

MOORESTOWN



Moorestown Field Club
Newsletter

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FIELD CLUB

A letter from the President

President: Brian Deam

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Dear Members,

On May 7, 1892, the Moorestown Field Club was organized with the mission to promote and encourage athletics as provided by the Club and in any other manner to provide for the recreation, comfort and enjoyment of the members, their families, and friends to the ultimate benefit of our community.

As we celebrate our 130th anniversary this month, the success of that mission has never been more evident. And the cornerstone of that success is you, the members. The Club is owned and governed by the members for the sole purpose of that mission. For 130 years, members have volunteered their time, skills, and creativity to make the Club the gem it is. It is a legacy that I am sure will continue for another 130 years.

In that spirit, shout outs to: Katie Alexander for spearheading the improvements to the Club's front entrance; it looks beautiful; Pat Dehart for organizing a thoughtful flag raising ceremony for the new flagpole by the putting green; Sam Schlindwein who will provide his excavation expertise for the new restroom being installed by the 16th tee. Our thanks to these and all members that contribute to the betterment of the Club. If you want to help, the House committee is looking for members with experience in or a passion for construction and interior design. If interested, please contact me or the House chair, Mike McCool (mmccool1@comcast.net).

John and the grounds crew have the course in great shape and continue to make improvements:

- A new willow oak tree was planted in the left rough on the first hole, about 25 yards short of No 1 green. It replaces the old tree that was removed last fall.
- A "dew path" was mowed from the tee box to the fairway on each hole
- A prototype of the new "MFC 1892" tee marker is on No 1 tee (White only for now); they will be installed on all tees soon
- New ball washers and trash cans and a hole-number sign at each hole will be installed as materials arrive

As the weather improves, so do the number of rounds played - Good Friday saw a record 180 players tee off! To maintain the condition of the course and quality of play for all golfers, it is imperative that each player fix their ball marks and divots and rake the traps. Fix two while you are at it.

Both Golf and Tennis started their inter-club matches in April and are very competitive, as usual. Thanks to all members that participate and represent our Club so well.

The Bocce league started in late April and participants have endured some cool and windy nights – the warm evenings are coming though! Trivia night was remarkably successful this winter and wrapped up in April. But it will return in the late Fall.

The month of May will be busy with the Social Committee's first big event of the year, the Kentucky Derby and Casino night on the 7th, Mother's Day Brunch on the 8th, pickleball Dinks & Drinks on the 13th and a cornhole tournament on the 21st.

We are resuming dining service on Tuesdays from 11 am to 3 pm starting May 10th. Also, Saturday dining service hours are expanding from 3 pm to 6 pm starting May 14th. If you have not been here in a while, come on out and enjoy the new Spring menu.

The Board recently approved an updated dress code for the dining rooms and patio area. They also approved a reservation and cancellation policy for special dining or social events. When reservations are required, a cancellation date will be clearly indicated along with what the member will be charged if the reservation is cancelled after that date. Both policies will be distributed by email to members shortly.

A letter from the President

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Demand for the club remains strong and we still have a waiting list for golf related memberships. Prospective golf members are encouraged to submit their application and fee to secure a position on the list. There is no waiting list for tennis or house memberships.

Account delinquencies continue to remain low -- thank you for paying your monthly statements on time. You can check your account balances online at any time and pay online via ACH or a credit card.

In honor of our 130th anniversary, here is a little trivia about the club: While the club started in 1892, the golf course was not laid out until February 1898 with a total yardage of 2040 yards. In 1900, the entrance fee was \$3 and annual dues were \$10 (no, we are not having any "throwback dues specials" to commemorate our anniversary). By 1917, the yardage had increased to 3,125 yards but no Sunday play was permitted. Yes, times have changed!

See you at the club!

Board Member Spotlight

Brian Deam

As a golf member since 2007, I have enjoyed playing this beautiful course and seeing the club grow and evolve into more than just a place to play golf. In 2018, I joined the Board of Trustees and served as the Secretary from 2019 to 2021. As the current President, I am fortunate to work with the dedicated Board, committee members and staff to continuously improve the membership experience.

