



Accents

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Directors Corner

Tim Redmond – Golf



With summer coming to a close, soon many snowbirds will be returning to Maple Leaf. I am personally looking forward to another great season that we are all about to embark on.

Golf Overview:

Between 1986 and 2005, there was a 44% increase in the number of golf courses nationally. Beginning in 2006, participation in golf started declining. The National Golf Foundation lists the Great Recession and oversupply of courses as two primary factors in that decline. Since 2006, 8% of golf courses nationwide have closed. In recent years,

golf participation rates have stabilized and last year found a modest increase in golf participation for the first time in 14 years. Senior citizens participation rates increased even faster.

Over the past 15 years, Maple Leaf experienced the same phenomenon in golf participation. I believe we are experiencing a resurgence in golf at Maple Leaf too. During the 2018-2019 season, rounds played and membership levels both increased. Further, when Allegiant Airlines' Sunseeker Resort opens next year, locals who golf at Kingsway may find difficulty securing tee times there. We must attract our share of those displaced golfers to Maple Leaf. While this past season's numbers were very good, I expect the coming season to be even better.

Course Maintenance:

As of mid-August, year to date rainfall totals in Port Charlotte were 40.18 inches. That is more than 10 inches above average. The excessive rainfall has made mowing and aerifications very challenging. Likewise, mowing in the park has been particularly difficult. Chris Spence and his staff are working hard to mitigate problems associated with mowing in extremely wet conditions, but it is especially difficult. Waiting to mow in dryer conditions creates other problems.

Chris' crew is addressing the mounds on several green collars. His crew is top-dressing the collars weekly to even the terrain. We should see improvements this year. As the green collars are leveled over time, more aggressive aerification and rolling should diminish the mounds. Some things just take time.

Pro Shop:

Membership applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 season. Applications were enclosed in the July mailing and can also be found on our website clicking on the menu item Our Community and then select the Golf Membership Application item. Members paying via cash or check will again receive a 1.5% discount on membership fees.

After a one-year hiatus, crossovers were again utilized in the 2018 – 2019 peak season. When crossovers are employed, players are sent to holes 1 and 10 for each tee time until the course is full. At Maple Leaf, this usually takes about 1½ hours. Once the course is full, tee times are discontinued for the next 1½ hours. If desired, crossovers can be utilized a second or third time on extremely busy days. Crossovers provide more members an opportunity to golf when demand is brisk. Think about it, 40 additional golfers get to play on the back nine during the first 1½ hours the course is open that otherwise may not play. Monday, Friday and Saturday crossovers will again be employed in the upcoming season.

Maple Leaf Golf Association:

The Maple Leaf Golf Association (GA) is comprised of a group of elected volunteers who, as one of their objectives, plan and administer a wide range of golf activities. Among those activities are three golf leagues, tournaments, golf events, clinics and social gatherings.

During the season the GA oversees our three leagues at Maple Leaf: The Ladies League on Tuesday mornings, the Men's League on Wednesday mornings and the Mixed League on Thursday mornings. All leagues provide fun for their participants and are seeking golfers of any skill level.

Among the tournaments are the ever-popular Member-Member; the Club Championship and the season finale - The Spring Fling.

A couple of new programs are, Taste of Golf, aimed at teaching golf basics, rules and etiquette and Nine and Dine, a 9-hole scramble with dinner to follow in the Country Club.

Watch for more information from your Golf Association and join us for a great golf season!



Presidents Corner

Rick Hull

On Wednesday, August 14th the BOD interviewed three candidates for General Manager to replace John Laliberte who has resigned. The candidates' names were Rolf Eckert, Joseph Meyers and Mitchell Krach. At the end of the interview process the BOD offered the position to Mitchell Krach who accepted with great enthusiasm. The BOD and Mitchell have come to an agreement on a three-year contract and he will start his career here in Maple Leaf on Monday, August 26, 2019. He will be transitioning with John Laliberte until the 30th when John departs and will then become our new General Manager. Mitchell will be coming to Maple Leaf from Crystal Lakes, a community like ours that has about sixteen

hundred homes, 2 golf courses and other amenities. He also has a strong background in food and beverage which will be very helpful in selecting our new food and beverage manager which will be starting shortly.

Please join me in welcoming Mitchell to Maple Leaf. He is excited to begin and is looking forward to meeting some of our residents when we hold our September Coffee Hour and of course meeting our snowbirds when they return for another wonderful season.

Many questions are being asked about the new fiberoptic internet/phone system. The contract with Century Link has been signed and approved by the Corporation Attorney. Century Link has been working on the design stages for several weeks and the project will be laid out in two stages to cover all 285 acres of the park including all of the public buildings that will have fiberoptic feeds. For example, the Country Club/Sandbar, CanAm, Fitness Center and Sales Office etc.

Century Link will be in the park sometime in September to review their plans including a timetable and the direction in which they plan to start. The actual construction will more than likely start the first part of October. The entire project is expected to take three to four months to complete.

