



Accents

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Directors Corner *Frank Phillips*

For twenty-one years, Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club has received the Charlotte Sun Readers' Choice Award for the 'Best Manufactured Home Community.' This is no small feat, given the number of manufactured home communities in Charlotte County. How does Maple Leaf do this year after year?

Quite simply; the lifestyle we live at Maple Leaf. Our activities and amenities are varied, stimulating, and have something for everyone. These activities, run by volunteers, along with the assistance of Maple Leaf employees and management staff, keep everyone coming back.

Renters and guests are drawn here by many of these activities and a great number of these visitors end up staying here when they purchase a home in Maple Leaf GCC.

The 2017 Resident Directory has listings for fifty-six various clubs and groups. Couple this with five corporate dances, a Strawberry Social, a Pancake Breakfast, a Spaghetti Dinner, Merrymakers, a Flea Market, etc., etc.-- all of these clubs and events are run by volunteers. These events are incredibly successful because of the community support given to the volunteer or team of volunteers in place that take on the responsibilities of running things. The volunteers make sure everything goes off without a glitch and they ensure everyone has a good time. Countless hours are spent planning, organizing, developing, staffing, reporting and budgeting for these events. The goal is to provide our residents with the opportunity to enjoy an enhanced lifestyle, try something they might not have ever experienced or even considered doing before. Usually, it ends up as a very positive experience!

What is a volunteer? Dictionary.com says the word 'volunteer' is a *noun* meaning;

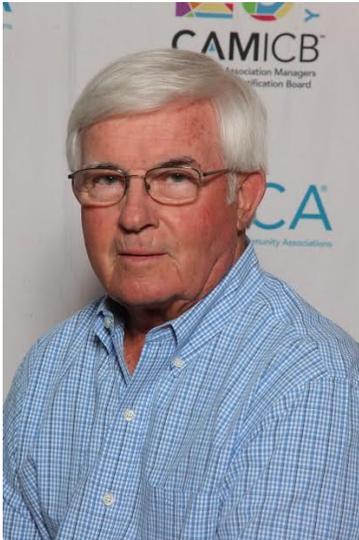
- A person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking;
- A person who performs a service willingly and without pay; and
- A person whose actions are not founded on any legal obligation so to act.

So, why should I volunteer? According to the website, benefitsofvolunteering.com, there are many reasons, and I was not surprised to find that volunteering is a good thing for one's mind and body.

"Volunteers have a great impact on their community, often uniting the community as one. But volunteering also allows people to interact more, meet new people, and expand their network. When you volunteer, not only does it make your ties to the community stronger, you also meet people who share your interests and gain a wider support group. You also get to practice and develop your social skills more by being exposed to other people.

Volunteering is also beneficial to a person's mental health by increased self-confidence and self-esteem. It even helps you to develop a more positive outlook on life. Volunteering also provides benefits to your physical health. It keeps you busy, and active. Research has shown that volunteers have a lower mortality rate compared to those who choose not to. In some cases, volunteering was able to aid in reducing the symptoms of some illnesses such as chronic pain and heart disease." (benefitsofvolunteering.com, 2017)

As our Maple Leaf residents age, slow down or move on to other adventures, it stands to reason club executives and event organizers will be looking to pass the torch. Consider accepting a position or taking that nomination for a club's management. Don't say, "Well, someone else can do it." Jump right in! Remember, **you** might be that someone who will proudly say, "Volunteers make the difference in Maple Leaf."



General Manager John Bradley

The pace of the Park has slowed considerably since most of the snowbirds have departed. From my perspective it was overall a great season. A brief update of some subjects follows:

WEATHER. April has produced warm and above average temperatures, but there has been little rain. This pattern is just a continuation of the recent months with higher temperatures and below average rainfall. Many of the counties in Southwest and Central Florida are under fire danger warnings. The lake levels are currently very low so we continue to purchase effluent water from Charlotte County to keep enough water in the lakes for irrigation.

