



Moorestown Field Club

Newsletter

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FIELD CLUB

A letter from the President

President: Brian Deam

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Dear Members,

First and foremost, best wishes to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you will enjoy it with your family and friends. This is a perfect time to share how thankful I am for our staff, the Board and the many volunteers that make the club a special place for everyone – you truly make a difference.

Congratulations to Pat Fowler and Bill VanFossen for winning the Greenwood Cup after an extremely competitive match with Peter Ellison and Ed McGugan. The Tennis Championships are still in progress; see Mike's article for a status update.

While the regular season for golf and tennis is winding down, the fun at MFC will continue:

- Wednesday, November 9 - Trivia returns
- Friday, November 11 – Veteran's Day Special
- Saturday, November 12 – Superintendent's Revenge
- Friday, November 18 – Band night
- Friday, November 25 – Black Friday Special
- Saturday, December 3 – Cheermeister Golf Tournament
- Saturday, December 3 – Annual Cocktail Party
- Saturday, December 10 - Breakfast / Lunch with Santa

Be on the lookout for more information on these events.

If you have not returned your election ballot yet, please do so by **Saturday, November 5th**. Selecting the leadership of the club is in your hands. Make it count.

We welcomed 2 new members in October. Check out their names and categories on page 10. Remember, MFC is the place to "Play, Dine, and Relax" in Moorestown.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Member Satisfaction survey. We had 239 responses, which equates to 53% of the memberships, up from 51% last year. The favorable results shown below reflect the collective efforts of your Board and our committees to improve your member satisfaction. This year's results and your specific comments will be used to identify and prioritize improvement opportunities for 2023 and the years ahead.

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The detailed results will be posted to our website by the end of this month. But here are the percentages of respondents who are **Satisfied or Very Satisfied** with the key aspects of the club (question 3 on the survey):

- Overall: 95% - up 5% from last year
- Golf Course: 94% - up 7%
- Golf Shop: 96% - up 5%
- Club House: 84% - down 4%
- Tennis: 78% - down 6%
- Dining: 47% - up 10%
- Bar: 78% - no change
- Staff: 92% - no change

The significant increase in satisfaction with the Dining service is the direct result of actions taken to improve service and food variety. However, this remains the area in greatest need of improvement, and we continue to take actions. But for those of you who have not been here for lunch or dinner in a while, come experience the improvements made thus far. We understand that some members still prefer not to eat out, so we encourage you to enjoy the take-out service.

The Board will present the 2023 budget at the November Board meeting and approve it at the December meeting. Our key goals are to sustain the high level of member satisfaction, address high priority improvement opportunities, and fund required capital investments. We will balance these goals against the impacts of inflation and the uncertain economic headwinds in 2023.

A reminder that the Board recently approved changes to the payment provision for dues and any other financial obligations to the Club. These changes will go into effect with the November billing statements. Key changes are:

1. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for any past due amounts (not paid within 30 days of the billing date),
2. Accounts will be considered delinquent for any amounts not paid within 50 days of the billing date,
3. Any member sent two delinquency letters in a 12-month period will be required to provide a credit card, which the club will keep on file for payment of any future past due amounts.

The updated Membership Rules & Regulations will be posted this month.

Did you know that George Washington issued the first presidential proclamation of a Thanksgiving celebration in 1789. For decades, Thanksgiving was held on various dates until Abraham Lincoln proclaimed in 1863 that it should be celebrated the last Thursday of November. The first Thanksgiving feast took place in 1621 and it was more than just a single meal -- it was a celebration that lasted three days. What was on the first Thanksgiving menu you ask? Indigenous foods like lobster, swan, mussels, venison, and corn porridge. Cranberry sauce was not invented until 50 years later!

Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you at the club!

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

Golf Pro-George Frake II

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Veteran's Day

Celebrate the Veteran's in your life with a complimentary day on November 11th. One guest per member, includes golf, cart, appetizer and beverage.

Superintendent's Revenge Scramble

Saturday, November 12th TEE TIMES

Join us for a day to recognize our Superintendent and Grounds Crew. Everyday our crew is here at the crack of dawn to prepare our course. Here is an opportunity to celebrate their hard work with a little friendly revenge on the members. Wacky pins and wacky rules. A great day of fun no matter your ability.

4 Person Scramble, pick your own team

We will do our best to fill in singles

Entry Fee of \$30 per person

Golf Shop Holiday Sale

Thursday, November 17th 4pm to 7pm

Turkey Scramble

Friday, November 25th

Team up with family or friends for this 2 player scramble on Black Friday. Pick your own 4some. Play 9 or 18 Holes. Guests are welcomed. Entry fee \$20 for 9 holes, \$30 for 18 holes.

