



Moorestown Field Club

Newsletter

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A letter from the President

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Dear Members,

E-A-G-L-E-S! We're going to the Super Bowl! Let's go Birds!

After 17 years of dedicated service to MFC, Tim McBrearty, our Assistant Superintendent, retired in January. We appreciate all he did to provide such an enjoyable experience for our members and wish him a long and happy retirement.

I am also happy to announce that Sam Materia has been hired as our new Assistant Superintendent. Sam brings 14 years of experience as an Assistant Superintendent and Head Mechanic at several private clubs in the area. We are confident Sam will continue the tradition of service excellence for our members.

As John Carpinelli advised recently, the trees you see with yellow tape around them are scheduled for trimming this winter --- not removal.

I omitted a committee leadership change from last month's article. Chris Bain has assumed the chair of the Social Committee. He and his committee have been provided an increased budget to expand the number of events in 2023. Keep an eye out for future announcements. Our thanks to Brian Paquette for his leadership in 2022.

There are several events scheduled in February for your enjoyment – a Super Bowl party on the 12th, a beer tasting to select a new "1892 Brew" on the 16th, and a chili cook off on the 25th. Break the winter doldrums and come on out.

At the January Board meeting we selected the contractor that will convert court # 1 into three permanent pickleball courts. The target is to complete the work by April.

We welcomed **2** new members in January. Check out their names and categories on page 10.

We experience the highest level of attrition at the beginning of each year. You are our best marketing channel, so please help us secure new members by promoting the club to your friends, family and work colleagues. The 2023 membership package and applications are available in the Business Manager's office.

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on March 7th at 7 pm in the clubhouse. In addition to the normal agenda, we will present a proposal for replacing the course's irrigation system for your approval.

Lastly, on or about the 26th of each month we will send a reminder email to those members that have not paid that month's invoice. We know your lives are busy and there are many distractions. Our intent here is simply to help members avoid a late fee.

Did you know that while the Roman Emperor Claudius II was trying to bolster his army, he forbade young men to marry. In the spirit of love, St. Valentine defied the ban and performed secret marriages, and for his disobedience, [Valentine was executed on February 14](#) around the year 270 A.D. So the story goes!

We will see you at the club!

Board Member Spotlight

David M Ricci

After moving to Moorestown in 2010, my wife Robin and I started looking for a club to join. We assumed it would be one of those “other clubs” and really hadn’t heard much about the Moorestown Field Club. I remember asking a friend, *isn’t that the place off New Albany Road where we take our kids to play indoor sports?* Once introduced to MFC, we immediately fell in love with the course, the courts, and the charm. In so many ways, MFC reflects the essence of everything we love about Moorestown, including the people, the sense of community, and the history.

By way of introduction, I grew up in Marlton, graduated from Cherokee High School and then Ursinus College. Ursinus is where I met my lovely wife of 27 years and we have a son Asher who is a sophomore engineering student at Lafayette College. I’ve been a commercial real estate developer and broker for The Flynn Company since 1988. My day job often interrupts my service to non-profits, including 27 years as a Trustee of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association, past member of the Board of Governors and Chair of the House Committee at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, District Council Chair of the Urban Land Institute, and member of Council 1082 of the Knights of Columbus.

I’ve been a member of the Moorestown Field Club since 2014 and have served on the Board since 2017 with almost 3 of those years having served as Treasurer. I’m proud of my service to MFC, having overseen the placement of a loan facility to fuel capital projects; transition of the HVAC and lighting to energy efficient systems; and acquiring the liquor license that has transformed our Club. Most notable is how the current and immediately past Boards have implemented controls and processes that have stabilized our financial position and set the Club up for future growth. The future is bright at MFC and I look forward to seeing you at our Club.



(Please forgive the Medford Village jacket)

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

Golf Pro-George Frake II

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January proved to be a wet month with many closures to the course. We are on the fortunate side as no snow has fallen yet, February should prove to be an interesting month. The course remains in good shape with weekly maintenance on the bunkers and frequent rolling of the greens. Please continue to replace your divots and repair your ball marks.

