

Accents

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Jim Harrison



Time flies. It is already a month since I was selected to be the President of the Board of Directors. I would like to thank all of you who have indicated your support and look forward to this year in this position.

I would like to thank once more Mike Rooney, Ila Stofel, Pat Palmer and Drew Robertson for all they were able to accomplish while being on the board and wish them well. I would also like to welcome aboard the new board members who are Gayla Parent, Phil Graham, Norman Harrison and Gretchen Noller. This group of people have volunteered thousands of hours to support Maple Leaf and I look forward to all they can bring to the new board. I welcome back Kay Cosgray, Marti Mcfadzean, John Ginter, and Pat McEvoy.

This season is rapidly coming to a close. The Strawberry Festival was a huge success and many activities are going on this month. We had the St Pats parade, dinner and entertainment, the Garden Club Memorial service and many clubs are already finishing their seasons and putting equipment away for the off season. We still have several dances, the Arts and Crafts Show, and daily activities to look forward to sharing.

Make sure that before you leave that you secure all things around your home that might go airborne in inclement weather. Let the office know when you are leaving and hope to return. It is so enjoyable to be able to do all the activities that everyone volunteers to do. This is really a slice of paradise to be enjoyed by everyone.

The board will be busy working on this year's finances including the golf and lot fees. More will be coming up when completed and there will be a presentation in June with the results . This summer work will continue to finish projects interrupted by the Hurricane Ian. Hopefully, the Rampart Projects will be finished prior to the new season. The weir near the country club is progressing even with a water main leak that had to be fixed.

This new board is unique in that more members are here all year long. We will do the best we can to represent all Maple Leaf Residents. The year will move quickly. Before you know it, summer will be over and you will be returning for the new year. The Party in the Park is already in the planning stages. Think about running for the Board of Directors next year.

Many things still go on in the off season. If you are a new resident and are looking to volunteer and see how you can help, feel free to talk to someone and let us know you are available.

Looking forward to the year ahead and want you all to know that the new board is committed to working together for the best interests of everyone.

I would like to wish everyone returning home a safe and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall. For those who are staying we will see you around the park soon.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER – HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS - John Ginter Director



We will have our first meeting on March 18 2024. This year we will be handing out information to all year-round residents on what to do in case of an upcoming imminent danger. Please read the information we hand out, starting in May. There are phone numbers included for Charlotte County help and where to check for other local information.

We also ask that you fill out an information form for the Block Captains to record and they will be back to pick them up. This information will also go to Corporate. headquarters to update their files.

Please be kind to the Volunteers when they stop by.

Thank you all in advance. John Ginter

DIRECTOR'S CORNER – HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Gretchen Noller

During March we had a couple events to benefit the well-being of our residents. On March 6th we had ONSPOT Dermatology here to perform skin cancer screenings. It was a such a success that they will be returning to Maple Leaf on April 17th for anyone who missed out in March. Be sure to book your appointment online at:

onspotdermatology.com/mapleleaf, or call (941)444-0011.

These screenings are most important for those of us who spend months in Florida and are exposed to sun damage. On March 28th, the bloodmobile was in the Country Club parking lot to take blood donations and give wellness checks to donors. We hope to bring some other events back to Maple Leaf such as blood pressure checks, the Health Fair and Flu shots.



GENERAL MANAGER – Mitch Krach



The season of 2023-2024 has almost come to an end, and fortunately it is getting a bit more normal with hurricane repairs completed. The season has gone by very quickly. We sincerely hope that all of you had a great season despite the effects of Ian and Idalia.

PERIODIC UPDATES. After this issue of "Accents" there will only be two issues over the next six months. Friday email blasts will continue throughout the year. If you do not receive the email blasts, please send your email address to info@mapleleafgcc.net and we will add you to the distribution list. Other sources of information are the Park website @ www.MapleleafGCC.net and the Leaf Slideshow that can be accessed at https://mapleleafgcc.net/channel-195-slide-show/.

Like many of you are certainly experiencing, Maple Leaf has been delayed in many repairs and construction projects due to supply shortages and contractor availability. We will be working throughout the off-season to complete the Woodworkers' Shop, Rest Room, and finish replacements to damaged items around the Community. In addition, work will continue on Capital Projects all around the Park.

HURRICANE SEASON. The coming hurricane season will be here in a few short months. All homeowners, whether year-rounders or snowbirds, must be prepared. Do not be complacent. Year-round residents should always have a plan to secure their home and evacuate the Park. Do not plan on staying in the Park if a major hurricane is forecast for our area. It is possible that the County could mandate that mobile home communities be evacuated. None of our clubhouses are approved hurricane shelters. The clubhouses are not a recommended alternative when Charlotte County orders a mandatory evacuation of mobile home parks. All homeowners, including snowbirds, must secure outside objects or those in a lanai that is only screened. No items should be left in a condition whereby they could become loose objects during a strong wind event.

GARBAGE DUMPSTERS. Many homeowners put garbage in the clubhouse or maintenance dumpsters, particularly when departing for the summer. Your tax dollars pay for your garbage and recycle to be collected at your curbside. However, if you put it in a Park dumpster each pickup costs up to \$650 per dumpster and it is your monthly fees paying that cost. We are also subject to penalty fees if the dumpsters are filled past the lid.

CCU WATER SHUTOFF FOR HOMEOWNERS. The water meter and any valves prior to the meter are the property of Charlotte County Utilities (CCU). When departing for the summer CCU will turn off your water prior to the meter if you desire. If you are gone for three months or more the service is free, and they will turn the water back on when you return. Contact CCU at 941.764.4300 for this service and they will turn off the water on the date you desire.

CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE. Traditionally we close the Queensway Center for the summer due to lack of demand and to save utility costs as well as wear and tear.

SANDBAR/RESTAURANT OFF-SEASON SCHEDULE. At the completion of season, the Sandbar/Restaurant will revert to the off-season schedule. These adjustments are necessary because 75% of the residents depart for the summer. The specific dates and time changes will be published and placed on *The Leaf*, and in the weekly eblast.

GOLF COURSE. The golf course requires a lot of maintenance during the summer due to the excessive growth rates resulting from hot weather and heavy rainfall. During the summer the golf course will be closed on Wednesdays effective May 1st. This will permit the maintenance staff to have an uninterrupted 10-hour period to perform the necessary cultural practices like aerifications, top dressings, etc. Weeklong closures have also been scheduled to take place over the summer months, the pro shop can provide more details. Please take care of your golf course by filling divots, repairing ball marks, and raking bunkers.

PRO SHOP. Check the Pro Shop for apparel, GPS golf devices, shoes, club repair, etc.

AUTO DEBIT OF BANK ACCOUNT FOR LOT RENT. Over 900 Maple Leaf homeowners permit us to auto debit their bank account for monthly lot rent. That is a convenience to both the homeowner and to Maple Leaf. It permits Maple Leaf to punctually deposit your lot rent and to save considerable administrative time by not having to process checks and cash. Please ensure that you promptly notify us if you <u>change banking institutions</u> and provide us with the new account number and bank routing number. Once you have signed up for this service, you will also have charge privileges in the Country Club and Pro Shop, with the use of your Maple Leaf proximity card.

PRIVATE HOME SALES AND OUTSIDE BROKER SALES. It is very important that the current homeowner and prospective new homeowner contact the Park Office and/or Accounting Office prior to closing a private home sale or outside broker sale. We must ensure that the prospective new homeowners are provided the proper documentation for an "Older Persons Community". We must be provided with copies of a picture ID of the new homeowners prior to closing. Prospective new homeowners need to be provided with the opportunity to obtain information from management and

staff prior to committing to a purchase. Sales clients through the Park Sales Office are always provided with the proper documentation and properly screened.

RULES & REGULATIONS: One of the documents that you signed when you became a homeowner in Maple Leaf was an acknowledgment of receipt of the Rules & Regulations. We have noticed that many of these rules and regulations are not being followed, and as a result, the Board has requested Management to step up enforcement. If you are not in compliance with the guidelines that you agreed to follow, you could be subject to fines or other penalties.

LOT/HOME CARE. It is essential that you prepare for the care of your lot and home prior to your departure for the summer. The spring and summer months produce a growth rate five times the winter rate. Weeds can grow six inches a week. The Corporation only mows and trims lots; we do not maintain gardens, planters, shrubs, etc. Homeowners are responsible to ensure that your lot is maintained during your absence. The rain and heat can cause mildew/algae/mold on home exteriors. Pressure washing is necessary to remove, and you cannot wait until your return in the fall to have that done. Violations will be reported to the homeowner, not those you have arranged to care for the lot.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this community what it is. To those departing have a safe trip and a great summer. The staff will strive to continue to improve the Park over the Summer months and look forward to welcoming our many seasonal residents back in the Fall.

