

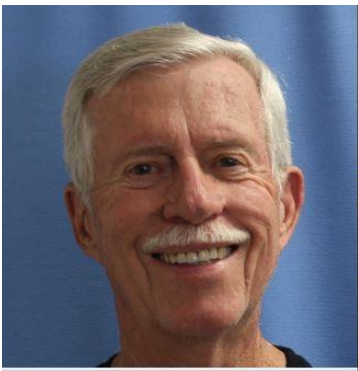


# Accents

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## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER** – *Phil Graham, Golf Committee Chairperson*



Hello. As I write this, mid-July, the Summer heat and humidity is in full force. Morning tee times are a priority for all golfers. Only the hardest play in mid-day.

The course will have had whole course aeration in June, July, and August. Wall-to-wall weed control will have been completed in August, with wall-to-wall fertilization in September. Expect a new look for the course due to a change from mulch to pine straw in areas that require weed control.

The 4th of July scramble was a great success with excellent turnout on a very hot day.

The annual employee/resident scramble is scheduled for August 23rd, with signup starting August 9th.

A great Labor day scramble turnout is anticipated again for the start of the new season. The Pro shop is well stocked for all golfers needs, and October will see new arrivals.

Registration forms for memberships to the 24/25 season is on the Maple Leaf website at the Golf page. The membership signup will start in September and our northern residents are encouraged to mail in the registration fee with a check, or a note stating to charge the fee to your house account. This will greatly reduce the workload of the Pro shop staff.

We look forward to having our northern residents back to enjoy the excellent condition of our course.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - *Jim Harrison*



Hoping that everyone is enjoying a safe and uneventful Summer Season. September is just around the corner and many of you will be making plans for your return for the new season. For those here year-round, we have been having a quiet season with abnormal stretches of warm and humid days. Many of the days have seen heat indexes in triple figures. We all are watching this Hurricane Season with hopes of nothing coming our way. Only time will tell.

Sign up for the new Golf Season will be arriving soon. The new rates and applications went out with the July Newsletter. The new season begins on

October 1, 2024. Seasonal memberships end May 31, 2025. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the golf course.

For those of you that might have missed it, Jimmy Dinh resigned from his position recently as Restaurant Manager. Anthony Bonanni has just started and brings decades of culinary experience to Maple Leaf. We wish him well.

The seawall will be finished by the time this is published. We look forward to the completion of this project and many other projects we have going on around the park. The project manager for the Woodworking Shop is optimistic that the necessary permits will be forthcoming anytime. New plans needed to be submitted to adjust to the new codes for 2024.

Paving projects are scheduled for September. The Maple Leaf Staff have been working diligently to complete many various projects around the park. Many of these have been updated by Mitch Krach and will be monitored daily.

Tyler Kline has created a new Website for Maple Leaf and information and registration procedures will be coming out shortly. This new site will combine activities and make it more user friendly. The board is excited about this new site. It will bring our new site into this century. I believe everyone will like it once they become familiar with all that it has to offer.

Looking forward to the new season and seeing everyone enjoying all that is offered here at Maple Leaf.

## **COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY** - Kay Cosgray, Chairperson



As you are reading this, the new Maple Leaf website, we discussed during the Zoom call in June, is rolling out to all residents. We strongly encourage everyone to register for the site at <https://mapleleafgcc.org/#Register>. As a reminder, each member of your household should create their own account, especially if you are each involved in different activities, clubs or special interests. The site provides an individualized experience for each person in the community, allowing everyone to get the most out of all the things offered here at Maple Leaf.

The site will continue to grow and evolve as more clubs and groups become fully integrated, with our hope being that by the 2025-26 season, it has become the de facto source of Maple Leaf information. More information about the website can be found [here](#), as well as information on the foundational OneClub framework [here](#).

## GENERAL MANAGER – *Mitch Krach*



I am certain, many of you will be returning to Maple Leaf following this September-October edition of “Accents “ If you have not been receiving our weekly updates, please send us an email with your email address to [info@mapleleafgcc.net](mailto:info@mapleleafgcc.net) and we will be sure to add you to the distribution list.

***Weather and Hurricane Season*** In addition to an atypical dry Summer, the forecasters predict a busier than normal tropical season, so we need to remain diligent. The staff have implemented all hurricane preparedness measures. September is normally an active month, as we are all too aware from previous years, and our homeowners should not be complacent, but rather plan ahead. August 13th was the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Charley. Maple Leaf was almost totally wiped out. Over 90% of homes were destroyed or damaged. Over 400 homes had to be removed and replaced. The Queensway Clubhouse had to be demolished.

***Property Taxes*** All certificate holders should now have received their TRIM Notice, or estimated proposed property taxes, from the Charlotte County Property Appraiser. The market value and assessed value of your lot remains generally the same as last year. The County uses recent sales by lot classifications as part of the calculation to determine home values and combines that with the assessed value of your lot, which is determined by a mathematical formula, to determine total value. Your property taxes are determined based on the value and your non-ad valorem assessments are at a set rate for each homeowner.

***Major Projects*** We still plan to have the Woodworker’s and restroom projects are well under way prior to the upcoming season. Patrick and our maintenance staff have been busy making repairs and sprucing up many areas inside, and outdoors, around the community. Upon return, I am sure you will see the difference. New shades for the Bocce courts have been delivered and are awaiting installation.

***Resident Entrance to the Park.*** The system is in place at the front gate that allows for visitor passes to be printed at the gate, sent via email, as well as better management for access control. If you are not well versed in the use of this system our office staff is prepared to assist you. Please utilize the Gatehouse Ap to grant access for your guests and vendors.

***Golf Course and Pro Shop.*** The 2024-2025 Golf Letter and Membership Application were included with the July Newsletter, included in the weekly eblast. We are now accepting the membership applications and payment. The golf course is in excellent condition and Superintendent David Boyce will comment further in his article. The Pro Shop has new merchandise arriving all the time. We look forward to a great golfing season.

***Lot Care.*** Some of you have received letters and pictures reflecting that you lot has overgrown weeds and shrubs or that your home requires pressure cleaning. Our community standards do not change in the summer; but it is much more difficult to maintain your landscaping when the temperatures are in the 90’s, the rain happens often and the growth can be six inches weekly. Those high temperatures and humidity also contribute to the growth of mold on your manufactured home. We ask for your understanding if you receive the letter and pictures.

***Park Telephone Directory.*** Any changes for the 2025 Park Telephone Directory must be received by January 31st.

***Fitness Center.*** Memberships expire on October 31<sup>st</sup> but can be renewed for the new membership year when you return. With recently added new equipment, membership is still a bargain to help you stay fit.

**Sandbar & Country Club** Thank you to all our year-round residents for your support of the Sandbar & Country Club throughout the Summer. Anthony Bonanni, our new Food & Beverage Manager, has some great events planned for the upcoming season. The Tiki Bar will re-open soon with many improvements since last season.

**Maple Leaf id card capabilities are here:** Current fitness cards and pedestrian gate cards can be used to access your house charge privileges in the Country Club/Sandbar and Pro Shop. If you have one of these cards, stop by the office and Jane will activate this feature for you. Those residents that do not currently have one of these cards can purchase the upgraded id card for \$10. Residents wishing to “house charge” must present a valid card to assure charges to the proper account.

**Keeping the Park Office Updated.** We request that you notify the Park Office when you return for the winter season. Likewise, we request that you notify us when you depart for the summer. Please fill out the Resident Absentee Form, as this facilitates knowing how and where to contact you as well as where to send any mail from the Corporation. If you did not receive the July “Summer Letter” via email, stop by and fill out the Authorization Form so we can update our records.

**Finances at a Glance.** The latest financial information update follows. Note that our operating budget status through July is close to on track. Capital projects will continue through year-end.

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

## ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS – *Gayla Parent, VP Activities*



September and October are a bit slow for Activities.

Octoberfest Menu will be offered on Sept 26.

It is impossible to put on as many activities and events as we do without having the tremendous support of our volunteer-minded community. It does indeed take a village, and we all have created THE BEST OF THE BEST.

We are looking to expand our Health and Wellness minded Events and Expos for next season. Suggestions of vendors or services you would like considered are greatly appreciated. The **Health Expo** will be Nov. 18th in Queensway.

**Party In the Park** will be Sunday, Nov 3rd. The music is by The Kollections in the Tiki Hut. Vendors are asked to email Joan Clayton at [jclay432@aol.com](mailto:jclay432@aol.com) with any questions.

for the latest updates on these activities, please check The Leaf, The Website and the Friday email blasts.

**RETAIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** SANDBAR, TIKI BAR, & COUNTRY CLUB-  
Gayla Parent, Committee Chair

We have a new Executive Chef. His name is Anthony Bonanni. He comes to us with a great deal of experience and he has no plans to make any major changes. Jimmy Dinh's family obligations became his primary concern. We thank him for all the incredible hard work over the years and wish him well in his future endeavors. Lexi Bombenger is our Front-End Manager. There will be a few changes to the dining room service and table reservations. Tables can be reserved for 4 tops, 6 tops, and 8 tops. If you have a specific table request, please make it online at the same time you make your reservation. There will no longer be standing, seasonal reservations. You may, however, reserve a table 1 week in advance. i.e. Next Tuesday request may be put in on this Tuesday.

Food Service will begin at 4:00 pm instead of 5:00 pm. Nov 1st, entertainment, on Tuesday night, will begin at 5:30 instead of 5:00. This will enable a longer/quieter dining experience.

DJ Bingo continues to rock the house. Next one is scheduled for **Sept 6 and again Oct 4**. You can select your table when you purchase your ticket, so there is no need to rush to the door for your favorite seat. 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. We will be adding A Trivia Night, hosted by Mr. Game Show on **Oct 25th. Entry fee is \$5.00**

The Sandbar is open for breakfast and lunch— Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00 am to 2:00. Sun 8:00 am to 11:00 am, CLOSED on Wednesdays. Tiki (Sundeck) hours of operation- Open deck is Sunday 10am-6pm. Come and share the deck with neighbors and friends (BYOB) The Tiki can be booked for private affairs through Jane in the office. The TIKI BAR will only be open on the evenings when we have entertainment, with the Grill Menu from 4-7pm.

**Entertainment for Tiki and Grill Menu:**

**August 31, Saturday, Holly Rae**

**September 7th. Saturday. Pop ROX**

**September 13th, Friday. Rocking Rick**

**September 20th Friday. Gator Moon**

**October 5th, Saturday, Gator Moon**

**October 11th, Friday. Pop ROX**

**October 26, Saturday, Rockin Rick**

Hope you all are enjoying your summer and fall. We look forward to your return.

