



Moorestown Field Club

Newsletter

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A letter from the President

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Dear Members,

Wow, that was one of the nicest Octobers in a long time. Hopefully, you were able to get out and enjoy the courts and course more than usual for this time of year – both are in great shape.

But November brings Thanksgiving – a wonderful time to share with family and friends and to be thankful for what we have and enjoy in our lives. I am thankful for the wonderful job our staff does to provide the best experience possible for our members. Thanks also to the Board, Committee members and many others that volunteer their time for the betterment of the Club. You all make the MFC community special.

Thank you for the exceptional response to the Members Satisfaction Survey – 225 responses out of 427 memberships! The Board is reviewing the results and overall, the feedback is very positive. We will issue a full report by the end of November. In the interim, here are a few highlights:

- 90.4% of respondents were either Satisfied (Sat) or Very Satisfied (VSat) with MFC overall.
- 95.6% would recommend MFC to friends and colleagues.
- High levels of Sat & VSat for the Overall Course, Golf Proshop and Tennis Experience.
- Dining continues to be our biggest opportunity for improvement and usage -- 46% of those that rarely or never use the Dining Services said they do not think of it.

Your feedback from the survey will guide development of our 2022 Budget, which is in progress. A draft will be presented at the November Board meeting and finalized at the December meeting. Our key goals are to sustain a high level of member satisfaction, address high priority improvement opportunities, execute the 5 year Capital plan and, if possible, keep our dues unchanged.

If you have not already, please return your Election ballot to the Business Office by Friday, November 5th. Make your voice count.

We are periodically asked by resigned members, “when will I get my bond back?” I thought I would share our response in case you are asked this question. The answer is simple – it depends. Per our By-Laws, we redeem a bond only when we get a new bond paying member. We strictly adhere to this policy and actively redeem bonds throughout the year. Unfortunately, the Great Recession of 2008-2009 resulted in a high number of resignations and in subsequent years, the number of new members was less than or equal to the number that resigned. This created a large backlog. Furthermore, to attract new members, we allow them to pay the bond over three years, and in some cases, ten years. So effectively, it takes three new members in one year to pay off one bond.

Over the last two years, the Club had a net increase of almost 100 new members (but we are still below pre-recession levels). This allowed us to make material progress in decreasing the backlog. We currently are processing redemptions for members that resigned in 2014 and will start on 2015 shortly. But again, the redemption pace is directly tied to the rate of new memberships, which is uncertain.

Shout out this month to Cathy Hipple and John Gibson – each made a hole-in-one in October! Cathy traveled all the way to the Monterey Peninsula to make hers while John stroked his magical shot here on #8. Also, congratulations to Kevin Kramarski on winning the GAP Tournament of Champions; a great accomplishment!

This month’s Trivia tidbit: According to the PGA, the odds of making a hole-in-one are 12,500 to 1. For a low handicapper, it drops to 5000 to 1. For a tour player – 3000 to 1. Only 1-2% of golfers score an ace in a year. The average years of playing golf for a player before making an ace is 24. And the age group that makes the most holes-in-one? That would be golfers between 50-59. Do not give up hope and keep on swinging!

Best wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving and we’ll see you at the Club.

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

Golf Pro-George Frake II

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Golf Shop News

We are now moving into winter hours for the course. Below are the November times for opening.

Weekdays- First tee time 9am, golf shop opens at 8:30am, closed at 4pm after time changes.

Saturday and Sunday- First tee time 8am, golf shop opens at 7:30am, closed at 4pm.

Stokes Cup

Congratulations to Tim Casale on his victory over Pat Fowler in the Annual Stokes Cup Event. This was Tim's first victory after being in the finals four times. Last year's champ, Doney Largey made it to the semi finals before being uprooted by Pat Fowler. Congrats to all that participated.

Greenwood Cup

The season-long Greenwood Cup concluded this past weekend with the team of Tom Tone and Will Tone defeating Andrew Phillips and Matt Orosz. Past champs, Ed McGugan and Peter Ellison, along with Brian Deam and Mike Wilson, both hot teams this summer lost in the semi's. Congrats to both teams and a special shout out to Will who posted a 66 in the final match.