Once the process starts, we will have Century Link come in and explain once again how the system will be managed. The cost per household will be \$30.95 a month for Wi-Fi service. If you want phone service, it can be included for the \$30.95 a month at no extra cost for the first three years. The phone is optional, you do not have to sign up for it. If you do want a phone, it is likely they will be changing the phone number. We will be having future informational meetings scheduled once we get closer to the start of the project.

On a different note, road work on Maple Lane and Mohawk Trail (phase 1) has been scheduled to start on September 2nd and (phase 2) Kings Court and Muskoka will follow. There is also a patch in the road on the Queensway between the two ponds and some repairs to be done between Maintenance road and Nipigon. This work is expected to take 4 to 5 weeks.

A major project remaining is the CanAm outside deck. This project is still in the engineering and design phase before sending out for bid. It would be prudent for the organizers of Party in the Park to work with the Main Office to come up with alternative plans as the deck will not be available. Most likely the Wednesday and Sunday weights program will be held inside the CanAm building for the entire winter season. It is our hope to have the deck ready by March for Mardi Gras, but we must be prepared to make alternate plans for this event.

The Country Club spruce up project is almost completed. Wade and our Maintenance staff have done a wonderful job. I think when you see it you will agree. The Maintenance crew have also begun the job of landscaping at the Charlotte Post Office.

It will not be long before our "snowbirds" return for another season of "fun in the sun". I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and ready for another great season in Maple Leaf. Safe travels.....see you soon!



Message from The Treasurer

Karen Hamilton

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and have had lots of fun times with family and friends.

I hope all of you have had the time to look at the pictures posted on our web site of the many changes in the Country Club. As you know, it has been a long process, but so worth it! I hope everyone will find the new look as beautiful as I do.

What began as a small facelift became a complete renovation as we kept uncovering problems within the structure. Fortunately, we had some contingency funds built into the capital budget for the year and were able to cover the costs for the much needed renovations and upgrades to the CC kitchen. Wade and his crew have saved us thousands of dollars and should be commended for the quality of workmanship they have brought to this renovation.

If you will recall, we residents approved using income from 2018 to help fund the capital budget for 2019. The capital budget total for 2019 was approved for \$941,684.00. In work scheduled for this year, the capital budget includes \$83,000 for the Woodworkers and post office renovation, \$240,000 for road repairs. We have more capital expenses to come for this year, but I do anticipate we will stay within the total budgeted amount for this 2019.

It will be a challenge again in 2020 to fund all necessary capital expenses. As you know the Sundeck has to be replaced. As of this date, we do not have an estimate of the replacement cost. We do know the bidding will fall into the last quarter of this year.

We have just begun the budgeting process and will be reporting future financial plans to the homeowners later in the year. Our park is showing its' age and we will likely continue to have some unexpected projects that will need our attention. Fortunately, we are very sound financially and have put many projects requiring funds behind us.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming months and wish all safe travels as you return.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE			
MONTH ENDING JUL 31, 2019			
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE
REVENUE			
PARK	2,218,545	2,193,063	25,482
GOLF	577,533	534,472	43,061
SALES	75,996	46,650	29,346
SB/CC	281,177	303,735	(22,558)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,153,251	\$ 3,077,920	\$ 75,331
EXPENSES			
PARK	1,859,096	1,970,573	(111,477)
GOLF	613,982	667,889	(53,907)
SALES	6,328	11,481	(5,153)
SB/CC	326,388	324,146	2,242
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,805,794	\$ 2,974,089	\$ (168,295)
REVENUE TO EXPENSE	\$ 347,457	\$ 103,831	\$ 243,626
YTD CHANGE IN CASH POSITION			
YTD REVENUE TO EXPENSE	347,457		
ADD BACK DEPREC/AMORT	384,078		
ADD CERTIFICATE SALES	80,000		
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	(163,892)		
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(373,134)		
ADD ADVANCE ON MORTGAGE	-		
BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	(338,896)		
YTD CASH FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (64,387)		
CASH POSITION 12/31/18	\$ 2,819,495		
ADDED (USED)	(64,387)		
ENDING CASH BALANCE 7/31/19	\$ 2,755,108		
MORTGAGE BALANCE 7/31/19	(8,364,049)		
NET DEBT 7/31/19	\$ (5,608,941)		

High Speed Internet is Coming to Maple Leaf!

Dave Zakikian

As you know, Century Link will be constructing a Fiber Optic Network throughout Maple Leaf starting in September.

As sections are completed, the people in that section will be notified from Century Link by phone or with a door hanger notice for making an appointment for home installation. All work is expected to complete by February 2020.

If any of you are renewing your contracts for TV or Internet Services, we would suggest that you make them month-to-month, so it will be easier to switch over to new services once the high-speed internet is available to you.

We ask that you co-operate with the workers and equipment that will be laying the fiber optic cable throughout Maple Leaf this fall and winter.