HURRICANE SEASON. This August 13th will be the 13th anniversary of Hurricane Charley. It destroyed over 450 homes and damaged almost all the others in Maple Leaf. We must always be prepared. Please do not be complacent because the last 11 hurricane seasons were inactive. The Gulf of Mexico water temperature is rising and warm water temperatures are the source of energy for hurricanes. Have you secured all loose objects on your lot? Do you have provisions if we lose power for a number of days? Do you have a plan to evacuate the Park? It is unlikely that County Emergency Management will permit manufactured home communities to remain occupied if a major hurricane is forecast. **HAVE A PLAN; BE PREPARED. DON'T BE COMPLACENT AND THINK IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!**

LOT CARE. The much hotter weather, humidity, and frequent rains are just over the horizon. The spring and summer months produce a growth rate five times the winter rate. Grass and weeds can grow six inches a week. The Corporation only mows and trims lots; we do not maintain gardens, planters, shrubs, etc. Homeowners are responsible to insure that your lot is maintained in your absence. Violations will be reported to the homeowner, not those who have been designated to care for the lot.

CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE. The Queensway Center is now closed until the end of September to conserve utility costs. It will be open and available for special events. Obviously it will also be available as a storm shelter and refuge center.

PROJECTS. Each year we have many, many capital projects usually approaching the total monetary value of \$500,000. Most projects are relatively lesser dollar amounts, but there are usually the few larger cost projects and they are normally done in the late spring when the Park is less populated. One of the large approved capital projects this year is the milling and repaving of Huron Lane, McKenzie Lane (from Queensway Road to the intersection of Huron Lane), Iroquois Trail, and Beaver Crescent. Additionally we will be constructing two pickleball courts and remarketing (resurfacing) the Queensway Pool. Updates on the progress of capital projects can be seen at www.mlgcctv.com.

PERIODIC UPDATES. There will not be another "Accents" until September. I will provide periodic updates over the summer when required via the "Accents" email address and our editor, Donna Sheppard. If not registered please contact Donna at mlaccents910@hotmail.com. Other sources of Park information are CH 195; the CH 195 website, www.mlgcctv.com; and the Park Website, www.mapleleafgcc.net. As most know the Park Website is packed with information.

RESTAURANT/SANDBAR OFF-SEASON SCHEDULE. We are now on the summer schedule due to decreased occupancy of the Park. The Sandbar opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. daily except for Tuesday Happy Hours and Thursday Wings Night. The Sandbar and Country Club will be closed on Wednesdays since the golf course is closed.

PRO SHOP AND GOLF COURSE. We are now placing advertising in the local newspaper for summer outside business as well as inviting outside summer leagues. The objective is to increase summer revenue as well as advertise our golf course and community. The golf course will be closed during the summer on Wednesdays for maintenance. Please read Vice President Jeff Stapledon's article in this "Accents" about the new golf membership program and the golf rejuvenation project.

SALES ACTIVITY. Since the beginning of 2017 there have been 29 home sales through April and another 12 pending in later months for a total of 41 to date. This is similar to the 2016 total on this date of 40. We encourage homeowners to utilize the Park Sales Office as your Corporation shares in that commission income. Our sales associates have the advantages of a Sales Office in the Park, a display board outside the Pro Shop, the Park website, the use of CH 195, multi-passenger golf carts, and other resources. The Park Sales Office will transition soon to posted summer hours. Your telephone calls will always be forwarded to the on-call sales associate.

RENTAL WEBSITE. Seldom a day goes by that there are not telephone inquiries about renting in Maple Leaf during the winter; we refer them to our rental website. Our rental website is extremely popular. Some homes are rented within hours of appearing on the website. Homes in Maple Leaf can rent for up to \$3,000 monthly during the winter. If you do not anticipate occupying your home during all or part of the season, then you might consider using the website. If interested please call Debi in the Park Office at 625-3130.

MAPLE LEAF 2018 HARDCOPY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. Any changes for the 2018 Directory should be submitted by September 15th. If we don't have your disclosure form authorization then we can only print your name(s), local address, lot number, and telephone numbers in the published directory. We need your authorization to print northern address and email addresses. An owner may exclude the telephone numbers by requesting in writing to the Park Office. If you edit your own information in the website directory you will still have to notify the Park Office for changes in the hardcopy directory.

LOST AND FOUND. There are still many items, found in the clubhouses and throughout the Park, at the Park Office. Most items will be donated to a charity if not claimed soon.