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](mailto:mlgccreservations@gmail.com). Let Anthony & The Staff know you're coming so they can better serve you.

**GOLF PRO SHOP** – *Nathan Wilson, Golf Pro*



**2024 Summer hole-in-one's**

- |                 |         |           |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| • Brian Coats   | 5/1/24  | Hole # 14 |
| • Charlie Smith | 6/17/24 | Hole # 14 |
| • Walt Hammer   | 6/18/24 | Hole # 3  |
| • Scott Wrigley | 6/22/24 | Hole # 6  |
| • Phil Graham   | 7/18/24 | Hole # 6  |
| • Kevin Woods   | 7/29/24 | Hole # 14 |

## Upcoming Events

- Labor Day Scramble                      September 2nd
- Halloween Scramble                      October 31st

## Golf Memberships

We will start processing the golf memberships for the 2024-2025 season on 9/15/24. All memberships will start on 10/1/2024.

## Deposit Expirations

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Full & Seasonal members merchandise deposit is \$75.00, and the Players Club membership deposit is \$50.00.

## 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 3 - 4 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](mailto:proshop@mapleleafgcc.net)

## **GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT – *David Boyce***



### Golf Course

It has been a very busy summer on the course, from aerification to small projects around the course. It's been a very hot summer, and the guys worked really hard getting the course in great shape.

Over the next few Wednesday closures, we will do some bunker work and sodding some of the weaker areas. We also will be adding some sand into some of the bunkers.

We are going to try something different this season, we will be pine strawing the golf course landscape beds and tree ring. I would like to see what everyone thinks.

### Grounds

We have completed all the new tree planting for this summer in the green spaces around the park. We will continue to replace more trees throughout the upcoming years.

Next month we will start mulching around all the clubhouses then start with the parkettes. This is a time-consuming process and will take a couple weeks to complete.

The second application of ant bait will be done as well as the final trim of the perimeter hedge.

### Irrigation

As always if you have a problem with any irrigation, please contact the office for a work order to be placed, just a reminder in the winter months ahead and more and more residents arriving it can take up to two weeks for us to get through the work orders.

### Lawn Mowing

September will be the last month of laws being mowed every week; in October it will be reduced to every other week.

<b>FINANCES AT A GLANCE</b>					
<b>SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 2024</b>					
	<b>PARK</b>	<b>GOLF</b>	<b>SALES</b>	<b>SB/CC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$3,189,723	\$818,259	\$115,338	\$535,065	\$4,658,385
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$2,644,693	\$805,531	\$4,518	\$608,710	\$4,063,452
<b>REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES</b>	\$545,030	\$12,728	\$110,820	-\$73,645	\$594,933
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$467,022	-\$73,332	\$108,683	-\$43,299	\$459,074
<b>VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	\$78,008	\$86,060	\$2,137	-\$30,346	\$135,859
<b>REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES</b>	\$545,030	\$12,728	\$110,820	-\$73,645	\$594,933
<b>HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	\$882,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$882,400
<b>HURRICANE EXPENSE</b>	-\$221,738	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$221,738
<b>REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP</b>	\$1,205,692	\$12,728	\$110,820	-\$73,645	\$1,255,595
<b>PLUS DEPR/AMORTIZATION EXP</b>	\$575,831	\$791	\$0	\$0	\$576,622
<b>PLUS CERTIFICATE SALES</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL</b>	-\$157,283	-\$34,525	\$0	\$0	-\$191,808
<b>LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	-\$1,283,954	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$1,283,954
<b>*BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS</b>	-\$288,951	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$288,951
<b>CURRENT YR CASH INCR/-DECR</b>					\$67,504
<b>CASH/INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2024</b>					\$3,319,076
<b>CASH/INVESTMENTS JUL 31, 2024</b>					\$3,386,580
<b>MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL JUL 31, 2024</b>					\$6,836,852
<b>NET DEBT JUL 31, 2024</b>					-\$3,450,272
<b>FOR THE CURRENT MONTH ENDING JUL 31, 2024</b>					
	<b>PARK</b>	<b>GOLF</b>	<b>SALES</b>	<b>SB/CC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$447,616	\$40,675	\$10,618	\$25,216	\$524,125
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$407,163	\$100,366	\$520	\$49,662	\$557,711
<b>REVENUE OVER/-UNDER EXP</b>	\$40,453	-\$59,691	\$10,098	-\$24,446	-\$33,586
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$33,523	-\$64,747	\$7,948	-\$22,835	-\$46,111
<b>VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	\$6,930	\$5,056	\$2,150	-\$1,611	\$12,525
<b>HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>HURRICANE EXPENSES **</b>	\$103,349	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,349
<b>REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP</b>	-\$62,896	-\$59,691	\$10,098	-\$24,446	-\$136,935
<b>*Balance Sheet Adjustments are a comparison to the Balance Sheet of Dec 31, 2023</b>					
<b>**Hurricane Expenses with a life more than a year, were capitalized and added to assets</b>					
<b>MONTHLY FINANCIALS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE MAPLE LEAF WEBSITE</b>					

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

Happy summer everyone! We thanked our resident, Enid Lunt, for the fabulous new color-coded map of Maple Leaf and for providing us with the QR code for all to scan when visiting the sales office in our last newsletter, and we want to thank her again as this was a great gift to the park. Thank you also to all our volunteers in the park who do so much for the park and give so much of their own time.

\*\*\*\*\*The real estate profession's way of doing business has now had some big changes that you may or may not have heard about. The biggest change is that EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL REALTORS® in the country will need a SIGNED Buyer's Property Pre-Touring Agreement BEFORE WE CAN SHOW ANYONE ANY HOMES. This is a new nationwide rule for ALL REALTORS® and will be NONNEGOTIABLE for ANY agent with a REALTOR® designation (those who agree to abide by the National Association of REALTORS® Code of Ethics). If the person we show the homes to decides to make a purchase another document will have to be signed at that time. Let us know if you need us to explain further. As we meet with potential buyers and sellers we will explain in detail.  
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As of August 20, 2024 there were 29 homes active on the market for sale and 5 vacant lots for sale. There are 7 homes in a pending status with a buyer.

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](http://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. The 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, Saturday 11am to 4pm and Sunday by appointment. We can accommodate other hours by appointment also. We have two Florida licensed real estate agents in the Maple Leaf sales office, [VICKIE TEEL](#) Broker Associate and U.S. Army Veteran **(941) 276-6152** and [SHAUNA PLATT](#) sales associate & resident **(941) 661-7377**. 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!





# ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Maple Leaf Business Offices  
Will BE  
**Closed**  
Monday, September 2nd  
For  
**LABOR DAY**  
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

## LABOR Day

September 2nd, 2024  
Served 12 to 2 pm  
**Buffet**  
Coleslaw, Pasta Salad  
Rolls and Butter  
Marinated Grilled Chicken  
BBQ Ribs  
Hot Dogs  
Baked Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
Apple Pie, Brownies & Cookies  
Cost: \$25.00 INCLUSIVE

Prizes for each game!

## DJ BINGO

Music and Bingo what a great combo!

**Friday, September 6th**  
Reserved Seating  
Doors Open at 4 PM  
Bingo Begins 6 PM

Just \$5 to Play!

Fish, Chicken, or Meatball Sandwich  
4pm to 7pm

Tickets on sale now at the Park Office  
or purchase at the door.

# Sundae Sunday

2nd Sunday of Every Month  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
In the CanAm  
\$4.00 for a 2 Scoop Dish  
With your choice of syrup & toppings

## COFFEE HOUR - *Jolene Scofield, moderator*



The last two Coffee Hours for the summer will be September 4th and October 2nd. Coffee Hours are informal Maple Leaf meetings with reports from Corporate, Restaurant, Maintenance, Grounds administrators. All are welcome. Donuts and coffee are served. There even is a time for resident input. See you there.

## MAPLE LEAF RESIDENT DIRECTORY



You can access the on-line version of the Maple Leaf directory by clicking..... [HERE](#)

## HOLE IN ONE CLUB BEGINS

**NOV 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**AVOID THE LINES ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HIO EVENT**

**Early registration will take place**

**Friday, Nov. 8th Noon- 3:00 pm  
at the CanAm**

**\$25.00 per person for the complete season.**



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, Season 2024-2025 - *Jim Harrison*

Hope everyone is enjoying the off season. We are planning to continue the neighborhood watch from November through March. I hope to hear from all of you soon about your availability for the new season. The watch is being planned for a two hour frame each night. The exact timeframe will be announced soon. Tyler Kline is creating a new website for the park. It will be released soon for everyone to sign up. When it is activated you will be able to register for the new season. You will put in the time when you will be in Maple Leaf and can do a shift. You will still be able to exclude certain days or other unavailable times. Please consider being a part of the great volunteer function of Maple Leaf. Paul Smith will continue to be the coordinator for contact and scheduling issues. Tyler Kline will take the place of Kay Cosgray for the scheduling. New people are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me at [jimlee81@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee81@gmail.com). In the meantime, look for the introduction to our new website. This will be a great addition to Maple Leaf and I am most excited to seeing it activated. Thank you again for being a member of the Neighborhood Watch team. For all new volunteers I look forward to welcoming you to this important team.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
PORT CHARLOTTE | ENGLEWOOD | PUNTA GORDA

# CLUBS FOR KIDS 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

## SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 28


**MAPLE LEAF GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
2100 KINGS HWY, PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33980

Please join us on Saturday, September 28th at Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club for our 16th annual Clubs for Kids golf tournament. It only costs \$88 to BE GREAT and help our organization promote GREAT Futures for our local youth! All event proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

**\$350 FOURSOME | \$88 INDIVIDUAL**

INCLUDES GREEN FEE, CART, BREAKFAST, BBQ COOKOUT LUNCH, AND COMPLIMENTARY SOFT DRINKS! GOLF SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, CLOSEST TO THE LINE, HOLE IN ONE CONTEST, 50/50 RAFFLE, AND MORE!

-  **7:30 AM** – Registration/Breakfast starts
- 8:15 AM** – Putting Contest
- 8:30 AM** - Shotgun

HOLE-IN-ONE VEHICLE SPONSOR: 

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT [NRESSEL@BGCOFCC.ORG](mailto:NRESSEL@BGCOFCC.ORG)

21500 GIBRALTER DR. PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33952 | (941)743-1507 | [BGCOFCC.ORG](http://BGCOFCC.ORG)



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## REGISTRATION FORM AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- PRESENTING SPONSOR \$2,000** 1 Foursome | Large sponsor sign
- LUNCH SPONSOR \$1,200** 1 Foursome | Lunch sponsor sign
- BREAKFAST SPONSOR \$750** 1 Foursome | Breakfast sponsor sign
- FOURSOME + HOLE SIGN \$450**
- HOLE SIGN SPONSOR \$100**
- FOURSOME \$350**
- INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS \$88**

..... **PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)** .....