Bag and Cart Storage

There is limited room remaining in the bag room. Bag storage is \$110 for the year, cart storage is \$60 and \$150 for your cart and bag. Get your clubs out of the garage or your trunk and treat them to cool nights in the summer and plenty of heat in the winter. If interested please contact the golf shop or just drop off your clubs or cart next time you are at the club.

PGA Show

I have been fortunate enough to make two short visits to Florida this past month. The first was to compete in the PGA of America's Quarter Century Club National Championship at PGA Golf Club. The field was comprised of PGA Professionals with 25 active years as a PGA Member, which I achieved November 2022. It was great to compete on the national level again, testing my game against many former tour pros.

The second trip was to the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. This industry professional only show features most of the major manufacturers along with everyone else with a golf gadget or idea. The "inventors showcase" always has an interesting gadget or two designed to take your game from The Field Club to the PGA Tour in a few weeks. (I did not purchase them!) I will say that there are not a lot of earth shattering new additions to the industry. It does seem to have more competition forming in clothing, shoes, electronics and accessories.

NEW Online Golf Shop

The target date for the Moorestown Field Club online proshop is March 1st. The online proshop will provide you access to a much larger selection of brands and styles, including non-golf lifestyle pieces for Men, Women and Juniors, all available with our club logo. Best of all, golf shop credits may be applied to purchases. Stay tuned for more information and the link to begin shopping.

Golf Instruction

A full schedule of clinics and learning opportunities will be released next month. John Heim will return in April for a month of instruction before leaving for the month of May in preparation for his 2024 deployment. (John is an active reservist and will be deployed for 10 months in 2024). John then returns in June for the youth camps and other instruction. He has been hard at work planning a comprehensive schedule to provide an abundance of learning opportunities.

Schedule

Next month the Men's and Club Golf Schedule will be released. There are many new opportunities for Men, Women, Juniors and Couples. Here are some important dates to keep available.

March 25th March Madness Tournament

April 4th 18 Holes Opening Day

April 6th 9 Holes Opening Day

April 7th Master's Friday

April 19th Retirees Opening Day

April 21st and 22nd Men's Golf Social with blind draw for Saturday's Men's Opening Day

May 20th and 21st Men's Member Member

June 18th Men's Club Championship Qualifying

September 9th and 10th Senior and Women's Club Championships

September 29th and 30th Men's 2 Day Member Guest

A letter from the Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

Tennis Pro Mike Perrone

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Ladies Spring League

Our Philadelphia ladies spring league teams will be ready to go by April for another year of competition. MFC fields two teams in the Monday cup and 1 team in the Wednesday cup. If you did not play last year and are interested this year, please contact Mike ASAP.

Clay Courts

MFC will be doing the clay court reconditioning this year and we are anticipating having the clay courts ready sooner for play.

MFC Junior program

Our Junior program will begin in early March on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm. Last year we had many young players learning tennis. We will forward the exact start date soon.

Adult drills

We are continuing our adult drills right through the winter and will increase the amount as spring approaches. There are drills several times a day at the intermediate to advanced level six days a week. If you are not already participating and would like to play, please contact Mike who can help you find the right group.

Men's Singles League

In April we will restart our Men's singles flex league. Last year it was a success and players enjoyed the amount of matches played.

Tennis Tip

Don't grip your racket too tight at the baseline!

When you are hitting forehands and backhands at the baseline, it's better to soften up your grip than to squeeze your grip too tight. This will allow your wrist to become involved in your stroke. You don't want too much wrist, but once you develop the feel, you will increase pace and spin.

Pickleball

MFC is set to convert the last tennis court into three permanent pickleball courts. Hopefully the transformation will begin soon, but we are at the mercy of the contractor. Our courts will look and play great with two tone colors and some temporary lights.

Stay tuned for announcements on pickleball events happening this year including tournaments, designated group play times, and some evening socials.

Ladies Golf

Ladies 18 Holers

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For the lady golfers, the lack of snow so far this season has been great! Not so great for skiers and snowmen! Our Tuesday bowling and Thursday Polar Bear golf and lunch has been keeping most of us very busy until the official Opening Day on April 4th! Some of our girls will be taking a Ladies GAP trip to the Dominican Republic in early February where they will enjoy days of warm weather golf!

