



THE FAIRWAY

Keeping you up to date on all your Club news

Jan/Feb 2016 Vol. 2

Chairman's Minute Mike Lyons

Happy New Year and thank you for your continuing support of Memphis National Golf Club! By now, most of us have winded down from the holidays and are eagerly awaiting the start of the 2016 golf season. Of course, some of you have been braving the cold and have already started. For this month's *Chairman's Minute* I would like to review some of the events and changes that we can expect in 2016.



First, a 2016 Men's and Ladies Golf Association Tournament Schedule is included in this newsletter. We will be adding the junior tournaments to this schedule shortly as well as the schedule of events for Couples Twilight and a notice regarding the start of the Wednesday Night Scramble and Tuesday's Ladies Nights.

Second, our owners and management team will be working on a number of projects this year including additional club house enhancements, sand trap repairs, and numerous other golf course landscaping projects including tree removal on both courses. Unfortunately, the large oak tree at the ditch on Legends #11 will stay intact. I actually had a dream where this tree was destroyed during a storm and Brian Pope replaced it with a castle wall guarded by a French Taunter that yelled insults at the golfers as they addressed their second shot. (1)

Third, we will be continuing our efforts to reach out for New Members and request your support wherever possible. Surprisingly, several of our recent New Members joined as a result of a casual golf conversation with a Member. So, in the future if you happen to be discussing golf with someone please make a pitch for MNGC and all the opportunities that we have to offer the local golfing community.

In closing, thank you again for your continuing support of MNGC and I hope to see you at the Club soon!

(1) from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

Michael N. Lyons

"I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's golf game: it's called an eraser."

- Arnold Palmer



Legends #15

Upcoming Events

- Date Night 1/29
- Mardi Gras Party 2/5
- Super Bowl Scramble 2/7
- Father/Daughter Dance 2/12
- Valentine Dinner 2/13
- Bridal Open House 2/28
- Night Golf 3/4

Membership News— Woody Burchett

Happy New Year! I want to thank each of you for helping make 2015 a very successful year at Memphis National. Last year we welcomed over 150 New Members into our golfing family. This could not be possible without the help of our wonderful membership. Your loyalty and support is what helps us continue to grow and improve.

I hear on a regular basis that the reason people join Memphis National is because the Members make them feel welcomed and at home. This is a testament to just how great our Club truly is. A Club should be a place where people come to relax and enjoy the company of others. I would say we have the BEST Club in area!

For those of you who are interested in meeting new people and becoming involved in a group, our Ambassador Committee welcomes you to play with them on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. Simply contact the Golf Shop to sign up.

We look forward to celebrating another great year with each of you in 2016!

**Thank you to the following Members for
Sponsoring a friend in December!**

Jai Kwon Hong

Tony Cherone

Member Spotlight

Name: Hank McDowell

Spouse: Carol Wade McDowell

Children: Patrick, Jake

Pets: Java (Chocolate Lab), Sadie (Cat), and Call me Cait (new kitten...got it's name because we can't tell the sex).

What do/did you do for a living? For 22 years and still going strong...McDowell Marketing, provider of advertising specialty items and decorated corporate apparel. Also, starting my 10th season as radio game analyst for the Memphis Grizzlies. And, I win a SCAT every once in a while with my Loser friends.

Where are you originally from? Born and raised in Memphis. Proud graduate of Treadwell High School and University of Memphis. Go Tigers!

Favorite Sports Teams? U of M Tigers, The Grizz and New Orleans Saints.

Favorite T.V. Show? House of Cards

Favorite Movie? Shawshank Redemption and any Bourne movie

Favorite Golfer? Jordan Spieth or Willie Allen...it's a toss up

Something interesting about you that many don't know: I love watching Tiny Houses on HGTV



(L to R) – Hillman McAllister, Bill Bailey, Drew Simmons, Ken Van Gundy, Marty Smith, and Larry Dunn at PGA National



Hank McDowell circa 1981

**We are pleased to
announce the Newest
Members into the
Club!**

- ◆ **Mr. Ok Doo Kim**
- ◆ **Mr. Dean Oakley**
- ◆ **Mr. David Deviney**

On behalf of the staff, Board of Governors
and Fellow Members we would like to
welcome you to our golfing family. We look
forward to sharing many memorable
experiences with you and your families for
many years to come!

