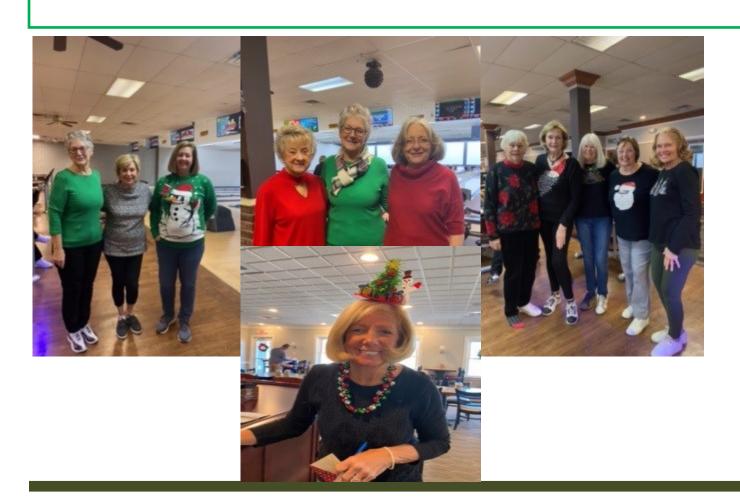
Linda Kastner-Lindkast@aol.com

Carol Beard. - carolabeard@yahoo.com

Our 18 hole lady golfers are enjoying Polar Bear Golf and have been fortunate to have had many mild weather days so far this winter! We have found, however, that it is an altogether different game on the hard, cold ground. We love getting so much roll in the fairway, but the ball often rolls too much or not enough on the greens, making putting the more difficult part of the game! We aren't complaining! On the contrary we feel so fortunate to be able to play and to get together with fellow golfers for the game and often for lunch afterwards.

We are looking forward to our annual 18 holer overnight golf outing which will take place at Heritage Hills Resort in York, PA. Tuesday June 7 to Wednesday June 8. Fellow 18 hole golfer, Annette Read graciously volunteered to choose and make all the arrangements at this beautiful location. Last year our group went to Shawnee on the Delaware and played 18 holes on the famous Shawnee course, stayed at the historic Inn and played at Mt. Airy Golf Course in Mt. Pocono the next day. Be on the lookout for the email from Annette which will give us all the details! Her email is ascap@comcast.net.

Many of our lady golfers are bowling on the Moorestown Field Club Ladies Golf League on Tuesdays at Laurel Lanes. We completed our Fall season and enjoyed a Holiday Luncheon at the Field Club. Many thanks to Annette Read who planned this festive event and to Kathy Dalon who is our chairperson for 2021-2022. Pictured below are some of the ladies who dressed in festive holiday clothes. We will begin our winter season on January 4th.



# Ladies Golf

#### Ladies 9-Holers-Lisa Paparone

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MFC 9 MFC 9 Holers were treated to a surprise performance by the impressive MHS Madrigal Singers during our lunch gathering on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was so nice to celebrate the Christmas season this way and to see all who were able to attend. Many thanks to those who made it happen, from the spark of the idea, to making beautifully decorated cookies, securing the singers and helping to get the lunch orders served so efficiently.

"Polar Bear" rounds are continuing, and it seems we've had quite a few opportunities to play in pleasant weather and several opportunities for some to prove themselves to be true polar bear players. The pond icing over just makes retrieving the ball more interesting. Don't forget to check the ringer sheet to check off a round played and to update for any improved scores on a hole-by-hole basis.

Dates for 2022 events:

Opening Day-Thursday, April 7 / Member Guest-Thursday, June 9 / Closing Day: Thursday, October 13

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable winter!

# **Dining Committee**

#### Dining Committee: Bill Morsell, Chairman

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A Happy and Healthy New Year to All! The MFC board, management, and dining committee is looking forward to implementing several initiatives that will enrich your dining experience in 2022.

Our dining consultant, Doug Blatt, has begun his work and we expect that he will recommend many ways to improve dining. More to come on this.

Sunday breakfast started in early December and has been well received. Breakfast will resume on Sunday, January 9th. Please make a reservation if your group is six or more.

The bar will be closed on Monday and Tuesday during the winter. Restaurant hours are unchanged. The dinner menu is offered on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Special dining events are being planned for January and February. They include:

- -Weekly Trivia Night starting Wednesday January 12th.
- -Dinner with Live Music Friday January 21st.
- -A Brew Pub Dinner Thursday, January 27th.
- -Valentine's Dinner Saturday, February 12th.

Watch for further details on all of these events.

The dining committee is analyzing member survey responses and will be contacting those members who expressed an interest in further discussion.

A final but very important note is for all of us to remember to act appropriately while at the bar. Please be aware of others who are dining. Loud and especially foul language, are never allowed! All of us as members have a responsibility to approach anyone who is acting inappropriately.

Thank you to everyone for your continued patronage and patience.

# Need Reservations for the Dining Room?

You can make a reservation in many ways!

Contact Jessica at 856-235-1464 ext 1

Email: office@moorestownfc.com

Or visit our website and complete the reservation request form under Dining!

Please keep in mind that we ask for reservations for any group/party



## **Dining Hours**

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 11:00-9:00

Thursday 11:00—9:00

Friday 11:00—9:00

Saturday 11:00—6:00

Sunday 8:30—3:00

# **Cocktail Party**



# Breakfast / Lunch with Santa





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# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12 Trivia night 7pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm	19 Trivia night 7pm	20	21 Band in dining room 7- 10pm	22
23	24	25	26 Trivia night 7pm	27 Beer tasting 6pm	28	29
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