The 18 Holer Committee has met to organize our weekly tournaments and has decided to offer those who prefer to play only 9 holes from shorter tees, the chance to win prizes. We want to encourage more participation in all levels of play!

See you out on the course!



Pictured above is the group of lady golfers having lunch on a Thursday after a round of winter golf

Ladies 9-Holers– Lisa Paparone

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Thursday, February 23rd we'll have a Lunch and Learn clinic for the 9-Holers. George will be available during the lunch hour to discuss rules, score posting, and we will review various procedures and practices of the group or answer any questions you may have. An email with any additional information will follow.

MFC 9-Holer committees have been making plans for the upcoming season. Opening Day is set for Thursday, April 6th and the theme will be Iron & Greens for Healthy Living.

The registration form for the season dues and opening day is attached, mailing and payment instructions are included. More information will be coming about the event, as well as dates for various matches and invitational outings. Please try to return the form and checks as soon as possible. The information is needed to have the directory completed, printed and handed out at our opening day event.

Reminder: Dates for 2023 events:

Opening Day:	Thursday, April 6
Member Guest:	Thursday, June 8
Home Invitational:	Thursday, July 20
Closing Day:	Thursday, October 19

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable winter, and fair skies for our "Polar Bears" – if you are one of them, remember to continue posting on the ringer board in the locker room.

Men's Golf—Retirees

Jerry Gares

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It's February! And it is known for many things: shortest calendar month, Valentine's Day, President's Day and the beginning of Spring Training. All of these events remind us that Spring is near and the start of the 2023 golf season (April 19) is fast approaching. This month is also a good time to check on your golf equipment in readiness for the season. Our proshop has all your needs including clubs, bags, golf balls, gloves, clothing and shoes.

In preparation for a successful and enjoyable experience, we will be emailing a survey to the Retirees this month asking for your comments on how our Retirees' Wednesday program is functioning and what improvements you would like to see for 2023. The results of the survey will be compiled by our Pro, George Frake, and shared with you in March.

Stay well, enjoy the rest of the remaining Winter Wednesdays and remember, golf is meant to be fun! Hitting the ball is the fun part of it, but the fewer times you hit the ball, the more fun you have!

Mike McCool

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Many of you know me as I usually can be found at my second home, The Moorestown Field Club. My wife, Mary, says I should have my mail sent there. I've been a member of the club since 2008. Now, I'm very excited to take on the role of the Golf Chair. Tim Casale will continue as the GAP matches coordinator. Best of luck to our elite golfers who participate in GAP matches.

George and Tim have the entire program in great shape. My goal is to continue to provide a variety of golf events for everyone at the club. They will be competitive, fun and even silly. Maybe we will throw in a few new events to encourage even more of us to participate. George is putting the finishing touches on the list now. Please stay tuned for the complete calendar and, I can't wait to announce the winners of each event.

It is a great time to be a member of our special golf club. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the tournaments.

Please feel free to reach out anytime with any questions.

Finally, I'll leave you with some golf quips each month, I'll keep them clean.

"Golf is an unusual game. When you have a good day, you can't wait to get back out there, and when you have a bad day, you can't wait to get back out there." - Unknown

Tim Casale

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This year's Golf Association of Philadelphia BMW Team matches will take place on three consecutive Sundays: April 23rd, April 30th and May 7th. We will have more information about what section and division our two teams will be playing in after they are released at the end of the month. We will be looking for available players, so if you are interested or have played before, check your schedule as to your availability and look for sign ups in March.

New Members

Please help us welcome the following new members:

Joshua Horn—Golf member

Paul Lonergan—Golf member

Below are pictures of members cheering on the Eagles



Need Reservations for the Dining Room?

You can make a reservation in many ways!

Contact Jessica at 856-235-1464 ext 1

Email: fandbmanager@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— 6:00 (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

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5	6	7	8 <i>Trivia 7pm</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>Super Bowl Party</i>	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Trivia 7pm</i>	16 <i>Beer tasting 6:30pm</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>President's Day</i>	21	22 <i>Trivia 7pm</i>	23	24	25 <i>Chili cook off 1pm</i>
26	27	28				

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