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS – Gayla Parent, VP Activities



I will call it March Madness. Jam packed full of activities, dinners, dancing, tournaments, celebrations, concerts and last but not least, The Merry Makers Production "Lights, Camera, Action.". It is no wonder Maple Leaf Estates was voted "Best of the Best" again this year.

April is a bit slower, but we still have some great things on the calendar. Here are just a few mentions, with more information later in the Accents.

March 31st - Easter Sunday Brunch from 11:00 am to 3:00pm. Please make your reservations at mlgccreservations@gmail.com.

April 2nd - Holly Rae in CC from 6:00-8:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

April 5th - Kevin Paul at Tiki from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Canadian Today Artist of the Year nominee.

April 9th - Joe Guerzo in CC from 5:00-7:00 pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

April 16th - Maria Nazarro in CC from 6:00-8:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

April 23rd - Steve Haines in CC from 5:00-7:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

April 30th - Johnny Puma in CC from 5:00-7:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

You can see the entire Entertainment Calendar at the end of this Accents.

I am happy to announce the new interior/exterior Ping Pong Table is HERE. It will reside under the portico of the Can-Am, in the rear, close to the family pool. A storage box is being built to house the paddles and balls on the exterior wall of the Can-Am building close to the Ping Pong table. This will enable all residents to enjoy a great game of ping pong. Mr. Scott Morrison, who resides at 452, has a keen interest in establishing a Ping Pong Enthusiast Group. He has posted his email address for direct contact as major.mo@hotmail.com. Thank you for volunteering Scott Morrison.

It is impossible to put on as many activities and events as we do without having the tremendous support of our volunteerminded community. It does indeed take a village, and we all have created THE BEST OF THE BEST. A Special shout out to Leslie Crokan, and her team of leprechauns, Rhonda MacSween, Debra Salyers, Brenda, and Bev Daquano. They brought St. Patties Day to the Country Club. Thank you so much ladies. Can't wait to see what they do for Easter.

We are looking to expand our Health and Wellness minded Events and Expos for next season. Suggestions of vendors or services you would like to be considered are greatly appreciated. The Dermatology Clinic was so popular it will return on April 17th . Book your time with Jane in the office.

Mary Williams, The Globe Trotters Travel Group from King's Gate, reached out to see if we would consider a cooperative endeavor in some of their travel plans. Joan Clayton has graciously offered to be the coordinator between our two groups, for more diversified travel options. Please see our first exiting travel opportunity later in this Accents.

We know a lot of our snowbirds will be leaving Maple Leaf in the month of April. We hope you enjoy your summer. Please travel safely and we will see you in the Fall.

RETAIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Sandbar, Tiki Bar and Country Club - Gayla Parent, Committee Chair

March was a whirlwind of Jimmy's delicious food, new menu items, buffets and a fabulous wait staff. We did lose our fabulous Kim Rehwinklel after more than 10 years of service. She is missed, and we wish her well on her next adventure. We welcome Alexis Bomberger, our new Front-of-the-House Manager. You'll know it's her by that, great big, welcoming smile and great customer service.

DJ Bingo continues to rock the house. Next one is scheduled for April 12th. The Fish Fry on Friday is still very popular. You can eat in the CC and play DJ Bingo, go out to the veranda and eat enjoying the sunset, go down to Tiki Sun deck and eat with great entertainment. It's a recipe for a great casual evening.

The Sandbar is open for breakfast and lunch—Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8am to 111am. Sun 8am to Noon, CLOSED on Wed. Country Club—Tues 3pm-7pm (Happy Hour) Dinner & Entertainment Wed 4pm-7pm, Thurs 4pm-7pm Dinner & Entertainment.

Tiki (Sundeck) hours of operation- Mon 4pm-7pm one dish Entrée & Entertainment, Fri 4pm-7pm Fish Fry & Entertainment, Sat 4pm-7pm Grill Open & Entertainment. Open deck is Sunday 10am-6pm. Come and share the deck with neighbors and friends (BYOB) The Tiki can be booked for private affairs thru Jane in the office.

April 1st -- Diversity Band

April 5th – Kevin Paul 3:30pm to 5:30pm Canada Todays Artist of the Year Nominee (suggestion to bring your own chairs, he's very popular)

April 6th – Kokomo Joe

April 8th – Diversity Band (last time until November)

April 12th – Rox Pop Duo.

We will have many of our Snowbird Residents finding their way back North in April. So, come and enjoy the facilities while you are still here. EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY. The Menus are in the Country Club Lobby, On the Leaf, in the Friday email blast for pre-planning. Please make your reservations on mlgccreservations@gmail.com. Let Jimmy & The Staff know you're coming so they can better serve you.

We wish you safe travels. See you in the Fall.

THE MAPLE LEAF SALES OFFICE Vickie Teel, Broker Associate and REALTOR®

WOW how time flies! We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers in the Sales Office this season. It has been a blessing to have them helping us out every day. Thanks to all the other great volunteers who have and continue to give so much of your time and expertise to the park. As of March 20th, there are 48 Homes and 7 Lots for sale in Maple Leaf with new listings coming soon. We have 11 homes pending/under contract waiting to close per the MLS (Multiple Listing Service). Since January 1st there have been 20 homes sold. At this same time last year there were 14 homes for sale in the park with 20 homes pending sale with a buyer. Contact us for more information about your options and selling your home in the current real estate market.

When you return next season and are thinking of selling your house, putting it on the market before everyone starts preparing to leave for the summer is a much better idea. It's best to, at least, get it on the market in January so residents who are looking for a different home or tenants who are only here for a short time will start looking earlier for a home to "lock in" for the next season. Pricing is also very important. You may have heard the old saying, regarding real estate, "Location, location, location". What's most important is, "Price, price and price"! If the buyers cannot see the value for the price of your home, they simply will not make you an offer.

When you are selling your Maple Leaf house, please remember that the INTERNET equipment with all parts and cables to that equipment needs to be left in the house when you move. Ideally you should leave it plugged in and turned on if it is safe to do so. We've found that when the equipment has been turned off and unplugged it, most of the time, requires a service visit from the internet provider to get it working again.

Have friends or family looking to buy? Please direct them to the sales office for more information. Utilizing the sales office is an income generator for your community. Homes FOR SALE can be viewed online using the Maple Leaf website under the real estate tab or you can visit: www.MapleLeafSalesOffice.com It will display ALL homes and lots for sale without having to login or provide an email address. Contact us to be set up to receive new listings by email as soon as they hit the market. It's a great way to know about new listings and recent sales. Your Maple Leaf Sales office can show and sell ANY listing regardless of broker/agent name on the sign.

You can reach the sales office 7 days a week by phone **941-629-0219**. Our office is open for walk-ins Monday through Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 11am to 4pm and Sunday by appointment. We have two Florida licensed real estate agents in the Maple Leaf sales office, **SHAUNA PLATT** sales associate & resident **(941) 661-7377** and **VICKIE TEEL** Broker Associate and U.S. Army Veteran **(941) 276-6152**. The sales office is located on the west side of the Can-Am building, look for our red/white/blue Open flag. Buying or selling, please give us a call. We would love to earn your business!



FINANCES AT A GLANCE

TWO MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	PARK	GOLF	SALES	SB/CC	TOTAL
REVENUES	\$919,209	\$318,734	\$43,913	\$224,012	\$1,505,868
EXPENSES	\$753,742	\$212,078	\$1,751	\$210,234	\$1,177,805
REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES	\$165,467	\$106,656	\$42,162	\$13,778	\$328,063
BUDGET	\$139,934	\$102,304	\$29,520	\$15,242	\$287,000
VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	\$25,533	\$4,352	\$12,642	-\$1,464	\$41,063
REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES	\$165,467	\$106,656	\$42,162	\$13,778	\$328,063
HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HURRICANE EXPENSE	-\$68,045	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$68,045
REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP	\$97,422	\$106,656	\$42,162	\$13,778	\$260,018
PLUS DEPR/AMORTIZATION EXP	\$160,679	\$226	\$0	\$0	\$160,905
PLUS CERTIFICATE SALES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	-\$45,070	-\$9,893	\$0	\$0	-\$54,963
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	- \$976,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$976,116
*BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	\$701,865	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$701,865
CURRENT YR CASH INCR/-DECR					\$91,709
CASH/INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2024					\$3,319,076
CASH/INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 29, 2024					\$3,410,785
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL FEBRUARY 29, 202	4				\$6,973,697
NET DEBT FEBRUARY 29, 2024					-\$3,562,912

FOR THE CURRENT MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	PARK	GOLF	SALES	SB/CC	TOTAL
REVENUES	\$458,068	\$167,227	\$16,035	\$128,148	\$769,478
EXPENSES	\$372,909	\$121,344	\$1,079	\$115,638	\$610,970
REVENUE OVER/-UNDER EXP	\$85,159	\$45,883	\$14,956	\$12,510	\$158,508
BUDGET	\$53,697	\$44,558	\$12,847	\$8,165	\$119,267
VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	\$31,462	\$1,325	\$2,109	\$4,345	\$39,241
HURRICANE REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HURRICANE EXPENSES **	\$21,073	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,073
REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP	\$64,086	\$45,883	\$14,956	\$12,510	\$137,435

^{*}Balance Sheet Adjustments are a comparison to the Balance Sheet of Dec 31, 2023

^{**}Hurricane Expenses with a life more than a year, were capitalized and added to assets MONTHLY FINANCIALS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE MAPLE LEAF WEBSITE

GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT – David Boyce



I hope everyone has had a great golf season. It sure has been a busy one, the tee sheets have been full every day. I for one am ready to get out there and play some golf myself. It has been a while. As the golf season starts to slow down our work increases with the warmer weather and higher humidity the Bermuda grass loves it and you can see it growing before your eyes.