I grew up in Massachusetts (#6 of 7 kids), graduated from Penn State (and later an MBA from Rutgers), and landed in NJ via TX in '81 through my work. My wife, Maureen, is a true Jersey girl from Pennsauken and my best friend. We met playing volleyball at the Echelon Y and continue playing sports together (we switched to pickleball five years ago). We have lived in Moorestown for 30 years and are the proud parents of Kevin (28) and Karly (26).

Maureen and the kids share my passion for Penn State (as if they had a choice). We have enjoyed many hot, cool, and freezing football Saturdays in Happy Valley as well as a trip to the Rose Bowl. The summers find us at our shore house in Ocean City -- we love the beach, biking and soaking in the sun and sea air.

I retired 4 years ago after a career in logistics, program management and vendor management and Maureen is a retired Physical Education teacher. Retirement is by far the best job we have ever had! Our schedules are busy with volunteer work, sports, travel and just spending time with our family and friends.

See you at the Club.



A letter from the General Manager / Superintendent

John Carpinelli

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I hope you are enjoying your early Spring at MFC. Play on the golf course has not slowed down at all and it is nice to see so many people rejuvenated in their golf game again. Part of being a good player is practice and we are making an effort to bring an improved practice area to our limited space.

The Greens committee, along with our Golf pro, looked at our current situation and will make the following improvements. Chipping baskets placed at 25 and 50 yards from the mats. The Field Club is all about the short game so the baskets will be a good tool to help you with the various shots from 50 yards and in. We also purchased range banners to designate yardages from 75 yards, 100 yards and 125 yards. These are very nice targets to try and hit and seem to be widely used at practice facilities all around us.

In addition to these new gadgets, we encourage you to use the 18th green for practicing putting, chipping and bunker shots. We will install target pins on the extreme left side of the green to aim at. Of course, you must yield to players coming to 18th green and we insist that you rake bunkers and fix divots if you take them. Please no longer shots into the green as we don't want it peppered with ball marks. If you are just warming up and want to hit a few putts, please use the putting green at the first tee. If you intend on practicing, please use the 18th green. The small putting green cannot take the tremendous traffic it receives and was not built for as much play as it is getting. Also, try not to congregate on the green itself, as this is also detrimental to the green surface.

As usual, I would beg that you fix your ball mark and one other that you see. I have heard many complaints about unraked bunkers as well. Our golf course can be very well maintained but we still need help from the members to take care of the ball marks and divots. Thank you in advance

Turf tip. Merit insecticide is a season long treatment for the control of grubs and other chewing insects. The good thing about this insecticide vs others is that it carries only a Caution label which is very uncommon for any pesticide. If you have had grub problems in the past or have had raccoons or other animals digging or burrowing in your yard, please apply Merit in May or June. One treatment will take care of your turf for the rest of the season.

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

Golf Pro-George Frake II

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Upcoming Events

May 14th and 15th Men's President's Cup Tee Times

36 Hole Individual Net and Gross \$25 entry fee

May 24th Men's 1 Day Member Guest 2pm Shotgun

Invite 1 or 3 guests. \$90 per player includes golf, cocktails and apps, dinner and prizes. Limited to 13 foursomes, cart fees additional.

May 25th Women's 1892 Cup at MFC 3pm shotgun start \$40 includes post golf refreshments

May 27th to 30th Memorial Day Weekend Patriot Day Golf Event

Individual Net and Gross. Sign up on the 1st tee and play 1, 2 or 3 days, \$10 entry fee each day. Daily and multi-day prizes. Make your own foursome and tee time. A portion of each entry will go to Patriot Day Golf. Raffles and other on course contests.

June 8th Retirees Golf Riverton at MFC 830am Shotgun

Course Closed until 1pm. Sign up with the golf shop. \$40 per player includes lunch and prizes.

June 15th 1892 Cup at Merchantville

The annual competition against Merchantville Country Club continues. MFC captured the Cup for the first time in 8 years. Help keep the Cup. More details and pricing to follow.

June 18th Club Championship Qualifying 27 Holes Tee Times begin at 730am

27 Holes of Qualifying White Tees, Black Tees, Blue Tees. The Low 7 qualifiers and the defending champion will make up the Championship Flight and play all matches from the Championship (Black) Tee. The next 8 scores will make up the A Flight and play from the White/Blue Tees. \$25 entry fee, prizes for low qualifiers and top 4.