Member Spotlight

Name: Marty Smith

Spouse: Vickie

Children: Andrew & Parker

Pets: Lucie the Wonder Cat

What do you do for a living? Realtor & Home
Builder

Where are you originally from? Little Rock

Favorite Sports Teams? UT Vols

Favorite T.V. Show? Anything on Golf Channel

Favorite Movie? Oh Brother Where Art Thou

Favorite Golfer? David Duval

Favorite Local Restaurant? Rendezvous

Hobbies Outside of Golf? Fly fishing,
Snowboarding, Beach Sitting

**Something interesting about you that many
don't know?** I tutor 3rd graders at Riverwood
Elementary School.



Rod Murphy and Neal McConnico are all smiles at the Wednesday Night 2-person scramble.



Marty Smith



Thursday Night Dinner Menu

Italian Night a la carte– 1/7/2016

Steak Night a la carte– 1/14/2016

Southwestern Night a la carte– 1/21/2016

Prime Rib Buffett– 1/28/2016

Breakfast for Dinner a la carte– 2/4/2016

Southern Buffett– 2/11/2016

Italian Night a la carte– 2/18/2016

Prime Rib Buffett– 2/25/2016

Chef Dan's Recipe of the Month

Lettuce Wraps (serves 4)

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon Sriracha, or more to taste
- 1 (8 oz.) can whole water chestnuts, drained and diced
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- 1 head butter lettuce

Instructions

1. Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium high heat. Add ground chicken and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the chicken as it cooks; drain excess fat.
2. Stir in garlic, onion, hoisin sauce, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, ginger and Sriracha until onions have become translucent, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in chestnuts and green onions until tender, about 1-2 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
3. To serve, spoon several tablespoons of the chicken mixture into the center of a lettuce leaf, taco-style

Upcoming Social Events

Date Night 1/29/2016

Mardi Gras Party 2/5/2016

Father/Daughter Dance 2/12/2016

Valentines Dinner 2/13/2016

Bridal Open House 2/28/2016

Easter Brunch 3/27/2016



Paul Gerhardt and The Smith Family enjoying a fine Thursday Night Dinner.

★ JANUARY 29TH 2016 ★

DATE NIGHT » AT THE CLUB «

FEATURING

DINNER BUFFET WITH DESSERT BAR

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MUSIC & DANCING

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HANNAH
901.853.8050 EXT. 23

 **USE HASHTAG
#MNDateNight
TO SHARE**

Enjoy one of Chef Dan's famous dinner buffets with a dessert bar. Then put on your dancing shoes and show us your moves. We'll have music provided by Perfection DJ's and cocktails for liquid courage!

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

\$30 per couple

Wedding Anniversary Coming Up? Don't Skip the Celebration

I believe celebrating one's anniversary must never be overlooked, as it reinforces the fact that your marriage is a priority. An anniversary celebration also allows you to pull back from your daily grind and relive a moment that changed your life forever. It's true that anyone can pull out all the stops on their wedding day, but when a couple makes it to 10 or 20 or 60 years of marriage, now that's something that really needs celebrating.

Anniversary Gift Ideas by Year

Year 1: Paper— Take out a full-page ad in the newspaper to wish your spouse Happy Anniversary

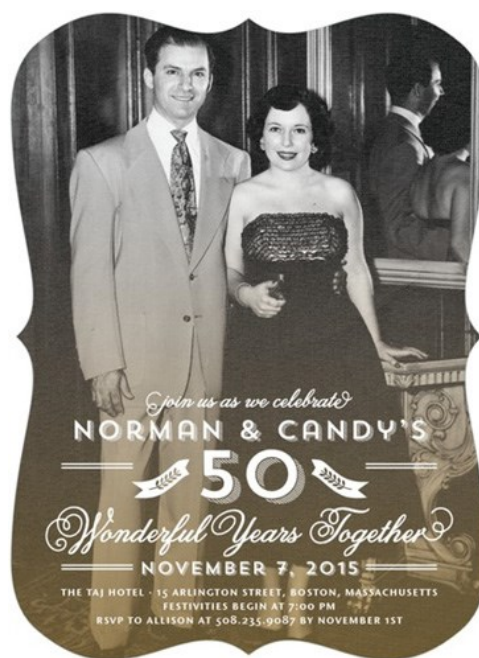
Year 10: Tin— Vacation in Mexico. Buy something made of tin as a souvenir.

Year 20: China— A porcelain frame with a picture from your wedding day is a sweet sentiment.

Year 30: Pearl— Anything adorned with mother-of-pearl accents is a great way to commemorate this anniversary. This could be jewelry, knives or even cabinet hardware.

Year 40: Ruby— Red roses, ruby jewelry and red vases are classics.

Year 50: Gold— Throw a party! Gold jewelry or watches and a huge bouquet of sunflowers are great ideas, too.



