



Accents

Sept./Oct.

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Directors Corner

Jeff Stapledon - Treasurer

Greetings. I can't believe it's already September and next month I'll be packing to return to Maple Leaf. Where did the summer go? This month I want to update you on the golf course rejuvenation and irrigation system replacement projects that started on April 2, 2018.

Most aspects of the construction phase were completed on time on July 2nd. We have now moved into the grow-in phase that will last until our planned re-opening on November 1st. The grow-in process is a constant daily routine of regular irrigation, fertilizer and chemical applications and pest control. Weeding occurs regularly as does mowing, verticutting and rolling of the grass to ensure the rejuvenated golf course will look its best when it reopens.

The 40-year-old hydraulic (water pressure) irrigation system was replaced with a new, efficient TORO electric system. The placement of the sprinkler heads has been optimized to ensure the whole course will be adequately watered when required.

The greens have been replaced with Tifeagle Bermuda. The grass on the tees, fairways and rough is Celebration Bermuda. These modern grasses are an improvement over the old grasses and they will be better able to handle the significant golfer load we experience in the winter season. Both grasses perform very well under drought conditions and are extremely wear tolerant. The tee boxes have been enlarged to help keep the grass in good condition. They have also been lowered so it will be easier for golfers to access the tees.

You will also notice that three wooden bridges have been completely rebuilt and all bunkers will have new drainage and sand.

The Corporation has purchased a new enterprise information system from Jonas Software. Jonas is an industry leader and provides country club and business management solutions to a wide range of clients. Our new information system will eventually link all aspects of our operations including accounting, golf operations, restaurant management, front gate and owner management activities. Our focus for this year will be the implementation of the new accounting and golf operations modules.

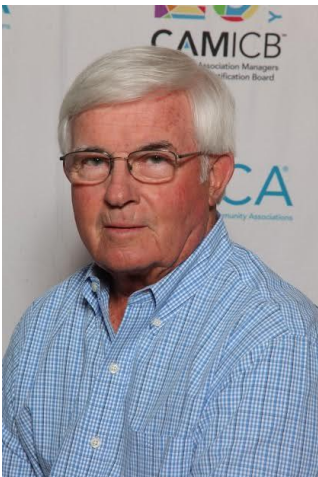
With respect to the golf operations, we will be installing a Jonas POS (point of sale) in the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop tee time management system has been changed from Chelsea to Members First (part of the Jonas family). The Members First tee time management system will be a lottery system similar to Chelsea. The golf handicap program has been changed from GolfNet to GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) software. All member handicap information has been transferred to the new GHIN system.

The golf course will be re-rated by the Florida State Golf Association in December (cannot be rated until it is open and can be played by the rating officials). New scorecards will not be ordered until then.

I am very excited about the reopening of our rejuvenated golf course on November 1st (weather permitting). Based on the feedback I have received so far, I expect there will be considerable demand for memberships this year. If you have not already purchased your membership or require more details I encourage you to refer to the July Corporation Newsletter available on our website, mapleleafgcc.net. In the Newsletter you will find details about the new pricing structure including a PowerPoint presentation that explains the key aspects of the 2018-2019 program. A printable 2018-2019 Golf Membership Application Form is also included.

The Golf Association and the Corporation are planning an Open House for all residents and renters on November 28th to celebrate the reopening of our rejuvenated golf course. More information on the Open House will be available in a future Accents article as we get closer to the date.

In closing, while you are away, please make use of the technology available to communicate with ML, your friends and the Board of Directors. Stay safe and enjoy your summer wherever your travels may take you.



General Manager

John Bradley

Sept – Oct 2018

Many of you will be returning to the Park following this September-October edition of “Accents”. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready for an active 2018-2019 season. President Rick Hull, Treasurer Jeff Stapledon, and I provided extensive updates in the July Corporation Newsletter, so this update will be new information.

Weather and Hurricane Season. In the July Corporation Newsletter, I mentioned that we were having a very hot and humid summer and that has not changed. Rainfall is now plentiful, and the lakes are full. Temperatures have been around 90-97 most summer days with heat indexes many times approaching well over 100 degrees. So far the hurricane season has been fairly quiet for Florida. The Board Emergency Measures Committee and Staff have followed our hurricane preparedness plan to be ready for future storms. September is normally an active month and our homeowners should not be complacent but should plan for hurricanes.

Property Taxes. All certificate holders should soon receive their TRIM Notice, or Notice of Proposed Property Taxes, from the Charlotte County Property Appraiser. The notices are normally mailed in mid to late August. Your property taxes, or ad-valorem taxes, are determined based on the value of your home and certificate and your non-ad valorem assessments are at a set rate for each homeowner. If you do not agree with the proposed property taxes you should contact the Property Appraiser at (941)743-1498 or email at rp@ccappraiser.com. If you do not reach a solution you can file a petition for adjustment with the Value Adjustment Board on or before the date shown on the TRIM Notice.

Major Projects. The projects were covered in detail in the July Newsletter.

Golf Course and Pro Shop. The 2018-2019 Golf Letter and Membership Application were included with the July Newsletter. Treasurer Jeff Stapledon has provided an update on the golf course rejuvenation and irrigation projects in this Accents. Jeff mentioned that we are transitioning from the Chelsea tee time management system to the Members First system. If you wish to preview the Members First system prior to our golf season, then to go www.membersfirst.com/tee-times/teetimesinstructions. If you view the two videos it will be helpful. Although the videos do not go into the lottery draw, the input will be similar. We are now accepting the membership applications and payment. Remember, there is a 1.5% discount for full cash or check payment. We look forward to a great golfing season.