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Hole: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### MAIL

Please send registration form and check to:  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County  
Attn: Golf Tournament  
21500 Gibraltar Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952



#### WEBSITE

Go to [www.bgcofcc.org](http://www.bgcofcc.org) under "News and Events" and click "Clubs for Kids Golf Tournament". It will take you to our secure registration site.

\*If inclement weather occurs there will be no rain makeup date, your registration fee will become a generous donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County.\*

## THE LEAF – Jolene Scofield



Maple Leaf's personal bulletin board online here and around the world! All the information from the Corporation, times and places of meetings and events, hours and special menus in the Country Club or the Sandbar are available at a click.

Currently, The Leaf is available on [mlgctv.com](http://mlgctv.com) and the Corporate website, [mapleleafgcc.net](http://mapleleafgcc.net). Early in September The Leaf will only be available on the NEW Corporate website, [mapleleafgcc.org](http://mapleleafgcc.org). You will be able to access The Leaf from the left side bar of the News page.

Death notices require a special note: 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.

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES - Joan Clayton**

In conjunction with Kings Gate Globe Trotters Travel Club, we have a couple of opportunities to take advantage. The first excursion is a 9-day trip to San Antonio, TX. It leaves Oct. 26th, still has availability. The 2nd trip is a 4-day trip to Miami and tropical Key West. This one is a steal at \$605.00. For more information, the flyers for both trips are posted below.

**GLOBE TROTTERS TRAVEL CLUB AT KINGSGATE PRESENTS**  
**San Antonio, TX**

**INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Motorcoach transportation
- 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the San Antonio area
- 14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners
- Guided Tour of San Antonio
- Cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District
- Visit to the famous ALAMO and IMAX Theater presentation: "ALAMO...The Price of Freedom"
- Visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures and San Antonio Missions
- Tour of the LBJ Ranch

**\$1095\***  
**9 Days 8 Nights**  
 \*PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
**(Sat - Sun)**  
**Oct 26 - Nov 3**  
**2024**

**Stand where history took place at the Alamo**

**Relax on a cruise at the famous River Walk**

**Mission San Jose is one of America's great landmarks**

**Enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio**

**Departure: Kings Gate Country Club, 24000 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL @ 8 am**

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach, enjoying the great scenery along the way. Then, settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night's rest.  
 Day 2: After a Continental Breakfast, head to the GulfCoast National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico in Mobile, AL. Later in the day, enjoy Dinner and head to your en route hotel.  
 Day 3: Today after Continental Breakfast, you'll continue towards beautiful San Antonio, TX - Home of the Alamo! Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your San Antonio area hotel for a 4-night stay.  
 Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your adventure begins with a GUIDED TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO. The tour includes visits to San Fernando Cathedral, the King William Historical District, and El Mercado, an area patterned after an authentic Mexican market. This afternoon you will visit the INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES. The Institute is devoted to the 26 different cultures that settled Texas. After Dinner, you'll go to the famous RIVER WALK for a SCENIC CRUISE!  
 Day 5: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing to meet your guide and head for Fredericksburg, "Jewel of the Texas Hill Country." Start with a visit to the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR, including the George Bush Gallery. Here, visitors become quickly engaged in the personal stories of Americans from all branches of the military involved in the Pacific Theatre of World War II. Then, depart for the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park where you will go on a narrated driving TOUR OF THE LBJ RANCH, and see the "Texas White House." This evening, enjoy a lovely Dinner complete with entertainment.  
 Day 6: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast. Afterwards, depart for a visit to the SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK. Experience the "Queen of the Missions" - Mission San Jose, established in 1720. Later, go to the IMAX Theatre at San Antonio Rivercenter to see "ALAMO... The Price of Freedom." Then, stand where history took place when you visit the buildings and grounds of the ALAMO - "The Shrine of Liberty." This evening, you will relax and enjoy Dinner.  
 Day 7: After a Continental Breakfast at your hotel, you'll make a stop at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, TX. Later that day, after a relaxing Dinner, you'll check into your en route hotel.  
 Day 8: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll go to a Casino on the Gulf Coast. Tonight, relax in your en route hotel.  
 Day 9: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

**ADD PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...** \$134 Due Upon Signing. \*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$240 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 8/19/2024

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:**  
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 Optional Travel Insurance sign up at: [www.travelconfident.com](http://www.travelconfident.com)  
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**The famous 7-Mile Bridge to Key West**

**Sightseeing Cruise down the "Venice of America"**

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Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for the exciting subtropical climates of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Key West! Today's exciting plans include a visit to beautiful Fort Lauderdale. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy a SIGHTSEEING CRUISE down the "Venice of America," Fort Lauderdale's New River, sailing through Millionaire's Row with homes of the Rich and Famous, spectacular Mega Yachts, and sights beyond belief. Tonight, enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant and check into your Miami area hotel for a three-night stay.  
 Day 2: After a Continental Breakfast, depart for KEY WEST - the Southernmost City in the Continental U.S.A. Discover this enchanting place while enjoying free time to experience the sights and sounds of Key West. Later that day, you'll return to your Miami area hotel.  
 Day 3: Start your day with a Continental Breakfast before departing for a full-day GUIDED TOUR OF MIAMI. Next, you'll head for exciting and glamorous Miami Beach and the famous South Beach area! Take in the beauty of Miami, as you browse the unique galleries, specialty shops, and designer boutiques. Next, with your Guide, you'll enjoy a visit to the amazing CORAL CASTLE. Built by one man from 1923 to 1951, Edward Leedskalnin single-handedly and secretly carved 1,100 tons of coral rock. When Ed was 26 years old his heart was broken by his one true love when she canceled their wedding just one day before the ceremony. Deeply saddened by this tragic loss, Ed set out on a lifelong quest to create a monument to his lost love that is now considered one of the world's most remarkable accomplishments. Tonight, you'll enjoy Dinner with Live Entertainment.  
 Day 4: After a Continental Breakfast, you will enjoy a visit to the beautiful oceanfront HOLLYWOOD BEACH "BROADWALK", named one of America's best beach boardwalks. Admire the Atlantic Ocean while strolling this brick-paved promenade or relax at one of its many cafés and eateries. Then, depart for home... A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

**ADD SOME PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...** \$134 Due Upon Signing. \*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$211 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 11/21/2024

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**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SAVINGS \$\$\$ - Norm Harrison, Member of the Board of Directors**

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays. Aug. 24 through Sept. 6, 2024. The following is a list of items which qualify for no sales tax purchases. There are some restrictions, such as the maximum price on individual items. Full details can be found on the website Florida [revenue.com](http://revenue.com), and click on Tax Holidays and Exemption Periods. Here is a list of the full items covered.

Portable generator, less than \$3,000. Tarpaulin is less than \$100. Ground anchor system or tie-down lit, less than \$100. Smoke detector/smoke alarm, less than \$70. Fire extinguisher, less than \$70. Carbon monoxide detector, less than \$70. Portable power bank, less than \$60. Gas or diesel fuel tank, less than \$50. Portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather-band radio, less than \$50. AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell 6-volt, or 9-volt batteries (excluding automobile and boat batteries) less than \$50. Portable self-powered light source (powered by battery, solar, hand-crank, or gas) less than \$40. Also, flashlights, lanterns, and candles.

Common household consumable items are less than \$30. Such as laundry detergent and supplies; powdered, liquid, or pod detergent; fabric softener; stain removers; bleach; toilet paper; paper towels; paper napkins and tissues; facial tissues; hand soap, bar soap and body wash; sunscreen and sunblock, dish soap and detergents, including powder, liquid and pod detergents or rinse agents that be used in dishwashers; hand sanitizer; trash bags; reusable ice packs are all less than \$20.

Pet supplies necessary for evacuating household pets such as bags of dry cat or dog food weighing less than 50 pounds and less than \$100. per bag; portable kennels or pet carriers less than \$100. per item, over-the-counter pet medications are less than \$100. Pet beds less than \$40. Cat litter (25 pounds or less) is less than \$25. Leashes, collars, muzzles and pet pads are less than \$20. Manual can opener, pet waste disposal bags collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls, cat litter pans hamster or rabbit substrate, are all less than \$15 and or pouches of wet pet food, less than \$10, per can or pouch.

Additionally, a Florida Tool Time Sales Holiday will run from Sept. 1 through Sept. 7, 2024. Toolboxes for vehicles are less than \$300. Power tools are less than \$300. Work boots are less than \$175. Power tool batteries are less than \$150. Handheld pipe cutters drain opening tools, and plumbing inspection equipment, are all less than \$150. Industry textbooks and code books are less than \$125. Tool belts, electrical voltage and testing equipment, shop lights are less than \$100. Toolboxes are less than \$75. Hand tools, safety glasses, duffle bags or tote bags, protective coveralls and flashlights are all less than \$50. Work gloves are less than \$25.

This is a good time to prepare for needed recovery items in the event of extreme weather storms.

## ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER & BEYOND



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, Nov. 3rd**  
**2:00 – 6:00 PM**  
**AT THE TIKI DECK**  
**AND SURROUNDING AREA**

*The Kollections* will entertain Maple Leaf at the Traditional Party in the Park. Come and support the clubs & organizations serving up great food, snacks, yummy desserts, and interesting beverages  
 Bring your chairs  
 and please, no large bills

Plan your return to Maple Leaf early for the November 3rd welcome-back party.

Email Joan Clayton at [jclay432@aol.com](mailto:jclay432@aol.com) if you have any questions.

## VETERANS & REMEMBRANCE DAY – Judy Sheehan



On October 11th, we proudly remember the men & women that selflessly volunteered to make it possible for us to live in freedom today. We can never bring back our fallen soldiers, but we can honor them on this day. Please mark your calendars for Veterans, Remembrance Day on Nov 11th at 11:00 am at the Veterans park. Hope to see you there. More information will be forthcoming.



**Date: Monday, November 18th**

**Time: Noon – 3:00 pm**

**Where: Queensway Center**

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**Early detection is key to  
continuing good health!**

**Informational tables!**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**DOOR PRIZES !**

**2ND ANNUAL**

**MAPLE LEAF HEALTH FAIR**

Numerous Vendors from local businesses will be onsite. This gives our residents an exciting opportunity to share educational information and to provide valuable health and wellness resources.