Have a great summer. Thanks to the volunteers who do so much to make our community great.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE			
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31 2017			
	YTD	YTD	YTD
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUE			
PARK	861,454	868,159	(6,705)
GOLF	275,213	252,113	23,100
SALES	19,278	18,040	1,238
SB/CC	174,224	169,505	4,719
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,330,169	\$ 1,307,817	\$ 22,352
EXPENSES			
PARK	747,744	763,173	(15,429)
GOLF	250,346	267,999	(17,653)
SALES	8,117	3,720	4,397
SB/CC	163,670	157,615	6,055
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,169,877	\$ 1,192,507	\$ (22,630)
REVENUE TO EXPENSE	\$ 160,292	\$ 115,310	\$ 44,982
YTD CHANGE IN CASH POSITION			
YTD REVENUE TO EXPENSE	160,292		
ADD BACK DEPREC/AMORT	160,668		
ADD CERTIFICATE SALES	100,000		
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(56,163)		
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(19,632)		
BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	(28,850)		
YTD CASH FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 316,315		
CASH POSITION 12/31/16	\$ 2,586,619		
ADDED (USED)	\$ 316,315		
ENDING CASH BALANCE 02/28/17	\$ 2,902,934		



Nancy Miller
Grounds Superintendent

PARK

Irrigation

During the past summers, we had many problems with the irrigation wiring shorting out or going to ground. Please be advised that when the rainy season starts we will be monitoring the weather and shutting off power to the wiring during stormy or wet periods.

Landscape

The garden club has donated funds to be used this summer for rejuvenating the landscape beds at the Can-Am. A Huge Thank You to the Club for their generous support.

Palm Trimming

Palm trimming is scheduled to begin in the middle of June.

Fire Ant Bait

Fire ant bait was applied throughout the park on April 20.

GOLF

SUMMER PROJECTS

The golf course is closed on Wednesdays starting May 3 and continuing throughout the summer for major maintenance projects.

Aerification and Verticutting

As we do every summer, we will be aerifying and verticutting greens, tees, collars and approaches. Both cultural practices open the soil profile to allow penetration of water, nutrients, fungicides and insecticides into the plant rootzone.

Curfew

We will NOT be applying Curfew, a nematicide, into the greens this summer in anticipation of next year's rejuvenation.

CULTURAL PRACTICES schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday 5/14 – Tees aerification
- Wednesday 6/14 – Tees aerification
- Wednesday 7/15 – Greens and Lawn Bowling Green aerification
- Wednesday 7/19 – Tees aerification
- Wednesday 8/9 – Dethatch collars
- Wednesday 8/16 – Tees aerification
- Wednesday 8/23 – Greens and Lawn Bowling Green aerification

Mowing during the dry season

During the extremely dry winter/spring we are experiencing, we are continuing to mow tees, collars, approaches and fairways 3 times per week and rough once a week. Why? In some areas we are cutting a fair amount of grass and in other areas we have dry, thin turf. Obviously in the grassy areas, we need to mow. In other areas, we mow to break up divots, mulch leaves and generally keep the course in neat condition. In still other areas, it looks like we are mowing dirt! Those areas are prone to weed growth and development. By mowing through those areas, we are cutting the tips off the weed plants to help prevent development of seed heads. Seed heads eventually become more weeds, so we are trying to reduce the weed populations in every way possible.

AS ALWAYS

Fill your divots, fix your ballmarks and rake your bunkers as you enjoy your round!



Presidents Corner

Rick Hull

As I'm sitting here writing this article, snowbirds are still leaving and heading north. By mid-May most all of our snowbirds will have gone north to enjoy their summer and we year round residents will be here hoping to get some rain to end this very dry season but when our grass is greener and the weeds are growing by leaps and bounds we will be hoping for less rain....it's a win lose situation. I've heard that the New England area has been getting their share of rain. It would be very helpful if they could send some our way. The lakes and lawns could certainly use it and our local firefighters would get a much-needed break from battling brush fires due to the long drought.

Now that our busy season has ended we will be starting our many summer projects. Late May or June, depending on the rains, we should be milling and repaving the following roads: Huron Lane, McKenzie Lane from the Queensway to Huron Lane, Iroquois Trail and Beaver Crescent. There is also a small repair to be done on Brant Place.

The shade structure at the Can-Am Shuffle Board courts has been found to have termite damage and must be taken down. We are researching and seeking options and proposals to replace the structure before residents return in the fall and we will be re-evaluating the large deck by the Can-Am to determine if it needs our immediate attention.