We have our summer closures already set. They will be:

May

Wednesday May 15th, 22nd, - Closed all day.

Wednesday May 29th - Mole Cricket App.

<u>June</u>

Monday 3rd Through Sunday 9th – Aerification Week

Wednesday June 12th, 19th, Closed all day.

Monday June 26th Closed all day – Curfew App

July

Wednesday Closed all day July 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st – Course maintenance.

Monday July 8th Through Sunday 14th- Aerification Week

<u>August</u>

Monday 5th Through Sunday 11th - Aerification Week

Wednesday 14th, 21st, 28th – Closed all day.

September

Wednesday September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Closed all day.

These dates are subject to change depending on the weather.

<u>Grounds</u>

As a reminder for those who will be leaving us over the next month, we will be trimming palm trees around your homes over the summer. If you have any statues or important items in the beds near or around the palm trees, please have them moved to a safe location before you leave so there is no chance of them being damaged when tree trimming commences as we approach hurricane season.

As always, make sure if you need irrigation help, please send a work order request to the main office.

Ant bait around homes will be done this month. The perimeter hedges will also start to be trimmed. Both practices are done twice a year, in April and October.

Lawn Maintenance

There will be two mows scheduled in April.

Week of Monday the 8th and the 22nd.

As we hit the summer and rainy season, we get extremely wet in the park, especially around the homes, the mowers will make tire marks and ruts. The lawn company has no problem repairing ruts after we get out of the rainy season.

I hope everyone has a great summer and sees you in the fall.

GOLF PRO SHOP–Nathan Wilson



March 2024 Hole In One's

- Tim Koch 3/1/24 Hole # 3
- Len Forreider 3/5/24 Hole # 14
- Sue McElroy 3/12/24 Hole # 14
 - Steve White 3/14/24 Hole # 11
 - Wayne Brownridge 3/15/24 Hole # 16
- Sue Hack 3/26/24 Hole # 11

Upcoming Events

- Spring Fling / Superintendent's Revenge April 7th
- Memorial Day Scramble May 27th
- July 4th Scramble
 - Labor Day Scramble September 2nd

18 Hole Ladies League End of Season Money Leaders – As of 3/28/24

- Deanna Moser \$69.00
- Joyce Stark \$51.00
- Katherine Smith \$49.00

9 Hole Ladies League End of Season Money Leaders- As of 3/28/24

- Peg Dwyer \$63.50
- Wendy Kearse \$61.00
- Margie Brannen \$35.17

18 Hole Men's League End of Season Money Leaders- As of 3/28/24

- Keyes, Ron \$216.97
- Joe Emmons \$156.41
- Tim Redmond \$140.89

9 Hole Men's League End of Season Money Leaders - As of 3/28/24

- Bob Cook \$66.67
- Jack Moser \$48.33
- Don Kauffman \$35.00

Mixed League Money End of Season Leaders—As of 3/28/24

- Sheppard, Mike \$75.00
- Sam Semkowich \$65.00
- Barbara Drew \$61.00

Deposits Expire

Please remember that the initial Players Club deposit that is used for green fees and cart fees, as well as the merchandise deposit, must be spent by May 31st, 2024. Full & Seasonal merchandise deposit was \$75.00, and the Players Club deposit was \$50.00.

Golf Shop Merchandise

<u>The annual fire sale is here! All men's and ladies apparel is 50% off! This includes tops, bottoms, and outerwear only.</u> Your Maple Leaf golf shop is fully stocked with men's and ladies' apparel, headwear, golf bags, golf ball, tennis towels, pickleball towels, golf shoes, belts, golf gloves, tumblers, koozies and more!

Maple Leaf Carts

If you need to use a Maple Leaf golf cart for your round, it is highly recommended you reserve your cart at the time of making your tee time. Tee times can be made up to 6 days in advance and we typically run out of carts 2-3 days in advance. We have had several instances of groups forgetting to reserve a cart and then having to cancel their tee time because carts were not available. Please don't let that happen to you.

Golf Course Ambassadors

Thank you to all the golf course ambassadors that continue to help maintain the course by repairing ball marks, filling divots with sand and removing any limbs and other waste from the course. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador, please email Nathan in the golf shop, at proshop@mapleleafgcc.net

Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few people.

First off, thank you to all the Maple Leaf residents for a VERY active and fun season! Thank you to all of the league captains for continuing to offer fun events, with healthy competition, and a great partnership with the golf shop to roll out each weekly event for those leagues. Thank you to the Golf Association and their team for overseeing all of the fun events throughout the year. Thank you to the Golf Committee for all of their hard work to provide the best golf experience for everyone at Maple Leaf. Thank you to Jimmy Dinh in the Food & Beverage department and all his hard-working staff for putting together all the lunches and dinners for our events, as well as providing a great dining experience daily. Thank you to Chris Spence & Dave Boyce and their team for always providing the best playing conditions day in and day out. I've been saying it all season long, and I'll continue to say it. I'm up for the Pepsi challenge with any course in the area when it comes to daily playability and conditions. Thank you to Patrick Bell and his staff for all of the work they do on a daily basis for the entire Maple Leaf community. Thank you to Mitch Krach, Ken Gerhart, Jane Herbst, Tammy Eugenius, Pam Thompson, and Dee Steward in the accounting and administrative departments for all of their support throughout the year. Finally, thank you to the golf shop and outside services staff. Bob Beauchemin, Candace Graham, Joni Darrall, Larry Hoover, Shawn Perreault, Wayne Darrall, Michael Higgins, Linda Monn, Robert Conte, Jack Westforth & Phil Riley. Their daily efforts are invaluable to me and this golf operation. Thank you.

We hope everyone has a great summer and we're looking forward to the 2024-2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES



MAPLE LEAF STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

A HUGE SUCCESS

Lynn Jenkins, Publicity

We wish to give a Huge Thanks to our local businesses who kindly offered to sponsor our Strawberry Festival, helping us to keep our ticket costs affordable and supporting our Maple Leaf Community.

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The Strawberry Festival is our largest community get together at Maple Leaf. It is a time to visit with our neighbors, reminisce over the past year and talk about plans for the upcoming season. It is truly a time to relax and enjoy each other's company and welcome visitors and new residents.

The Strawberry Festival is also the Tennis Club's biggest fund raiser & together with our Club membership fees has allowed us to donate substantial funds to the Corporation, including the Computer Club, Woodworkers, our History Book, Communications, Arts & Crafts, Pickleball, Tree Fund and over the years, many more. Much of these funds have been applied to maintenance, repair & upgrading the tennis facilities, an amenity for all ML residents. It is you that makes this all possible.

Hulling day was a blast. We had a great turnout and finished in record time. Perhaps the music spurred us on or the Strawberry Sangria made us slash those pesky stems off in a flash. There was laughter and lots of conversation and the time flew by almost too quickly. Oh, and we had lots of newspapers to drain any juices that spilled out. Thanks to all that came to hulling and those that provided the newspapers.

Our Strawberry festival was truly an amazing day. It started off with a curve thrown in. No water: a water main broke. Everyone rose to the challenge and carried on and visitors to the festival took it all in good stride. Thankfully, the water main was repaired quickly and water was restored midway through the event.

The strawberries were exceptional and together with the whipped cream made a beautiful dessert. Lorette "Me" The Magician Pinto worked her magic and the children and adults were awed by her performance. The children took away smiles, and prizes and all left with very happy memories. Perhaps, we will have some budding magicians.