**REPAIR CAFÉ - Murry Knights**



**Sunday, Nov 17, 2024 9:00 – 11:45 am**

Extremely popular & FREE event. Clubs donate their time to help residents of MapleLeaf. If you wish to participate in the following, then mark your calendar

**Sunday Nov 17, 2024**

**CanAm Building**

**9:00 am – 11:45 am**

Refreshments will be served as you wait or come back by 11:45 am.

We close at 12 noon. We do not return your items; you must pick up.

Internet/ Wi-Fi / Gate house systems/ Tool & Knife sharpening (max 6 of each) golf cart & bicycle maintenance, small electrical appliances, jewelry, pottery/ceramic repairs, sewing, woodwork (small), Furniture repairs, computer, iPad & cell phone assistance.

You bring your items to the registration table at the CanAm.

A container is available, should you wish to donate.

**MAPLE LEAF CHISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - The CTL Committee**



SAVE THE DATE!! The annual Maple Leaf Christmas Tree Lighting will be held this year on Sunday, December 1, 2024 in the Queensway Center. Come and join your neighbors and friends in this festive evening of holiday joy and celebration. Watch for ticket sales in November.

**CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

**MAPLE LEAF GOLF ASSOCIATION - Gary Bonsteel, President**



*Maple  
Leaf  
Golf  
Association*

The Executive Board of the Golf Association:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| President             | Gary Bonsteel              |
| Vice President        | Steve Lockett              |
| Treasurer             | John 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 |

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 2024 - 2025**

|                         |                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| November 14th, 2024     | Golf Association Meeting and Reception           |
| November 22,23,24 2024  | Member-Member Tournament and Social              |
| January 5, 2025         | Mixed Doubles Tournament and Social              |
| February 2, 2025        | Presidents Cup Tournament and Social             |
| February 12, 2025       | Men's Sr. and Super Sr. Championship             |
| February 25, 2025       | Ladies Sr. and Super Sr. Championship            |
| February 25, 2025       | Annual General Meeting and Reception **          |
| February 21,22,23, 2025 | Men's and Ladies' Club Championship              |
| March 1,2 2025          | Blue vs. Red Match Play Tournament and Social    |
| March 8, 2025           | Dinner Dance and Awards GALA                     |
| April 6, 2025           | Spring Fling/Superintendent's Revenge Tournament |

**Please note that the above dates are for this year's coming events.**

**\*\* The date of the AGM has been changed to the Tuesday of that week.**

The Maple Leaf Golf Association Board members wish to extend our greetings during this summer season and trust that everyone is enjoying themselves, wherever you are. Those that are not in Florida are, like most of us, looking forward to returning to Maple Leaf this fall.

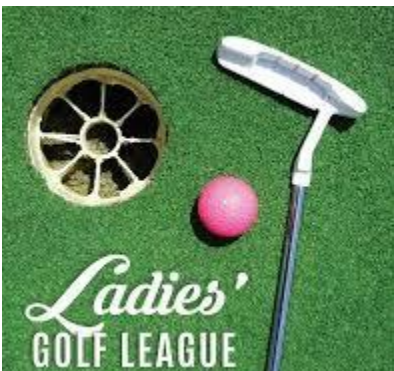
When we do, we will notice a few changes on the golf course. There are a few changes that are in progress, namely; the flags are new, checkered, and the flag poles are also new ! A little thicker and stronger. A new, enlarged warmup facility will hopefully be completed before our return. The Starter Shack will be freshened up as well. Most of these changes have, in some part, been funded by the Equity balance in the MLGA financial accounts.

The executive is also planning to partake in the **"Party in the Park" on Sunday, November 3rd** to welcome everyone back to Maple Leaf. It should be a fun event.

Until we see you then, be safe , and enjoy your summer activities, hopefully golf, maybe tennis, but whatever it is, have fun !!

## **LADIES GOLF LEAGUE - *Jeanne Gaston***

### **2024-2025 Season**



General Information: Join the Ladies' League for fun, friendship and skill development! We play every Tuesday starting on November 5, 2024, ending with "Fun Day Games" on March 25, 2025. Weekly formats for both 9- and 18-hole golfers include a mix of team and individual games as well as tournament play. There are prizes awarded each week and annual prizes at the end of the season.

Membership: As a member of the Golf Association, you are welcome to join the Ladies' League for a fee of \$25.00 payable at the Pro Shop. Any lady who resides in the park and enjoys the company of golfers may join as a non-playing social member. A \$10.00 fee, payable



at the Pro Shop, entitles social members to attend luncheon meetings. We also welcome any donations and especially your help as volunteers for various fundraising functions.

Special Events: The Ladies' League hosts four Scrambles and Social Luncheon days scheduled for November 12th, December 10th, 2024, January 14th and March 18th, 2025. The Maple Leaf Invitational Golf Tournament will be hosted on Feb. 4th, 2025. Come out and join us. Meet new people, have fun and enjoy the great game of golf!

For more information please contact:

Captain: LaNell Burgsteden email: [lborgsteden@gmail.com](mailto:lborgsteden@gmail.com), phone: 941-249-8648

Vice-Captain: Jeanne Gaston email: [jgaston550@gmail.com](mailto:jgaston550@gmail.com), phone: 614-364-3112

### **MEN'S LEAGUE GOLF** - *Captain: Tim Redmond*

For the upcoming season, the Men's League is scheduled each Wednesday morning beginning November 6, 2024 and running through March 26, 2025. We will offer both nine-hole and 18-hole events. Various team games will be played throughout the season. Games are based on each league member's established USGA handicap. USGA handicaps can easily be established by simply playing three rounds at Maple Leaf. Because our games are based on USGA handicaps, all men are welcome, regardless of membership level.

Each week, teams are randomly assigned by the Pro Shop. Most weeks, league tee times begin around 7:30 AM and finish when all members who signed up to play have teed off. Throughout the season, we have scheduled four shotgun starts, where everyone starts at 8:00 AM. Immediately following golf on those days will be a luncheon on the Tiki Deck. With new teammates each week and four social events, playing in the Men's League is an excellent opportunity for newer residents to meet those of us who are more established and vice versa.

The cost is \$25 for the season. The annual dues that are collected are paid back to members via team and individual skill prizes paid out each week, and by subsidizing the cost of the four luncheons. Team prizes, individual prizes and skin monies are returned to members in the form of account credits which can be used in the Pro Shop, Country Club or Sand Bar.

There is an optional \$2 weekly skins game most weeks. All money collected for skins is paid out that week to those who participated in skins that week.



## **MIXED FUN LEAGUE**



The Mixed Fun League plays on Thursday mornings starting on November 7, 2024 and ending on March 27, 2025. This is an enjoyable social league and a great opportunity for new golfers to have fun and meet some new friends. It is open to golf 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. Men and lady players may join as partners OR individuals and will be placed on a team each week.

**Sign-up sheets** will be available at the Starter's Shack each Thursday morning OR later on the bulletin board on the lake side of the Pro Shop. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday at 12 noon. Tee times and teams are posted online and on the bulletin board on Tuesdays. Any changes after Tuesday must be made through the Pro Shop.

### **PLAY**

Most of the games will be 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.

### **PRIZES**

There will be 4 ladies' and four men's "closest to the pin" prizes each week as well as 5 top team prizes based on team handicaps. All players are encouraged to have an official handicap in order to determine accurate net scores. Those with no handicap will be designated a "0". NOTE: You may have to, on occasion, play with others who do not yet have an established handicap.

### **SOCIALS**

There will be 3 social gatherings this season.

- November 21 – Shotgun - Opening BBQ lunch – Tiki Deck
- February 6 – Potluck Dinner – Queensway – "NAME THAT TV SHOW"
- March 20 – Shotgun - Season Closing Lunch – Tiki Deck Games

Information and tickets will be available at the Starter Shack. Non-playing spouses/significant others may participate by paying \$10 on top of the ticket price per social event.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

As with all group events volunteers are always needed. Please consider helping out with music/audio, decorating, set-up/take-down, etc at least once during the season.

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

## NINE & DINE – Ann Thomas, Don Cormier



The Golf Association will run a series of Sunday “Nine and Dines.”

The dates for the 2024-2025 season are as follows:

**Nov 10, 2024**

**Dec. 8, 2024**

**Jan. 14, 2025**

**Feb. 18, 2025**

**March 10, 2025**

These events are perfect for residents who are new to golf or new to Maple Leaf to be introduced to the game of golf and meet new friends. Each round is a fun, no pressure scramble followed by a delicious dinner at the country club.

**Format:** Four-person Scramble with “closest to the line” and “closest to the pin” contests. No Handicaps.

**Cost:** Non-Members and Players Club cost is \$42 for 9 holes of golf and dinner.

Full and Seasonal Member’s cost is \$28 for dinner.

Dinner-only for guests of players will be \$28.

Menus will be published prior to each event.

Sign up occurs two weeks before each event in the Pro Shop.

**No pressure, just fun! We eagerly encourage you to join this enthusiastic group of golfers! Don’t miss out!**

## HOLE IN ONE CLUB – Larry Cheeseman, 2024/25 Hole in One Captain



Membership in the 2024/25 Hole in One Club begins on Nov. 1st this year. Membership fees will remain the same as last season, \$25.00 per member or spouse/ partner. If joining after Jan. 1st, 2025 the fee will be \$20.00. Membership is open to anyone who is a member of the ML Golf Assn. for the 2024/25 season. Spouses and /or partners of members are eligible to join as well at the same fee.

NEW FOR THIS SEASON, individuals who were previously active Golf Assn. Members but are no longer active golfers are permitted to join, at the same fee structure, along with their partners/ spouse, so that they may continue to enjoy the fellowship with their former golfing friends. Golf Assn. Membership will not be required for this membership class.

**To avoid a long lineup on the first HIO get together, held on Nov. 13, we are offering advance registration on Friday, Nov. 8th from 11-2 for HIO registration in the Canam Center.**

We will also be adding a couple of new activities this season. A free door prize drawing at each meeting, only for those in attendance when drawn. We will also try a putting competition with a \$ 1.00 entry fee and a small prize pool. Our team looks forward to serving you in the upcoming season. See you for Fun and Friendship in November.

Larry Cheeseman, 2024/25 Hole in One Captain

### **MAPLE LEAF TENNIS CLUB** - Naznin Meghji, Communications Director

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

Hello everyone, Hope you are all having a great summer season. It won't be long before the start of our Tennis Season at Maple Leaf. We are working very hard on delivering a variety of Tennis programs that offer opportunities to members and to potential members. In addition, our social events and Tennis tournaments will make the upcoming season even more exciting ... so please stay tuned.



