MFC Newsletter

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FIELD CLUB

629 Chester Avenue ★ Moorestown ★ New Jersey

A letter from the President

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Dear Members,

The autumnal season is here, which makes for very pleasant playing conditions. The course and courts beckon, so come take advantage of them.

September was an exciting month on the course as several golf champions were crowned after extremely competitive matches. Congratulations to all our champions!

- Pat Kirsekorn battled back from seven down going into Sunday's rainy final round against Anne Cantwell to win her third consecutive Women's Golf Championship.
- Pat Fowler proved that he is a Kentucky Mudder, shooting two under on the front nine in the heavy rain on Sunday on his way to another Sr. Men's Championship.
- Jon Mabry won the Super Senior Gross and John Diepold won the Super Senior Net Championships.
- My hero, John Daglian, won the Legends division at 92 years, 11 months of age, proving that you are never too old to compete.
- Kevin Kramarski won his third consecutive Men's Club Championship against nine-time champion Doug Dreby.
- Michele and Mike DiMarino won the inaugural O'Connor Cup over Audrey Brisson and Pat Fowler.

The Tennis Club championship matches are underway for Men's singles, Mixed doubles, and Ladies doubles, and should conclude in mid-October.

Due to inclement weather, the Annual Member Appreciation event has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 14th, from 3 – 7 pm. This event is free to all members and their spouses. Please RSVP to the Business Office if you plan to attend.

There have been nothing but positive comments about the dining service lately. Come experience for yourself the improvements made by Chef Fredrick, Kate, George, and the entire staff.

Responses for the annual Member Satisfaction Survey are due by Friday, October 6th. Thank you for your participation and feedback; it enables the Board to continuously improve your membership experience.

Check out our new members on page 12. You are our best marketing channel, so continue to promote MFC to your family and friends.

Ballots for this year's election will be mailed by October 15th and due by November 5th. The list of candidates and their position statements are on pages 3 and 4.

Did you know that bocce is the third most popular sport in the world after soccer and golf? Caesar Augustus, Hippocrates, and Galileo all played bocce. George Washington built a bocce court at his home in Mt. Vernon, VA in 1780s. Even if you do not play, come out on Wednesday evenings to watch, and enjoy the spirited competition.

See you at the club!

Board of Trustees — Nominee Bios

There are 3 Candidates for the Board of Trustees elections this October. While two of the candidates are sitting board members, Lisa Paparone seeks to join the group. Read on to get to know them better.

Ben Blank — Current Board Secretary

I first became a member of the Moorestown Field Club during my childhood and then joined again once I moved back to Moorestown, after the completion of my schooling. Like many of my fellow members know, I believe that the Field Club is a true gem that keeps getting better with time.

I am a lifelong resident of Moorestown leaving only to attend Villanova University for my undergraduate work and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for medical school. I am a family physician with a busy practice that I founded 25 years ago in Glendora, NJ. My lovely wife Susie and I live with our four amazing boys in my childhood home.

I have been Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the past 2 years and am proud of the positive changes we have instituted at the club. These include the new outside bathroom on the course, planning for the sprinkler system replacement next fall, and continuing to work on bettering the dining and bar service. In the future, I would like to see a renovation of the clubhouse to serve the needs of the increased bar and restaurant business. I will continue to offer the Board someone who will listen to all groups in the club, work hard, and offer a levelheaded, common-sense approach to governing.

Thank you for entrusting me to serve on your board as we strive together to make the most of the Moorestown Field Club.

Dave Ricci — Current Trustee at Large

My family and I have been proud residents of Moorestown since 2010. I joined MFC in 2014 and my wife Robin joined more recently. In 2019 I was elected Treasurer, serving for 2 years before stepping down to serve as a Trustee at Large. Some of the projects I led as Treasurer included overseeing the acquisition of a Club Liquor License; originating a 2nd mortgage to fund many of the investments you see in the Club; and initiating our participation in the PSE&G Direct Install Program, dramatically reducing the cost to upgrade our HVAC and LED lighting. Since 2019, and with the hard work and leadership of many other Board members, we've strengthened the Club's financial position, increased membership, and invested in the future of Moorestown Field Club.

Other non-profit service includes the Board of Governors, Chair of the House Committee, and member of the Elective Committee at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, where I've been a 30-year member. For almost 28 years I've served as a Board member of the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, serving on the Budget & Finance committee. I've also served as District Council Chair of the Urban Land Institute, and I'm currently a member of Council 1082 of the Knights of Columbus.

This experience informs my work at MFC, and I hope to earn your support for a final term on the Board.

Board of Trustees — Nominee Bios

Lisa Paparone — Candidate for Trustee at Large

Lisa Paparone has been a golf member of Moorestown Field Club for seven years and is currently finishing up a two-year term as Ladies Nine Holer chairperson.