Travel Club

Court and Eden Wells

Country & Western Music fans are excited about their upcoming trip to Branson Missouri. 🐼 On November 21 ,we will be flying to the Ozarks Lodge to enjoy four days of live shows & entertainment.

The Travel Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 7 th at the Can Am at 2 p.m. to finalize the arrangements for our trip.

“ Ahoy Sailors” 🚢 All those who are looking forward to cruising on the luxurious new Celebrity Edge on February 02 !

The Travel Club will be having an informative meeting on Thursday November 14 th , Can Am at 2 o'clock. We will discuss dining arrangements; excursions & answer any questions you may have.

Our representatives from All Aboard Travel will be present to offer guidance. There are some cabins available if you would like to join us on this cruise. Call Donna at 800-741-1770 ext.6409 to reserve.

Please mark these meeting dates on your calendar.

Court & Eden Wells

Keyboard Orchestra

Helen Neal

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 4th, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Queensway. The Annual Tree Lighting program will be held on Sunday, December 1st, at 4:00 p.m. in the Queensway. We hope you will join us to get in the holiday spirit. More details to follow.

Party in the Park

Sunday, November 10 from 1-6

The Pickleball Club is pleased to sponsor this year's Party in the Park.

California Toe Jam is returning to rock Maple Leaf on one of their last events after rocking Florida since 1984. Please remember to sign up with your club to volunteer and come on over to enjoy the afternoon with great food, music, and friends.

Interested in volunteering? Have an idea? Email keg.5671@gmail.com or contact your club.

The event will be in the Sandbar parking lot and on the grounds by the Sundeck. We will relocate the party if the deck rehab is underway.

If you don't already, get Accents online and save costs and trees

Sponsored by Pickleball Club

Computer Club

Denise/Barry Holland

WHY JOIN? the Computer Club.

We have a team of Volunteers who love to make people smile by Sharing Information & Teaching You how to get the Most out of Your Devices. We have for your use: Computers, Macs, Shredder, Copier, Fax anywhere North American (yup, that's right) and Printers that print direct from Your Device or to our Printers. Alternate Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm - Volunteers will help you. Saturday Mornings 9 am- 12 noon, drop in with your questions/problems, we have a high number of HAPPY FACES during this time. We are open Year-Round, Holidays Every Day! All for \$25, (\$35 for two in same household)

Classes can be arranged per Learning needs. (\$10 for 2 hr. course plus drop in Sat. morning if additional help needed)

Tentative classes inquired of so far: Facebook / Shutterfly.

JOIN Computer Club Facebook keep abreast of Courses, Meetings, Socials & Interesting Stuff -

Do you understand Facebook settings? How YOU control what you receive, who sees it.

Do you know how to make things private, only Family/Friends see? Keep your *Contacts* private from others viewing who you send to? Stop receiving "junk", Unfollow rather than Unfriend.

To join Computer Club Facebook, sign up for a course or "want to know more": CONTACT: Dan LaHaise -

See ML Directory for contact information.

Membership STARTS Sat. Nov. 9 at Computer Club. 9 - 11:30 am

Bev Murray will be happy to see you Saturday mornings, from Nov 9 to March 31st

COST: \$25 for one, \$35 two in same household. (Bill Rudd sells Membership until Oct 31)

See ML Directory for contact information.

MEMBER MEETINGS- Canam - Mondays- Coffee: 9 am, Meeting: 9:30 (approx. 30-40 mins.)

Mark your calendars for: Monday, Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 9

Monday Nov. 18, Meeting - Dave Zakikian: brief Overview of the WiFi project in Park.

Alternate Tuesdays - Members drop by Tues., Nov 19, Dec 1, Dec 15 from 1 - 3 at Computer club membership signup available as well. Dates will be posted on Channel 195

OPEN HOUSE / SOCIAL: WED JAN 15 at CANAM 1 - 3 pm All are Welcome.

The Computer Club Directors (we are all in ML Directory) look forward to the 2019/2020 Season with much anticipation & excitement. Safe Travels and Good Health to everyone. Woo Hoo, it's getting close!!!!
Ken / June Morris, Bev Murray, Dan LaHaise, Bill Rudd, Barry / Denise Holland,

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 2019-2020 calendar of events. Membership is \$5.00. All are welcome. For any additional information about the Garden Club.

Please contact Norman Harrison 255.8303 or Jolene Scofield 769.3559

Maple Leaf Christmas Tree Lighting

Rosemary Ballard

SAVE THE DATE!! The annual Maple Leaf Christmas Tree Lighting will be held this year on December 1, 2019 in the Queensway Center. Come and join your neighbors and friends in this festive evening of holiday joy and celebration. Tickets will be available for purchase starting Monday, November 18, 2019 in the CanAm center.

Rounders

Mary Dressler, President

Welcome back to our northern neighbors! Our summer has been filled with a plethora of activities in your absence. Several new activities in addition to the Rounders dinners were added to our monthly calendar.

Some of our regular activities continued with water aerobics, card games and bingo. New this year, darts was added to the schedule.