Tip of the month

January and February may not exactly be prime months for improving your golf game outdoors, however if you use your time wisely these two months can be a perfect setting for developing good fundamentals/habits inside while the weather may not be cooperating outside. One area of concern that I stress for my students during the off-season is the opportunity to improve their posture! Believe it or not, posture has a positive influence on production. Being balanced and solid, with a great spine angle is crucial to a productive golf swing.

Bending the spine places unnecessary stress on the lower back muscles and joints. It also reduces your ability to transfer power from your lower body to your upper body. This translates into decreased club head speed. For example, when your upper back is bent forward to hunched over, you place extra stress on your shoulders and neck. This causes the rotator cuff muscles (a group of four small muscles that protect the shoulder joint) to work in an abnormal position. The end results in limited range of motion.

If you have any desire to improve your golf game during the off-season months, then I strongly encourage you to focus on your golf posture and make this a priority moving forward.



Note From The Pro –Drew Simmons, PGA

Greetings Everyone! I hope that you all had a Happy New Year! Speaking of the New Year, my team and I are excited about the fact that with a new year comes new beginnings. The 2016 season is shaping up to be one of the most pivotal years for our club. This includes the many golfer development programs we have in store for all sectors of the membership, a junior program that will rival any other, an extensive tournament calendar for all the competitive golfers at heart and not to mention many new original programs we will be introducing to the membership throughout the season.

Also, I would like to remind you that your golf shop should be your first priority for your golfing needs. Not only do we stock the latest clubs, gloves, balls and apparel in the industry we also offer you, the Member, one incredible discount that will save you big \$\$ for supporting your golf shop. Simply look for the "Member Price" on every tag and begin saving money today!

Here's to a successful 2016 season!

2016 Weekday Tournament Schedule

St. Patrick's Day Scramble 3/17/2016

Weekday Member/Member 4/26/2016-4/27/2016

Weekday Member/Guest 6/9/2016– 6/10/2016

Weekday Club Championship 8/2/2016– 8/3/2016

April– October

Men's Weekly Quota Game League
(Every Tuesday & Thursday)

Sale of the month

- ♦ All product in stock is on sale at 10% over wholesale cost for January/February only! We must make room for spring merchandise which should be arriving in March!

Handicap Rule of the Month

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is a method of recording scores used to calculate a golf handicap. Its purpose is to avoid recording a very high score on an individual hole which might inflate the handicap calculation. Equitable stroke control is a sliding scale system, based on the difficulty of the course and the current handicap of the golfer.

Each rated course should post a calculation of the player's course handicap. Course handicaps are always rounded to whole numbers and reflect the difficulty of the course relative to an average course. For example, an individual with a handicap of 5.9 playing on a difficult course might have a course handicap of 8. Playing on a much easier course, the course handicap might be 5.

Course Handicap Maximum Score per Hole

Up to 9 Double Bogey

10 to 19 7

20 to 29 8

30 to 39 9

40 or higher 10

For example, if a golfer has a course handicap of 8, shoots a score of 83, but that score includes a six on a par 3 (double bogey) then the posted score should be 82. However, if a golfer with a course handicap of 11 had the same score, the proper score to post is 83.

Fun Facts

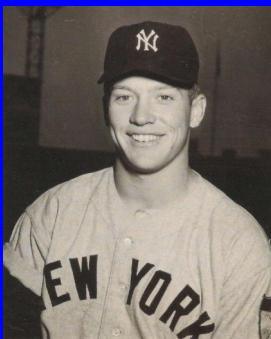
Golf is the only sport to have been played on the moon. On February 6, 1971 Alan Shepard hit two golf balls while on the lunar surface.



Famous Golf Quotes

"The only sure rule in golf is he who has the fastest golf cart never has to play a bad lie".

- Mickey Mantle



Golf Rule of the Month

Winter rules, also known as "preferred lies", is one of the most misunderstood concepts in golf. Winter rules refer to a practice that most recreational players take part in at some point and that golf courses may encourage, but which few really understand.

"Winter rules" is a condition that exists by local rule only and under which golfers are, on certain parts of the golf course, allowed to improve the lie of their golf ball without penalty.

"Winter rules" is not codified in any of the 34 rules that make up the Rules of Golf; it exists only in an appendix to the rules, where there is a sample local rule for use by courses, clubs or committees.

Generally, winter rules are put into place during, of course, the winter when adverse weather conditions can impact the golf course itself. Or winter rules might be put into place at any time of the year on a course that is suffering damage; for example, if extreme drought kills large swathes of fairway.

Important: MNGC adheres to the following local rule when it comes to "winter rules":

All players are entitled to lift, clean and place your ball through the green during off-season months or when our golf courses are completely dormant. These months specifically include December-March.