Contact the golf shop to set up your tee time

Holiday Cheermeister

Saturday, December 3rd

9 or 18 holes 10am shotgun start

Please help our annual Adopt a Family Campaign by donating a toy or gift card. Donations are paired with the families that we adopt.

\$65 per player includes lunch and prizes

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Ship Sticks

Headed away this winter? Don't lug your clubs through the airport, let us ship them for you. It is as easy as bringing your clubs and travel info to the golf shop. Ship Sticks is the leader in club shipping and beats direct pricing. Fully insured and hassle free.



Mattie and Lucas Lesneski enjoying a Sunday morning clinic with John Heim

A letter from the Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

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Club Tournament

MFC tournament players are progressing to the finals of the club championship. Our three events: Men's Singles, Ladies Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, have had players competing since early September. There has been some very close matches in each event and more players participating this year than any other. We will post event winners in the December newsletter.

Har-Tru Courts

Our clay courts are still in good shape and will definitely be playable well into November, as long as the weather cooperates. We added new Har-Tru in September and it has helped keep the courts in good condition. When nets are dropped then you know courts are not playable.

Junior Groups

Our junior clinics are still going strong Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. They will continue at least until Thanksgiving and then weather contingent in December.

Friday Interclub

Many of our MFC lady tennis players are playing in the South Jersey Interclub league held on Fridays. Our team is playing in this indoor league out of the Cherry Hill Health and Racket Club. The league will conclude in March just in time for the outdoor Philadelphia spring league. MFC hosts three teams in this league.

Drills

Our drills and lessons will continue definitely into December and hopefully, as in previous years, continue the entire winter. MFC courts are very wind blocked and when the sun is out the temps feel quite mild. During Covid months of previous winters, many players became acclimated to playing in the winter when indoor play was not available. We go as far as clearing courts of snow so we can have a full twelve month year.

Ladies Golf

Ladies 18 Holers

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The 18 Holers' 2021-2022 season has officially come to a close! On October 25th, we played a 9 hole scramble, enjoyed a delicious lunch and awarded prizes to all the ladies who participated in the weekly tournaments. We feel so fortunate to have such a great group of ladies, who through the game of golf, have developed strong friendships. Our group has grown in numbers and we welcome all women members to consider joining us when we begin our 2022-2023 season in April!

We had a very busy and rewarding month in October! Beside our Tuesday Tournaments, members participated in GAP Tournaments, GAP Open Days and our very first Laurel Creek/MFC Cup! Many thanks go out to Katie Alexander for creating this wonderful event. Ten of our ladies teamed up to play against ten ladies from Laurel Creek to battle for the Cup! The format included Better Ball of Partners, holes 1-6, Alternate Holes, 7-12 and Individual Match Play, holes 13-18. Many thanks to George, our Golf Pro, for setting up our format, foursomes and calculating the results. Our Ladies won and took the Cup for the very 1st competition with Laurel Creek! Some of our participants and "The Cup" are pictured below.

Ten of our MFC Ladies traveled to Reynolds Lake Oconee Resort in Greensboro, Georgia, October 20-23. We played three courses, including The Preserve, Great Waters, and The Landing. Some of our girls, including Katie Alexander, Pat DeHart, and Audrey Brisson, won prizes in their divisions on different courses on different days. What a great showing for MFC out of 72 women who participated from all over the Philadelphia area. Beside the beautiful courses, restaurants and accommodations, we enjoyed each other's company. We are truly fortunate to have such a great group of women who enjoy spending time with one another and share the love of golf! Pictured below are most of our group getting together to watch the Phillies play game #3 of the NLCS!

We have started our Polar Bear season. Our ladies will be out on the course with coats, hats, gloves and hand warmers! See you there!!



Ladies Golf

Ladies 9-Holers– Lisa Paparone

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Closing Day of our 2022 season weather forecast wasn't promising, but that didn't stop us from completing the round, at times in light rain.

Closing Day Scramble Winners:

First place team: Audrey Brisson, Carol Beard, Shirland Daglian & Margherite McDermott. **Second place** team: Cathy Hipple, Jackie Diepold & Jerry Steinberg. **Third place** team: Sarah Armstrong, Linda Kastner & Barbara Casale.

Longest drive: Katie Alexander.