The final bid proposals for the contractors to be selected for the golf course rejuvenation projects will go out soon. This project is projected to start April 1, 2018.

Your golf committee and pro shop staff will be meeting and working with the representatives from Chelsea Tee Time Systems to assure golfers that everything will be in place and operating for booking tee times for next season with all the new play pack memberships.

We are in the process of getting bids for the construction of two Pickle Ball courts to be built in the grassy area opposite the Fire Barn. We are also getting quotes for a shade structure for the Pickle Ball courts and another for the Charlotte Tennis courts. These shade structures are being funded by Pickle Ball and Tennis clubs.

There will be many other smaller projects done throughout the summer, to name a few: installing a handicap parking space in front of the Fitness Center for use at the Sandbar, the painting of buildings and curbing and a new railing at the Charlotte Center.

Our monthly coffee hour starts in May and will be on the second Monday of the month, so the first one will be on Monday, May 8th. Coffee and donuts will be served. Coffee will be ready by 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. All residents are invited.

The Board of Directors and Maple Leaf staff wish our snowbirds and year-round residents a happy and healthy summer.

Golf

Jeff Stapledon

Vice President, MLGCC Board

Greetings,

During the 2016-2017 golf season, with the assistance of the Golf Association and its members, we implemented a number of initiatives designed to reverse the decline in golf club membership.

- The Golf Ambassador program helped introduce 50 non-member park residents to our golf course in November and January. Under this program non-members had the opportunity to experience our course by playing with a member.
- The Golf Leagues hosted 6 Open House days that introduced more than 40 residents to league play.

- The Light Play membership brought 20 new members into our golf community.
- Our “Taste of Golf” program rolled-out in January. This 6-week program provided 27 non-golfers with an introduction to the game. We expect about 10 of these participants to become members this coming season.

As a consequence of these programs we grew our membership slightly from the 2015-2016 season. We anticipate running most of these programs again in the 2017-2018 season in an effort to continue the growth.

A financial review of the golf operations was undertaken to better understand the cost of operating the golf course. This review is nearing completion.

The most exciting development this past year has been the Golf Rejuvenation Project. It’s useful here to remind readers of progress to this point:

- In January 2016, the previous Board held information sessions to update homeowners on a plan to rejuvenate the golf course including modifying course layout and a plan to renew the golf and Park irrigation system. Based on feedback from homeowners at that time the previous Board deferred the plans and requested that Committees of homeowners be established to further study the proposals and provide recommendations to the Board.
- Throughout last fall and early winter your Board held several Open Houses where residents had the opportunity to review the proposed project scope and ask questions of the Board and the Committees.
- The Golf Technical Committee recommended that the course layout should not be modified but that a rejuvenation and maintenance project be undertaken. The scope of this project is smaller than the project proposed in January 2016. Specifically, the golf course rejuvenation and maintenance project will include: 1) reconstructing the greens to remove organic material and reverse shoulder buildup, 2) widening the Tee decks, 3) improving bunker playability and positioning; and 4) fairway grass rejuvenation.
- The Irrigation Committee indicated the irrigation system has serious operational issues in part due to age. The Committee also identified the need for a comprehensive system of asset management which would include repair documentation, maintenance schedules and replacement budgets.
- The Irrigation Committee recommended that the existing golf irrigation system be replaced if the fairways were being rejuvenated and acknowledged that the park system need not be replaced now and that further study be undertaken. The Finance Advisory Committee further recommended that no work be done on the park irrigation system until the annual repair cost approached the carrying cost of replacing the system.
- The Finance Advisory Committee recommended four possible ways of financing the golf course rejuvenation project including mortgaging the cost over the useful life of the project and assessing Certificate Holders the full cost of the golf course rejuvenation prior to work commencing. Certificate Holders were asked to vote on their preferred option and, at the AGM this past February, a majority of Certificate Holders voted for mortgaging the estimated \$1.4 million cost of the rejuvenation over 22 years at a cost per month of approximately \$8 per Certificate Holder.

This fall our golf season will be different from any we have experienced in the past. We will start as usual on November 1st but will close on April 1st so the rejuvenation project can begin.