She has lived in Hainesport for the past 25 years where she raised three children, the youngest currently in college. Professionally she is a tax accountant and certified financial planner, and for the past twenty years has been self-employed and working from an office at home, and previously worked at various accounting and financial firms.

In addition to handling several positions and events for the Ladies Nine Holers during her time at MFC, Lisa volunteers for IMPACT 100- South Jersey chapter (a women's collective philanthropic organization) reviewing grant applications as part of the finance review committee, has also been treasurer of various charitable organizations (Our Lady of Good Counsel PTA, Holy Cross Athletic Booster Clubs), served 8 years on the Our Lady of Good Counsel School Board and 9 years as the school's field hockey coach.

She writes fiction and has been a member of Rittenhouse Writers' Group for 30 years and participates in open mic storytelling events for The Moth or First Person Arts, and of course MFC's Bocce league and trivia nights.

A letter from the Golf Pro, George Frake II

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Golf Pro Report

Championship Sunday Results

Women's Club Championship

Congratulations to Pat Hirsekorn, who defended her Club Championship, making it 3 in a row. Anne Cantwell posted a first round 91 and led by 7 going into Sunday's final round. Mother Nature decided to play games on Sunday as the rain came in at tee time and continued well into the back nine. Pat steadied her game in the awful weather as Anne had a couple of holes get in the way of a great score. In the end Pat would finish ahead by 3 strokes. Both competitors played great golf and given the weather they both are winners. Congratulations to Pat and Anne.

Senior Men's Club Championship

Day 1 of the Men's Senior Club Championship took place on Saturday with 11 contestants competing in 3 divisions, Senior 55 to 64, Super Senior 65 to 74 and Legends 75 and older. After day 1, a trio of players, Jack Cunningham 75, Pat Fowler 75 and Jim Kenville 76 set the pace. Jeff Beam and Ed McGugan were just a couple back. A rainy Sunday morning for round 2 would make it anyone's tournament to win. Due to the weather the Super Senior and Legends event was cut to 18 holes. Capturing the Legends Division was John Daglian. At 92 and 11 months, it is great to have John competing. Super Senior action saw Jon Mabry win the gross side and John Diepold grabbed the net side. With 5 competitors within 5 strokes someone would have to step up to win this title. In the end it was Pat Fowler who liked the rain and ran from the pack, carding a very impressive 2 under par score on the front 9. The rain had taken its toll on the other competitors leaving Pat with a comfortable lead. With great rounds of 75 and 73 Pat picked up another Senior Club Championship. Jim Kenville 76-79 finished in second, followed by first round co-leader Jack Cunningham.

Men's Club Championship

Rounding out our busy Championship Sunday was the Men's 36 Hole Final with Kevin Kramaski facing off against Doug Dreby. A June qualifier set the bracket of 16 with matches played throughout the Summer to determine the final 2. Doug, a nine time champion at MFC, would be looking to put his name back on the trophy after two years. Kevin, who just last week posted a 62 from the Championship Tees would not be an easy battle. Both players hit the ball a very long distance, making almost every hole a birdie opportunity. Early on in the match Doug struggled with his putter, three putting a couple of holes that would end in a tie or loss. 4 birdies in the opening 18 would give Kevin a 3 up lead going into the final 18. With the weather still less than desirable the pair tied twelve holes in a row before Kevin made a great up and down from the right bunker on 4 to go 4 up thru 22 holes. The deficit would prove to be too much even after a late charge by Dreby. This is Kevin's third consecutive club championship and has won the GAP Tournament of Champions. Congratulations to all that competed.

The O'Connor Cup

Congratulations to Michele and Michael DiMarino for their O'Connor Cup victory making them the inaugural champions. Audrey Brisson and Pat Fowler proved to be tough competition making the match last 9. A great finish by Michele proved to be the deciding factor. The O'Connor Cup was set up by Jim O'Connor and his family and recognizes the many years of enjoyment that Marie and Jim shared at MFC. We look forward to this event continuing for many years.

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Club Championship:

Top Left: Anne Cantwell &
Club Champion — Pat Hirsekorn

Middle: Pat Fowler —
Men's Senior Club Champion

Bottom Right: Kevin Kramarski —
Men's Club Champion

O'Connor Cup:

Shown Left to Right:

Winners — Michael & Michele DiMarino

Runners Up — Audrey Brisson & Pat Fowler

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Upcoming Golf Events

- October 5th Glow Golf — 7pm Shotgun
- October 7th and 8th — Men's President's Cup Championship
- October 14th — Member Appreciation
- October 17th — Ladies' 18-Holers Closing Day
- October 19th & 20th — Golf Course **CLOSED**; Restaurant & Bar — **LIMITED Hours**
- October 25th — Retirees' Closing Day
- October 26th — Ladies' 9-Holers Closing Day
- October 28th — Men's Closing Day

Tee Times and Golf Shop Hours

Weekday tee times begin at 8 AM through November 3rd.