Retirees Closing Day

The Retirees wrapped up the Summer Season this past week and are looking forward to the Winter Series. Matt Vollmer was this year's champion, defeating Brian Deam in the final match.

If you are interested in playing on Wednesday mornings, please contact me for more information.

GAP Tournament of Champions

Congratulations to the Moorestown Field Club contingent for their fine showing at the GAP Tournament of Champions held at Medford Village Country Club. Club Champ, Kevin Kramarski continued his winning ways by winning a 3 way playoff. Jon Mabry, Super Senior Champ finished just 2 strokes out and Pat Fowler finished in the middle of the pack in the Senior Division. Below is an excerpt from the GAP article:

A 3-for-1 playoff decided the Tournament of Champions – East's Amateur Division. After all finishing at 1-under 71, Little Mill Country Club's Jack Irons, Moorestown Field Club's Kevin Kramarski and Medford Lakes Country Club's Jack Ross headed to the first tee (par 4, 390 yards) to decide the trophy's fate.

In the playoff, Kramarski hit driving iron off the tee to the right edge of the fairway. His 9-iron approach from 145 yards out landed on the front right of the green. Irons played next and placed his approach shot to 10 feet above the cup. Ross was in a difficult spot after finding the right trees off the tree, punching over the green and running a greenside chip past the hole. Ross would go on to make bogey 5. Kramarski's lag putt from 30 feet left him just a foot away, which was followed up by a missed birdie look from Irons. Next, Irons stepped up for the two-foot par putt, hit it with speed and rimmed out. Kramarski's tap-in 4 gave him the playoff victory.

Kramarski canned five birdies – plus an eagle on No. 5 (par 5, 456 yards) – before advancing to overtime. His eye-opening first side of 3-under 33 was the key to victory.

"This is my first time playing here, which is kind of hard to believe. The tee shots are tight. I was feeling pretty good making the turn [at 3 under], especially after a few bogeys to start," said Kramarski. "The eagle was obviously a big one for me. But it was challenging from where some of the tees were."

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Kramarski previously played his club golf at Riverton Country Club where he made noise on the GAP Junior circuit before heading to play collegiately at Iona University, followed by Arkansas State University. Kramarski collected four men's club championships while at Riverton. Now a member of Moorestown, he took home their men's title in August for the first time.

"I was able to play a decent amount this summer after work a few times a week. I'm really just trying to get back into the groove of it," said Kramarski, 25, of Cinnaminson, N.J. "I'm really trying to play in more GAP events next season."

Congrats to Kevin on his great play.

Golf Shop Holiday Sale Thursday December 2nd 5pm to 7pm



A letter from the Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

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Fall Club Tournament Champions

MFC club champions have been decided in all three categories. Thank you to all players who participated. There were some excellent matches that could have gone either way but in the end all three winners did not lose a match in our round robin format. Congratulations to our winners:

Mixed Doubles: Cathy Hipple/Steve Graham

Ladies Doubles: Alli Rohrbach/ Andrea Giacobbo

Men's Singles: Nick Maravich

This is Nick's eighth straight club championship. Nick is also playing tournaments in the tri-state area and has been very successful in results.

Winter Play

Like last year our lessons, drills, and open play will continue into the winter. Many MFC players will dress a little warmer and enjoy some crisp but very nice days on the tennis court in the winter.

Clay Courts

Our clay courts will remain open until the first few days of the overnight temperature dropping into the 20's. This typically can be mid-November to mid-December. If you see the nets dropped on the courts they are not playable.

Friday MFC interclub team.

We have entered a MFC team in the South Jersey interclub league held every Friday. The team is captained by Stephanie Morrison with many of our Cup 7 players participating. The team plays their home matches out of the Cherry Hill Racket Club as this is an indoor league.

Tennis Tip

Are you not controlling your ball well enough? Hitting it out too often? Well controlling your shot has a lot to do with spin. If your ball is going long too often you probably need to close your racket face meaning don't hit with the strings pointed up. Your image may even be upon contact your strings are striking towards the top of the ball as your racket is swinging upward. It's like two opposite directions working together. Your racket is swinging upward and your strings are pointed downward. This produces the topspin on the ball which helps rotate the ball down to the courts preventing shots going too long.