**COURT RESERVE:** Will be in operation in October and will be continuing with the same rules as last year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues are:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Full membership | \$50.00 |
| Monthly         | \$20.00 |
| Social          | \$20.00 |

Starting November 4th, dues can be dropped off at **324 Brant**. If you are playing on a team dues must be paid as soon as you can; and by Wednesday November 13, 2024. Please make cheques payable to Maple Leaf Tennis Club. Cash is also accepted. We will also be collecting membership fees at the Wine and Cheese Event on November 13. Any questions contact Peter Murphy our Membership Director at 941-249-5540 or email [pm4aboat@aol.com](mailto:pm4aboat@aol.com)

### **WINE AND CHEESE** - Sue Lawson/Kate Lilley

Wednesday, Nov 13, 2024 at CanAm from 2-4 pm.

Hosted by: Ladies 3.5 B Double Trouble Men's: 75+ Seasoned Geezers

Members only. Guests will be charged \$10.00

### **Mixed Doubles Tournament - Brad McConnell**

Will take place on Saturday November 16, 2024 commencing 8:00 am at all courts. Registration is set up on Court Reserve. Teams will be picked at the Wine and Cheese function on November 13.

**Women's Ladder:** We encourage women of all levels to participate. Consistent with last year, the schedule will consist of three, three-week sessions beginning in November and ending January 16, 2024. Our first Session will commence on Thursday, November 14 from 3pm to 5pm at Charlotte Courts and will continue November 21 and November 28. Our Second Session will commence on December 5 and will continue December 12, and 19. Third Session will commence on January 2, and will continue on January 9 and 16. Registration will be set up on Court Reserve. For more details, please visit: <https://www.mapleleaftennis.org/women-s-ladder> or contact Naz Meghji at 613-316-9166 or email [meghjinaznin@gmail.com](mailto:meghjinaznin@gmail.com).

Our **Women's Doubles Championship** will commence January 23rd, 2024. Further details will be posted at a later date.

### **Men's Tennis Ladder - Frank Grano/Don Farrow**

It is never too early to get ready for this year's tennis activities, especially the Men's Ladder and Men's Doubles Championship. It will consist of three, three-week sessions starting on November 11, 2023 and ending on January 20, 2024 from 2-6 at CanAm Courts. First session: November 11, 18, 25. Second Session: December 2, 9, 16, 2023. Third Session: January 6, 13, 20, 2025. We encourage all men to play the ladder to get to know other players at their skill level and possibly get a partner for the Men's Doubles Championship which will start on Monday, January 27, 2025 at CanAm from 2-6.

Registration is set up on Court Reserve so when it opens, register as the numbers could be limited. For more details, please visit: <https://www.mapleleaftennis.org/men-s-dbls-ladder> or contact Frank Grano at [fgrano9@gmail.com](mailto:fgrano9@gmail.com)

**Mixed Doubles Practice/Championship: Mike Pitz:** The mixed doubles practice session is going to start on Nov. 23. The dates for this session will continue Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec 14, Jan. 4, and Jan. 11. Then the official Mixed Doubles Championship will start on Jan. 18 and continue every Saturday and end on March 15. There will be a flight A and flight B division. At the end of this session, we will have a flight A and flight B playoff day where we will have 2 semifinal matches in each flight to determine who plays in the finals that same day. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [MPitz07@gmail.com](mailto:MPitz07@gmail.com). Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of months.

**Skills & Drills-Barb & Tom Cynkar:** Tennis skill improvement lessons "Skills and Drills" will again be offered for the 2024-25 tennis season. The lessons are available to all ML Tennis club team players participating in either the Women's 50+ league or the Men's Peace River League.

Taught by Tony Geracci, our club pro, these lessons will most likely be on Tuesdays in the late afternoon at the Charlotte courts. Sessions will be one hour per week for 4 weeks at a cost of \$50, with 8 people max per lesson. There will be multiple 4-week sessions during the season.

Participants will be selected with a random draw of those who express interest. Future sessions will prioritize those who were not previously selected to give all interested a chance to participate. Look for a message in mid-October with more details and sign-up information.

**Men's League:** With our '24-'25 Season soon to kick off we again have nine teams representing Maple Leaf in the Peace River Senior Men's Tennis League. By far the most of any other communities or clubs. We have teams registered in nine of the ten Peace River divisions; A2, A3, B1-B5, A75+ and B75+.

Although each team roster has been set, **we still have room to add players should you have interest.** League play begins Thursday, October 31st for the "A" and "B" divisions with the 75+ divisions beginning on Monday November 4th. Lessons with our tennis pro, Tony Geraci, commence on November 5<sup>th</sup>. League play runs through the end of March.

Our league is designed to create an opportunity for all players, no matter their level of play, to be able to come out to have fun with old friends, make new friends, and compete with their team. Most teams have a 20 Match schedule, half played in Maple Leaf and half away.

The Home schedule of matches for each team is posted on the ML Tennis website. Come out to support your favorite players or teams. Mondays at 2:00 PM for the 75+ matches and Thursdays beginning at 8:00 AM for the "A" and "B" Division teams. All matches are scheduled to be played at the three Charlotte courts.

If you wish to find out more about our league and/or have an interest in joining please contact me. Tim Llewellyn, Men's League Liaison, [LULN@cox.net](mailto:LULN@cox.net) 401.640.9487 Cell

**Wheelchair: Please Note that we have a wheelchair in the First Aid room at Charlotte Courts.**

## PICKLEBALL - Colette Papineau, Secretary



Time is fast approaching when everyone will be back “home” for another glorious winter season. Your Pickleball Board (those fabulous Volunteers) have been busy all summer planning new events for you. And our full-time residents have had a fun-filled summer keeping the courts warmed up and organizing inter-club play with our neighbors from Kingsgate.

**NOV** - You'll spot us at **Party in the Park on Nov. 3rd** filling your cups with Sangria and Jello shots.

Don't miss Registration Night at the Queensway on **Nov 12th**, to pick up your bands and reconnect with your PB family. The Activities Expo is also in Nov, date TBD.

**DEC** - MLPB Club is all fun and games. So, we send a special invitation out to **ALL ML residents** to join in the fun at our **Dec 15th** dance at the Queensway, with Lori D and Jimmy B entertaining us.

**JAN** - Look for our second annual Poker Run on **Jan 15th**. Only 52 people can play, so make sure to register early. We are still looking for some hosts to help out.

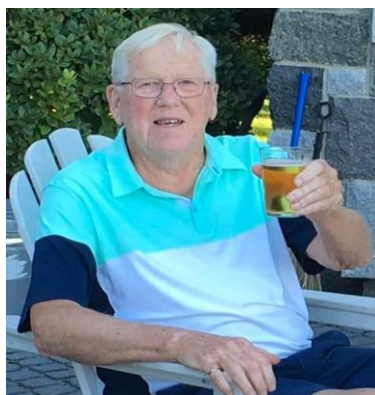
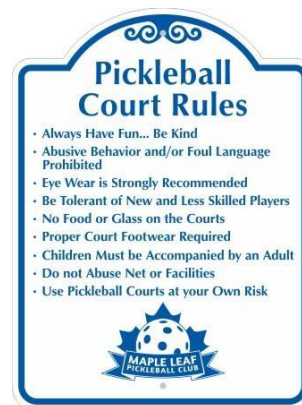
Our Club will also be hosting an Inter-Club Challenge Event where Maple Leaf PBers will take on an outside park in men's, women's and mixed events, date TBD.

**FEB** – We are hoping to host our first “Pro Demonstration Event”. Details to follow. And everyone always looks forward to the Club Championship which will be held **Feb 21st – 23rd**.

**MAR** – Our AGM will be held on **Mar 18th** where our Championship winners are announced, and trophies awarded. And do not miss another fun dance **open to all residents of ML**, on **Mar 30th** with The Kollections entertaining us.

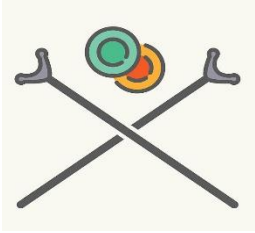
Check out the MLPC website at [www.mlpc.com](http://www.mlpc.com), the place to get all the facts... where scheduled play will start Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, and where you will sign-up in early October for the 24-25 season. Get all the latest info on rules, Ladders, classes for newcomers to the sport as well as player development classes for the seasoned player. Our in-house pro, Bob White, will be participating and offering lessons as well.

The Board recently agreed to a Rules sign for the courts which has now been installed.



*The Maple Leaf Pickleball family extends our heartfelt condolences to Anne-Marie Villeneuve Hopkins and her family on the passing of her loving husband and our dear, dear friend, Ed Hopkins. Ed was a gentle giant among us and gave much of his time, expertise and humor, to our Club and to all of Maple Leaf. He contributed immensely to the planning and the construction of our Pickleball courts. He will be dearly missed.*

## SHUFFLEBOARD - Carol Misener



It's that time again that we're starting to pack up and return to Maple Leaf. I hope everyone has had a safe and happy summer. Shuffleboard signup is Thursday Nov. 7th at the Can Am from 1-3pm.

With the new season coming up fast, I'd like to introduce the current board members for Shuffleboard.

**Linda Nivala, President**  
**Carol Misener, Vice-President**  
**Josie DeVennie, Secretary**

**Joan McCauley, Treasurer**  
**Jay McCauley, Maintenance**  
**Bob Burns, Registration**

The cost of membership will be \$25.00 per player. The 2024-2025 season will start on Sunday, November 10th. We will also be having beginner lessons again this year so if you want to learn then please come and sign up. No equipment is necessary, the club has everything available. Further information on the rest of the season will come later. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Maple Leaf.

## BOCCE CLUB – Gilles Paquette, Bocce President

Hello everyone,

After a nice summer, we are gearing up for another season at the Maple Leaf Bocce Courts. Our facilities continue to improve, as we have received the new sunshade tent that will cover our newly renovated courts.

Construction has been delayed due to the lack of a contractor capable of doing the job. This may be for the best due to the ongoing weather threats we have been seeing. We hope by the Fall that the shade structure will be in place.

Registration will take place on November 7, 2024 at the Queensway. More information will be revealed spelling out all our fun activities for the season. I encourage everyone to regularly check the Leaf, their emails or the bocce boards throughout the year for news.

Also, I will be sending out information regarding the Bocce Competitive League sign up which is played once a week in teams of four players. The league enjoys competing in a fun way including end of season luncheon with trophy presentation. Congratulations again to 'The Brigade' for taking all honors last year.