Country Club and Sandbar. Look for more events and menu changes in your restaurant operation. Thursday Wings Nights will have entertainment. Karaoke will move to Mondays. There are Celebrity Shows – flyers were in the July Newsletter. Please support your Country Club and Sandbar.

Real Estate Operations. This has been a fairly normal year for home sales. As of August 17th, we have 57 closings and another 7 pending for a total of 64 home sales to date for 2018. Some homeowners take their home off the market during the summer due to lack of activity, but that may be a mistake. There are only 19 current listing on MLS for Maple Leaf, but we get many inquiries during the summer also when people are looking for a specific type home or location. *PERIMETER LOTS* are always in demand. Our current Real Estate Sales Office Associates are Barbara Collins, Shauna Platt, and Vickie Teel. Using the Maple Leaf Sales Office provides your home with much more exposure and attention plus it benefits the Homeowners' Corporation financially.

Vehicle Access Tag. We transitioned to the RFID tag over two years ago and it must be installed on your windshield for the resident and back gates to open. If you do not have the RFID tag on your vehicle then bring your vehicle and registration to the Park Office when you return. The initial tag is funded by the Corporation. Subsequent and additional tags are \$10 (or more if supplier costs change) plus tax.

Sales Tax Remittance by Clubs. Clubs will need to submit monthly reports to the Accounting Office.

Lot Care. Some of you have received letters and pictures reflecting that your lot has overgrown weeds and shrubs or that your home requires pressure cleaning. Our community standards do not change in the summer; but it is much more difficult to maintain your landscaping when the temperatures are in the 90's, the rain happens daily, and the growth can be six inches weekly. Those high temperatures and humidity also contribute to the growth of mold on your manufactured home. Many snowbird homeowners place a car cover on a car that they leave here. Some of those covers have been ripped by high winds during thunderstorms. We ask for your understanding if you receive the letter and pictures.

Home Rentals. Maple Leaf does not have an agreement with any company for home rentals. However, Maple Leaf will assist homeowners who wish to rent their home privately by providing space on the Maple Leaf website for an annual fee. This program has been in effect for seven years and has been extremely successful. Every homeowner who has used the website has successfully rented their home for all or portions of a season. If interested in listing your rental on our website at www.mapleleafgcc.net or want information on the program, please contact Debi in the Park Office at (941) 625-3130. Maple Leaf assumes no responsibility for a rental property other than providing space on our website. All paperwork for renters should be submitted by the homeowner to the Park Office at least one month prior to the rental.

Park Telephone Directory. Any changes for the 2019 Park Telephone Directory must be received by September 15. Remember the privacy rules are now in effect for any edition of the telephone directory. We must have your written consent to publish email addresses and northern addresses. Telephone numbers can now be published without consent due to a change in Florida law. You can withhold telephone number consent by a written request. If you have previously provided consent you do not need to do it again. Your consent will remain valid until you change the information or withdraw consent. Without consent we will only publish your name, local address, and telephone numbers. All club contacts must also be submitted by September 15, so they can be listed in the Directory.

Emergency Information Form. Please update your form the next time you are in the Park Office. Unfortunately, we must use this information numerous times throughout the year.

Fitness Center. Memberships expire on October 31st but can be renewed for the new membership year when you return. The annual fee remains the same at \$40, which equates to \$3.33 monthly – significantly better than the monthly fee at the YMCA or a commercial fitness club.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE			
MONTH ENDING JULY 31 2018			
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE
REVENUE			
PARK	2,130,327	2,078,890	51,437
GOLF	337,874	298,274	39,600
SALES	39,071	42,150	(3,079)
SB/CC	258,934	236,520	22,414
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,766,206	\$ 2,655,834	\$ 110,372
EXPENSES			
PARK	1,714,276	1,797,236	(82,960)
GOLF	365,928	397,644	(31,716)
SALES	10,373	11,330	(957)
SB/CC	306,895	271,430	35,465
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,397,472	\$ 2,477,640	\$ (80,168)
REVENUE TO EXPENSE	\$ 368,734	\$ 178,194	\$ 190,540
YTD CHANGE IN CASH POSITION			
YTD REVENUE TO EXPENSE	368,734		
ADD BACK DEPREC/AMORT	333,880		
ADD CERTIFICATE SALES	80,000		
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(157,965)		
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(1,867,033)		
ADD ADVANCE ON MORTGAGE	-		
BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	(240,669)		
YTD CASH FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (1,483,053)		
CASH POSITION 12/31/17	\$ 4,342,505		
ADDED (USED)	\$(1,483,053)		
ENDING CASH BALANCE 7/31/18	\$ 2,859,452		

Keeping the Park Office Updated. We request that you notify the Park Office when you return for the winter season. Likewise, we request that you notify us when you depart for the summer. This facilitates knowing how and where to contact you as well as where to send any mail from the Corporation.

We hope everyone has a great summer and returns safe and healthy in the fall. We look forward to a terrific season. The golf course, tennis courts, pickleball courts, lawn bowling, bocce courts, shuffleboard courts, and all recreational facilities should be in great shape. Thanks to all the volunteers who make the community what it is.



Grounds Superintendent

Nancy Miller

September 2018

PARK

PALM TRIMMING

Palm trimming in the park has been completed. A crew will be going back through to clean up anything that may have been missed. We have removed 17 palms this summer due to a fungus called ganoderma butt rot. As you know, each year we lose about 30 palms to this disease. There is no cure.