A letter from Men's Golf

Men's Golf– Tim Casale

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The “official” golf season is coming to a close as the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP) has designated November 15th as the last date in which scores can be reported for your handicap purposes. Although we tend to have some tournaments at MFC after this date, it also signifies the end to our season. Information about reporting your scores and the world handicap system, which was adopted in 2019, can be found here <https://gapgolf.org/news/2021-handicap-season-opens/>

One quick note is that if you play a round of golf in a region of the country or the world that does not stop reporting scores, then those scores can be reported towards your handicap. For example, if you play a round of golf in Florida or Arizona (just to name two examples) after 11/15/21 and before 4/1/22, you **SHOULD** enter those scores into the handicap system.

On Thursday October 6th, our annual **Glow Golf Scramble** was contested under beautiful skies and gorgeous evening weather, guided by glow sticks and flying colorful orbs. The tournament is open to all members, not just male golfers and a few teams were co-ed. In the end, the team of **Andrew Chi, Ryan Hanratty, Andy Hall & Len Rosenberg** shot a gross score of 31 to take home the top prize. The team of **Bob Kennedy, Mike Thornton, Steve Donovan & Bill Petrocco**, shot a net 28 to claim low net. Much fun and camaraderie was had in this annual tradition.

Our **Stokes** and **Greenwood Cup** Champions have been crowned. Team Tone, **Tom & Will** defeated **Matt Orosz** and **Andrew Phillips** in the finals played on October 23rd. Will even came home from college to accomplish the feat with his dad, completing a long journey that began back in May. In the Stokes bracket, **Tim Casale** defeated **Pat Fowler** on the 17th hole to capture his first ever Stokes Championship, having previously been defeated 3 other times in the finals. Congrats to our champions.

Speaking of champions, all three of our men's club champions, **Kevin Kramarski (amateur)**, **Pat Fowler (senior)** & **Jon Mabry (super senior)** competed in the **GAP Tournament of Champions (East)** at Medford Village Country Club on 10/25. Kevin took home the overall title, tying two others with a 1 under par 71 and winning on the first playoff hole. Jon shot a 6 over par 78, losing out by 2 strokes. Congrats to the three of you and thank you for representing MFC.

Men's golf had to postpone our **Closing Day Tournament** scheduled for 10/30. George sent an email and anyone wishing to play in the rescheduled event on Saturday 11/6, should contact George in the pro shop.

Men's golf is looking to schedule another tournament before December, format and date to be announced.

Our annual **Cheermeister Tournament** is scheduled for Saturday December 4th. More information about donations and tournament format will be emailed out soon.

A letter from Men's Golf

Men's Golf– Tony Casale

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Halloween is upon us and that means that the 2021 official golf season comes to an end. It was a very rewarding and enjoyable year. Closing day was held on October 27th. Two weeks prior to closing playoff matches were held to determine 2021 overall champion. Matt Vollmer is the new champion. He defeated Brian Deam. Ed Workman came in third as he bested Hal Ruff .

Twenty -two members participated in closing day golf matches as well as longest drive and closest to the pin activities. Longest drives drive winners were Brian Deam and Paul Riggans. John Gibson and Steve Engle were Closest to the Pin winners. Also John Gibson carded a Hole in one on hole #8 on October 20th. Congrats to all.

A special THANK YOU to our pro George Frake for leading our group through the season as well as to Superintendent John Carpinelli for making sure we have great golfing conditions.

Even though the official season has ended we will still be meeting on Wednesday Mornings at 9 am to enjoy golf and each others company. All senior men over the age of 60 are welcome to join us. The more golfers the more the enjoyment. To quote a local automobile magnate "COME JOIN US".

Again I would like to THANK everyone who made this a great golf season!



Fall is here!

Ladies 18 Holers

Linda Kastner-Lindkast@aol.com

Carol Beard. - carolabeard@yahoo.com

The girls in 18 Holers enjoyed the end of the season on October 19th with a 9 hole scramble, lunch and a meeting on the patio. It was decided that the ladies on the 2021 committee will continue in those positions for the 2022 season. Linda Kastner and Carol Beard will co-chair, Jackie Diepold and Ann Nutter will continue as Tournament Chairs, Kris Furey as Secretary, Peg Kehs as Treasurer and Maryellen Gallagher as Team Chair.