Our board is committed to developing Bocce at Maple Leaf through learning programs for beginners run by our talented leaders and Captains.

To all of you Maple Leafers, if you wish to play an interesting sport/game, consider Bocce. We have designed the new facilities for all aspects of physical abilities or limitations. Safety and accessibility are paramount to our growth and future success. Hope to see you soon & be watching for my next communication.

*Gilles Paquette*



## ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB - Sue Ren



First, let me introduce our Board members for the 2024-2025 season:

|                                |                         |                                                                        |
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| <b>President</b>               | <b>Linda Wiltfong</b>   | <a href="mailto:lwiltfong18@gmail.com">lwiltfong18@gmail.com</a>       |
| <b>1st Vice President</b>      | <b>Jeanine Robinson</b> | <a href="mailto:jmr8162@gmail.com">jmr8162@gmail.com</a>               |
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| <b>Special Events Director</b> | <b>Kathy Cheeseman</b>  | <a href="mailto:kmc561@gmail.com">kmc561@gmail.com</a>                 |
| <b>Membership Director</b>     | <b>Jolene Scofield</b>  | <a href="mailto:jolene844@gmail.com">jolene844@gmail.com</a>           |
| <b>Show Convenor</b>           | <b>Denise Holland</b>   | <a href="mailto:holland1_4@hotmail.com">holland1_4@hotmail.com</a>     |

We are excited to begin the 2024-2025 season. We are sharing a great deal of information in this publication but please know we will repeat much of this in the November Accent. Not only will we be offering our many popular classes but we have a couple of new classes this year too. We are sure you will find something to satisfy your creative needs.

We are very thrilled to announce that we will be moving to online membership and registration this year. Don't panic!!!! We will make sure we make this transition as painless as possible. If you don't have the technology or technology skill level needed to sign up, we will have a station set up with a group of individuals that can help you with this process. More information will be coming soon about this change.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** The Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 7, 2024 at the Queensway from 10 AM to 2 PM. The sign-up for table/screen rentals will be at the Arts and Crafts registration on Nov 15 and Nov 16, 2024. The fee this year will again be \$20 for an 8-foot table. You must be a 2024/25 member of Arts and Crafts and a resident of Maple Leaf to sell items at this event.

Participating in this bazaar allows you to sell items that you have made yourself and you keep all proceeds from the sales. Now is the time to start or finish items to sell. Last year some of the items that were for sale included, original artworks, jewelry, cards, quilts, pottery, purses, wreaths, stained glass, home baking and preserves. This is a great place to do your holiday shopping and support the artists and crafters at Maple Leaf. If you have any questions about the sale or table rentals, please contact Kathy Cheesman at [kmc561@gmail.com](mailto:kmc561@gmail.com).

**ARTS & CRAFTS SCHEDULE:** Again, this year, we are including a Quick View Schedule in addition to the Class descriptions so that you can more easily find the classes that fit your busy Maple Leaf Schedule. Additionally, we are attempting to make it easier to comprehend what supply fees will be due at registration.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:** One-time fee of \$20 good for a full year, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through October 31, 2025. Everyone must be a current year member to sign up for classes.



**CLASS REGISTRATION FEES (does not include supply fees):**

- One day workshop \$10 per workshop
- Two-day workshop \$10 per workshop
- Mini Class of 5 sessions or less \$10 per mini class
- Classes of 6 days or more \$20 per class
- Taste of Pottery \$10 (plus \$15 kiln/clay fee) for two-day class
- All other Pottery classes \$20 per class plus a \$40 kiln fee

**SUPPLY FEES:** All fees are paid at the time of registration unless otherwise noted.

Where does this money go?

- Membership fees cover club expenses for most events and meetings including, but not limited to operating expenses such as forms, signage, and refreshments. This money is also used for equipment replacement, contributions to the corporation etc.
- Class registration fees cover class incidental supplies, equipment, and repairs as well as Teacher Appreciation Dinner.
- Supply Fees are for the supplies used by you during the class. All students get to take home their finished pieces.
- Remember, your class fees are for the entire season not for a single session. For many classes this is less than a dollar a day, what a bargain!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:****MEMBERSHIP/ SOCIAL – November 22, 2024 - 1:30-3:30 @ Queensway**

At this event, you will be purchasing your 2024-25 membership, see a preview of the classes and layout of the room for registration day and an opportunity for you to meet other members of the club as well as many of the teachers and teacher assistants. We will also have a door prize, one for students and one for teachers. You must be present to receive the door prize. PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU, IF YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER IN THE PAST. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THIS CARD AT REGISTRATION THE FOLLOWING DAY.

**CLASS REGISTRATION – November 23, 2024 - 12:00 to 2:30 @ Queensway**

Please reference the quick view schedule for specific fees due for each class.

GUIDELINES - To be fair to all, these are the rules we plan to follow for all, including teachers, assistant teachers, and students.

- We will open registration at 12:30 PM. Early registration – only those working at the registration will be eligible to register early for classes, no exceptions. If you do not have the technology needed to register or the technology skill needed to register, a group of volunteers will assist you in this process.
- Early registration will start at 11:15 and ends at 12:15 (teachers and workers only).
- No more than 25% of the class can be filled prior to the doors opening to the general membership. No more “full” classes prior to the doors opening.
- Teachers, assistant teachers and helpers at registration cannot register other members for class. If you are unable to attend registration you can register online.

- While some classes have been ongoing for many years, prior participation does not guarantee you a seat in that class. Your teacher cannot save you a space, so please do not put them in an awkward position by asking them to do so.
- Everyone will be able to register for classes. We will always respect the teacher's desired number of students. Two scenarios will take place when we have more students sign up than allotted spaces:
  - We will determine if we can open another section of the class.
  - A lottery system is built into the software program and the program will identify students that have won a spot in the class.

All students will be presenting their finished projects at the March Arts and Crafts Show. More details to follow later in the season.

## TO SEE THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS, CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW...

<https://mapleleafgcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/ML-ArtsCrafts-24-25-Class-Descriptions.pdf>

## TO SEE THE QUICK VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE, CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW...

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### FREE WEIGHTS PROGRAM - *Nancy & Keith McGruer*



**Note: The start of the program for 2024-25 has been delayed until a tentative date of Wednesday, November 20th due to the late arrival of the program leaders because of a medical issue.**

*For those who have not participated in the past:*

This is an enjoyable and beneficial program for every Maple Leaf resident and renter. 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, set to music, 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 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the CanAm Center. On a normal day, we will have 60-70 people participating.

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 \$10.00 for the season. This will be collected during the first month or on arrival. In the past eight seasons, the Free Weights program has sponsored and arranged for over 150 participants who took a basic **CPR course**. The more residents in Maple Leaf qualified to react to emergencies, the better for all of us.

In the November ACCENTS participants will be asked to pre-register by email.

## **YOGA** - *Naida Johnson*

### **Yoga From the Heart**

When I was going through yoga teacher training, I was exposed to many different styles of teaching yoga and told to find what worked best for me and my students. I call my style, teaching from the heart. The flow of my class has changed over the years (and continues to evolve) given the needs of my students.

I start my classes with a little aerobic workout to get your heart rate up, get you moving, warm up the joints, and to have some fun. Then come the stretches with a focus on fingers, wrists, neck, shoulders and hips. As we age muscle tissue can shorten and tighten and we can lose range of motion. Stretching helps to maintain strength and flexibility in the joints. So important!

From there we move on to some basic yoga poses, core strength moves, a variety of flowing movements, balance poses, focused breathing, and whatever else seems appropriate to the energy and ability of the class. The class has continued to grow over the past few years with some students coming early to get their favorite spot. The feedback I get from students is that yoga has helped them to improve balance and focus, to gain strength and flexibility, and improve their performance in their chosen activities (i.e. tennis, golf, pickleball). Classes are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30-Noon at the CanAm until October when classes move to the Queensway.

Naida Johnson E-RYT-200, YACEP

### **Gentle/Chair Yoga**

This class continues to evolve and grow in participation. Chair yoga is a gentle, low-impact form of yoga that has many health benefits. Physically, it can help improve flexibility in major joints, strengthen muscles and improve balance. The entire class is done with the assistance of the chair (sitting in or standing beside) which adapts well to those with mobility issues and minimizes the risk of falls. In this class, there is no need to get down onto or up off the floor. Chair yoga involves mindfulness (being in the moment) which helps to maintain focus and can bring a sense of calmness. The breathing practices can help the body to breathe more effectively. These are just some of the benefits.

The class is on Friday mornings from 9-10:10 at the CanAm until October when the class moves to the Queensway.

Naida Johnson E-RYT-200, YACEP

## **LATIN CARDIO** - *Denise Holland*

Like moving and shaking to great music, having fun and not even feeling like it's "exercise". Then give us a try, no floorwork, all done on your feet. All geared for seniors to move and feel good.

We start up on Monday, November 4th, at the CanAm.

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 until 9:45 am

When you arrive, bring water, wear good support shoes, comfy clothes and enjoy.

Friday mornings, after class, we head over to the Sandbar for coffee, socialize, meet new friends, old friends and make friends. How good is that!



## LINE DANCING - *Denise Holland*

Line Dancing returns to the Queensway when Season starts on October 2nd.

Every Wednesday

**6:30 pm** for beginners, and many of our experienced dancers show up in support of our Beginners, watch their feet, relax, have fun.

**7:00 pm – 8 pm** everyone joins in together for a fun evening, More on this when it gets closer. Look out for sales on cowboy boots, or soft soled shoes. Easier for moving the feet.

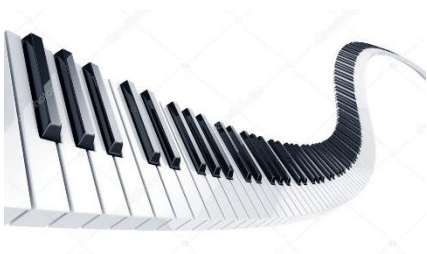


Off Season, You will find Naida Johnson at the CanAm, Line Dancing. Watch The Leaf for updates.

On behalf of your Line Dance Team, stay safe and well.

Denise Holland, Naida Johnson, Jane Pauls, Corrine Brownridge

## MAPLE LEAF FLORIDA KEYS - *Helen Neal*



We will begin another season with our first practice on Monday, November 4th. We will be preparing for the Annual Tree Lighting which will be held on Sunday, December 1st.

Anyone interested in joining our group should contact Linda Arbogast at 989-390-8991. We always welcome new members. If you do not have a keyboard, there may be some for sale.