PLANTING AT BIG POOL/CAN-AM TENNIS COURTS/CC

We are planting new shrubs behind the Can-Am building as part of the garden club beautification efforts.

FRONT ISLANDS

Wade and his staff have replaced the old, falling brick retaining walls on the center islands just inside the main gate.

STAFFING

As many of you may know, Jim Pawliske, our lead landscape gardener, has been out for the last 4 weeks following surgery. At this time, we don't know when he will be able to return so Travis is handling all of our park landscaping with assistance from golf course staff and a temp. Please be patient when we fall behind.

GOLF COURSE

The construction of the golf course has been completed, except for the bunkers. Bunkers will be completed by the contractor starting September 15. Now it is up to us to grow the grass thick and strong to withstand heavy play.

Greens and Lawn Bowling Green :

The Tifeagle bermudgrass on the greens has grown in well. The greens roll smoothly and consistently. We are currently mowing them at a height of .150" with a triplex mower. We are continuing to nurture them by edging and removing Celebration runners, topdressing, brushing, verticutting, spiking, fertilizing, and treating for insects and diseases.

Fairways and Roughs:

We've had a number of issues to deal with: 1. Insects - We have treated for mole crickets, grubs, sod webworms which were feasting on some areas. They love the tender shoots and roots. We've also treated for fire ants. 2. Weeds – Weed seeds lie dormant in the soil until conditions are right for growth. When we removed the old grass, we opened the soil allowing weed seeds to germinate. The weeds love the excess water and fertilizer that we have used to grow our grass sprigs. We are aggressively treating these areas to push their recovery with extra applications of quick release fertilizer, applying wetting agents with extra water and spiking.

We are looking forward to a very successful season on a nicely manicured golf course!



Presidents Corner

Rick Hull

Hard to believe but as you read this article it is only about eight weeks until mid-October when many of our snowbirds will be on their way or at least planning their return to Maple Leaf for another wonderful season of fun and activities. With the golf course closed for rejuvenation it has been a very quiet summer. I look forward to the hustle and bustle when all of our residents have returned, and the Park is in full swing.

The summer rainy season has certainly lived up to its name, almost every afternoon or evening we get that fine soft rain but on several occasions, we have had downpours, sometimes at an accumulation of three to four inches at a time. I hope mother nature is kind to us and has some really wonderful weather in store for our fall/winter season.

Many of you who view channel 195 or see the ML web site have already seen the makeover of our Sandbar. Thanks to Nancy, Louann, Brian and our maintenance staff, it looks great. The bright cheerful colors look like something you would see in Key West making for a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. Hope you all decide to visit the Sandbar, have a bite to eat and check out the new color scheme.

Come season you will see some changes in the operation of the Country Club and Sandbar. Director Gary Kobel has an article in this month's Accents explaining these upcoming changes.

We believe we have finally made some progress with the home at #345 Queens Court. This home has been vacant for several years and has been an eye sore for the neighbors as well as the Park. The bank has agreed to auction the home at the end of August. I believe General Manager John Bradley will have more detail about this in his report.

The BOD has already received a few requests for some By-law changes to be voted on at the AGM in February. If any certificate owner has a suggestion for a By-law change, please contact Secretary Dave Rowan or me. Any By-law change requests will be discussed at the informational meetings that are scheduled for November 15th and December 18th or on January 22nd before the vote at the AGM on February 25th.

The golf course is looking good and the new grass is growing in nicely, so it will be ready for play on November 1st. I want to thank our golf course and maintenance crews for all the work they have done not only on the golf course but all around the Park. Their working conditions have been brutal with temperatures in the mid-nineties and heat indexes above 100 degrees just about every day.

In closing I would like to mention the Folds of Honor. This organization raises funds for scholarships awarded to our Military families. Donations for this worthy cause are collected during our Labor Day golf tournament which will not be happening this year due to the course rejuvenation. My wife and I donate every year and we will be donating again this year. I challenge our residents to drop off or mail their donation to our Park Office. It is my hope that we can surpass last year's total donations. Thank you!
See you all soon!

Restaurant Update

Gary Kobel – Vice President

Greetings

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer wherever your home. Up north we have had a very warm summer with many days in the 90" which is unusual for Upstate New York.

For those year-round residents "Thank you for holding down the fort for the snowbirds." For the snowbirds we will start heading down south over the next few months.

Although many of the Restaurant Committee heads north for the summer, we have been communicating via email and discussing Restaurant Operations. Starting October 1st, you will see some changes that I would like to detail for you and the reasons behind these changes.

My first topic will be to discuss our financials. I will not go into a great deal of detail; However, I think it is important for you to know some background. We continue to financially subsidize operations in the Sandbar and Country Club. We are working hard to improve our operations to reduce our costs and will continue to look at operations to improve our bottom line. Operations are not the only reason for our losses. We need to also look at what we are charging for food and alcohol. Let me start with Alcohol.

Beer: For several years we have held our prices on beer while our costs have increased steadily. For example, our beer cost has increased each year over the last 5 years with no corresponding increase in selling price, Effective October 1, 2018 we will be increasing the price of beer to keep up with rising costs.

Wine: I have heard many complaints about the quality of our wine. We will be purchasing a better grade of wine and we hope this will be appealing to you. We will continue to monitor your comments and make changes as needed. The change to a better grade of wine will require an increase in our wine prices.

Whiskey: Our pricing for whiskey will be increased to cover our increases.