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

Golf Pro-George Frake II

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Junior Golf at MFC

Junior Golf is in full swing on Wednesday and Saturday. Wednesday's clinic is from 5pm to 6pm and Saturday is 1pm to 2pm (intermediate) and 3pm to 4pm (beginner). We will meet each week through the end of June. There is no need to make every session. Clinic will be limited to 6 participants per class and the cost is \$10.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE GOLF SHOP EACH WEEK TO SIGN UP

MORE SESSIONS TO BE ADDED AS THESE FILL

THE GOLF SHOP IS FULLY STOCKED WITH GREAT ITEMS FOR MOM.

MAKE MFC YOUR FIRST STOP FOR MOTHER'S DAY

A letter from the Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

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Clay Court Report

Our two har-tru courts will be ready for action on or about May 3. A slight delay this year with some “supply chain” issues getting the new clay in. As usual the courts will play a little soft at first then should harden up with warmer weather. We will add a little more top dressing in August to our clay courts, the best in South Jersey!

Philadelphia Interclub Teams

Our ladies Cup 3 and Cup 6 teams are ready for action. Both teams did well their first week with Cup 3 winning 4-2 and Cup 6 tying 3-3. Our Cup 6 team tied the top team from Laurel Creek which was a good start to the season. We lost two matches in three sets. Cup 3 is our top team and had a nice win over Whitford in PA. The season ends in early June with 6 more matches to go.

Junior Program

Our junior clinic is held Tuesdays 3:45-4:45 and Thursdays 3:45-5:15. Age range is 9-14. All levels are welcome

May Tennis Person - Wayne Streibich

Wayne is a former standout at Rutgers University. Wayne continues to play tournaments traveling the east coast playing 55 and over events. Wayne will practice repeatedly with Mike's son Michael several days a week. His daughter Lia was 1st singles for Moorestown HS and will be playing tennis at Roanoke University in VA. Michael claims “Wayne works incredibly hard to continue to improve his game”.

Ladies Member guest day

Friday, May 6th is our ladies Member guest day. Members bring a guest and compete in doubles round Robin play and then attend a nice lunch. This event is always well attended.

Tennis Tip

Elbows Up!!

If you hit a two handed backhand make sure when you follow through your elbows are not locked against your ribs but are coming up always from your body as your racket extends around your back. This allows you to get better spin and adjust the height of your ball.

A letter from the Pickleball Chair

Pickleball Chair: Rick Rohrbach

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Better weather and longer days have spurred quite a few members to dust off their pickleball racquets and head to the courts. Kim Dunne, our instructor, also tells me she's had a great turnout for her "Learn to Play" sessions. It's great to see so many old (and new) faces as we kick off the 2022 season.

We're Official

Pickleball now has a permanent place on the website (moorestownfc.com). More detailed information regarding court availability, etiquette, lessons and upcoming events can be found on the site.

Dinks and Drinks

MFC's first ever pickleball social is scheduled for Friday, May 13th. Registration for the event is now closed as we have limited court space and more than 35 people registered. We're looking forward to a great time and praying for good weather.

Looking for a Game?

Even if you don't want to take lessons from our instructor, I would encourage you to create a free MeetUp account. You can do this on your computer or download the app on your phone. Once you are on MeetUp, you can "explore" to find pickleball groups in the area to join. For example, I signed up for South Jersey Pickleball, Cherry Hill Pickleball, Willingboro Pickleball and Moorestown Field Club Pickleball. Now my "feed" shows when any of these groups is organizing a get together. Generally, the events are free and the groups will note the skill level and capacity for each event. You can also use the app to communicate with any other members who have signed up for the Moorestown Field Club group. Check out the Pickleball page on the Club's website for more information regarding how to register for Meetup.

Did You Know

Pickleball is now the fastest growing sport in the US. The CEO of USA Pickleball said, the sport has grown because it's easy to learn. "When people try it and then they start playing, they don't say they just play — they say they were addicted to it." You can copy and paste the following web address into your browser to view the article <https://www.nbcnews.com/data-graphics/pickleball-fastest-growing-sport-pandemic-rcna24620>

Ladies Golf

Ladies 18 Holes

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We began our season with an Opening Day Scramble on April 5th. On April 12th, we invited any lady member of the club, who enjoys golf but hasn't joined our 9 or 18 hole groups, to play with us for the morning. It was a fun day!