Of course, our Rounders golfers participated in the holiday tournaments; Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Coffee Hour with our new General Manager once a month was a big hit. Maybe, it was the doughnuts!

Due to the renovation of the Country Club some of our activities had to be moved to the CamAm center. Fortunately, the Sand Bar was able to accommodate Happy Hour and continue with providing delightful dinners on Thursday nights that were frequently sold out.

In the CamAm center Rick Crum entertained us on Monday nights with karaoke throughout the summer.

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

Frank and Cecile Messina and Dawn Brocklehurst put together a wonderful calendar of entertainment and dancing in the CanAm once a month. Jersey Vic, Just Friends, Rockin Dayz Band, Clive Live, Jimmy Mazz Show and Dick and Kammy were among the list of entertainers.

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

So, once again, in the tradition of Maple Leaf, where there is always some fun activity to do, we have prevailed.


WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Wednesday Night at the Movies

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GREEN BOOK

Country Club, Wednesday, Nov 6
Doors Open 6:15 PM
Tickets \$4 at the door
Cash Bar - Free Popcorn - Door Prizes
Hot Dogs \$4, Brats \$5, Hamburgers \$5

Wednesday Night at the Movies

KEVIN HART BRYAN CRANSTON NICOLE KIDMAN

★★★★★
Watch in our new
Country Club !



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Based on a true story

COMING SOON

Country Club, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 13
Tickets \$4 per person at the door, Cash Bar
Free Popcorn – Door Prizes
Brats \$5 – Burgers \$5 - Hot Dogs \$4
Doors Open 6:15 pm

Maple Leaf History

Tom Kanigan

We have completed the writing of the book **Welcome Home – The Maple Leaf Story**. It will include over 30 pioneer stories, about 40 club histories, as well as a history of the Park. Editing is reaching completion, and the book should be available early in 2020. We expect the publication to be about 200 8.5 X 11 pages with lots of photos. Color images are very expensive, but we are examining various options to keep the cost of the book to residents as low as possible.

Several Maple Leaf clubs have made donations, for which we are grateful. The Corporation is providing a loan of \$10,000 to help cover initial printing costs, which we will repay as books are sold.

We will be offering advance sales of the book in the Fall.

We are dedicating the publication to the 1990 Board of Directors and the canvassers who made the purchase of Maple Leaf by its residents happen. Without their determination, Maple Leaf would not be the wonderful community it is today. Only one of the six Canvass Captains, Bill Bowles, remains in the Park, so we awarded Bill a free book to recognize the tremendous achievement of the 1990 Campaign Canvassers.

Some former residents of Maple Leaf may want a copy of the book as an excellent remembrance of the happy times they spent in the Park. We plan to contact these people to offer them the chance to purchase a book. To do that, we need names and addresses (both postal and email). You can assist by providing this information to me (tomkanigan1@gmail.com) for those departed residents you know. We would much appreciate your help.

Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament

Marilyn Ankenmann

Coming in November : OUR FIRST (EVER) JIMMY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MAPLE LEAF

On Sunday November 17, Maple Leaf will host a Jimmy Fund golf tournament for the first time initiated by Pat Palmer, a new resident of Maple Leaf and a golf enthusiast. Pat and his family have held a Jimmy Fund golf tournament in Massachusetts since 2012 which supports the Angela and Patrick Palmer Foundation, part of the Jimmy Fund, and Pat hopes to continue what had become an annual tradition there here in Florida.

In 2011, Pat's wife Angela was diagnosed with primary brain cancer and treated at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Massachusetts. In an effort to improve the quality of her life, Angela agreed to trial an experimental drug paid for by the Jimmy Fund that significantly prolonged Angela's life for 4 years beyond her initial diagnosis. Pat feels strongly about giving back so together they established The Angela and Patrick Palmer Foundation, part of the Jimmy Fund, to raise funds for cancer research and to eliminate the cost to patients and their families for human trial implementation of experimental therapies. He hopes to continue supporting through his Foundation the Jimmy Fund here at Maple Leaf. At this time there are approximately 4-5 Jimmy Fund golf tournaments held each year in Florida.

Please keep the date and PLAN TO PARTICIPATE by enjoying lunch before the shotgun start followed by a reception at the newly updated Country Club. It will be a fun day for all of us while, at the same time, we will donate to cancer research and support patients and their families.

More information including times and sign up dates coming soon.

Maple Leaf Golf Association

President, Sheridan Yetman

As this is my first report in the Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club Accents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Golf Association for electing me as your President. I look forward to working with the Golf Committee and together seeking opportunities to improve and enhance the golf experience for all golfers in Maple Leaf. I would ask all of you golfers to communicate with me if you have any issues, concerns or suggestions and I will be delighted to have them discussed by the Golf Executive for full discussion and if deemed appropriate, have them implemented.

Your committee expects to be very busy again this season. Your Vice President, Jane Robertson has put quite an effort over the summer to select and book dates for all the tournaments and we do expect to increase the number of participants in each tournament. I think you will be pleased with the changes you will experience, both for golf and for the social aspect following tournaments under the direction of our competent Social Director, Joan Young and her support people.