Food:

Regarding food, I found some menus from when I first came to Maple leaf about 4 years ago. As I reviewed these menus I found that on many of our menu items the pricing has remained the same. I'm sure many of you have had an opportunity to sample Chef Brian's food offerings. Judging from the feedback I've received you are pleased with the new menu and the food quality. We are planning new food offerings and dinner specials for the upcoming season. We have tried to hold the line, but it will be necessary to increase our prices to reflect higher costs and the move to use fresh and local ingredients wherever possible.

Effective October 1, 2018 we will be changing our food pricing to ensure we are covering our costs. We will also move to plus plus pricing. Our menu will show the food price only. Sales tax and service fee will be added at the cash register. This pricing structure is consistent with pricing used by commercial restaurants in the area."

Recently John Bradley provided me with some data from an organization called Country Club Management Association. This organization represents approximately 650 private clubs and private communities across the United States. I am recommending to the board that we join this organization. I would like to share some of this information with you.

The average loss to revenue in their restaurant operations across their membership is 15%. In 2017 Maple leaf Loss to revenue was almost twice that of the CCMA average.

In conclusion, we are not attempting to make a profit or even break even in our restaurant operations. Certainly it would be nice to break even or show profit in our restaurant operations but our demographics simply do not allow it.

As always, I welcome your input.

On a lighter note with the help of your restaurant committee (Dan Adam, Dave Zakikian, Buddy Brosseau, Dawn Brocklehurst, George Johns, Mike Smith and Pat Mcevoy) we will be increasing our activities in the Country Club. We will be starting Wings and Things earlier and ending a bit later in the season. We will be continuing Saturday night at the Country Club, adding more specialty dinners, Valentine day, St. Patrick day. Movie night, Corporate Dances, Dinner Dances, Celebrity Series and few other events will continue. We will be offering Karaoke on Monday evenings this season instead of Tuesday.

Travel Club

Court and Eden Wells

“. Ahoy Sailors”. All those who are looking forward to sailing on the largest cruise ship in the world.....Symphony of the Seas by Royal Caribbean on January 26, 2019:

The Travel Club will hold a meeting. Thursday, November 15. Can Am at 2. o ‘clock. We will be discussing dining arrangements, booking reservations for shows on board , excursions & answering any questions you may have. Our travel representative from All Aboard Travel Erica will be present to offer you guidance. Mark your calendar...Thursday November 15

Exciting News...We have a wonderful trip planned for BRANSON MISSOURI for November 2019 .Details will follow with a date for an informative meeting .

“. Sea you there “

Computer Club

Denise/Barry Holland


Did you know: The Computer Club is open year-round, every day. Summer Manager, Bill Rudd will sign up Members and answer questions. (phone number in Directory)
Our Cost is \$25 for one, \$35 two in same household.

Tired of lugging that laptop between summer and winter residences. Does your printer ink dry out after 6 months of inactivity? Require a scanner? Need help with your devices?

Tired of high internet costs? Need a shredder? Want to learn how to use that Ipad, Tablet or Laptop, Navigate your email, Create Photo Albums, Copy/Paste, to name a few activities!

We can help you with all that and *more*.

Members can attend Classes from Nov-Feb. Members receive free assistance on Sat. Mornings (Nov- March) to answer questions & enhance your skills.

Shock those grand kids with your wizardry  Monthly Monday meetings with coffee & presentations from Nov - March. Check out: mapleleafcomputerclub.com
(no password, that's why we do not enter personal information on our website or the Accent) Membership provides *so much for so little*.

Check us out, I believe you will be Glad you did.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we look forward to another great season!
Denise / Barry Holland, Ken / June Morris, Bev Murray, Bill Rudd, Dan Lahaise

Garden Club

"Helping Educate Maple Leaf Homeowners about Florida Flowers and Plants"

Norman Harrison, President

Normally our monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM in the CamAm Clubhouse. The first meeting of the Garden Club will be in November opening with a coffee social @ 8:30 AM. The meeting will include a presentation by a Master Gardener speaker followed by the regular business meeting with a discussion of the 2018-2019 calendar of events. All are welcome. For any additional information about the Garden Club. Please contact Norman Harrison 255.8303 or Jolene Scofield 769.3559

Keyboard Orchestra

We welcome back our current members and look forward to another year of fun and music. Anyone interested in joining the Orchestra should please contact Dorothy Facer at 875-9880. Our first practice will be on Monday, November 5th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Queensway. The Annual Tree Lighting program will be on Sunday, December 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. in the Queensway. We hope you will join us to get in the holiday spirit. More details to follow.
Helen Neal

Karaoke- Different Day- Same Place And Time.

As of Monday October 1st, my Karaoke Show will begin at the Country Club at 5 PM to 9 PM. This is an exciting opportunity for all karaoke lovers to get together and socialize, dance and sing on your own, in a group or just sing along. Every week we will have a door prize draw to show our appreciation for your support and interest in this type of entertainment. More information will follow as the time approaches.
Your DJ
Rick Crum.

Maple Leaf Tennis – 2018/19 – Greg Freeman

Dust off your tennis racquet and come out and join the tennis club this year. As you can see, we have a variety of recreational and competitive opportunities. If you are interested in finding out more about tennis, contact **Nancy or Keith McGruer** at 941-624-3627 - (kmcgruer@rogers.com) or **Drew or Janet Robertson** at 941-235-8608 - (drobertson20@gmail.com).

Check out our website to learn more about the Maple Leaf Tennis Club - <http://mltennis.org/>.

