

# Golf News “Fore” You

Marshall Country Club

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*The dog days of summer are here! How did that happen already?? As we move to the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2017), the stresses of losing several Bronze members from 2016, and the loss of some very important equity members become more evident. The continuing expenses of maintaining the course and staffing outpace the revenues. There are several golfing and special events that are scheduled through the balance of the fiscal year that are critical to support the finances of MCC. The fall new member promotion is also important to help with the revenues. Your promotion of our great golf experience and The Club restaurant is important for **your** club! Revenues from outside play continues to help support and keep memberships affordable. At our current membership level, the reality is that we would not be able to survive without this source of funds. Thank you Matt and the Pro Shop crew for your efforts to keep the member's a priority. By Greg Nyenhuis, MCC President*

## AUGUST CALENDAR

August 1	Course	Women's Match Play Championship Round 1 begins
August 5	House	1997 Class Reunion
August 5	Course	Men's Calcutta Round 1
August 6	Course	Men's Calcutta Round 2
August 12	House	1957 Class Reunion
August 18	Course	9 and Dine
August 18	Course	Redhawk Open
August 20	Course	Women's Handicap Tournament Final Round
August 24	Course	Women's Match Play Championship Round 2 begins
August 25	Course	Police Chief's Outing
August 26	Course	Men's Club Championship Semi-finals
August 27	Course	Men's Club Championship Finals
August 27	Course	Couple's Tournament
Tuesdays	Course	Men's Seniors
Wednesdays	Course	LGA
Thursdays	Course	Men's Day

# MEN'S MEMBER/MEMBER TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

July 8-9



Palmer Division  
Tom Sowles and Kevin Weber



Gold B  
Jim Young and Gregg Peters



Gold A  
Keith Howell and Dave Robnolt



Snead Division  
Tim Caron and Mike Wales



Hogan Division  
Greg Nyenhuis and Dick Hamilton



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dick Hamilton and Joe Koltonowski who both have aced #11 ! Time to renew the insurance - pay \$10.00 in the Pro Shop.

Marshall Country Club is proud to welcome three new members

Lance Fraley

Mark Galloway

Dave Mansfield

# 60'S Rock & Roll Member/Guest

July 14-15

attracted twelve teams. Many of the golfers appeared in costume and several carts were decorated.



Pictured are all winners including for proxies and skins.

The 60's Rock & Roll dining room



Kelly Sisters



Nancy Card and Nan Spindler



Annie Weeks and Gail Bradstreet

Sonny and Cher (the Kelly sisters, Cora Greim and Ann Adams) won the two day event and the costume contest. Nancy Card and partner Nan Spindler finished second, Gail Bradstreet and Annie Weeks were third. Sisters Judy Peters and Becky Kersey won the best decorated cart.

A very talented committee. Joyce Soebbing, Kim Caron, Carol Bagi, Judy Peters, Nancy Card, staged a grand tournament.

The Women's Match Play Club Championship has begun! Ladies will compete in four flights, Championship, A, B and C during August and September. Winners will be recognized at the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) meeting in October. Good luck to all!

## In case you didn't know....by Tom Sowles

The Board and myself are very appreciative of members that inform us of their concerns. We do our best to make sure things don't slip through the cracks, but at times we miss our mark. Your feedback is always very important! I will address some of the questions that have been brought to our attention.

- ♣ We are a private course but outside play is allowed at times. Open play is advertised and allowed in the months of April, May, September and October. We do not advertise open play in June, July and August but there are times open play is allowed. We donate many gift certificates to fundraiser outings in the area and accept their play at any time in the summer. We have conducted a fundraiser with Marshall HS and Lakeview HS's golf teams. They sold 4 round punch cards and there are about 50 of those cards in circulation. This benefited MCC and the golf teams. More info will follow on the success of this fundraiser. We also will accept small outings of 8 to 16 players and work them in during non-busy times throughout the summer, and we are the venue for 6 area outings (fundraisers) that may close the course on a Friday or Saturday. The revenue provided by the small and large scale open play is vital to the financial success of MCC.
- ♣ We have one outside Wednesday afternoon league. This group is very supportive of MCC and provides a large revenue boost. They enjoy golf, dining and at times enjoy a few beverages! Several of the league members have ended up joining MCC. Thank you!
- ♣ All members should sign in at the Pro Shop when they arrive to play golf. This allows the Pro Shop to communicate to you any information needed for your round that day.
- ♣ Appropriate dress is required – all members and their guests should do their best to follow these guidelines. Matt and his staff have the responsibility to address anyone that falls short of this expectation. Members that have questions about what

they may see on the course should inform Matt and allow him to handle the situation.

- ♣ How many times can a member bring a guest to play at MCC? There are many thoughts on this but there is no set number.

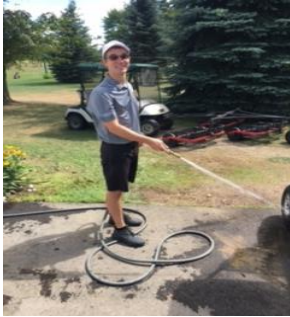
We have a great group of very supportive members. I do hope you understand that we are doing our best to provide a quality membership experience. We will continue to listen and fine-tune our operation in hopes of improving that experience. Your feedback is always welcome, [sowlestom@yahoo.com](mailto:sowlestom@yahoo.com) and 269-274-2968.