"Kokomo Joe" - Joe Meyers was a hit as always and a wonderful bonus was Pat Watson playing the Saxophone and Brenda Puddy singing for us. All got rave reviews. Thank you. That was a lovely surprise. We have such talented and generous people here at Maple Leaf.

A great big thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers; too many to mention. And, thanks to the Maintenance workers, the office staff that answer our endless questions and all of you that work so hard to make our day perfect.

FLEA MARKET NEWS – Pat McEvoy

Flea market Fund Raisers are going to change their name to ML Fund Raisers. We are the same people with the same aims but too many people were unhappy with the name

FLEA MARKET: The money we raised this year was distributed at the last Homeowners Meeting.

Tree fund: \$1000, Billiard Room \$360, ML Singers \$500, Corporation for new blinds in the Queensway \$2000, Communications Group \$2000, Computer Club \$2500, Decorative plants/pots at the fountain \$700, Half the cost of the ping pong table \$500.

St Patrick's Day was started with a large parade around the park. So many colorful carts. Diversity all in their green did a great job of entertaining us afterwards.

The Flea Market shed will be closed from the 1st of April until mid-October. Anyone wanting to put items in there please see Pat McEvoy for the key.

Season 2024/2025 (save the dates)

16th November - Hootenanny Dance

31st December New Year's Eve - Dane Party

8th January - Brian Gurl Promotions features America the Beautiful Show

12th January- Clothes Sale

31st January - FLEA MARKET

15th February - Six-piece Dance with Pure Country

1st March - Andy Pursell - a 5-piece band

4th March - Mardi Gras featuring Clive Live

12th March - Brian Gurl Promotions features Hot Keys & G Strings show

17th March - St Patrick's Day Parade

Have a great summer and come back ready to have a great time Fund Raising

Pat McEvoy Coordinator

THE LEAF - Mlgcctv.com - Jolene Scofield



When is the April Homeowners Meeting? What time does the ML Sales Office close? Who is playing music at Club Night? How do I get tech support from Quantum Fiber? These are just some of the answers you can find on The Leaf, your go-to-place for answers.

Available year around from anywhere in the world! So easy. Mlgcctv.com. This is also the location to make an announcement request. Also, on the

Corporate website under Our Community.

A special note about death notices: death notices can only be posted on The Leaf by first contacting the Main Office and they will send it to The Leaf for posting.

LOST & FOUND

Maple Leaf has a Lost and Found Bin. It is in the CanAm building, in a room to the left of the bar and is marked LOST & FOUND. The items in this room are accumulating rapidly i.e. keys, sunglasses, umbrellas, hats, gloves etc. Before you leave to go north, please stop by and see if any of these items are yours.



MAPLE LEAF RESIDENT DIRECTORY



The printed version of the Maple Leaf directory will be available for pick-up on Thursday March 28th. You can also access the on-line version by

clicking....



HAVE YOU MET.....?

Enid Lunt

The following new neighbors have joined our community since the last ACCENTS publication of this article in Feb 2024. Publications occur in the December, February and April editions so you can continue to look for them there.

Please make it a point to stop by and extend our new neighbors a warm Maple Leaf welcome!

The Maple Leaf Newcomers' Welcome Committee also offers their greetings to all new homeowners and wants to let you know they are available to help answer any questions you may have regarding Maple Leaf or the greater community. Watch for their notices regarding upcoming Newcomers' Welcome Gatherings: mark your calendars, go mingle, and get your settling-in questions answered!

99	McKenzie Ln	Jon and Leslie Manship	Pointe-du-Chêne NB
146	Beaver Ln	Gregory and Kathryn Cullimore	Hudsonville MI
1105	Country Club Cir	Frank Pauls and Mary Hall	Port Charlotte FL
280	Muskoka Cr	Thomas and Mary Hall	Bowling Green OH
532	Selkirk Ln	Joseph Imparato	Punta Gorda FL
587	Nanaimo Cir	Tami Hilston	Ashland OH
598	Nanaimo Cir	James Fowler and Jill Aldridge	Muskegon MI
627	Queensway	David and Lisa Czerlau	St. Catharines ON
695	Nanaimo Cr	Bryan and Esther West	Brown City MI
892	York Tr	John Klunk	Burlington WI
910	Queensway W	Michael Jobbs	owned ML # 440
965	Sherbrooke Cr	Geoffrey and Darcie Lee	Newmarket ON



Family Activities.

- Jim Harrison

Thank you to everyone who supported the Neighborhood Watch and the Wall Watch for the 2023-2024 seasons. I feel that the year ran pretty smoothly and look forward to continuing this worthwhile project in the new season. Special thanks to Kay Cosgray, Paul Smith, Jim Werner and Cork Hillinger for all your help in making this such a success.

I will continue to be the head of the Safety Committee. Tyler Kline has stepped up to create a program that should prove beneficial to everyone who participates in the new season. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer season and hope that you will return to help out in the fall. Look for future announcements concerning this great addition to the Maple Leaf

THANK YOU

The Charlotte County Shrine Club wishes to thank The Maple Leaf community for your support of our Aluminum Pull Tab project, in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. In the past year we have raised \$15.00. Now that does not sound like a lot. Pull Tabs do not weigh very much and we wish to remind you that they are sold by the pound as high-quality scrap aluminum. It takes a lot of pull tabs to make a pound!

Every little bit helps!

We also want to thank Marjorie and the late Rick Hull for their many years of collecting pull tabs for Shriners Hospitals. Your Pull Tabs may be left at the side door of 1107 Country Club Circle.

Don Senft

Thank you, Maple Leaf.

Michael Farr Director, C.C.S.C. - 1107 Country Club Circle

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



Secretary

I want to thank all the Communications Group 20 Volunteers for all the hours of work they committed to our Clubs and Events the community has hosted and requested assistance from the Group.

There have been over 100 events and over 1000 hours of service requests and performed by the Communications Group this season. Thank you again to these volunteers.

Debbie Bowe

Steve Briggs Ray Rudich **Roger Marsh Dan Paul** Dave Zakikian, Pres. **Ila Stofel Jeff Jennings** Rick Labbe, V. Pres. Ed Lawson Connie Labbe **Gary Croskey** Ken Anderson, Treas. Jeane Gaston Don MacDonald Ken Facer **Gayla Parent**, Frank Messina John Ginter

I will also be announcing at the next Homeowners meeting all the Donations that Groups have provided for us.

Thank you, David Zakikian, President

All Audio & Visual Requests should be made 14 days in advance of your event.

Click the link below for the request form:

Communications Group Request Form

NEW TRAVEL ADVENTURES – Joan Clayton

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The Globetrotters Travel Club, in Kings Gate, approached our Activities Committee to see if we'd like to partner with them on some great travel adventures. I have volunteered to be the liaison for Maple Leaf and I'm very excited about presenting our first travel opportunity. This trip will travel to the vibrant city of San Antonio, Texas, rich in heritage, with a colorful personality. You will see all the wonderful sites San Antonio has to offer from a state-of-the-art motor coach. This tour includes your transportation, accommodation for 8 nights, 14 meals, guided tour & gratuities for your guides. The trip begins on Oct. 26th and returns Nov. 3rd. If you are interested in making a reservation or have any questions about this amazing trip, please contact me at 941-249-3215 or call/text me at 618-606-5099. Below is the flyer with all the information:



Optional Travel Insurance sign up at: www.travelconfident.com

Motorcoach driver & step on guide gratuities included in flyer price

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Master Gardener Noreen Chervinski will be teaching how to repot our orchids with a hands-on presentation 9:00am, Saturday, March 30th in the CanAm. We will be actively repotting your orchid. Fun, information and a little dirt! This event is open to all residents of Maple Leaf.

Bring:

- A plant that has new roots coming out at the base of the plant.
- Newspapers
- Cleaned cutting tools
- Several pots, either plastic or clay or basket depending on number of pieces you cut your orchid into one or two stakes to hold your new plant
- Potting mix (there will be some for sale) Call Jolene 941.769.3559 if you are interested in purchasing so we have an idea of how much to prepare.

. This event is sponsored by Maple Leaf Garden Club



GOLF TOURNAMENT

MLGA members and guests only

Registration: Open to all Golf Association members and guests with a current GHIN handicap.

Cost: Player - \$20 plus any applicable golf fees. Guest - \$20.

Format: 4-person scramble.
Select your preferred start time.
Come, play in a fun, unique scramble that is

enjoyed annually at the end of season.