## MAPLE LEAF SINGERS – *Rama Jensen*

Have you always enjoyed singing?

Would you like to try it again?

Maple Leaf Singers invite you to come and join a group of fun-loving choristers!

We sing great old standards, new favorites, and show tunes, which we present in our Spring concerts.

Ability to read music is NOT needed.



The cost of registration is \$25 and will be accepted beginning Monday, November 4, from 5:30-8 pm at the Queensway building.

For more information, call Mary Canning at 416-802-6782 or Rama Jensen at 616-312-7335.

## **THE MAPLE LEAF MERRYMAKERS** - *Connie Labbe*

Curtain calling for Maple Leaf thespians, dancers, and singers!

Thanks to the creative energies of resident and director Alex Bostock, the Merry-makers have become a viable part of Maple Leaf traditions for 24 years. This season will be year 25!

The Maple Leaf Merry-makers are a special interest group who enjoy bringing fun to the stage, and smiles to our friends and neighbors. Many of our returning cast and crew have been an integral part of our success. We spend many hours throughout the season creating, planning, practicing, sewing, and rehearsing. Our culminating performances will be on the Queensway stage March 6-9, 2025.

Our first organizational meeting for this season will be on Sunday, November 24 at the Charlotte Center at 1:00. Rehearsals will start January 3. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of this Maple Leaf tradition, is invited to attend. Our motto: "It takes a village".

Connie Labbe 914-260-1008 or [labbeconnie@gmail.com](mailto:labbeconnie@gmail.com)

## **COMPUTER CLUB** - *Denise Holland, President*



**CAN YOU HELP?** We need Techy people TO donate just a couple of hours a month, to help with classes, members. Chat with Dan LaHaise, Barry Holland, Jane Pauls, John Lock or Denise Holland, we would love to meet you. Also, would welcome another person to help with setting up our Monday, ONCE a month, coffee and refreshment table. We are all in ML directory.

We THANK everyone for their support and contributions, the generosity of so many has made it an amazingly incredible journey, for which Maple Leaf GCC will benefit.

In addition to H/Ian damages to the club, sadly, it was discovered that the roof was leaking April, 2024. Upon notifying Mitch (GM) and Patrick/(Maintenance Supervisor) a new roof was installed.

Due to that issue & end of Season (April 2024) the Directors will be organizing the room as early as possible, upon our return to MapleLeaf during Nov 2024. We anticipate the use of the room, for printing, email, copying to be available by January 2025.

Also, for Troubleshooting (come to us with your problem, we try to resolve) during specific times and dates, that will be posted on The Leaf, when we are ready to have you visit us at the Club room.

New computer tables, computers, printers, will be available for use by Members when we open. Previous discussions with CC Directors have a mutual agreement to hardwire the PC's , Mac & printer, as opposed to wireless. We hope this will be helpful & more user-friendly.

**REMEMBER:** LOOK at the printer you are sending TO, if you just CLICK PRINT on a printer, you may be printing to a neighbor, another company, etc. KNOW your printer, look at it, it has a name on it. DON'T just select the first printer you see pop up.

**PARTY in the PARK:** we will be selling desserts: Nanaimo bars, butter tarts & cupcakes, all Yummies : )

**COMPUTER CLUB TRAINING SESSIONS:** All classes at the CANAM for 2024/25 Season will be held on Wednesdays, 10 – 12 noon, When classes are scheduled, we will post to advise on Bulletin board, The Leaf and announce at the monthly Homeowner's Meetings.

Classes taught by the Computer Club will be \$10 for the 2-hour class, then, assistance provided as needed. Do you want to learn something, share with us? We may provide class instruction, if there is enough interest. We are planning to Demo the new Web Site at our monthly open meetings at the Can-Am. Open meaning: anyone can attend - not just members. Watch The Leaf, bulletin boards for more information.

**MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP:** contact Bev Murray, cost remains, \$25 for one, \$35 for two in same residence. Sign up will take place in November.

**COMPUTER CLUB MEMBERS, OPEN MEETING:**

2nd Monday of each month in the CANAM, 9 am coffee, light refreshments, 9:30 am meeting.

OPEN Meeting means all are welcome, not just members, drop in, chat, ask, learn.

First Meeting, Monday, Nov 18 (due to Veteran's/ Remembrance day on the 11th),

**COMPUTER CLUB OPEN HOUSE:** Wednesday Jan. 15th, 2025 CANAM 12 noon – 2 pm

All members & residents of Maple Leaf are invited to visit, learn what we have to offer, how we can help.

Looking forward to a fabulous season. Respectfully, Denise Holland, President

Directors: Barry Holland, Dan LaHaise, John Lock, Jane Pauls, Bev Murray

## **BUNCO Every Monday**

**1:00 pm In the CanAm**

***Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in***

**Contact: Marianne Dalton 317-796-6616**

[katieskreations@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katieskreations@sbcglobal.net)

**Bring **exact change** of \$2.00 to play**



### **TRAVEL CLUB – *Court & Eden Wells***



Calling all Cruisers sailing with Maple Leaf on January 20, 2025 !  
What an exciting adventure we are anticipating on board the beautiful Celebrity Eclipse!

We will be exploring the islands of Tortola , B.V.I.; St. Johns, Antigua ; Bridgetown, Barbados; Castries, St. Lucia; Basseterre and St. Kitts..... A fabulous itinerary!

Your Travel Club will be holding a meeting on Thursday, November 13th in the Can Am at 2:00 p.m. We will be discussing the itinerary,

excursions, dining, and any questions you may have with our travel agent Donna .

Please mark your calendars for Thursday November 13 ! Sea you there ! ***Court and Eden***

## **WOODWORKERS CLUB** - *Linda Arbogast and Frank Didomizio*

Welcome back to all our snowbird members returning in the coming months. We plan to have another great season where you can access all the shop equipment and take part in a variety of classes. If you are not a member yet, consider joining. Our new woodworking shop is looking promising for construction this fall. We know that everyone is anxiously awaiting our new facility in the Rampart area. Once we know more details, we will communicate our plans and timing to move into the new woodworkers shop. We will be asking members for help with the move.



Our first woodworkers meeting of the season will be Tuesday, Nov 5 at 9:00 am in the CanAm building. We hope to start class offerings in Nov and Dec. This will be communicated through emails to the members, via the November Accents and you can also check the bulletin board at the front door of the woodworkers shop.

Cheers, Frank DiDomizio

Mobile: 705-760-4340

## **MODEL YACHT CLUB** - *Sue Heikes, Club Secretary*

The Maple Leaf Model Yacht Club results from the 23/24 season are listed below. We had a great season with good competition and races on Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00. Regular season starts in November and continues through March. Everyone is welcome- Come on out and see us!

### **In the Gold Fleet:**

**Gold 1st Place ~ Paul Romanos**

### **In the Silver Fleet:**

**1st Place ~ Sue Heikes**



Also, in the Gold Fleet (not pictured)

2nd Place ~ Mike Wyatt

3rd Place ~ Frank Vella

In the Silver Fleet:

2nd Place ~ Gary Heikes



In the Silver Fleet:

3rd Place ~ Dick Lemay



### **FIRE CLUB** – Kevin Nivala, President

Welcome back to all new and current residents. I would like to introduce you to the Fire Club. The Fire club is made up of residents of the park. Our officers are President Kevin Nivala, Vice President Tim Koch, Sec. James Harrison, and Tres. Mike Beausoleil. We lead a group of dedicated men who collect metal in the park. We use the money collected for projects in the park. Several projects we have done are Veterans Park, Fountains in the ponds, Front entrance flowers, all new reflective street signs, new lights at entrance gate and fixing the mini putt. These are just a few of the many things we do. Our group also provides medical equipment should you need to borrow it. We have many different types of equipment for you to use during a medical need. Contact our medical director, Bob Lambiase at 941-629-1371.

We collect all **METAL** items for recycling like windows, doors, cart port roofs, grills. Any item that is metal. We will take your old stove, washer and dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, air conditioners. **If it's metal, we will take it! We ask for a donation when picking up large appliances to offset costs.**



**WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY COMPUTERS OR TV OR ELECTRONICS.** You must dispose of them yourself.

The biggest collection day is Wednesday mornings at **8:30am**. We drive through the park to pick up your aluminum cans. Please put them at the end of your driveway. Please use bags for cans as it is easier for us to collect.

If you have items for us to pick up, please contact John Shaw 724-730-2899 to make arrangements. Please have appliances moved outside of your home for us to pick them up.

Welcome to Maple Leaf! Thank you for your support. *Kevin Nivala Pres.*





## MEMORIALS



***Ed Hopkins***  
***828 Scotia***  
***Passed April 3, 2024***

Ed Hopkins passed away on April 3, 2024. Ed (aka Special Ed) was a friend and a strong contributor to all the Pickleball community. He had a great and subtle sense of humor with or without a beer or two. Ed was never shy about offering up what needed to be done to improve the Pickleball Club. And most importantly, rather than complaining, he would propose a solution. He had great delegation skills - very effective at twisting arms for help. During the long process of waiting for 2 additional courts, Ed initiated a Site Committee to assist our Pickleball Board. The Site/Beautification Committee was instrumental in our having the great venue that we will enjoy now and into the future. He is looking down and wondering "When will we have our concrete that will allow us to complete our vision?" He probably has a plan - Mitch beware! Ed also will be looking for Courts 5 and 6 in the future. He left us his drawings.

Ed was a humble guy. He had mentioned on a few occasions about the "Help the Kids Play" program back home in Canada, but never mentioned the extent of his involvement. It is and will continue to be, an amazing program that he founded and continued to support - what a great legacy! To learn more, the website of this organization is <https://www.helpthekidsplay.ca/>.

Ed adored his wife, Anne-Marie Hopkins. It was very special that he always addressed her as "Partner"! And they were special partners. Let's all wish the best, and provide support for Anne-Marie. She plans to return in October to our very special community that is always so caring! We are planning a Celebration of Life for Ed in December.