This shortened 5-month season gives us an opportunity to try something completely different. A brief summary of the temporary membership structure, which has been endorsed by the Golf Association Executive, follows:

Membership Goals

Focused on maintaining and even growing our membership while adhering to 4 basic goals:

- fair and equitable treatment of all park residents
- provide priority or advantage for our residents versus outside players
- provide flexibility so that residents can build their golf membership customized to their individual needs or wants
- maintain and grow membership to help move, over time, toward better financial performance from our club

As a member of our golf club in 2018 you will have 3 decisions to make:

- what kind of membership do I want to have?
- how much golf do I want to play?
- do I want a trail pass?

Membership Structure

The 2017 / 18 membership plan will provide every resident of our community with a basic membership in the golf club. The basic member will be able to book rounds up to 48 hours in advance at a more affordable green fee rate than existed this year. They can sponsor guests when they have visitors and use the practice facilities of the course any time after 12:00 noon. During November and December, they will be open to play any time except in the morning league play. During the peak months of January to March only afternoon tee times will be available to basic members. With this new structure in place every resident of our park will have the right to enjoy in some way, our wonderful facility.

If a Basic membership is not enough for a resident's golf needs we will offer an Enhanced membership. Enhanced members will have access to all play packs that provide discounts in the cost of play. In virtually every case enhanced membership will be more affordable than current pricing. Membership in the golf association will be offered so morning play on league days will be available throughout the season. For the peak months of January to March Enhanced members will not be eligible for morning play on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings. Online tee sheets will be available for booking 5 days in advance and members will be able to choose between seasonal or monthly trail passes. Sponsored guests will have access to the same play privileges and round costs as the Enhanced member.

For our serious golfers, we will offer an Unrestricted membership. The cost of play for an Unrestricted member will range from slightly lower to slightly higher than this year, depending on the amount of golf played. Unrestricted members will have access to morning tee times every day of the week throughout the season. They will be able to initiate 7 day + advance tee time requests to help organize play with friends. And, if they wish they can sponsor guests with the Unrestricted play privileges and the round cost of their chosen play pack. The unrestricted member continues to have all the privileges of the past packed into a personalized membership that they will build based on how much golf they will play in our shortened season.

Play Packs

Your second decision is how much golf do you want to play during your time in Maple Leaf? If you are here for 3 months and you play 3 times a week then you need to buy a play pack that will give you about 36 rounds. If you are here for 5 months and play 3 times a week you are going to need about 60 rounds.

Play packs will be available in lots of 15, 35, 55, 75 and 95 rounds. The play packs will be prepaid, and your rounds remaining will be reported on your starter chit each time you come out to play so you will always know where you stand.

The highest cost per round will be with the 15 pack at \$23.50 per round. The lowest cost per round will be \$13.50 for the 95-round pack.

In the 2016-2017 season a B member who played 35 rounds would spend \$930. Next season the 35-round pack will cost \$752.50. Add your membership choice to this and you will either pay \$952.50 for the Unrestricted (an increase of \$22) or \$852.50 for the Enhanced (a decrease of \$77.50).

If you are the 60-round player you likely are an A member spending \$1325 this year. Next year a 55-round pack will cost you \$1045. Add your membership cost and you total \$1245 for Unrestricted or \$1145 for an Enhanced membership. Should you actually need the extra 5 rounds as you approach the end of the season you will be able to buy them at the same discounted rate as your original 55 round pack.

Trail Fees

Trail fees will be \$240 for the season. A new monthly trail fee will be available for \$80 to allow temporary use for members who are injured or short term members like renters.

To summarize, joining our Golf Club for the 2017-2018 season is very easy:

- Choose your membership type: Basic, Enhanced or Unrestricted
- Choose the Play Pack that meets your needs - from 15 rounds to 95 rounds
- Choose to walk or purchase a Trail pass

The complete 2017-2018 shortened season membership and price list is attached.

Have a great summer!

EDITORS NOTE: The rate sheets are included at the end of the newsletter

Tree Lighting Party

Court & Eden Wells

Court and Eden have hosted the Christmas Tree Lighting Party for 5 years. They have enjoyed it immensely but it is time for them to step down & have someone else step up to the plate. The tree lighting is always held the first Sunday of December at the Queensway Center. It is the official beginning of the Christmas Season. After a chosen delegate has lit the tree, the audience of approximately 300, are entertained by the Keyboard Orchestra and the Maple Leaf Singers. Then everyone enjoys delicacies of food & beverages provided.