Social: Country Club doors open at 4:30 pm - Buffet Dinner starts at 5:30 pm **MENU**

Southern BBQ with Pulled Pork, Herb Roasted Chicken,
Baked Beans, Hawaiian rolls, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Potato Chips,
Fresh Fruit and Cookies

APRIL MOWING SCHEDULE



Week of April 8th and Week of April 22nd



WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 05, 2024 WHERE: QUEENSWAY BLDG TIME: 3:30 – 5:00 PM - GAMES 5:00 – 6:00 – DINNER 6:00 – 9:00 LIVE MUSIC





Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club

Wed. April 17th | 7:30AM - 3:30PM



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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

MAPLE LEAF GOLF ASSOCIATION – Gary Bonsteel, President



The Executive Board of the Golf Association:

President Gary Bonsteel
Vice President Steve Luckett
Treasurer Jeff Stapledon
Social Director Kathy McCarthy
Secretary Dave Hodgson
Men's League Captain Tim Redmond
Ladies League Captain Lanell Burgsteden

Mixed Leaguer Captain Heather Chick, Don Bernier

In addition, Larry Cheeseman has volunteered to be the "Hole-in-One" Captain for 2024-2025.

The Executive Board thanks Nathan Wilson our GIF Professional for collaboration with the executive on all our events throughout the year.

GOLF ASSOCIATION EVENTS SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Novenber30, 2023 Golf Association Meeting and Reception - COMPLETED
December 1,2,3, 2023 Member-Member Tournament and Social - COMPLETED
January 7, 2024, Mixed Doubles Tournament and Social - COMPLETED
February 4, 2024, Presidents Cup Tournament and Social - COMPLETED
February 14, 2024, Men's Sr. and Super Sr. Championship - COMPLETED
February 24, 2024, Annual General Meeting and Reception - COMPLETED
March 1,2,3, 2024, Men's and Ladies' Club Championship - COMPLETED

March 2,3 2024 Blue vs. Red Match Play Tournament and Social – COMPLETED

March 9, 2024 Dinner Dance and Awards GALA – COMPLETED
April 7, 2024 Spring Fling/Superintendent's Revenge Tournament

Our golfing winter session is fast approaching the end of the 2023-2024 schedule. It has been an exciting and successful year with lots of activities as you can see in the events schedule above. Many fond memories have been created and shared among our members during the year. Here are a few highlights:

2024 Men's Club - Gross Champion Scott Robinson 2024 Men's Club – Net Champion Joe Emmons 2024 Ladies' Club - Gross Champion **Debbie Bowe** 2024 Ladies' Club – Net Champion Jane Robertson 2024 Senior Men's - Gross Champion Scott Robinson 2024 Senior Men's - Net Champion **Tony Stam** 2024 Super Senior Men's – Gross Champion Gary Bonsteel 2024 Super Senior Men's – Net Champion Jim Iancale 2024 Senior Ladies' - Gross Champion Carol White 2024 Senior Ladies' – Net Champion Lanell Burgsteden 2024 Super Senior Ladies' - Gross Champion Liz Kirkby

2024 Super Senior Ladies' – Net Champion

In addition to these primary golfing events this year, we also had a very popular and successful Member/Member Tournament, a first ever Blue vs. Red Match Play Tournament which was very well received, and a Mixed Doubles Tournament that was sold out the first week! These tournaments were always followed up with wonderful social events afterwards for everyone to enjoy some great food and time to brag about the results of the day.

Shirley Bonsteel

Our Annual General Meeting was a huge success this year with over 95 members in attendance. Some very important membership business was accomplished, including some important By-Law Revisions and the appointment of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

We are pleased that Ann Thomas and Don Cormier will continue as Co-chairs of the 'Nine and Dine" for 2024-2025. This program is designed to encourage non-members, especially new golfers and all regular members to enjoy a fun and non-competitive 9 holes of golf, followed by a casual social dinner.

This year's Annual Dinner Dance and Awards ceremony was held Saturday, March 7th. Special thank you to Sharon McDonald who transformed the CANAM into a warm and intimate venue to hold the Dinner Dance. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious meal catered by Chef Jimmy as well as great dance music by "The Royz Band."

The executive strongly recommends that those of you who love the game of golf join us, we would love to have you come along and share in all this fun!

LADIES GOLF LEAGUE (LGL) - LaNell Burgsteden, Vice-Captain



This very successful golf season was blessed with a membership of 113 ladies.

In February some members participated in the Senior & Super Senior Tournaments as well as the Flight Tournament. Carol White was the gross score winner, and LaNell Burgsteden had the low net score in the Senior event. Liz Kirkby was the gross score winner and Shirley Bonsteel was the

net score winner in the Super Senior event. Well done ladies!

Also, congratulations to the winners of the Flight tournament: A flight winner – Joyce Stark, B flight winner – Jeanne Gaston, C flight winner – Debbie Bedford, and D flight winner – Linda Colgan. Good shooting, ladies!

Cheers to the winners of the Maple Leaf Club Championships – Debbie Bowe was the gross score winner by one stroke over Jane Roberston who was the low net winner. That must have been a battle for 3 days!

We must recognize and thank our own **Jane Close**, the intrepid volunteer in the golf shack who, every Tuesday, braved early tee-off times and sometimes very chilly weather to get our ladies organized and ready for their games. Our Golf Professional, **Nathan Wilson**, and his **Pro Shop team** continue to be a huge support to the Ladies Golf League.

The Ladies League executives for next season will look like this:

- Captain LaNell Burgsteden
- Vice-Captain Jeanne Gaston
- Secretary Debbie Bedford
- Treasurer Debbie Bowe

We hope you enjoyed your golf season this year. Have a super summer and see you once again next fall for another season of friendship and easy swings!

HOLE IN ONE



Fellow Golfers Here's to Us!!!

March's celebration was a St. Patrick's Day theme and seemed very much appreciated. It was well attended. The HIO Celebration had 247 members. The celebration was the last one for this season that included a recap of the class of 23-24 so far.

HIO members that obtain a HIO between now and October 31, 2024 will receive their award in November under the 23-24 class.

HIO CLASS 23-24

Gary Croskey, Tim Koch, Wally Olsen, Marie Vanderharst, Oleh Kupraty, Ron Keyes, Dave Hodgson, Pat O'Leary, Jim Gorman, Brad James, Tim Koch (2nd one) Steve White. Congratulations on your good fortune.

Kathy and I thank all the "HELPING HANDS" and "Culinary Artist" along with volunteers that brought appetizers and desserts to the last meeting. They were outstanding and displayed voluntarism at its best. The list of volunteers manning the different stations is large and naming people would be too risky of forgetting someone, so thank you everyone!

We thank everyone for joining and attending the meetings.

HIO Captain- Ray (Tuke) Matukewicz 570-640-4478 ...Kathy 570-617-4323 This is my last Accents article. Larry Cheeseman will be the new Captain for the HIO 24-25 class.

MIXED FUN LEAGUE - Heather Chick



THANKS to everyone for a terrific season! Each week had an excellent turnout, and everyone had a great time! Hope to see you all back next year!

For those of you who didn't join us this year, the Mixed Fun League plays on Thursday mornings, sign up is weekly. This is an enjoyable social league and a great opportunity for new golfers to have fun and meet some new friends. The members also enjoy several social events throughout the season. It is open to golf association members and non-

members, residents, and non-residents.

Player membership is \$25 per person for the season. This covers the cost of prizes each week. Any combination of men and lady players may join as partners OR individuals can sign up and will be placed on a team each week.

<u>PLAY</u>

Most of the games will be in the scramble format. Each player tees off and the team selects the best shot. All players shoot from that position. This continues until the ball is in the hole. Once a month there will be a "special" FUN format with extra prizes.

PRIZES

There will be 4 ladies' and four men's "closest to the pin o" prizes each week as well as 4 top team prizes based on team handicaps. All players are encouraged to have an official handicap in order to determine accurate net scores. NOTE: You may have to, on occasion, play with others who do not yet have an established handicap.

2024-2025 SEASON

The season will run every Thursday from November 7 until March 27. To join, contact the Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

Heather Chick – Lot 916 – 416-998-9979 heather.chick17@gmail.com Don Bernier – Lot 865 – 416-573-3200 dbernier55@gmail.com

ARTS AND CRAFTS - Lisa Oliver, Past President

Thank you to everyone in Maple Leaf that came out to support our Annual Arts & Crafts Show. Most importantly, thank you to all the teachers and students that made this fabulous season such a success. We had 54 classes and 275 members participating this season.