We look forward to Polar Bears chaired by Peg Kehs. We will continue to play through the winter.

As always, the 18 Holers welcome new members to our Tuesday Golf when we play in weekly tournaments. If interested please contact the chairpersons.



Ladies 9-Holers- Trish Trivinia

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The 9 Holers closed out their 2021 season on a glorious Fall day on October 28th. We want to give a big shout-out to Kris Furey, Katie Alexander, and Kathy Dalon (along with their many helpers) for running a fun-filled festive Halloween Closing Day. The golf competition was stiff but Linda Kastner, Carole Kraemer, and Sarah Armstrong came out on top and won the event. In addition, there was a three-way tie for 2nd between the following teams:

Janice Powell, Kris Furey, Jerry Steinberg

Anne Cantwell, Susan Cosden, Kathy Dalon

Trish Trivinia, Lisa Paparone, Julie Oatway

As it is now the end of our 9 Hole season, we would like to recognize the following golfers:

9 Hole Champion - Audrey Brisson

Runner up 9 Holer Champion - Anne Nutter

Most Improved - Katie Alexander

Pars & Birdies

1st - Audrey Brisson

2nd - Jackie Diepold

3rd - Katie Alexander

Flight A

1st—Katie Alexander

2nd—Patty Savage

3rd—Audrey Brisson

Flight B

1st - Jackie Diepold

2nd - Ann Nutter

3rd - Linda Kastner

Flight C

1st—Pat Taylor

2nd—Barb Zimmerman

3rd—Suzanne Kahn

We now move into our Polar Bear Thursday morning golf. Anyone interested in playing, who hasn't signed up yet, can contact Peg Kehs at pkehs@comcast.net.

On a final note, the 9 Holers would like to recognize Cathy Hipple for her spectacular Hole-In-One on the 5th hole at Spyglass Hill Golf Course at Pebble Beach, CA (she was using a Bridgestone golf ball and TaylorMade 5 Iron). She had her Hole-In-One on The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia's golf trip to Pebble Beach 10/7/21-10/10/21. Congratulations to Cathy and many thanks for making the Moorestown Field Club look good!!!

Ladies Golf

MFC women's golfers experience a trip of a lifetime with WGAP to Pebble Beach. Everything was absolutely perfect from the weather, accommodations and traveling with amazing friends. Our own Cathy Hipple's Hole-in-one was the "icing on the cake"



Congratulations to Tesa Donnell Smith winner of this year's President Cup.



Ladies Golf



Need Reservations for the Dining Room?

You can make a reservation in many ways!

Contact Foodwerx at 856-235-1464 x3

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

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Bar Only	11:00—6:00
Wednesday	11:00— 9:00
Thursday	11:00—9:00
Friday	11:00—9:00
Saturday	11:00—6:00
Sunday	11:00—3:00

A letter from the Dining Committee

Bill Morsell

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Thank you to all who completed the Member Survey. Your ratings and comments concerning dining will be very helpful as we make changes and plan for the future.

Good news for those of you who have been asking for Sunday Breakfast. Starting Sunday, December 5th, breakfast will be served all day beginning at 8:30 AM. We will be trying this for sixty days so please support Sunday breakfast and bring your friends! Any continuation of this will depend upon a good member turn-out..

The Dining Committee is making plans for a busy end of 2021 and for the start of 2022. We have many ideas for special dining events but we need volunteers to help organize these events. Please contact the club if you are able to assist.

The Holiday Cocktail Party is planned for Saturday December 4th and Breakfast With Santa will be Saturday December 11th. Details will be forthcoming. Again, we need volunteers to help organize and run these events.

Staffing issues continue. If you know of anyone who is an experienced food server and is looking for part-time work, please let club management know.

Thank you for your support and Happy Thanksgiving!

The Dining and Bar Committee

Celebrating a Special Occasion?

Why not rent the dining room/sun room for your next event? As a member of MFC you will receive a 50% discount on the rental fee!

Contact Jessica McCann for your next event at
856-235-1464 x1



November 2021

Sun

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Men's closing day</i>
7	8 <i>Course closed until 1pm</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Board Meeting 6pm</i>	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving (closed)</i>	26 <i>Office closed</i>	27
28	29	30				



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