I would like to congratulate Tim Redmond on his appointment as the golf representative on the Maple Leaf Board of Directors and look forward to a great relationship with him and the Board. I am and have been receiving correspondence from him over the summer months and thank him for including me and the appropriate members of this committee in

various related issues. I do look forward to having a meeting with him at the earliest opportunity upon my arrival in Maple Leaf.

We do need to continue to promote our beautiful golf course to all residents of Maple Leaf as well as encouraging outside golfers to experience a great game of golf on our course.

Our Golf Professional, Nathan Wilson has been doing a great job encouraging play on our course and I look forward to working with him. He did a fabulous job with the last golf tournament and made it a fun event and a joy to participate in. He had all types of obstacles at various holes around the course, making it more enjoyable for all the players. The compliments that were flying around after the game proved his method to be very enjoyable and acceptable. I would like to see that type of relaxed tournament continue and would encourage it

I look forward to working with the Golf Association and Golf Committee. Your Vice President, Jane Robertson will have an article in this publication as well regarding the schedule for the various golf tournaments. Please mark your calendar with the appropriate dates and expect to see some substantial positive changes with the operations of the tournaments and the socials which will follow.

I welcome all the snowbirds back and hope all will join our golf club and make it a part of your Maple Leaf experience. So, please if you have any recommendations or suggestions that will improve golfing in Maple Leaf, please contact me.

Message for August Accents

Jane Robertson, Vice-President, Maple Leaf Golf Association

I am very excited about the upcoming golf season. As VP for the Golf Association, I am responsible for the tournaments. We have several great programs in Maple Leaf to promote golf and I believe our tournaments are another opportunity to do just that. Our tournaments provide the venue to meet other golfers and to foster new friendships or renew old ones both on the golf course and at the reception and dinner that follow. We are working on some enhancements and changes to our tournaments and hope you will find them as fun and enjoyable as we are hoping! So, you simply won't want to miss a single event! Stay tuned and watch for upcoming announcements!

Here is a schedule of events for the 2019 – 2020 Maple Leaf Golf Association.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019	Ladies League Opening Day
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Men's League Opening Day
Thursday, November 7, 2019	Mixed League Opening Day
Thursday, November 21, 2019	Welcome Back Meeting and Reception
Sunday, November 24, 2019	Nine and Dine
December 6, 7, 8, 2019 (Friday To Sunday)	Member-Member Tournament
Sunday, January 12, 2020	Tournament (Theme/Format TBA)
Sunday, January 26, 2020	Nine and Dine
Wednesday, February 5 And 12, 2020	Men's Senior and Super Senior Club Championship
Sunday, February 9, 2020	President's Cup Tournament

Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Ladies' Senior and Super Senior Club Championship
February 28, 29, March 1, 2020 (Friday To Sunday)	Club Championship
Sunday, March 1, 2020	Annual Golf Association Dinner Dance and Awards Gala
Sunday, March 15, 2020	Nine and Dine
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	Annual General Meeting and Reception
Sunday, March 29, 2020	Spring Fling Tournament

Even though we are in planning mode, we also want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions, thoughts, ideas, please don't hesitate to email me, robertsonjane@hotmail.com, I welcome all comments!

Mens Golf League 2019-2020 Winter Season

Gary Croskey, Captain

We hope your summer golf has been great and your putts are falling.

Our Volunteer Coordinator Committee will be:

Gary Croskey (Captain), Glenn Thompson (Golf Activities),

Tim Llewellyn (Treasurer), Rick Sleeman (Luncheon Coordinator), Steve Lance (Skins Coordinator), Bud Lawry and Ron Keyes (Starter Shack Coordinators), Lindsay Brannen (Scorecard Coordinator). Please thank these gentlemen for their dedication and time.

The Mens Golf League Volunteer Committee is not a closed shop. What makes MLGCC a special place is the work of volunteers who make the league thrive, along with other Park Activities. Please let one of our Volunteer Coordinators (noted above) if you are willing to pitch in and help. We can always use help in the Starter Shack and the Monthly Luncheons.

Homeowners and renters are encouraged to join the league. Remember to sign up and pay the fees for both the Golf Association and the Men's League when paying for your Golf Membership. We will continue to communicate via email, so make sure you provide the correct email on your Golf Membership Application. Men's Golf League information is on the Golf Association website: www.mapleleafgolfassociation.com/

We also post information on the Men's League Notice Board, located on the back outside wall of the Pro Shop; as well as the Bulletin Board inside the Starter Shack. Committee Meeting Minutes/Agenda, along with our Operations & Duties are also posted at these locations.

We are looking for input on GAME formats for this year. We'll continue to have weekly team prize winners, closest to hole winners for the different handicappers and a skins game.

Our calendar for November 2019 is:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

START OF SEASON, 7 a.m. to -

Sunday, November 10, 2019

PARTY IN PARK - BEER SALES 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

LUNCHEON@CanAm, Noon - 2 p.m.