This is the slate of officers that were elected to serve for the 2024-25 season:

President: Linda Wiltfong
Past President: Lisa Oliver

Vice president: Jeanine Robinson

Registrar: Donna Karg

Membership: Jolene Scofield

Show Convener: Denise Holland
Special Events: Cathy Cheeseman
Communication: Sue Ren
Treasurer: Fara Stalker
Secretary: Sylvia Rose

SUMMER CLASSES

OPEN STUDIO (all arts and crafts welcome)

Meet on Sunday afternoons, 1 to 4 pm at the Rampart. March 24th through October 27th Class fee for members is \$30, nonmembers will need to buy a membership of \$20

Curious to see what it is all about ,stop in on April 3rd to check it out before you sign up.

QUILTING / SEWING OPEN STUDIO

Meets on Monday mornings at the Rampart from 9 to noon starting April 4th. Sign up on Friday mornings at the Rampart from 9 and noon. Class fee for members is \$30, nonmembers will need to buy a membership of \$20

BOCCE CLUB – Gilles Paquette, Club President

The Maple Leaf Bocce Club held our last meeting of the year with our AGM on March 21st. Review, discussions and elections for next year's season were concluded and the Club has voted to keep our fee structure as is for next seasons membership. Membership will be \$40 per member, which includes many Social Functions organized by the Club. Membership drive or sign up will be Nov. 7, 2024 at the Queensway, between 11:00am and 1:00pm. The Club is still waiting after 3 years for sun covers, and progress seems to be on the horizon. We are told that the shades will be in by next season's opener.



The Competitive league finished its season on March 17th. with the playoffs finally seeing the Brigade win it all. Congratulations to all competitors for a wonderful season. See you next season.



The Bocce Club wishes to send warm farewells to all our members and all potential future members. Please have a safe return home if you are from the great white north. See you back next season for what we hope will be our best.

BILLIARDS – Dave Parker

All the Billiards events are done for the season, but we could congratulate our champions



9 BALL

Homer Fournier 1st place Tim Jones 2nd place

8 BALL

Jim Miller 1st place
Al Jensen 2nd place

SNOOKER

Jim Miller 1st place Al Jensen 2nd place

MONDAY NIGHT 8 BALL LEAGUE CHAMPION

Tim Jones

Although there are no formal events during the summer, the billiards room remains open throughout the summer season .

LAWN BOWLING - Guy Montanaro

March, again, was full of activities and bringing the season officially to an end on March 23. Lawn Bowling "rolled" by quickly, but a fun time was enjoyed by all members. Members are still able to bowl as long as we have drawmasters.





On March 1, 2024 the Maple Leaf **TROPHY TOURNAMENT** was held.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Dave Burrows, Lynn Searby, Tom Howat.

SECOND PLACE WINNERS: Guy Montanaro, Heather Comba, Al Misener

THIRD PLACE WINNERS: Shirley Judge, Martin Gray, Dee Livingstone

FOURTH PLACE WINNERS: John McBain, Phyllis Dalgleish, Jim Matthews

On March 7th, the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club invited the KINGS GATE LAWN BOWLING CLUB to a fun day of lawn bowling. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed the socializing.

On Saturday, March 9th the Maple Leaf Lawn Bowling Club held its final tournament of the season, the **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**. It was quite an exciting day with some close games as spectators cheered on all the players. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the participants.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Guy Montanaro, Shirley Judge, Bob Livingstone

SECOND PLACE WINNERS: Brian Butler, Lynn Searby, Tom

THIRD PLACE WINNERS: Martin Gray, Cheryl McBain, Al Misener

FOURTH PLACE WINNERS: John McBain, Wilma Visscher, Fred Cockburn





On March 19th, the Lawn Bowling Club held its **final FIXED LEAGUE games**.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Mike Searby and Dennis Rawlings. SECOND PLACE WINNERS: Phil Payne and John McBain

On March 20th, the Lawn Bowling Club held its **AGM FAREWELL PARTY**. It was held at the Queensway at 10:30 am, followed by lunch and social interaction. Below are the Executive Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons on the Board for the 2024-2025 season.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President: Phyllis Dalgleish Vice President: TBD Treasurer: Jim Judge Secretary: Ron Logel-Casey

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS:

Greens & Drawmasters Committee: Brian Butler

Property Committee: Al Misener

Tournament Committee: Cheryl McBain Membership Committee: Lynn Searby

Social Committee: Susan Butler

Publicity: Guy Montanaro

Instruction Committee: Heather Comba Rating & Nomination Committee: Jan Collings

Inter-club Committee: Alice MacLean

On March 23rd, the Lawn Bowling Club will hold a **FUN DAY AND BBQ** for club members at the CHARLOTTE CENTER from 9:30-1:00 P.M.

FINALLY, we look forward to next season and will be encouraging people to try lawn bowling. There's no commitment. It's just to help people learn a new game and see if it's a club they might like to join.

SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL AND SEE EVERYONE WHEN YOU RETURN TO PARADISE.

MAPLE LEAF TENNIS CLUB – Naznin Meghji, Communications Director

For more information, please visit our website at https://www.mapleleaftennis.org

The end of 2023-2024 season is fast approaching and we can all look back to a successful year and wonderful memories.

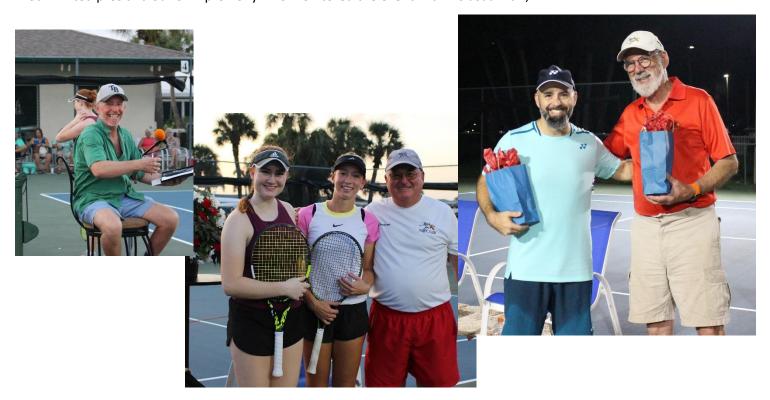


The Novice Tennis Tournament was held on Saturday, February 24th. Six 2023-24 "graduates" of the Taste of Tennis program participated. In each Round four players played 4 games with each of the others as their partner. So, there were three Rounds played. **Keith & Nancy McGruer** were at the courtside to help in the process.

Club members came out and cheered these beginners. Many of them are alumni of Taste of Tennis! Below are the participants in the Novice Tennis: From left to right are Charley Guy, Liz Semkowich, Jan Field, Doug Henderson, Bonnie Guy and Shannon Parker.

1st place: Jan Field, 2nd place: Charley Guy, 3rd place: Bonnie Guy

Our Pro-Invitational event took place under the beautiful lights of the Can-Am Courts. An exciting event with some fabulous tennis, hot dogs and drinks and many were lucky to win prizes from the raffle tickets. Many thanks to Margie, Lindsay, Barb and Murray and all the other court volunteers for a very well organized and enjoyable event and of course our invited pros and our own pro Tony who monitored the event with his usual flair,



The Maple Leaf Tennis Hulling Day took place on March 12 and the Strawberry Festival on March 13. Both very successful events with Lorette Pinto as "Me the Magician", great Strawberry Shortcake desert and terrific music. Please look elsewhere in Accents for highlights of these popular events.





Our Championship Day took place on March 18, resulting in approximately 8 rounds of round robin in the three categories: Men's Doubles Championship, Ladies Doubles Championship and Mixed Doubles Championship. As usual Lindsay Brannen, Mike Pitz, Judy Simser and Sandy Gladman worked very hard in bringing this event to Thanks also for the wonderful food and beverages and the prizes for the winners.

Men's Doubles

A: Rob Chang and Frank Grano B: Richard Wood and Tom Cynkar;

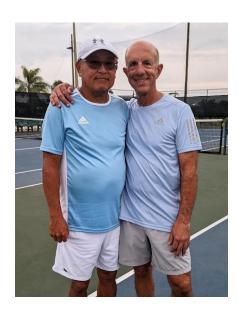
Ladies Doubles

A: Eva Robertson and Kelly Robertson. B: Julie Twyford and Frances Grano;

Mixed Doubles

A: Kelly Robertson and Don Farrow B: Ken Anderson and Frances Grano.













CONGRATULATIONS to all!

By the time this issue is published, the ML Tennis Club AGM and Social will have taken place being was hosted by the ladies 3.5 B Double Trouble and the Men's B5 Orange Crush. The AGM promises to be informative and productive. Election results and highlights will be in the May issue of Accents.

Our most awaited Event "The Maple Leaf Cup" will have taken place by the time this issue is published. Stay tuned for the highlights in the May Issue.

Many thanks to the outgoing Executive members and especially everyone who volunteered in one way or another. Thank you for your continued effort and dedication.