There are a variety of tennis offerings for tennis members of all levels and abilities – from the individual who has yet to hold a racquet, to those who haven't played for years, to those who would like to venture into a more competitive game. We offer something for everyone!



On Line Membership – Peter Murphy

The **2018/19 On Line Registration Link** is on the Home Page of the Maple Leaf Tennis Web site. On line registration can be sent to mltcmembership@gmail.com. All new members will be assigned a mentor to support you in becoming familiar with the Maple Leaf Tennis Club, the variety of opportunities to play tennis - both recreationally and competitively, and how to access information about court availability.

Tennis Court Improvements – Drew Robertson

Welcome back to a new season at Maple Leaf. We are looking forward to a great season of tennis on our freshly painted courts. All five courts were refurbished last April and the Tennis Club is proud to have funded 50% of the \$21,000 cost. The wind screens, CanAm nets and tennis court signage will be back up in late October, ready for the November start to our season.

Welcome Back Wine and Cheese – Betty Staples and Gary Reid

The Welcome Back Wine and Cheese is Wednesday, November 4th at the CanAm from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. A registration table will be set up for payment of your Tennis Club membership. Come on out and renew acquaintances and find out more information about Tennis at Maple Leaf. As always, the partner draw for the very popular Mixed Doubles Tournament will be held at the Wine and Cheese. This first Tournament of the year is Saturday, Nov. 10th. Look for the Tournament Sign Up Sheet on the Charlotte Bulletin Board in early November.

Vlogging/Blogging and Having Fun

Here is another YouTuber to check out - A.J. Benoit

Hello All, You Tube Channel – **AJDIVO** (50 videos are from live performances)

My wife Joanne and I have recently purchased a home in Maple Leaf G&CC and are more than excited to be part of such a wonderful community. I am a professional singer and regarded as one of eastern Ontario's premier entertainers. A native of Brockville I have been involved in music since the age of 15. I play a variety of musical instruments and am a triple threat performer having performed in numerous musical productions at the Brockville Art Center and the Kingston Grand Theater playing the lead male character, Petruccio in "Kiss Me Kate", Herbie in "Gypsy", Johnny Casino in "Grease", The Mikado in "The Mikado", Bob Cratchit in "A Christmas Carol" and Don Lockwood (the part Gene Kelly played) in "Singin' in the Rain" to name a few!

I have written, produced and appeared in many Variety Shows and in 2012 I wrote and produced a musical production called "Bless 'Em All – A Musical Tribute to the Veterans of WWII which I played the part of The Sgt. Major. The show featured 35 actors and made a net profit of \$25,000 which I arranged to be donated to the Brockville Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund!

Aside from acting on stage I have created many musical groups and am the lead singer in "The Blarney Show Band" (Celtic), "The Crooners" (Rat Pack Era), "The Mixed Nuts" (Eclectic), "The 3 Divos (Opera) , Capt'n A.J. & Andy (Pirate & Caribbean), "The Hee Haw Boys" (Old Time Country & Comedy), "A.J. & The Usual Suspects" (Country Classics from the 40/50/60), "A.J. & The Cadillac's (50's Rock n' Roll), "A.J. & The Buttercups" (Popular Tunes from the 40/50/60) -The Buttercups are 3 accomplished triple threat performers that back me up and have solo performances as well!

I perform at many Special Occasions such as: "Robbie Burns Celebrations", "St. Patricks' Day", "Canada Day" etc.

I have represented the City of Brockville at numerous city functions and for Federal and Provincial Ceremonies singing our National Anthem.

I have written many songs including "The Good Ole' Hockey Game", "Christmas in Brockville Town" and "Brockville My Home Town" which was gifted to the City. This song was performed for the descendants of "The Brock Family" as part of the 1812 Sir Issac Brock Ceremonies in 2012. For Canada's 150th Birthday I wrote a very popular song called the "Canada 150 Song". And to commemorate the reopening of Canada's oldest Railway Tunnel I wrote "The Brockville Tunnel Song".

I perform at many private functions and am often featured as guest soloist throughout the region.

In 2017 I was awarded a Canada 150 Medal for music contributions to my community.

Although my wife is always in the background she is most helpful in making costumes and assisting behind the scenes. I am hoping to have the opportunity to perform for the residents of M/L and am **now seeking to find a pianist to accompany me**. If anyone is interested, can read music and play by ear please contact me at: aj@ajbenoit.com or 6138021559.

Website: www.ajbenoit.com

Line Dancing

Denise Holland

Wed. Nov. 28, Queensway, 7 pm Line Dance Returns. (first Wed after American Thanksgiving)
Last Season we had such fun playing Old and New Songs to familiar and new dances.
The Instructors lead the way defining the right foot from the left foot, and a Two Step with a Vine doesn't mean your gardening!

Our Instructors: Joan Gibson, Corinne Brownridge, Lise and Gord Gladman, Dorothy Whitehead, Naida Johnson, Dee Livingstone and Jeff Papiez, all contribute towards making our evenings such a success.

Also, to all our Dancers who take the time to learn a fun way to exercise, Mentally and Physically (yikes), to socialize and to learn - Line Dancing, Thank you!

Line Dancing is fun for all ages. Bring the Kids when they visit.

If you want to laugh, have fun, enjoy good company and music, then join us Wednesdays to Stomp, Vine, Hitch and Boogie your way around the Queensway.

Mark the calendar: *Wednesday, November 28, Queensway, 7 -8 pm-Beginner, 8- 8:45 Intermediate.*

Until then, stay safe, have fun and keep the Feet Happy!