If you would like to shadow the Wells this year and take on the responsibility for 2018, please advise Donna Sheppard. Thank you.



Maple Leaf Real-estate News

Good morning. As the season winds, down here in Maple Leaf, we will see a slowdown in overall activity in the sales office, but that doesn't mean that we won't be listing and selling properties. Many serious buyers will still be coming in looking to find a home in Maple Leaf, and we will be ready to assist them. Last year we had brisk business in the summer months, and there's no reason to expect different this summer. Our sales team, the park office staff and our attorney are all very familiar with doing contracts and closings by mail, so we'll be ready to assist buyers and sellers who can't be here.

There are several items that I've found are most likely to improve the chances of selling a home in Maple Leaf, especially when it comes to the inspection process, so I thought I would share these with you. Just because we usually deal with an "as-is" contract doesn't mean you

shouldn't expect to have to correct some items that might be found in an inspection; in fact, you may find you're re-negotiating a sale price you thought you'd come to terms on.

On the heritage home, the most common concerns that come up are the tie-downs and vapor barrier. These tend to rust and deteriorate over time, but can be replaced easily, and you can head off other problems by having them inspected early.

The other common issue is the flooring; older homes may still have particle board sub-floors that move, sag and swell over time. There is no easy fix, but replace should be considered as soon as practical as a soft floor will keep away buyers. Newer homes (we should remember that what we call newer in Maple Leaf is now approaching 12 years old) can have settling that affects the seam between the two side of the unit, leading to an uneven floor. And in all homes, the age of the roof, air conditioner and water heater are high on the list of buyer considerations.

Having an inspection done ahead of a sale is a good way to head off some of the bigger issues. There are also warranties available that you can buy to give your buyer some peace of mind on the appliances and systems. Warranties cost between \$300 and \$600; an inspection may cost \$250 to \$400. We can recommend some of the inspectors we've worked with in the past.

From all of us in the sales office, have a good summer, a safe trip home if you are heading north, and to those rounders staying here for the summer, we'll see you around in our little piece of paradise.

John Meissner, Real Estate Associate, 941-629-0219

Bocce Club

Sharon Cisco – President

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer but it is not too early to plan on your fall and winter activities at Maple Leaf. When we return in October the season will begin for our newly elected officers:

President	Sharon Cisco
Vice-President	Mike Walker
Secretary	Beverlie Nelson
Treasurer	Al Richie
Membership Director	Bill Hamilton
Maintenance Director	Rick Adams
Past President	Gary Price
Social Convener	Hope Adams
Captains Director	Joe Costa
League Director	Al Price

Bocce is fun game for everyone, easy to learn and fun to play. Plus, our more seasoned players are always willing to give new players a guiding hand. The upcoming season will have some welcome updates to the Bocce courts and new fun activities. With a very flexible schedule of playing times everyone should be able to fit a game or two in their busy Maple Leaf schedule. So, come and join us.

The **Bocce Sign-Up** for the 2017-18 season will be **Wednesday, November 8th** from **1-3pm** at the **Charlotte Center**

Updates on the sign-up and other Bocce functions will follow in the Accents as the dates get closer. So, enjoy your summer and we will see you in the fall.

Duplicate Bridge Club

Mavis Trivett President

Another successful Bridge season has come to a close. Over the course of the year we welcomed new and returning members. We enjoyed two pizza nights, and our first Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. Our Christmas social was such a success that it will remain on our calendar for next year. Special thanks to Dorothy Howat and her able assistants who coordinated these delightful events. As well as our regularly scheduled Monday and Wednesday evenings, some Saturday afternoon games were held. We will continue to hold Saturday games next year. We will keep you posted with the dates for these games.

Congratulations to this year's Tournament Winners -

Fall Club Championship - Beth Saxton and Chris Canning

B Winners - Gladys Walker and Norm Watson

The Memorial Tournament - Gladys Walker and Norm Watson

Spring Club Championship - Joann McGee and Bill McGee

B Winners - Joe Potter and Randy Wentworth

Executive Members for 2017/18

President - Mavis Trivett

Past President - Bill Scott

Vice President - Tim Redmond

Secretary - Beth Saxton

Treasurer - Sue Lawson

Social Events Coordinator - Dorothy Howat

Director - Norm Watson

Director - Doug Brenner

Club Manager - Ken Facer

Dates for next year's activities have been formalized and will be published in the Accents at a later date. In the meantime, our Opening Night of the 2017/18 season is Wednesday, November 1. Please mark this date in your calendar.