We have officially started the WGAP Tournaments with a home match against Chester Valley on April 26th. Because WGAP is celebrating 125 years of existence, we asked Larue Evans, a retired 18 hole and good friend, to hit the ceremonial ball to start the match. Seven of our ladies' MFC Team won the match for our club! Many thanks to Maryellen Gallagher and Katie Alexander for coordinating all the WGAP matches for the season and for planning a beautiful lunch for our guests. Pictured below are our Ladies team before the match. Also pictured below is the team that played against Laurel Creek on April 30th. We will be competing against St Davids, Indian Valley and Wilmington before the end of May.

We invited the MFC Mens Wednesday group to play with us on June 7th. On Tuesday June 14th we will be traveling to York, PA for our second annual golf trip to play at Heritage Hills. We will stay overnight and play again on Wednesday before heading home.

As always we invite lady golfers who are members of the Field Club, to join our 9 and or 18 hole groups. We are a friendly, welcoming group of women who love golf.



Ladies Golf

Ladies 9-Holers– Lisa Paparone

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We had a beautiful weather day for our Opening Day **Tea for 2022** event on April 14th. Winners were;

First Place—Hipple, Banco, Ruff, O'Donnell

Second Place—DeHart, Twomey, Cosden, Casale

Third Place—Powell, Gallagher, Bickel, Oatway

Closest to Pin #4—Hipple *Closest to Pin #8*—Gallagher

Longest Drive—Cantwell *Straightest Drive*—Savage

Our first team match was at HOME, Thursday April 28th vs. Tavistock CC at 9 a.m.

Team matches sign up sheets are posted in the locker room. Upcoming matches include; Away Match -May 12th at Riverton CC and Away Match May 17th at Ramblewood CC and Home Match vs. Medford Lakes CC on Tuesday May 26th.

Even if you don't plan to play in the matches, please check the schedule for team matches at home, as it may affect the available tee times.

Remember to turn in your cards to the pro shop after your Thursday morning rounds. Scores will be recorded for purposes of the Thursday weekly 9-Holer tournaments, and you will be competing with other players in your flight, which is based on handicaps so your chances of winning are as good as anyone else. So don't be shy about submitting your scorecard. PLUS, the proshop will enter your scores into the GHIN handicap system so you don't have to.

Signup for Member-Guest has been posted in the locker room. If you are on the waitlist you may be notified closer to the event if a opening becomes available.

Reminder: Dates for 2022 events:

Member Guest-Thursday, June 9 / *Closing Day*: Thursday, October 13



Men's Golf

Men's Golf—Tim Casale

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Spring has finally sprung as the warmer temps have brought speedy greens and plenty of pollen to MFC. Men's golf has been in full swing since the end of March and our **MFC March Madness**. We had a nice turn-out that ended in a shootout style playoff.

Masters Friday was also well attended with nice weather and much camaraderie for 18, 9 and even some enjoyed 27 holes.

Our GAP teams had successful seasons again. Team 2 won their division and will move up to Division C next year. Team 1 went 2-1, with hard fought victories over Union League Torresdale and Deerwood and the lone loss coming to Trump National Philadelphia. Both teams will compete in Division C next year. Participation in these matches was much appreciated and I would like to thank everyone that represented MFC in these annual matches.

Men's Opening Day took place on Saturday April 30th with **The Choker**. Teams of four were drawn at our Men's Social on Friday 4/29 organized by handicaps in ABCD players. The tournament consists of everyone having to use at least 3 drives during the 18 holes. Whomever's drive is chosen on a hole, that person plays the hole alone and records a net score. The other three players play a scramble from that drive and then two scores are combined for each hole. In the end, the team of **Tim Casale, Matt Emerson, Brian McCarthy and Andrew Philips** fought off adversity, made a lot of clutch putts and finished -12 132. Two teams tied for 2nd with a -10 134. **Alan Gudis, Bill Emerson, Bob Kennedy and Mike Cantwell** as well as **Tom Fordham, Steve Gallagher, Mike McCool and Tony Casale**, earned the second place tie. The weather was great and much fun was had in the very creative format.

The Stokes and Greenwood brackets will be revealed this week and first round matches will have 3 weeks to be played. For those that are playing please contact your competitors and be diligent about getting your matches played on time.