Woodworkers

Bud Lawry

Mark your calendar: Sunday, November 25, 9:00 – Noon, Repair Café in the CanAm. We will be resurfacing cutting boards among the many other services we provide.

It will be a good season to be a Maple Leaf Woodworker! Our shop has been updating its inventory of tools, most notably by the addition of a new bench saw, drill press and band saw. A number of your fellow woodworkers put in many hours to set up and calibrate these new machines. Be sure to express your appreciation to, Jack Davey, Dick Lemay, Tom Zenisek, Dave Smith, and Tom Vanderesch. These guys and quite a few more give our club a lot of their time and we are grateful.

We have been asked to design and build a 3' x 10' table for the Sandbar. A number of ideas have surfaced as to how we can make this not only a functional piece of furniture for the Sandbar, but also a showpiece for the talents and skills of our club. We will be looking for suggestions and craftsmen!

Board Members should plan to meet on November 6th.

First General Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 9:00 in the CanAm.

Arrive early to pay your \$35 dues.

Safe travels and we will see you soon making dust in the shop!

Repair Cafe – Woodworkers

Murray Knights

Sun., Nov 25, 2018. CanAm 9am/noon. Hey! What is so special about Nov. 25?

It's Repair Cafe Time. O.K. What's so special about Repair Cafe?

Well, it's a great Sun. morning in which Mapleleaf Clubs join together at the CanAm and help other Maple Leafers in making their day just that much better! How is that done? Well, our past Cafe performed **Sewing** wizardry on a swimsuit, pants, shirts, **Jewelry** was repaired or adjusted to fit better on the wearer, **Ceramics & Stained-Glass** picture repaired which brought out Huge Smiles from the Owner, **Computers** updated, adjusted, cleaned, **Golf carts** and **Bicycles** were refreshed, cleaned up, tires adjusted, water topped up, brakes adjusted. **Electrical**-vacuums, fans back in action, also **Knife & Tool sharpening, (max 4 items)** **Wood Workers** working magic on that pesky drawer or two, cutting table legs etc., **Cutting Board** refinishing.

You are Greeted at the door by Ladies who Welcome and Direct You, and then there is the yummy Coffee and snacks.

This is a FREE service, however, if you wish, a donation jar is available.

Oh Yes,.. the Repair Cafe pleases & impresses Twice a Season, Nov and Feb.

Hope to see you Nov 25 (and Feb 24 /19.) CanAm, 9 am-noon. You will be glad you did.

(Please note: All items must be brought to the CanAm, Our service is not intended to compete with local handymen.)



Ballroom/Social Dance group

Tuesdays @ The CanAm 2:30 till 5:00

Just to let you all know that Penny & Roger will be dancing our way South at the beginning of November and (hopefully) will be ready to Rock, Roll and Glide you round the dance floor about the 13th of November. We would like to arrive earlier but can't be sure at this time.

We will be starting with a short review of our Fox Trot, Jive Rumba and Cha Cha Cha steps that we know you have been practicing all summer. We will also be preparing the introduction to the Waltz and maybe the Two Step.

Don't forget your dancing shoes

Roger & Penny

Shuffleboard

Welcome back Shuffle-boarders to the 2018-2019 season. Registration will be November 12, 2018 at the Can Am from 2-4 p.m. Fees are \$20.00 per person, the same as last season. Membership allows you to sign up for as many games as you wish to play. Resurfacing of the Queensway Courts are scheduled to be completed before the start of the season. Looking forward to a great season.

Carol Misener



Maple Leaf Singers *Do you enjoy singing?*

So, do the more than 50 of us who look forward to returning to singing every Fall, continuing our tradition of some 20 years.

Every year we welcome new members:

Some have been regular singers all their lives.

Some former Choristers or Barbershoppers wanting to explore a “comeback”.

Others with pleasant voices who just enjoy singing around a piano at a party.

Under professional singing leadership and accompaniment, we sing at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting as well as sold-out concerts in March a delightful mix of “old standards”, newer show tunes and “pops”, mixed with new, modest challenges.

Ability to read music is NOT required.



Join us at the Queensway at 6 PM every Monday
QUESTIONS? ask Bill Phelps at 627-5317 or Judy Sheehan at 764-7053

Rounders

Mary Dressler, President

Welcome back to our northern neighbors! We have had a fun-filled, action-packed summer in your absence. Several Maple Leaf residents stepped forward to provide some new activities in addition to the Rounders monthly dinners, water aerobics, bocce, weights, yoga, tai chi, various card games, and bingo.

The summer kicked off on Memorial Day weekend with the first of two Maple Leaf Fun Days organized by Dawn Brocklehurst. Competitions in bocce, mini-golf, corn hole and shuffleboard were followed with a massive barbeque buffet in the Country Club. The second ML Fun Day was July 7th in celebration of Independence Day. Rick Crum continued to entertain us at Happy Hour with his karaoke throughout the summer.

Harry Vinci organized monthly musical evenings with music videos and karaoke and dancing in the CanAm center.

Frank and Cecile Messina and Dave and Rosemary Ballard organized bringing Clive Live into the CanAm center for dancing on June 22nd and September 28th.

Dawn Brocklehurst organized bringing Just Friends into the CanAm center for dancing on August 11th.

The Annual Poker Run on Labor Day weekend sponsored by the Rounders is always a huge success with over 150 golf cart driving participants.