Luncheons: 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!
Have fun, and putt them in.

Ladies Golf League

Sharon Poland, Vice-Captain

We will soon be welcoming back all the snowbird golfers and joining up with the permanent resident golfers and new members to enjoy another entertaining season of golf.

We will be playing every Tuesday from Nov 5, 2019 to Mar 31, 2020. There are lots of games and prizes to be won.

All the information for the upcoming season will be posted under the Ladies League tab on the Maple Leaf Golf Association web page in Oct 2019. There will not be any brochure handouts this year so keep the web page in your bookmarks for easy access or print it. We will also be posting information monthly in the Maple Leaf Accents Newsletter starting Nov 2019.

Remember to Fix your ball marks and Replace your divots.
See you soon!

Photo Club

Tom Valentich

Hello photo club members and photo enthusiasts in Maple Leaf. The new Board of Directors is looking forward to building on the success of the 2018/19 season of photo club activities. We heard many positive comments about the People's Choice Photo Contest entries and are very honored to have been asked by the Country Club Renovation Project to display a selection of those entries in the newly renovated building. We are looking forward to seeing how the photos have been integrated into the new space and of course, all the other changes that have taken place over the summer at the Country Club.

In keeping with the overall direction of the past few years, this year's activities will focus on taking the formal learnings from previous years and applying those skills to new or different venues in the community. Our first trip will be to the Venice Chalk Art Festival on Mon. Nov. 18th. We hope that new and existing members will join us. The Festival runs from Nov. 15th to the 18th so there are plenty of opportunities to see the elaborate 2 and 3D art installations in various stages of completion or simply visit on the Mon. to see the finished product. On Tues. Nov. 19th at 7pm we will have our first club meeting. This will be an informal meeting to share and discuss photos taken from the Chalk Art Festival, present any travel or general photos of interest taken over the past six months and confirm a destination for a shorter, local photo trip ahead of our Dec. meeting.

The first formal club meeting will take place on Tues. Dec. 3rd at 7pm at the CanAm. Please join us for a social meet and greet. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will talk about plans for the upcoming season and seek member feedback. Also, please bring up to five photos to share. Have a great fall and keep filling those memory cards with the next People's Choice winner!

FYI: For those at ML at the beginning of Nov., another opportunity for testing your high-speed shutter capabilities will take place at the Florida International Air Show at the Punta Gorda Airport. Performances take place on Sat/Sun Nov. 2nd-3rd.

Entertainment Committee

Pat & Miles McEvoy

There are lots of good evenings planned for the upgraded Country Club when it opens. Some of your favourite entertainers will be back and some new ones to Maple Leaf. We have some different evenings which we hope will appeal to you all.

Hopefully the CC will open in time for a Halloween Dance Party on the 31st October. Entertainment booked for this evening so get your costumes ready for a spooky evening.

Jeanette Devires will be 100 on the 13th November. A special evening with a buffet and Country Band has been booked to celebrate. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

December starts with a touch of jazz on the 12th December.

Our Christmas Celebrations are fabulous this year.

Brett Baker is bringing his special Country Christmas evening on the 14th

Santa Claus parade will start and finish at the CC on the 23rd There will be food, drink, entertainment and Santa for all the family.

Boxing Day (26th) will have another of your favourites -It takes two entertaining you and your guests.

Saturday 28th is our big annual Christmas party with Robert & Wolfie

What's Coming Up for The Winter Season

Pat McEvoy

Name that Tune Trivia night will be back on 11th January in the Country Club

Jewellery Sale in mid-January. Following last year's successful Clothes sale, we are having a jewellery sale. Fun day and all proceeds go to the Flea market funds. Bring all your unwanted jewellery down to Florida this year.

Annual Flea market will be the last Friday of January.

Country Music Night on the 1st February in the Country Club featuring Tidal Wave

60's music night with the Simply 60's Band in the Country Club 13th February

Valentines Dinner & Dance on the 14th in the Country Club

Irish Pub night will be on the 19th February

Mardi Gras Party in the Park is on the 11th March

17th March is the big St Patrick's Day parade and Party

Get your calendars filled in and be prepared for a great winter season.

Maple Leaf Tennis Club

Greg Freeman

We hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer. In another 8 weeks we will be starting another great year of Tennis at Maple Leaf – at the Charlotte Courts and the CanAm Courts. We have updated and changed the website - check it out at www.mapleleaftennis.org

This is a reminder that the Bulletin Board at the Charlotte Centre is used for all Tennis Club sign-up sheets activity information. In addition, the wooden cabinet to the right of the bulletin board is used for Tournament Sign Up. The first tournament is our Mixed Doubles and the sign-up sheets will be posted November 1. The Mixed Doubles draw for the tournament will be conducted at the Wine and Cheese on November 6 at the CanAm.