The women's 50+ Tennis League is exploring the possibility of creating a 75+ division. We are interested in finding out how many Maple Leaf women might be interested in playing on a tennis league team for women 75 years and over. No further details are available yet.

If you are interested, please email Karen Vanleeuwen at kvanleeu@gmail.com.

It's hard to believe the time has come for some of us to be thinking of heading north for the summer. Whether you leave temporarily or spend the year at ML, please enjoy good health and good times until we meet again...and Keep Hitting the Ball!



MAPLE LEAF PICKLEBALL CLUB - Colette Papineau



Another season drawing to a close. It has been BUUUUUSY, as everything seems to have returned to pre-Covid, pre-Ian normalcy... two new courts, new tables and benches, shades and parasols, and more to come as our Beautification Committee brings their vision to reality. The Club welcomed 313 players this season.

Our AGM, held on March 19th, recognized the many, many volunteers it takes to make this Club the most welcoming, exciting and competitive group that it is... Ladders and Fun Tournaments, Divorce Court, Intro Classes and Pro Clinics, Poker Run and Dances, and our Website and Facebook Page, all collectively draw this family together under our new logo and mission statement:



2024 Club Championship

This year's Club Championship was held Feb 23-25. Which included 4 levels of play with both a Men's, Women's and for the first time a Mixed Doubles Category. Nearly 100 people participated in the 3-day event. Please congratulate the participants.

2024 PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Feb 23rd – 25th

Winners

Runners-up

Al McCallum and Georgia Lavallie	Rick DePauw and Wanda McCallum
Art Brown and Cheryl Kuss	Jim Judge and Benita Barbieri
Tammy Sanders and Jesse Hanson	Larry Campbell and Sandy Libby
Fred Cockburn and Pat Kenton	John Boag and Patti Carter
Dianna Scheffler and Bonnie Guy	Joan Maranville and Georgia Lavallie
Debra Hill and Yvonne Erhart	Cheryl Kuss and Bonita Bartieri
Karen Sabo and Diana Elsemiller.	Diana Martin and Wendy Muzkya.
Pat Kenton and Grace Buchanan	Andree Cockburn and Deb Conte
Al McCallum and Charlie Guy	Tim Kirkwood and Don MacDonald
John Parisey and Kevin Lewis	Art Brown and Ray Ruddich.
John Klunk and Dan Elsemiller	Roger Marsh and Rob Freestone
Rob Kenton and Joe Benolken	Fred Cockburn and Joe Potter
	Art Brown and Cheryl Kuss Tammy Sanders and Jesse Hanson Fred Cockburn and Pat Kenton Dianna Scheffler and Bonnie Guy Debra Hill and Yvonne Erhart Karen Sabo and Diana Elsemiller. Pat Kenton and Grace Buchanan Al McCallum and Charlie Guy John Parisey and Kevin Lewis John Klunk and Dan Elsemiller

Congratulations to our newly elected 2024 - 2025 MLPC Board

- Karen Newman President
- John Boag Vice President
- Fred Borden Treasurer
- Dave Robinson Site Coordinator/Scheduling
- Patti Carter Player Development
- Deb Oliphant Social Committee
- Colette Papineau Secretary
- Mike Klatt Past President

2024-25 Season Key Dates

- Nov 12 Registration Night QW
- Dec 15 Dance at QW with Lori D and Jimmy B
- Jan 18 Poker Run #2
- Feb 21-23 Club Championship
- Mar 18 AGM Meeting QW
- Mar 30 Dance at QW featuring Kollections

Divorce Court Group from Feb 13th. This event was so popular Tom Oliphant had to organize a second one on March 12th.



During Divorce Court each team played 6 games, each game being of a different format. One game had 2 balls played at same time, one had a ping pong paddle and a cat litter scoop instead of regular paddles, one game was only dinking. Lots of good laughs and fun for all who participated.





L - Dave Robinson accepts a Thank You gift from Tom Oliphant and the MLPC for his hours of dedication in designing and fabricating our Championship trophies.

R – Brenda Laughhunn, Debbie Oliphant and Linzie Laughhunn show their Pickleball spirit during the 2024 Championship.

SHUFFLEBOARD – Carol Misener



We held our AGM on Saturday March 16th at the Country Club with 120 in attendance and enjoyed a fried chicken buffet. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. The board members have all agreed to stay on for another season.

The shuffle competitive playoffs were won by Kathy Smith and Dawn Brocklehurst. The consolation winners were Werner Eichberg and Glenn Houghton.

We had a great year of shuffle with 168 participants and lots of good times. The captains are to let their participants know the last date they are available to play.

Wishing everyone safe travels and a great summer looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Don't forget to pencil in our tentative signup date for Shuffle in the Fall, November 07/2024.

LINE DANCING – Denise Holland

QUEENSWAY, Wednesdays, 6 pm for help, 6:30 beginners, 7-8 pm for Everyone.

Line dancing continues in the Queensway, March, April, but may change to CanAm for Summer. Watch for posts in the May Accents, on "The Leaf" and Facebook, for the time and place for Summer Line Dancing.



A social was held, March 20, midway, it was a good time to relax, chat and munch on some goodies before we were back up and keeping the feet Happy.



On behalf of the Line Dance Team, Happy Easter Everyone. Naida Johnson, Jane Pauls,

Corrine Brownridge, Denise Holland.

Special Mention & Thanks to instructors Lise/Gord & Jackie- our Contra instructor.

LATIN CARDIO - Denise Holland



GREAT SEASON! Fun times in the CanAm, Monday-Wed-Friday from 9am - 9:45 am

Watch "The Leaf" go to MLGCCTV on your browser or watch ML Community Facebook for updates.

Wear comfy clothes, good shoes and bring water. If you want to laugh, smile and enjoy 45 minutes of good music while stretching and moving, this is for you.

No floor work, everything done on 2 feet, while upright, lol Work at your own pace. Will continue until mid-April, 2024, thankfully, to our volunteers.

MAPLE LEAF WOODWORKERS – Linda Arbogast and Frank Didomizio

There will be no General Meeting in April. These will start up again in the fall. Any new information will be communicated to members through email updates.

March continued to be busy with classes, including pen making on the lathe, making trivets and working with epoxy. Work continues for the Toys for Tots initiative with some new sample projects being prepared to get an early start on the larger effort in the fall. Thanks to David Smith for heading up this initiative.









The Woodworkers exhibit during the Arts and Crafts Show on March 22 and 23 was another success this year. Thanks to many of our members for bringing in their pieces for display and donating pieces for the silent auction and draw prizes (photos will be available for the April Accents).

THE GARDEN CLUB - Norm Harrison



The annual Beautification Fund Memorial service was held on the Tiki deck on March 9th. Participants were Dr. Rev. Paul Wilson, Rev. Deanna Wilson, Soloist Karen Sabo, Keyboardist Vera Struthers. This ceremony acknowledges those for whom contributions have been made in the past year for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions and bereavements. Brochures by Kay Cosgray; readings by Gayla Parent; bells by Dawn Sandum. Refreshments followed at the Can-Am, including an anniversary cake in observance of our 35th year of beautifying Maple Leaf Estates.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

- To assist Maple Leaf Golf and Club Homeowners Corporation in promoting the beauty of Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club.
- To promote gardening skills among the residents and to encourage an appreciation of the beauty of nature at Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club.

Fertilizer for green and open spaces will be applied in the Fall. A second delivery of topsoil was made available to park residents, free of charge. 8 trees were purchased and planted, and 3 additional trees are to be planted at the Sumac/Queensway area = a Bismarck, Poinciana, and Olive. We are projecting another 11 trees for next year.

Additionally, a few trees and bushes were donated and relocated in the park.

- The fund-raising flocking was given a year off.
- Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted.
- Slate of officers for 2024-2025 was elected to take office on Nov. 1, 2024.

The orchid repotting workshop was scheduled for Mar. 30 at the Can-Am at 9:00 AM.

The next regular meeting of the Garden Club is set for Nov. 9, 2024.

To snowbirds - farewell and best wishes for good health.

MAPLE LEAF SINGERS - Rama Jensen, Communications Director





The Maple Leaf Singers would like to thank everyone who came out to support us this season; both for the Ice Cream Social and for our concerts! It was so much fun to see you enjoying what we presented! Truly a labor of love!

We would also like to thank the Flea Market committee for their generous donation of \$500 that was presented by Pat MacAvoy to Mary Canning at last month's Homeowners Meeting! What a blessing!

Also, as a reminder, we are always looking for new people who like to spread the joy of song at Maple Leaf. We start practices in November but accept anyone interested throughout the season! You do NOT need to know how to read music to join us!