Sign ups for our **1-Day Member guest on Tuesday May 24th** as well as the two-day aggregate score **President's Cup** will take place on Saturday and Sunday May 14th & 15th.

Please check with the pro-shop for future tournament sign ups as well as the Hole-in-one Club!

Thursday night 9 hole league is in full swing and we hope to make this a fun night out with different formats each week for all types of players. Come out and have some fun with your friends or match up and meet some new members. Check with the pro shop for the weekly format and sign up letting the pro-shop know you are playing.

Men's Golf

Men's Golf—Tim Casale

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Remaining Men's Golf Schedule

Stokes and Greenwood Cup matches begin

Saturday & Sunday May 14th & 15th- The President's Cup

Tuesday May 24th- Men's Stag Day

Wednesday June 15th- 1892 Cup vs Merchantville

Saturday June 18th- Club Championship Qualifier- 27 holes

Saturday July 23rd- Progressive Pressure 4 man

Saturday August 20th- Summer Scramble

Saturday September 10th- Member-Member

Friday & Saturday September 30-October 1- Men's 2 Day Member Guest

Thursday October 6th- Glow Golf

Saturday October 22- Closing Day

Saturday November 12th- Superintendent's Revenge

Saturday December 3rd- CheerMeister

Men's Golf

Senior Men's Golf—Tony Casale

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The golf season has finally begun. Opening day of the Senior Men was a super day. The weather cooperated and we had a turnout of 26 members. We welcomed Bob Sullivan as a new member to our group as well as to the club. Several individual contests were held with John Diepold and Hal Ruff winning closest to the pin. Joe Mazzarelli was the long drive winner. We are always looking to welcome new golfers to join our group on Wednesday mornings at 8 am on the first tee. The Seniors were well represented at the Mens opening day on Saturday, April 30th. A joint golf event with the 18 hole Ladies group is being planned for June 7th. Looking forward to seeing you on the course. Remember to keep swinging and have fun.

Dining Committee

Dining Committee: Bill Morsell, Chairman

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March was our largest food sales month ever! Thank you to all who dined at the club!

Easter Brunch was a big hit. We expect to duplicate that success on Mother's Day. Our next special dining event will be a Seafood Festival Dinner on Saturday June 4th. Details are forthcoming.

Several members did not reach their quarterly food minimum for the quarter ended March 31st. To entice these members to increase their dining spend, the club will be offering an incentive. Watch for more information.

Please be aware that the Board has adopted a policy for members who need to cancel their dining reservation. It will state a deadline by which you need to notify the club to avoid having to pay. At the present time, this policy will apply to special dining and social events only (eg. Mother's Day Brunch, Seafood Festival, etc).

We would very much like to expand our restaurant hours on Saturdays. Due to private member events in May and June, and an expected slowdown in the summer months, this will be accomplished in two steps. Effective May 14th, the ending time to serve food on a Saturday will be increased from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. In September, we plan on further expanding to include dinner up until 9:00 PM. Also, we expect to begin serving lunch every Tuesday beginning May 10th.

An updated Dining Area and Bar Dress Policy has been approved by the board. Specifics will be coming out soon.

Foodwerx and MFC continue to look for qualified food servers and bar staff. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact club management.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

A letter from the Dining Committee

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 over 6 people



Dining Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11:00—3:00 (dining) 11:00-6:00 (bar)
Wednesday	11:00— 9:00
Thursday	11:00—9:00
Friday	11:00—9:00
Saturday	8:30-3:00
Sunday	8:30—3:00

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8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11 <i>Bocce</i>	12 <i>Women's team match at Riverton</i>	13 <i>Pickleball Dinks & Drinks</i>	14 <i>Men's President's Cup</i>
15 <i>Men's President's Cup</i>	16	17 <i>Women's team match at Ramblewood</i> <i>BOT mtg 6pm</i>	18 <i>Bocce</i>	19	20	21 <i>Cornhole Tournament</i>
22	23	24 <i>Men's Member Guest</i>	25 <i>Bocce</i> <i>Women's 1892 Cup</i>	26 <i>Women's match at home vs Medford Lakes</i>	27 <i>Patriot Day Golf</i>	28 <i>Patriot Day Golf</i>
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