The Country Club continued to have several outstanding specialty buffets in addition to Happy Hour and Wings and Things menu which included specials like blooming onions.

So this summer we have made sure to carry on the tradition of Maple Leaf where there is always some fun activity to go to!

Pickleball

Tom Kanigan, Past President

Soon we will all be back in Maple Leaf, and are looking forward to another great season of pickleball. Our inaugural season on the new courts was extremely successful with a 2017-18 membership that exceeded 180 players. The courts were used throughout the day on most days, and we played over 12,000 games.

In 2018-19 we will launch two new modalities of play. The Team League will involve teams of 8 players each of all skill levels and will begin Saturday, November 17, 2018. A Singles Ladder will start on Monday, November 12, 2018. Team memberships will be posted on our club website, <https://mapleleafpickleballclub.weebly.com>, which also includes the schedule for next year and the rules for both the Team League and the Singles Ladder. Members are encouraged to sign up for both the League and the Ladder, particularly the Team League, for which more players are still required. Members interested in playing in the League should email Chris Garner at chrisg162@gmail.com.

Our new club website will be our primary means of communicating with members in future, and all members are encouraged to consult it regularly.

We will have a Membership Sign Up on Sunday, November 11, 2018, starting at 2 PM on the Can Am Deck, which will include a Social. If you are unable to make this Sign Up, you may contact our VP, Rob Kenton, at 979-8647 or rp44kenton@gmail.com to purchase a membership.

Our fees for next year remain unchanged: \$30 for the season; \$20 for a two-month membership; \$10 for a one-month membership. Non-members who play during scheduled club times pay \$4 per day.

If our level of membership and court utilization is sustained at or above 2017-18 levels, the Club will be proposing the construction of two more courts next to the current courts, as well as lighting on all four courts.

The Pickleball Club is pleased to sponsor Party in the Park, which this year is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018. Details about the Party are elsewhere in this issue of Accents.

Mens' Golf League

Gary Croskey

We are excited that our rejuvenated Golf Course should be available for play on Wednesday, November 8, 2018. We are looking forward to seeing you in the starter shack!

Our Volunteer Coordinator Committee again this fall is: Gary Croskey (Captain), Glenn Thompson (Assistant Captain), Gil Richard (Scorecard Coordinator), Doug Langlotz (Treasurer), Rick Sleeman (Luncheon Coordinator), Rick Wall (Grill Coordinator), Steve Lance (Skins Coordinator), Bud Lawry (Starter Shack Coordinator) and Ron Keyes (Assistant Shack Coordinator and Vice President of the MLGCC Golf Association).

Owners and renters are encouraged to join the league. Remember to sign up for both the Golf Association and the Men's League. The Golf Association fee is required.

We will communicate more this year via email, so make sure we have your correct email address when checking into the Starter Shack. Check out the Men's League Notice Board at back of Pro Shop as well as the Bulletin Board inside Starter Shack. We post our Committee Meeting Minutes/Agenda, along with our Operations & Duties at these locations.

The Men's Golf League Volunteer Committee is not a closed shop. Like most other activities that make MLGCC a special place, it is the work of volunteers who make the league thrive. We have developed a working document that outline our Operations and Duties. Please let a member of the Committee know if you are willing to pitch in and help.

Our format will not change this year. We'll have weekly team prize winners, closest to hole winners for the different handicappers and a skins game. The first luncheon of the year will be held on Tuesday, November 28, in the CanAm building. While tickets are normally sold in advance, there has never been an occasion when a late arrival was turned away for lack of space or food. Have a safe trip down and don't forget your clubs!

Entertainment Committee

Wings & Things entertainment in the Country Club is going to start on Thursday 25th October. I know that is too early for many snow birds but don't worry we are going to have lots of entertainment for you. Apart from Thanksgiving there will be entertainers on stage every Thursday until the 12th April. We are bringing back your favourites and have booked some new acts this season. These evenings are from 5 to 7:15pm and are free. There will be great food menus for you to choose from as well as a fully stocked bar. Food, drink, fun, entertainment, dancing and friendship are all on offer so don't miss out.



25th October CLIVE LIVE This man is often seen at The Moose tiki bar but during the summer he has been appearing in the Can Am.

Thursday 1st November MICHAEL HURST A very popular singer and guitarist seen at Fishermans Village. Pat & Miles McEvoy

Hole In One Sheridan Yetman

Well, here we are in the middle of August as of writing this report for this issue of Accents. The weather is just wonderful and it's very hard to think that the Fall and Winter is just around the corner. Evelyn and I have already made our flight reservations to return to that wonderful place called Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club. I understand the new golf course is looking wonderful. My congratulations to all that have accomplished this and

I am sure all golfers at Maple Leaf are looking forward to playing on it. I hope we have an abundance of Holes in One this season.

The cost to join the Hole in One Club for the coming season will remain the same as it has been for the last couple of years at \$20 per person for the season. The only requirement for membership is you have to be a member of the Golf Association. Your spouse/partner is also eligible to join as a social member for the same price.

Membership will be available for purchase at the Country Club on Tuesday, November 13th and 20th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. thanks to Betty Hayes and Carol Lyons.

The dates for the Hole in One Events for this season are again all on Wednesday, November 21 2018, December 12 2018, January 9, 2019, February 13, 2019, March 13, 2019 and the last one for the season on April 3, 2019. All socials are from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

I wish to extend my sincerest thank you to all of the Hole in One Team for the fabulous job they have done in the past and I am sure will continue to do a great job again this season. The only change in the committee that I am aware of will be Garry and Peggy Weimer, who will be stepping back this year and I truly thank them for all their help and professionalism in the past.