Straightest drive: Margherite McDermott



End of season awards were also presented at Closing Day:

2022 9-Holer Champion: Tesa Donnelly-Smith

9-Holer Campion Runner-Up: Katie Alexander

Most Improved over the season: Anne Cantwell

Pars & Birdies: **1st**-Audrey Brisson, **2nd**-Beth VanFossen **3rd**-Ann Markel

Ringer Board:

Flight A: **1st**-Audrey Brisson, **2nd**-TIE Katie Alexander & Anne Cantwell
3rd-Patty Savage

Flight B: **1st**-Carol Beard, **2nd**-Lisa Paparone **3rd**-Jackie Diepold

Flight C: **1st**-Cathy Ruff, **2nd**-Julie Oatway **3rd**-Suzanne Kahn



Congratulations to all and many thanks to Marie Stavros & Sharon Tsao for planning our autumn themed Closing Day Event. Thank you also to George Frake and staff for setting up the day's golf scramble event.

"Polar Bear" play will begin in November. Pay \$5 to be included. Play 5, 9-hole rounds (yellow tees) by 3/31/23, complete the ringer sheet in locker room **a**) indicate each time you played **b**) update your improved scores. *Please contact Peggy Kehs at pkeh@comcast.net with any questions.*



Men's Golf

Men's Golf—Tim Casale

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MFC Men's Golf came to an "official close" with a few tournaments rounding out the month of October. **Glow golf** on October 6th saw its largest field ever as 15 foursomes took to the night armed with flashlights, battery powered lights, glow sticks and light up golf balls. The team of the **brothers Celhar (Brian and Geoff), Jack Robinson & Drew Krisandra** shot a scorching 8 under par Net to take home first prize. Congrats to all that enjoyed the beautiful evening with a lot of laughs and some good golf. **Jeff Beam** may or may not be ordering a dozen of the glow golf balls as his putter was white hot, sinking 5 of our team's birdie putts. He asked if we could schedule some more night tournaments for next year.

The **Greenwood Cup** came to its conclusion this month as **Pat Fowler and Bill Van Fossen** defeated **Ed McGugan and Peter Ellison** on the 21st hole. It was a well played match that needed extra time and was won with a net par. Congrats to both teams and to all who participated this year.

MFC was well represented at the **GAP Tournament of Champions** at Cherry Valley Country Club on October 13th. **Kevin Kramarski**, our 2022 club champion, could not repeat his win in this event from 2021 as he finished 3rd at -2 behind Jack Irons of Medford Lakes and Troy Vannuci of Little Mill. **Jon Mabry**, our Super-Senior club champ lost out by one stroke in the super senior division.

Our **Men's Closing Day Tournament** was held on October 29th and 13 teams competed in an 18 hole better ball format. All of the par 4s needed 2 best balls of the foursome while on the front nine 3 best balls were needed on par 3s and 1 best ball on par 5s. On the back nine the par 3s and par 5s were flipped. It was chilly early in the morning, but an overall gorgeous morning into the afternoon. **Adam Shaw** continued his good play this year, coming off his Stokes finals appearance, as he led his team in capturing the Net division with a score of -13. **Mark Marsan, Chuck Holmgren and Bob Wiseman** rounded out the top team. The top gross team was led by **Kevin and Jim Kramarski**, but had help from **Corey Becker and Rick Rohrbach**.

We do have at least 2 more events coming up in our "off-season," so please look out for tournament sign ups. I would like to thank George and his staff as well as John and his staff for all their hard work, organizing and running our events and keeping the golf course in amazing shape all year.

Please check your email and with the pro-shop for all tournament sign ups!

Remaining Men's Golf Schedule

- **Saturday November 12th- Superintendent's Revenge**
- **Saturday December 3rd- Cheermeister**

New Members

Please help us welcome the following new members:

Jeanne Covert & Peter Crino—Couples Tennis

Bond Redemption

The following list of people have reached the top of the bond redemption list and we are having a hard time finding them. If you know any of these people or have any contact information for them please contact Jessica in the Business Office. Thanks you for your help.

DaeSung & Jennifer Kim

Michael Nicolais

Gerry Semenuk

Gregory Button

Carol Giordano

Andrew & Clare Doyle

Jaye Ryan

Michael O'Brien

John Henderson

Frank & Dorothy Giordano

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) 12:00— 8:00 (bar)
Wednesday	11:00— 9:00
Thursday	11:00—9:00
Friday	11:00—9:00
Saturday	11:00—6:00
Sunday	12:00—7:00

November 2022

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		1	2 <i>Bocce Championship</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Trivia</i>	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 <i>Superintendent's Revenge</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Trivia</i>	17	18 <i>Band—5 Dollar Shakes</i>	19
20	21	22 <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i>	23 <i>Trivia</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 <i>Black Friday Specials</i>	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Trivia</i>			

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