Weekend tee times will begin at 8 AM through Thanksgiving Weekend.

A letter from the Tennis Pro, Mike Perrone

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TENNIS

Fall/Winter Season

Remember MFC happens 12 months of the year. Temps will cool some in the fall but many of our players are accustomed to outdoor play. About 30-40 percent of our players play in December, January and February when the wind is calmer and the sun is out. Many of our drills and lessons stay scheduled throughout the year. Don't run inside to play when your club is open all year!

PICKLEBALL

Round Robin Social

On September 15 we had a fun filled Round Robin event followed by a mini tournament. Between 30-40 people attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Two tennis courts were temporarily converted to pickleball to allow everyone to play. Drinks were served outside during play and many people played for 2-3 hours. Maybe one more? Stay tuned.

GUEST POLICY

Our members have been doing a better job signing guests in. Thanks you. Again if you are sending out a group text or email to round up people to play, then it is your responsibility to sign non-members in who may be on that list. If you don't know if they are a member or not then don't send out to them until you do know. Please consider your fellow members and the value of your membership when guests abuse this policy.

For any questions regarding tennis or pickleball please call or text **Mike Perrone at 856-261-9523**.

Thanks!

Ladies Golf—18 Holers—Linda Kastner

Ladies' 18 Holers — Linda Kastner
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The ladies in the 18 Holers are winding down our season. We have a few more tournaments approaching, including a WGAP Better Ball tournament at Old York CC. The ladies will team up with another member of our group who is in the same handicap range. The best score of the partners will be used!

We will be competing in the MFC Cup at Laurel Creek on October 10 and hope to defend and hold the cup.

Congratulations are in order for Katie Alexander for winning a key tournament with the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia. She and Laura Hammond won lowest net and lowest gross in the Charlotte Bernhard Cup at Llanerch CC. Laura Hammond is the Executive Director of WGAP!

We are so proud of Jane O'Donnell who won the 1st of 2 WGAP Super Senior low net Tournaments at Commonwealth. She will battle it out at Hershey Mill to determine the overall winner in this tournament.

Our MFC lady golfers are always so willing to participate in many WGAP tournaments. They have made our club well known as tough competitors! We are so proud of them!

Congratulations to Pat Hirsekorn who has won Club Champion for 2023. Congratulations to Jackie Diepold who won our President's Cup 2023. What great accomplishments after multiple close matches against fellow golfers.

Our closing day festivities will be Tuesday, October 17 starting with a 9 hole scramble at 9:30 followed by lunch and meeting. Members will receive an email sign up for this event, from our Pro, George Frake! Entree choices will be given and members will make their choices beforehand. We are hoping for a great turnout to celebrate a fabulous season of golf and friendship.

Linda

Ladies Golf—9 Holers—Lisa Paparone

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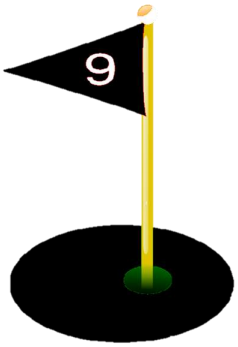

September brought many beautiful days to golf, and many of our members took advantage, playing at MFC as well as attending some WGAP events such as the Ladies Senior Tournament and Open Days, as you will see from the pictures.

Our 9-Hole Championship will be completed after this newsletter went to press, so please be sure the check in next month to learn the winner.

The signup sheet for our Closing Day event has been posted in the locker room. Closing Day will be Thursday October 26th. The theme is "Farmers Market", so please sign up and show up in your pumpkin picking attire!

The final day for submitting scores for the seasonal prizes will be Oct 15th, to give time for tabulating. Make sure to submit all of your pars/ birdie sheets, update the ringer board by Oct 15. We will still be able to play on Thursday Oct. 19th but not collecting scores. Although we will be having our closing day soon, please remember to continue to post your own scores in the GHIN system for all rounds you play through mid-November.

Lisa

Men's Golf—Retirees—Jerry Gares

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As we enter the last month of the 2023 season, we can look back on our play and be contented despite the fact that maybe our drives may have had less carry, iron shots were not as crisp as they once were, and our putts per round increased. Despite that, our Wednesday mornings brought out, on average, 20 "seasoned" players for an enjoyable round of golf. George, our pro, provided us with various formats and challenges, we had increased pace of play, and we tried to "standardize" gimmies in an effort to improve the play regardless of one's level of achievement. Thank you for your cooperation in achieving what I feel was a successful season.