A special thanks to everyone involved with the running of our Bridge Club. The success of the club is due to our wonderful volunteers. We salute you! Have a great summer. See you in the fall.

Please visit our Website for lessons and information about our Bridge Club.

www.bridgewebs.com/mapleleafgcc/

Maple Leaf Squares

Nancy Goodwin

Our season ended on a very positive note – diplomas for square dancers who completed lessons with Dave Magee on the last Tuesday in March, including a cupcake social, and then, on the last Friday of March, we held our First Annual Season Finale Dance and BBQ which was attended by over 50 participants including this year's beginners.

This last season dancers also had the benefit of Ken Klumpp offering free lessons for beginner round dancers. His students have extolled his great teaching skill and patience, and their growing confidence as new round dancers has been on display at recent Tuesday night dances at the end of our season.

Maple Leaf Squares is pleased to announce some changes for the 2017/18 Season for both returning and new square and round dance enthusiasts:

Next season, our weekly square dance will be held **weekly on Fridays, 3 – 5 p.m. at the Can Am**. Regular dances will include Mainstream and Plus Tips. Casual dress is acceptable at these afternoon dances.

Starting in January 2018, our once-a-month special invitation dances will resume, with beginner tips along with mainstream and plus to give our beginners a chance to try out their learning by participating at these dance format events as well as meet and watch all our dancers.

Lessons:

We are happy to once again have our own Dave Magee offering Square Dance lessons at Maple Leaf. The Square Dance Lesson Schedule for next season will be as follows:

- Beginners lessons, Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9, Queensway hall, Start November 7, \$5/ person
- Mainstream workshops, Friday afternoons 1 to 2:45 PM, CanAm hall, Start November 3, \$5/ person.
- Plus DBD workshops, Thursdays 9 to 11 AM, CanAm hall, Start November 2, \$5/person.
- Plus workshops, Thursdays 11 to 1, CanAm hall, Starting November 2, \$5/person
- A-1 workshops, Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 3, Queensway hall, start November 1, \$5/person.
- Beginner rounds, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:15, Queensway hall, November 7, free.

We would like to thank all who attended our season finale dance. We look forward to seeing each of you again next season, especially this year's beginners who will move up to mainstream lessons and join us for our weekly dances on Fridays.

If you haven't tried square dancing – we hope to see you next season at one of our "Come Out and Meet Your Neighbor" events – dates and times to be announced. Partners not required – all are welcome to join us for some fun, friendship and inevitable laughter.

Maple Leaf Tennis Club

Judy Thomson

This article will be short and sweet as we come to the end of another successful season of tennis activity and sociability.

The AGM & Social was held March 22 and, as promised, was informative and productive. The proposed slate for our 2017-2018 tennis executive was approved by the membership and the afternoon concluded with refreshments and finger foods prepared and served by the Ladies' 3.5 Racq Pacq and Men's A1 Red teams.

Your new executive members are:

Past President: Peter Trivett	President: Glenn Houghton
Vice President: Drew Robertson	Secretary: Becky Thompson
Treasurer: Harold Hunter	Publicity: Harry Durrant
Social Director: Bev Keller	Women's Liaison: Margie Brannen
Men's Liaison: Wayne Lunt	Auditor: Brian Morris
Tournament Directors: Karen & Nick VanLeeuwen	
Strawberry Festival Conveners: Jacque & Dave Forsythe	

The 50+ Women's Tennis League Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting was held Monday, April 3 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. Ladies from 16 clubs were represented and enjoyed a delicious lunch in a lovely setting. Hearty congratulations to the following teams: 3.0 Double Trouble who placed 1st, 3.5A Racq Pacq who tied for 3rd, and 3.5+ Snowbirds who placed 2nd. The 3.0 Double Trouble gals played so well, they have been moved to the 3.5B division next season.

The Peace River Senior Men's League Annual Meeting and Lunch was again held at Maple Leaf Tuesday, April 4. Almost 400 men enjoyed a morning of friendly tennis competition followed by a hearty and tasty lunch catered by Sonny's BBQ. Thanks to all the members of the tennis club who organized this event with special appreciation to the ML staff and volunteers who helped keep things running smoothly. Keith McGruer was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service as secretary and webmaster as he retires from league tennis.

