



The March 2022 Maple Leaf

QUARTERLY DUES OF \$275 beginning Second Quarter

PAYABLE January 1st, 2022

April 1st, 2022

July 1st, 2022

October 1st, 2022

YEARLY DUES OF \$1,100

Late Fee of \$25 per quarter

Cart storage Fee \$100

Trail Sticker Fee \$100

You can now pay your dues and cart path fees through the website.

Visit the Membership Information tab at maplelanecountryclub.org

ADMINISTRATION

Spring is most definitely in the air. As the course opened to carts last week to take advantage of the 70-degree days, I have to admit I spent the better part of one afternoon staring out my window waiting for 5 o'clock to come so I could take the 5-minute trip from my office over to the Golf Learning Center off Radnor Road in north Peoria.

I was shocked to be greeted by Park District staff who told me "Sorry, but we're closed." "I'm sorry, what?" I responded only to be informed that because of a staff shortage, the Park District couldn't keep the Learning Center open past 5:00 p.m. All was not lost though since for one of the rare times in our new "touchless" society I had cash. In lieu of tokens, I fed the machine \$7 and got a small bucket to at least take advantage of sunshine and 70s on a mid-March afternoon.

The labor shortage reared its ugly head again when I stopped at Sam's to pick up an online order. After 30 minutes of waiting in a line while one associate dealt with a handful of customers, I was informed I didn't have the right app on my phone to pick up the order. After trying to reset a password, that didn't work, I said, "Excuse me," went to the aisle on the other side of the store to find the product before going through the "self-checkout."

The worker shortage is real, and unfortunately, is everywhere. In the coming weeks you'll see ads for lifeguards, golf course maintenance and pro shop staff. We have hours to fill and need your help. If you have any interest in picking up a few hours each week, or know someone who is, please reach out via email at clubmanager@maplelanecountryclub.org or contact Stephanie Dawson, Jim Monroe or Annie Bybee directly.

Now, some house cleaning. Remember the quarterly dues increase takes effect with Q2, so when paying your dues on April 1, please make the check out for \$275.

If you paid annually, you may pay the additional \$75 any time prior to the 4th Quarter. Also, please remember to pay your trail fees (\$100 per cart – if shared with another member, \$100 per member) and your storage fee (\$100). All proceeds from our trail and storage fees go directly to the golf improvement fund, so please get those turned in on time.

President

Brandon Burwell

GOLF

As weather conditions allow, the course will be open during the next few weeks but please keep an eye out for Club Communication through e-blasts, Facebook and signs on whether or not allowing carts. When the no cart sign is out, please keep your cart off the course. With more aggressive tires on several member's carts, it can really take a toll on our course.

When you are out playing, if you see sticks in areas where our crew mows, please stack them by a tree. Jim and the crew appreciate the help

The Men's League is looking for volunteers to help run the league. Please reach out to one of the committee members if you are willing to help or let Stephanie know when you are in the Pro Shop or Bar.

Golf Co-Chairs

Jason Wake / Aaron Harmon

POOL

Pool Manager Annie Bybee and the committee will be interviewing lifeguards the first weekend in April and working toward getting everything ready for Opening Day May 28.

One change this year will be the addition of a third session for lessons. More information will be coming once those dates gets finalized so keep an eye out on club communications and the Maple Lane Facebook page.

Pool Co-Chairs

Kristin Jackson / Emily Brunnelson

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Staff is trying to get a schedule for Pro Shop hours during April / May, but we're still trying to fill some staffing positions. If you are interested in picking up a few hours and are over 21, connect with Steph or send an email to clubmanager@maplelanecountryclub.org

One project that the board has discussed for the past few months is coming up with a better use of the tennis courts. One plan is to remove the unsightly fence around the court and turn it into a full-length basketball court. The existing basketball court would then be converted into a

Pickle Ball court. Both areas could easily be converted for outdoor events such as picnics, bands or weddings. If you have feedback one way or the other, please share with the board by sending a message to at clubmanager@maplelanecountryclub.org.

House & Ground Co-Chairs
Greg Carter / Joe Svymbersky

SOCIAL

Easter egg hunt will be Saturday April 9th at 1:00 p.m. Please be here by 12:45 p.m. so that we can start right at 1:00 p.m. We will have different areas for different age groups. If you can donate candy to help offset costs, that would be great. Please just come out and leave with the bar.

As we get more events set, please look out for e-mail blasts and follow us on our Facebook page.

Thanks to everyone that came out to the "Beverage Tasting Night" and St. Patty's Day ... we had great turnouts.

Social Co-Chairs
Tom Conklin / Mike Mercer