Also, come to our Opening Wine and Cheese on November 6 at 2:00 PM in the CanAm to learn more about the club and the types of tennis programs and social events we offer during the season.

Party in the Park - Tennis Club Needs Volunteers – Glenn Houghton

"Party in the Park" will be Sunday, November 10th from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Your tennis club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. We will contact all tennis players in mid-October asking for volunteers to assist with the barbeque, collect tickets and serve the food. Sue Lawson, Edd Lawson, Charlotte Shaw and Glenn Houghton are coordinating this event. Come to Party in the Park, support your Tennis Club, volunteer for a shift and be part of this fun event!

Tennis Club Membership – Peter Murphy

Summer is winding down and our Tennis season in the south is not far away. At the Opening Wine and Cheese, we will once again have a “*registration and dues*” table set up. Please bring cash (\$40.00) or a cheque payable to “Maple Leaf Tennis Club “. Remember you must be a member in good standing to play on a Maple Leaf team and participate in our weekly ladder play. For your playing enjoyment we have not raised the dues. Please take the time to register online or send us an e-mail if you would like information or have questions. mltcmembership@gmail.com

We have heard that a lot of members have been honing their skills over the summer in preparation for the fall and winter sessions? See y'all soon. If anyone has any questions about a Tennis Club membership, please send me an email: pjm4aboat@aol.com

Men's Championship Doubles Ladder – Jim and Jane Pauls

Once again, the late Monday afternoon Men's Championship Doubles Ladder will play for the 16 weeks, beginning in mid-November. Choose a partner to play with and sign up on the Charlotte Bulletin Board after November 1. This is an opportunity to play weekly with the same partner over the course of the season. Midway through the season the teams will be divided into 2 pools, depending on the team record to date. Jim and Jane Pauls will be the organizers for this fun ladder

Women's Over 50 Competitive League Play – Kate Lilley

The Women's 50+ Tennis League will be starting on Nov. 1st. The schedule is now posted on the Women's League Web Site. As your new Maple Leaf liaison, I would like to welcome returning and new players to another fun and competitive season. We have a small waiting list, at this time, but if you are interested in playing on a team we are always looking for new players so please contact me at katelilley@msn.com

Women's Weekly Ladder – Naz Meghji

The Women's Ladder is being planned for early November on Thursdays for an hour from 3:30 to 5:30. If you wish to play, or occasionally substitute for a player who is not available that day, please contact meghjinaaznin@gmail.com with your phone # and level, or look for the sign-up sheet on the Charlotte Courts Bulletin Board. There is no long-term commitment for this ladder play. Check it out – it is an opportunity to meet some new tennis players.

Skills and Drills... – Sue Rowan

The skill improvement lessons, "Skills and Drills", will be offered again this year to all Maple Leaf Tennis Club team players on either the Women's 50+ League or the Men's Peace River League. Taught by Tony Geracci, our club pro, these season warmup lessons will be on Tuesday's at 3:00 and 4:00pm at the CanAm courts. Each 4-lesson session will, be \$40.00 payable in full on the first session. The first lesson will be on Tuesday November 12th. If you cannot attend all 4 sessions, please arrange your own sub. Sessions will have a maximum of 8 players and will be filled on a first come first served basis. If interested, email Sue Rowan at suerowan@rogers.com.

NOTE! This opportunity is in addition to the team lessons already provided by Tony.

Men's Liaison Report – Jeff Papiez

We are looking forward to the start of the 2019/20 Tennis Season. There is a men's Liaison Captains and Co-captains meeting on Saturday, October 26th at the Sandbar at 1:30 PM. In the event you are unable to make it, please designate a team member to represent your team at the meeting. There is the beginning of the season Peace River League Captains and Co-captains meeting at the CanAm Tuesday, October 29th. The time is TBA. League play starts on Thursday October 31st. E-mail information will be sent to captains and co-captains regarding the first men's team lessons with Tennis Pro Tony Geracci.

"A TASTE OF TENNIS" - Nancy & Keith McGruer

Want to try tennis? On Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm at the CanAm courts, the Tennis Club will hold a free orientation session **"A TASTE OF TENNIS"**.

This will be an opportunity for those without tennis experience, those having played a bit of tennis a long time ago but did not have instruction, and players who want to go back to the fundamentals. Come out and give it a try! Basic strokes will be explained and demonstrated. We suggest you wear shorts with good size pockets. Proper running shoes are required. Racquets and balls will be supplied.

For those wishing to continue with a series of five lessons, the only obligation will be to join the Tennis Club (\$40). The five lessons will be Saturdays Nov. 16th, 23rd and 30th, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Charlotte courts and Wednesdays Nov. 20th and 27th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm, at the CanAm courts.

Free Weights

Nancy & Keith McGruer

This is an enjoyable and beneficial program for every Maple Leaf residents and renters. Your muscles, joints and tendons need to be stretched and challenged to keep you flexible, stronger and toned. *Balance and coordination are very important as we age.* This twice-a-week activity will especially benefit people who want to improve their fitness for daily living and all the sports in Maple Leaf.