Don't forget to check the tennis website for a list of happenings for next season.

Thanks again to the members of the outgoing executive for their dedication and efforts and to all our enthusiastic volunteers who make this such a great club for all of us.

Here is some food for thought. Tennis is like life. He or she who serves well seldom loses.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy summer.

Thanks

It is time for the snow birds to flock and head back up north for the summer and for me to reflect on my winter here in Maple Leaf Village.

With the encouragement of friends and family, I came back to Maple Leaf Village alone for this past winter season.

I arrived feeling bewildered and alone and not sure how I would manage without my best friend of fifty-five years.

From the moment I arrived, I was comforted, supported and cared for by everyone I met and knew.

I would like to thank everyone in Maple Leaf Village from the bottom of my heart for the amazing support that there every single day.

For someone who finds themselves alone, Maple Leaf Village is the place to be and the best place to heal.

Thank you to everybody for the never ending kindness and support.

I can't wait to come back.

Thank you

Wendy Antonsen

Deaths

#864	Elsa Arroyo	3/27/17	#306	Linda Smith	4/2/17
#594	Vern Allen	3/27/17	#397	Dorothy Upton	4/15/17



MAPLE LEAF GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF COURSE FEES
 November 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

MEMBERSHIP

	Basic	Enhanced	Unrestricted
Park Resident	Free	\$100	\$200
Non-Resident	N/A	\$150	\$300

PLAY PACK

	1	15	35	55	75	95
Rounds (18 holes)						
\$ / Round	\$27.50	\$23.50	\$21.50	\$19.00	\$16.25	\$13.50
Pack Cost	N/A	\$352.50	\$752.50	\$1045.00	\$1218.75	\$1282.50

TRAIL FEES

MONTHLY	SEASON
\$80.00	\$240.00

DAILY GOLF FEES

GREEN FEES	Park Resident	Non-Resident
9 Holes	\$18.50	\$22.00
18 Holes	\$27.50	\$33.00
Twilight ⁵	\$25.00	\$25.00

POWER CART RENTAL - per person	Park Resident	Non-Resident
9 Holes	\$8.00	\$8.00
18 Holes	\$13.00	\$13.00



RIDING FEES (per person)	Park Resident	Non-Resident
9 Holes	\$5.00	\$5.00
18 Holes	\$8.00	\$8.00

PULL CARTS		
9/18 HOLES	\$2/3.00	\$2/3.00
CLUB RENTAL	\$10.00	\$10.00

LATE DAY PRACTICE PASS	\$100	\$100

NOTES:

1. SALES TAX OF 7% WILL BE ADDED TO ALL FEES. GOLF ASSOCIATION FEE OF \$15 PER MEMBER IS MANDATORY FOR ENHANCED AND UNRESTRICTED MEMBERSHIPS. GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IS NOT AVAILABLE WITH BASIC MEMBERSHIP.
2. AUTOMATED TEE TIME RESERVATIONS AND THE HANDICAP COMPUTER ARE INCLUDED IN THE FEES.
3. TRAIL FEES ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE RIDING IN ANY "APPROVED" GOLF CART.
4. **PLAY PACK ROUNDS ARE BASED ON 18 HOLES AND WILL BE DEBITED FOR EACH ROUND PLAYED. EACH TIME A 9 HOLE ROUND IS PLAYED THE PLAY PACK IS REDUCED BY HALF A ROUND.**
5. TWILIGHT SPECIAL RATE INCLUDES CART. AVAILABILITY TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED EACH MONTH BASED ON SUNSET TIMES.
6. MLGCC MAY CHOOSE TO ADD SELECTED SPECIALTY MEMBERSHIPS TO THIS LIST WHICH WILL FOCUS ON LOW UTILIZATION TIMES FOR OUR FACILITY. ANY SPECIALTY MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED FOR THE FUTURE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARK RESIDENTS WITH PREFERENTIAL PRICES AND/OR AVAILABILITY.
7. LATE DAY PRACTICE PASS IS AVAILABLE TO ENHANCED AND UNRESTRICTED MEMBERS AND IS INCLUDED IN THE 75 AND 95 ROUND PACKAGES.

April 7, 2017
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