COMPUTER CLUB - Denise Holland



While looking ahead with expectations for next Season, I can't help but reflect on the past. It's been VERY challenging. However, the Support and Energy we have received is Outstanding! We have always been proud of our Club, our services, of being a vibrant part of MapleLeaf. We can now look forward to being back to "normal" next season and your Support contributed highly towards that goal.

Thank you, Merci, Gracias, are all words that say simply, Thank you; How grateful we

are.

We held our first 50/ (50)(30)(20) Draw, which has the Computer Club plus 3 others, as winners. How great is that? Congratulations to the Lucky Winners, Beth V, Donna S, and Suzi S. THANK YOU ALL for PLAYING!

Some super exciting news, the Wi-Fi has been reinstated in the Clubhouse, while it took the full season to achieve, we are happy and barring any unforeseen problems we should be able to jump right into Action when we return late Oct. As a member, you could have OUTSIDE password protected Wi-Fi using your code, on back of card, however, if the WIFI goes down, due to storms, etc. we most likely cannot fix it until we return.

We are looking for a year-round person who may be able to help. Give me a call, Denise-941-391-6394 Thank you.

We are expanding our Help for Members with the addition of Mike Dwyer, another MAC user with a wealth of information to share! Thank you, Mike! Welcome Aboard as a Volunteer, our Members will be happy to meet you.

If you know how to use a Samsung, or other type of Android, please contact me, we have need of your expertise, only an hour or 2 per month, yes, per month, can put smiles on people, we know it makes us feel good.

The Computer club will be open for help, aka Trouble Shooting, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 am - noon, starting in December, if you can't make it then, call, and we will try to schedule an appt. We expect this Trouble Shooting will take place at the Club Room, beside the Library. YES! back home!

We wish everyone safe travels as they journey home, visit friends, now and always, but especially during the Easter Season. Thank you for a Wonderful, Exceptional Season.

Sincerely, Denise Holland, President

On behalf of a Great Team, Dan LaHaise, Bev Murray, Barry Holland, Jane Pauls, John Lock





We are filled with gratitude for the many friends who helped organize the Celebration of Life for Elizabeth (Betty) Hayes. We were overwhelmed with the response for contributions of food and help. We very much appreciated the outpouring of sympathy through hugs, cards, flowers, a prayer shawl and visits. Betty loved Maple Leaf and would have been pleased to see so many friends celebrate her life.

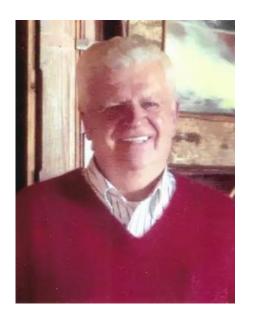
Mike Hayes & family,

Barb and Jim Dunlop

Don Sabin

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Passed February 17, 2024





Joan C. Esposito
75 McKenzie
Passed March 21, 2024

A Memorial Service for Joan will be held 11:00am, On Thurs., April 11th at Roberson Funeral Home, 2151 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, Fl.





Below is a weekly schedule of activities and classes. Some classes may be cancelled due to end of the Season

Sunday	Partners Bridge 7:00 pm – CH	
Monday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am — Qw pool Water Aerobic 9:00am — CH pool	Duplicate Bridge 6:30 pm – CA Euchre 7:00 pm CH Pool Room Shuffleboard 7:00 pm – CA courts
Tuesday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am – Qw pool Water Aerobic -9:00am – CH Pool Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am - CH Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - Qw	Mahjong 12:30 pm - CH Pinochle 7:00 pm - CH
Wednesday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am – Qw pool Water Aerobic -9:00 am – CH pool Social Duplicate Bridge 12:45 pm – CA	Darts 1:00 pm – CH Cribbage 6:30 pm – CH Line Dancing 6:30 pm - Qw Duplicate Bridge 6:30 pm - CA Shuffleboard 7:00 pm – CA courts
Thursday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw pool Cornhole 8:45 am CA Water Fitness – 9:00 am - Qw pool	Water Aerobic -9:00 am – CH pool Horseshoes 9:30 am – pit Mahjong 12:30 pm – CH Karaoke 5:30 pm – CH Bingo 6:45 pm – CA
Friday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw pool Gentle /Chair Yoga 9:00 am - Qw Water Aerobic 9:00am – CH pool	Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - Qw Shuffleboard 1:00 pm - Court Bid Euchre 7:00 pm - CH
Saturday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw Pool	



NOTE: Sundeck (Su) has been replaced with Tiki Hut (Tk)

Below are events that do not occur every week. See all retail specials on the next page.

March 30	Garden Club Orchid Presentation (all residents invited) 9:00 am - CA
March 31	Easter Buffet – Doors open at 11:00 am – CC
April 1	Homeowners Meeting 9:30 am – Qw
April 4	Women's Breakfast 9:00 am – SB
April 5	Ontario Party doors open 3:30 pm - Qw
April 7	Golf – Spring Fling / Superintendent's Revenge and Dinner - CC
April 12	DJ Bingo – Doors open 4:00 pm – Bingo Starts at 6:00 pm Qw
April 17	ON-SPOT Dermatology testing – CC parking lot
April 21	Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm – CA
May 1	Coffee Hour 9:30 - CA

CC- Country Club/ CA- CanAm/CH-Charlotte Center / Qw- Queensway/ RP - Rampart Center/SB - Sandbar/ Tk-Tiki Hut



Dining Hours

Breakfast Mon., Tues., Thurs.- Sat. 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Lunch Monday - Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dinner Tuesday (Happy Hour) 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am - Noon

Wed. Thurs. & Friday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

When making reservations for the Country Club... Please don't call. Instead Email: mlreservations@gmail.com

Country Club & Sandbar Happenings

04/02 Tues. Holly Rae

04/03 Wed. Fried Chicken Night

04/04 Thurs. Hot Mix 04/05 Fri. Fish Fry 04/09 Tues. Joe Guerzo

04/12 Fri. DJ Bingo (Fish Fry) 04/16 Tues. Maria Nazzaro 04/17 Wed. Fried Chicken

04/19 Fri. Fish Fry

04/23 Tues. Steve Haines 04/24 Wed. Seafood Buffet

04/26 Fri. Fish Fry

04/28 Sunday The Royz Band04/30 Tues. Jonny Puma

Tiki Hut Happenings

Playing 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Unless otherwise posted

Below is the entertainment that has been scheduled so far.





April 1 - Diversity Band

April 5 - Kevin Paul

April 6 - Kokomo Joe

April 8 - Diversity Band (last appearance until Nov.)

April 12 - Rox Pop Duo

April 13 - Rockin Rick

Country Club Entertainment for April

Easter Brunch Buffet

March 31, 2024

Doors open at 11 pm Club closed at 3pm

Soup and Salad Bar

Carved: Prime Rib of Beef au jus &
Plum Glazed Leg Of Lamb with Rosemary Plum sauce

Shrimp Cocktail

Devil Eggs Southern Style

Bruschetta over Toasted Crostini's

Omelet Station

Honey Baked Ham with Pineapple Bourbon Glaze

Lemon Pepper Grilled Chicken

Pan Seared Redfish with Sundried Tomato Beurre Blanc

Fresh Vegetable Medley

Garden Wild Rice / Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Assorted Dessert Table

Cost: Adults - \$32.95

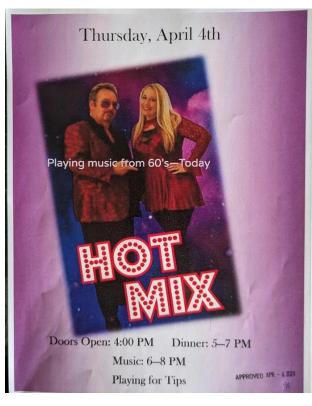
Children (10 & under) \$14.95

Unlimited Champagne or House Wine for only \$14.95

Prices are subject to 7% Florida sales tax & 20% gratu

For Reservations Email: mlgccreservations@gmail.com







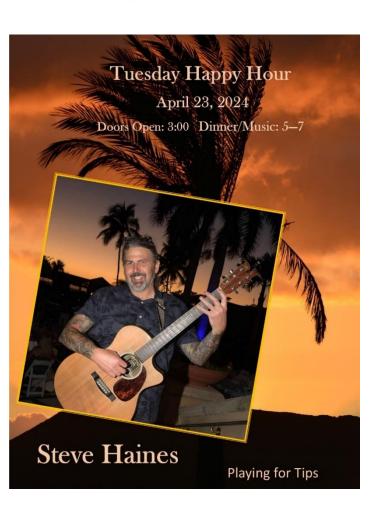


4pm to 7pm

Tickets on sale now at the Park Office

or purchase at the door.

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This is a Sunday Event