This is a 45-minute program on Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. The first session will be **Sunday, November 10th**. Come early and meet friends. Due to repairs to the Sundeck, all sessions will be held in the CanAm Center this season.

Participants bring free weights anywhere from 2 lb. to 10 lb. each. *Start where you are comfortable.* Do what suits your age and level of fitness but try to challenge yourself to improve. Most participants wear ankle weights as well, benefiting their legs and their joints. We exercise standing, sitting and moving.

The participants contribute a modest \$8.00 for the season. In the past three seasons, the Weights program sponsored over 30 participants who took a one-day basic **CPR course** organized by the Park office. The more residents in Maple Leaf qualified to react to emergencies, the better for all of us.

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Shuffleboard season.

Carol Misener

Please note new venue for Registration: November 10, 2019 at the QUEENSWAY 10:00 am to 11:30

Fees \$20.00 per person, same as last year.

Shuffleboard is for everyone from the never played before to the park champion. We have a time slot for all. Membership includes the use of league equipment, tournaments and all league Socials.

Look for our booth at "Party in the Park" and enjoy some tacos, water and pop with us.

Looking forward to another great season.

Pickleball

Tom Kanigan, Past President

It's hard to believe, but the 2019-20 Maple Leaf season is upon us. I hope everyone had a great summer. The ML Pickleball Club is ready to start another fun and active year.

Fall registration will be Saturday, November 9, 2019 on the CanAm Deck, starting at 2 PM, and will include a Welcome Back Social. Our membership fees for 2019-2020 remain \$30 for the year, \$20 for two months, and \$10 for one month.

We ended last season with 211 members, proving once again that Pickle Ball is as popular in Maple Leaf as everywhere, and expect to do as well this year. Courts were fully utilized in 2018-19, and we hope the ML Board will eventually approve two more courts. A decision on extra facilities awaits the completion of a study on the use of Rampart Lands.

The dates for other 2019 events follow.

November 10, 2019: Party in the Park

November 11, 2019: Mixed Ladder begins

November 16, 2019: Fall Team League begins

November 20, 2019: Ladies Ladder begins

November 22, 2019: Fun Tournament

November 29, 2019: Men's Ladder begins

This season will include a Men's Ladder organized by Ed Hopkins. The ever-popular Mixed Ladder and Ladies Ladder will resume, as well as League play. New players wishing to join the League should email Chris Garner. The rules for Ladder and League play and the details for joining are on our website, mapleleafpickleballclub.weebly.com. The website also contains the weekly court schedule.

Registration for the November 22nd Fun Tournament will be at the November 9th Registration and Social.

Residents who have yet to experience this exciting and fast-growing sport are encouraged to come out for Beginner Instruction, followed by Supervised Beginner Play from 1 to 3 PM every Friday. You do not have to be a Club member to receive Beginner Instruction. We even provide paddles and balls! You can join the Club once you have discovered how much fun pickleball is.

Our ball machine will continue as a practice tool for Intermediate and Advanced players, also from 1 to 3 PM every Friday.

Once again, the Pickleball Club is sponsoring Party-in-the-Park. This year's event is on Sunday, November 10, 2019, with California Toe Jam playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. A variety of food and beverages will be available. It promises to be an exciting Welcome Back for all Park residents.

Paul and Lisa Fanning have organized a Club dance night on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the CanAm with music by 'Clive Live'. \$6 tickets will be on sale at the November 9th Registration. This will be a BYOB event that should be great fun and an opportunity for Club members to get reacquainted with their Pickleball friends, updating each other on their summer activities and current circumstances.

Happy Pickling!



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 12th of November. Roger has a new knee that should be well healed by November and Penny has new shoes that will hopefully be well seasoned long before the new season.

We will be starting with a short review of our Fox Trot, Jive, Rumba, Waltz and Cha Cha Cha steps that we know you have been practicing all summer. We never did get around to the "Two Step" last year so we are seriously considering starting with this dance which will be newer to us than to some of you so be prepared to help.

Don't forget your dancing shoes
Roger & Penny

Message from the Editor

Just a few quick reminders:

- Future deadlines: Always the 20th of the month before publication.
- To sign up for the Accents, go to the website and find the Accents sign-up form under the Our Community tab; (Accents list add your name).
- PLEASE DO NOT respond to Articles or email blasts coming to Accents by hitting the reply button. These go to the Accents drop-box and are eliminated. **They do not reach the intended recipient.** Email the author directly.
- When submitting an article, please include a response email for those who wish to respond or ask questions

Thanks, Donna

Deaths

April - Victor Landry #851

May - Pamela Goodin – Formerly of #593
Patrick Trokan - #10709
John Kerr - #481
Clara Kush #700

June - Ken Catherwood - #1069
Frank Nellis - #578
Paul Courtice - #421
Irene Moulton – Formerly of #1110
Powell McCracken – Formerly of #323

July - Donald Sajecki - #982
Landy Adkins - #256
James Owens - #587