Our closing day will be Wednesday, October 25, 2023. We will offer a different challenge on this day as George will direct us into a format yet to be played. Of the 18 holes, 6 will be a scramble, 6 will be better ball and 6 will be played in alternate shots. Awards will be presented at lunch for team play as well as individual honors for longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to the pin(s). There will be a lottery draw for two(2) man teams based on handicaps. For this event, we are asking for a sign-up prior to the event, so let George know if you are planning to participate in this season finale.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't offer congratulations to John Daglian, long time Retiree golfer, who recently won the Legends category in Men's Golf Competition. We always knew John was a legend ……and now he has the title to prove it!!

Note: Effective Wednesday, November 1, 2023, starting time for off-season play is 9:00 am.

New Members

Please help us welcome the following new members:

Jim & Maureen Welch — Social

Bryan & Allison Collins — Social

From the Restaurant

Dining at MFC

October 19th and 20th — MODIFIED RESTAURANT & BAR HOURS

Thursday, October 19th — Bar Open Regular Hours 11 AM to 11 PM; **Restaurant CLOSES at 3 PM**

Friday, October 20th — **Bar and Restaurant CLOSE at 3 PM**

New Thursday and Friday Night Dining Experience

Beginning October 12th, Chef Fredrick will introduce a new dining experience on Thursday and Friday evenings. After 5PM we will offer a Dinner Menu that will feature new dishes each week, along with a few mainstay favorites. The regular menu will not be offered after 5PM on Thursday and Friday and take out will be limited. There will be plenty of options for those not seeking one of Chef's featured meals. Be sure to make your reservations early by calling the restaurant.

Reservations

Please make reservations if you plan on dining at the club. We are working on streamlining the reservation process so please be patient. Reservations help us better serve you and help to assure a pleasurable dining experience.

NO TAKE-OUT at end of 'Minimum'

September marked the end of the quarter and the beginning of the new rule of no take out after 4PM the last 6 days of minimum. The multitude of takeout orders the last week of the minimum were backing up the kitchen and the orders for the in-house diners. No take-out after 4PM is only in effect the last 6 days of the minimum.

Member Appreciation Celebration — Saturday, October 14th

Make your reservations for the rescheduled Member Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, October 14th from 3PM to 7PM. Start the afternoon off with some Sweet Lucy's BBQ, pony rides, and games. The Party Wave Band will take the stage at 3:30PM. Excitement and games throughout the day for the kids. Dessert and ice cream station at 5:30PM. A great day for all. To sign up please email George in the golf shop. mfcteetimes@gmail.com.

Trivia Night Begins Wednesday, November 1st!

Restaurant and Bar Hours

Closed Mondays

Tuesday	11:00—6:00
Wednesday	11:00— 9:00
Thursday	11:00—11:00
Friday	11:00—11:00
Saturday	11:00—11:00
Sunday	11:00—6:00

Kindly make a reservation for any party of 6 or more! (856) 235-1464 ext. 3

MFC Member Appreciation

Celebration

Join us on Saturday, October 14th

3:00 – 7:00 PM

MUSIC ♦ GAMES ♦ FOOD ♦ WINE ♦ BEER

THE DAY'S ITINERARY

3:00 – **Sweet Lucy's BBQ** – with plenty of Kids' food!

3:00 to 5:00 – **Kids' Pony Rides!**

3:30 to 6:30 – **Party Wave** Band – bring your own lawn chairs!

5:30 – **Dessert & Ice Cream**

Kid Games & Activities ALL Afternoon

Each **Membership** may bring One (1) Guest.
Additional guests welcome - $40 per Adult, $30 per Child

Barbecue, Domestic Beer, House Wine, & Stateside Seltzers
INCLUDED!
(Cash Bar for Mixed Drinks)

Space is Limited – Reservations are REQUIRED!

Kindly RSVP by replying to this Email.

October 2023

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" – L. M. Montgomery – 'Anne of Green Gables'

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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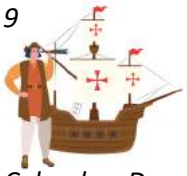
8 Men's President's Cup Championship	9  Columbus Day	10	11	12 Oct. 19 & 20 **LIMITED** Dining Hours See **DINING** Page 13		14 Member Appreciation Day
15	16	17 Ladies' 18-Holers Closing Day	18	19 Golf Course **CLOSED**	20 Golf Course **CLOSED**	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting	25 Retirees' Closing Day	26 Ladies' 9-Holers Closing Day	27	28 Men's Closing Day
29	30	31	1 NEW TRIVIA!!			

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