I am looking forward to Kathy and David Fleiner's Drink of the Month in November for their surprise beverage and alternating with Evie and Derek for the season.

Thank you to all the team for agreeing to participate again this season.

So, to all the past members, hopefully rejoining and new members, welcome aboard.

Please remember that you do not need to have had a hole in one to be a member, you just have to be a member of the Golf Association.

I remind all members that if you have "out of town" guests staying with you, you are welcome to bring them along for a cost of \$5 per person.

To all the snowbirds, drive or fly safely.

ARRIVE ALIVE, THE HOLE IN ONE COMMITTEE CARES. SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER

Billiard club

Stan Noel, Secretary

Time is fast approaching when everyone will be back home for the winter season at maple leaf. The billiard club wants to welcome everyone back home again. Our club is open to both experienced and non-experienced billiard players. All are welcome. Watch for club activities on channel 195 and on the bulletin board in the billiard room. Our first 8-ball tournament is planned for November 26, 2018. Watch channel 195 and check the

billiard bulletin board for further details. Sharpen up your billiard skills and be ready for another fun filled season at maple leaf with various tournaments and competitions.

Corporate Dance Schedule

Here's the schedule for the 2018-2019 Corporate Dances.

Hootenany	11/17/18	Saturday	Brett Baker & Patti
New Year's Eve	12/31/18	Monday	The Mixx Entertainment
The Hop	1/19/19	Saturday	Shake Rattle & Soul
Valentine's Dance	2/8/19	Friday	Just Friends
St. Pat's Dance	3/16/19	Saturday	Vercal Whitaker

Karen Kobel, Coordinator, Corporate Dances

Party in the Park

Special invitation from the Pickle Ball Club to all Maple Leaf residents: Let's get together for Party in Park on MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 at the Sand Bar Parking Lot and the Sundeck from 1:00 PM- 6:00 PM. It is a great time to get together and reunite with our Maple Leaf friends. There will be food, drinks and expect tons of fun. Music provided by Bret Baker a seasoned professional and international Entertainer/Singer that will amaze you with his talent. As usual many of the Maple Leaf clubs and volunteers have committed to participate in this year's event to help with the concessions, selling tickets, tents ,tables and chairs among other duties.

If you haven't already, please email annemariehopkins33@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Photo Club

Betsy and Dennis Ausel

Hello Maple Leafers and Photo Buffs! We hope you enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to returning to Maple Leaf and all it has to offer. Members of the Photo Club Board have been busy this summer planning new events and presentations for next season. Per last season club member's requests, we are scheduling more photo outings and less "in-house" lectures. The outings will coordinate with club presentations. Our scheduled presentations so far, include: Pic Monkey (a photo editing and graphic design program); Getting the Most Out of Your Camera; and Close-up Photography. We are also in the process of trying to schedule a bird/wildlife presentation and plans are underway to offer Adobe Elements classes in collaboration with the Computer Club.

Watch for further updates and our schedule in the future Accents. We look forward to seeing new and current members.

Lawnbowling

Heather Comba

Sept 2018

Players go in different directions over the summer. The summer Maple Leaf gathering in Milton Ontario Canada in early August brought close to 70 lawnbowlers together to play, feast and chat. Three players even came from Maple Leaf. Mike Comba organized and ran the day. However, it does take several helping helpers to make and serve food, set up and put away equipment. Thanks to Mike and his crew.



Reserve the date

Rosemary Ballard

Christmas Tree Lighting at the Queensway, Sunday, Dec 2, 2018.

Tickets will be sold on Monday, Nov 19 at the Can Am center

More details will be posted on 195 and in the upcoming newsletters.

Bocce Ball Club

Thomas Dodd

Soon all the SNOW BIRDS will be returning to Maple Leaf Village for another glorious season & hopefully joining the Bocce Ball Club.

This season will have Bocce Ball registration at the CHARLOTTE CENTRE on November 7, 2018 (Wed) from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM

The membership fees will be \$ 15.00 in cash per person (try to bring the exact amount).

You must bring cash as we cannot accept credit cards or cheques. Also, a reminder for existing members- please bring & return your last year's membership card.

Let's have a great season

Saying So Long to Old Friends

The following letter was received by Mike Smith following his inquiry about Bill and Gerri Church selling their house. Gerri wanted it printed in the Accents for all their friends

Thanks, Editor

Mike

Thank you for your message. It made me realize that Bill and I owe all our friends an explanation of our decision to sell our place in Maple Leaf.

We spent 14 wonderful Winters in beautiful Maple Leaf, loving the residents, the way the Park was managed, the activities, the generous volunteers, and, of course, the weather.

I believe we're leaving on a high note: Bill and I are both healthy (albeit 15 years older), we're moving into a new home in Belle River, (Ontario) and we have reason and opportunities to travel because two of our sons are living overseas.

We thank all of you people of Maple Leaf for the welcome, the friendship, the service and the memories.

The memory of the wonderful parade and reception of our son Major Bill Church when he came home from Afghanistan will always be pretty special to us.

We wish everyone many happy active healthy years in Maple Leaf.

Love, Bill and Gerri Church

Deaths

April

Ann Wood – formerly # 422
Anna Wolff – formerly # 167

May

Sylvia Reiach # 126
Kenneth Goodwin - @ 255

June

J.R. Geng - # 192

Aug.

Judith Thomson - # 1001
Betty Rickett -formerly #978