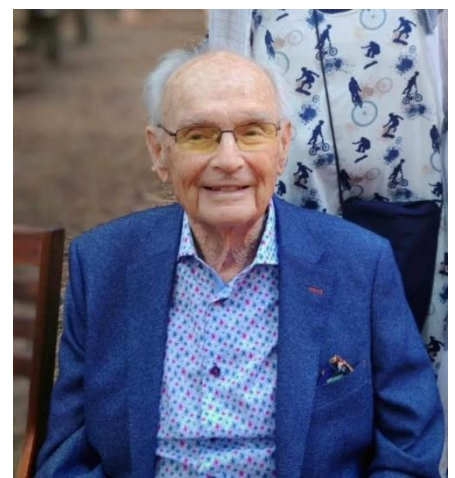
Fred Borden



***Margaret McLeod***  
***376 Laurier***  
***Passed April 29, 2024***



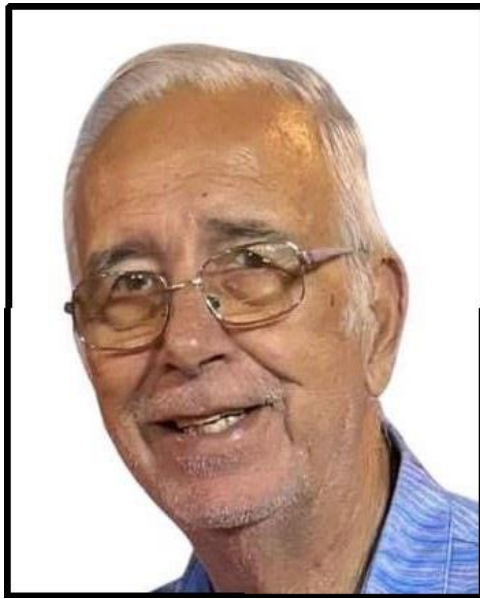
***Patricia Carroll***  
***390 Sumac***  
***Passed May 7, 2024***



***Fred Anfossie***  
***720 Nipigon Trail***  
***Passed May 10, 2024***



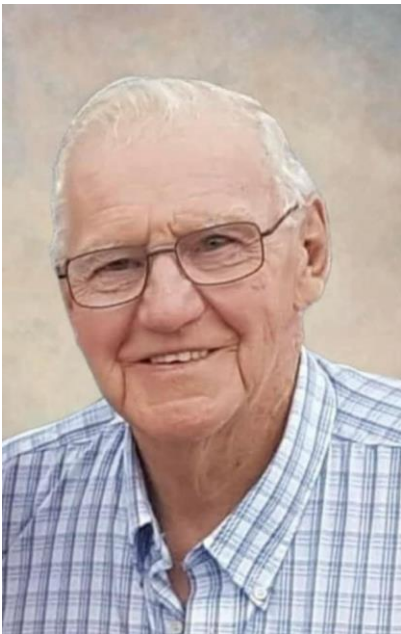
*Rejean Prevost  
32 Huron  
Passed May 15, 2024*



*Larry Close  
608 Nanaimo  
Passed May 23, 2024*



*Evalynne (Evie) Groves  
721 Nipigon Trail  
Passed June 27, 2024*



*Jack Walker  
542 Selkirk  
Passed June 28, 2024*



*Rickard (Dick) Daugard  
549 Selkirk  
Passed July 15, 2024*



*Roberta Eileen Overland  
41 Huron  
Passed August 6, 2024*



*Anthony (Tony) Palmer*  
*Formerly 47 Huron*  
*Passed August 9, 2024*

# September & October Weekly Events Calendar

Below are events that occur on a weekly basis

|                  |                                                                                                                   |                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Open Deck 10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Tk<br>Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm- RP                                                |                                                                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Water Aerobics 9:00 am- Ch pool<br>Bunco 1:00 pm - CA<br>Shuffleboard 6:00 pm – Qw Courts                         |                                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Water Aerobics 9:00 am – Ch pool<br>Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am – CA                                             | Mahjong 12:30 pm - CH<br>Pinochle 7:00 pm - CH                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Water Aerobics 9:00 am-Ch pool<br>Darts 1:00 pm – CH                                                              | Line Dancing 6:30 pm – CA<br>Cribbage 6:30 pm – CH                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Cornhole 8:45 CanAm)<br>Water Aerobic 9:00 am- CH<br>Horseshoes 9:30 am – pit                                     | Mahjong 12:30 pm - CH<br>Karaoke 5:30 pm – CH<br>Bingo 7:00 pm - CA |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Chair Yoga 9:00 am - CA (Qw in Oct)<br>Water Aerobic 9:00 am- CH<br>Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - CA (Qw in Oct) |                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Water Aerobic 9:00 am - CH                                                                                        |                                                                     |

CC- Country Club/ CA- CanAm/CH-Charlotte Center / Qw- Queensway/ RP – Rampart Center/SB – Sandbar/ Su-Sundeck

## Special Events

### SEPTEMBER

|          |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Sept. 2  | Labor Day Golf Scramble           |
| Sept. 2  | Labor Day Buffet 12–2pm - CC      |
| Sept. 4  | Coffee Hour 9:30 am – CA          |
| Sept. 5  | Women's Fellowship Lunch - SB     |
| Sept. 5  | Italian Buffet 5:00 pm - CC       |
| Sept. 6  | DJ Bingo 6:00 pm - CC             |
| Sept. 6  | Fish Fry 4:00 pm - CC             |
| Sept. 8  | Sundae Sunday 6:00 pm - CA        |
| Sept. 12 | Chinese Buffet 5:00 pm – CC       |
| Sept. 15 | Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm – CA      |
| Sept. 19 | Fried Chicken Buffet 5:00 pm – CC |
| Sept. 26 | Irish Buffet 5:00 pm – CC         |

Sept. 28

Clubs for Kids Golf Tournament

### OCTOBER

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Oct. 2  | Coffee Hour 9:30 am - CA      |
| Oct. 3  | Women's Fellowship Lunch - SB |
| Oct. 4  | DJ Bingo 6:00 pm - CC         |
| Oct. 4  | Fish Fry 4:00 pm - CC         |
| Oct. 13 | Sundae Sunday 6:00 pm - CA    |
| Oct. 20 | Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm – CA  |
| Oct. 30 | Halloween Party – CC          |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween Golf Scramble       |

## Country Club Entertainment

Tues. Sept. 3  
 Tues. Sept. 10  
 Tues. Sept. 17  
 Tues. Sept. 24

Jonny Puma  
 Holly Rae  
 Rob Rolleri  
 Latitude 26

Tues. Oct. 1  
 Tues. Oct. 8  
 Tues. Oct. 15  
 Tues. Oct. 22  
 Tues. Oct. 29  
 Wed. Oct. 30

Kenny Giordano  
 Ed Maryon  
 Rob Norum  
 Rob Rolleri  
 Kenny Giordano  
 Holly Rae  
 (Halloween Party)

## Tiki Hut Entertainment

Sat. Aug. 31  
 Sat. Sept. 7  
 Fri. Sept. 13  
 Fri. Sept. 20

Holly Rae  
 Pop ROX  
 Rockin Rick  
 Gator Moon

Sat. Oct. 5  
 Fri. Oct. 11  
 Sat. Oct. 26

Gator Moon  
 Pop ROX  
 Rockin Rick

*All of these events are subject to change. Please check The Leaf for any changes*

**Tuesday Happy Hour**  
**September 3rd**

**JONNY PUMA**  
 A.K.A.  
 Jon Wilson

**Doors Open: 3:00**  
**Dinner & Music: 5 - 7 pm**

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**Tuesday**  
**Happy Hour**

**Holly Rae**

**September 10th**  
**Doors Open: 3 PM**  
**Dinner Served: 5 - 7 PM**  
**Music: 6 - 8 PM**

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**Tuesday Happy Hour**  
**September 17th**  
**Doors Open: 3:00**  
**Dinner/Music: 5 - 7 pm**

**Rob Rolleri**

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**Happy Hour**  
**Tuesday, September 24th**  
**Latitude 26**

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**Doors Open: 3 PM Music: 5:30 - 6:30**

**Tuesday Happy Hour**  
**October 1st**

**Kenny Giordano**

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**Doors Open: 3 PM**  
**Dinner: 4pm - 7pm Music: 5pm - 7pm**


**Tuesday Happy Hour**  
**October 8th**

Entertainment by:  
**Ed Maryon**

**Classic, Alternative & Acoustic**  
**Doors Open: 3 PM Dinner & Music: 5-7 PM**


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# ROB NORUM

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90'S  
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Tuesday, October 15th

Doors Open: 3pm    Dinner/Music: 5 - 7 pm

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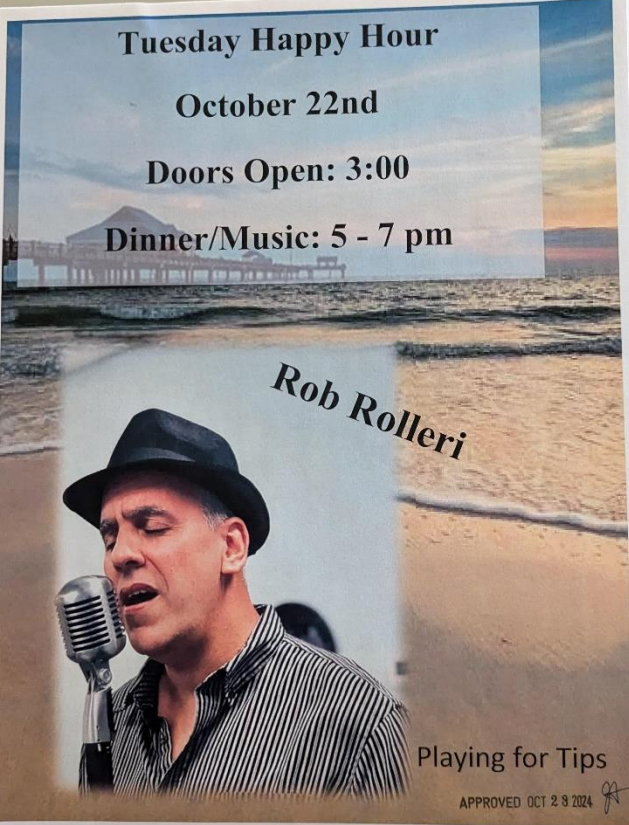


## Tuesday Happy Hour

October 22nd

Doors Open: 3:00

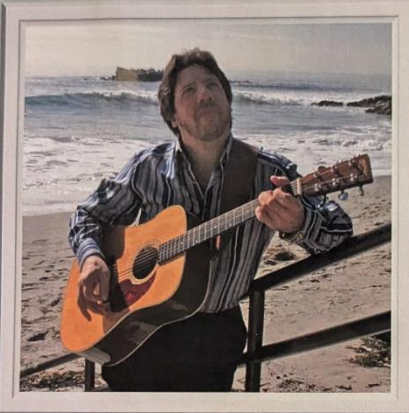
Dinner/Music: 5 - 7 pm



# Rob Roller

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# Kenny Giordano

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Tuesday Happy Hour:

October 29th

Doors Open: 3 PM

Music from 5—7 PM

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