## RECRUITMENT

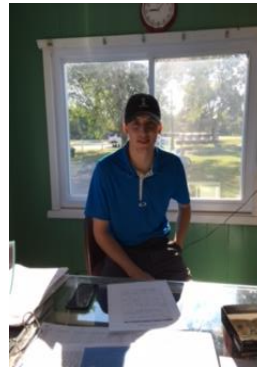
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MCC is again offering an amazing opportunity for current members to sponsor NEW members for 2018. The special includes play at MCC for the remainder of this season. Any current member who recruits a new golfer for 2017-18 will receive a generous credit toward 2018 dues. Talk to General Manager, Tom Sowles, to learn details.





Hi, my name is Ryan Wade and I am 19 years old. My parents are Jeff and Lori and I have one brother named Kyle. I have worked at MCC for four years. I graduated from Marshall High School in 2017 and played for the golf team all throughout high school so I have spent a lot of time at the club. This fall I am attending Michigan State University and working towards a degree in engineering. My favorite part of working at the country club is getting to know all the members.



Hi, my name is Jack Welke and I am 18 years old. My parents are Bill and Teri Welke and I have 2 sisters, Erin and Abby, and one brother, Dan. I have worked at MCC for 2 years. I graduated from Marshall High School in 2017. I have played for Marshall High School golf all of high school and have spent a lot of time at the country club. Next year I am going to Albion college where I will begin the path to an engineering degree and will continue my golf career. My favorite part of working at Marshall Country Club is being able to spend time at a golf course and the atmosphere that comes with it.

### **CLIP AND SAVE**

#### **SITUATION**

1. Out of bounds - C
2. Lost ball - C
3. Unplayable lie - C, D, or F
4. In water hazard (yellow) - C or F
5. In lateral water hazard (red) - C, E or F
6. Hitting wrong ball - B or H
7. Grounding club in hazard - B or H
8. Artificial obstruction interferes with stance or swing - G

#### **PENALTY**

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| A. | 1 stroke   |
| B. | 2 strokes - stroke play  |
| C. | 1 stroke and distance  |
| D. | 1 stroke and drop 2 club lengths not nearer the hole   |
| E. | 1 stroke and drop within 2 club lengths of where ball last crossed the hazard margin (either side, no nearer the hole) |
| F. | 1 stroke and drop as far back as desired on line from hole through the ball  |
| G. | 1 club length relief (not nearer the hole, NO penalty)   |
| H. | Loss of hole in match play   |



Hunter Cook on duty at the Deb Fletcher Memorial "Buckeye Christmas in July". More about this young man in the future.



**PLEASE** – this is clearly posted and must be followed by all.

The following is suggested by the **USGA**:

A **HANDICAP INDEX** represents the potential playing ability on a course of standard playing difficulty. A **COURSE HANDICAP** represents a whole number of strokes needed on a specific set of tees to play to that tee's **USGA** Course Rating. A player needs a Handicap Index to convert to a Course Handicap.

### **EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC)**

<b><u>HANDICAP</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM STROKES</u></b>
9 or less	double bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

When a hole is NOT played the score entered for handicap purposes is par (for the hole) plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled.

For handicap purposes, after the round, a player is required to adjust the hole scores (actual or most likely) when these hole scores are greater than the maximum ESC number.

Acceptable Scores for Handicap Purposes:



post scores from home or away



post scores when at least 7 holes are played for a 9 hole score; 13 or more holes for an 18 hole score



post scores when playing two 9's, even if the same 9, or 9's from different dates. Simply combine the 9's into an 18 hole score.



in Match Play if you lose before completing 18 holes you may post an 18 hole score by recording par plus any handicap strokes entitled for the unplayed holes.



“A **Buckeye Christmas in July**” was a HUGE success with several thousand dollars raised for St. Jude’s Hospital per Deb Fletcher’s request. Jim Fletcher says this is the first annual so it will be played again next year. Welcome back to MCC, Jim!



**LEAVES OF THREE – LET THEM BE!**  
Poison ivy found in the left out-of-bounds area bordering #14.



MCC’s own Birds of Paradise!

# Shop talk

## July 31, 2017

The month of July has been very dry and hot. We had a pump go down at the end of June. Unfortunately, while the pump was being repaired we weren't able to water for a week, causing some firmer and drier than normal conditions. The pumps are now fixed and working great. We will have to water during the afternoon with these sunny and low humidity days to keep turf cool. So, please bear with us and sorry for any inconvenience.

I believe we have fixed all if not most of the bare spots on greens and collars; they all seem to be recovering very well. We are still adding sand to bunkers as we are available to do so, but for the most part believe they have been kept up very nice. Please continue to rake foot prints and leave rakes in bunkers.

We did lose a tree behind #6 green that will be cut up by an outside company. We also have a cherry tree severely leaning on a pine tree left of the fairway on hole #10, 100 yards from the green. I ask all to please stay away if you can. We will mark the area to try and keep everyone as safe as possible until we can bring the tree down safely.

The very hot and humid weather we recently had, caused disease in some fairways. We are in the process of fertilizing and watering which should help them heal quickly. We will be spraying some sort of chemical on greens, tees, or fairways about every week to combat diseases that can grow from the heat and humidity this time of year.

This is our busiest part of the season with outings so we continue to ask everyone to do their part in keeping our course beautiful. Please replace divots, fix your ball marks (and one other), please keep carts away from greens and bunkers when possible; the extra traffic stresses the grass and makes it more likely for disease to overtake the stressed areas.

Thanks from Josh and the crew



Cleaning up storm debris adds to the challenge of maintaining MCC.