Note From LGA- Vicki Clark

Well, hello and Happy New Year. The MNLGA has some great suggestions for your 2016 resolutions.

1. Play more golf.
2. Play better golf.
3. Have fun when playing golf.

And we can help you with all of these opportunities. All you have to do is show up. We play 9 holes on Tuesdays around 5:00 p.m. And then on Wednesdays the 18 holers start at 9:00 a.m. and the 9 holers start at 9:30 a.m. There is always lunch or dinner after each round. We welcome all golfers, the good ,the bad and the cute (we are all cute). Starting April 4th Jason Bell gives us a 1 hour group lesson for only \$10 every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. We have a few Members that just come to the lessons. Our season starts in April and ends after October. So come on out and join us!

Vicki Clark

vickizta@gmail.com

2016 LGA Tournaments

LGA Opening Dinner	3/29/2016
Tuesday Evening Play Begins	4/5/2016
Wednesday Play Begins	4/6/2016
LGA Opening Scramble	5/7/2016
Handicap Tournament	6/11/2016
Memorial Tournament	7/23/2016
Presidents Cup	9/24/2016
Closing Scramble	10/8/2016
Tuesday Evening Play Ends	10/25/2016
Wednesday Play Ends	10/26/2016
LGA Closing Dinner	11/1/2016
*Golf Development Classes Begin	4/4/2016

Mary L. Wolff

1950-2015



We are sad to have lost Mary L. Wolff on Christmas Eve. She was a devoted and loved golfer at Memphis National Golf Club. She had a beautiful memorial at the Halloran Center for Performing Arts. Mary was on the Board at the Orpheum Theatre and was very active in getting the Halloran Center built. We are raising money to buy a brick for Mary in front of the Halloran Center. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to:

Sheryl Warmbold
2380 Shrewsbury Run E.
Collierville, Tn. 38017

Thanks in advance for your support of such a special lady!

Vicki Clark
901.337.4630



2015 MNLGA Closing Scramble

2016 MGA Schedule

- ♦ Sonny Love Shamrock
3/12/2016
- ♦ MGA 2-Day Tournament
4/16/2016– 4/17/2016
- ♦ Member/Member*
5/14/2016– 5/15/2016
- ♦ Par 3 Challenge
5/20/2016
- ♦ Men's Member/Guest*
7/1/2016– 7/2/2016
- ♦ MGA 2-Day Tournament
7/30/2016– 7/31/2016
- ♦ President's Cup
10/1/2016– 10/2/2016
- ♦ MGA Finale
11/5/2016

*Donates Club events

Notes From MGA - Marty Lyle

Happy New Year!

This has been a great year for Memphis National and the Men's Golf Association. We were blessed with great weather and had good turnouts for all six MGA tournaments this year. (Well, the Par 3 had to be rescheduled, but on the make-up day we still had a full turnout!) We held a new format tournament, the FORE!way, and the President's Cup really came into full form with a fantastic and exciting finish.

The Player of the Years were announced at the Finale, and the top 5 finishers in each division are listed below. Player of the year points are built by competing in the six MGA events and five club events. Do not be discouraged if you cannot play in all the events, two of the division winners for 2015 missed at least one event and still won their division.

I am honored to have been re-elected for the next two years and am seeking others to be on the MGA committee. If you are interested, please email me at marty.lyle@gmail.com.

2015 MGA Player of the Year Results

Adult Division Points

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. <i>Marty Lyle</i> | <i>2245</i> |
| 2. <i>James Thomas</i> | <i>1795</i> |
| 3. <i>Ryan Burchfiel</i> | <i>1683</i> |
| 4. <i>Tim Jordan</i> | <i>1660</i> |
| 5. <i>Brian Thomas</i> | <i>1633</i> |

Senior Division Points

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. <i>Dana Swanson</i> | <i>1808</i> |
| 2. <i>Paul Highland</i> | <i>1635</i> |
| 3. <i>Dan Debacker</i> | <i>1625</i> |
| 4. <i>Allen Carmack</i> | <i>1598</i> |
| 5. <i>Dale Logan</i> | <i>1510</i> |

Super Senior Division Points

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. <i>Abdullah Hasan</i> | <i>2198</i> |
| 2. <i>John Roy</i> | <i>1715</i> |
| 3. <i>Phil Bryce</i> | <i>1580</i> |
| 4. <i>Bob Smith</i> | <i>1535</i> |
| 5. <i>Jimbo Helton</i> | <i>1328</i> |



2015 MGA Player of the Year Winners L to R– Dana Swanson, Marty Lyle, Abdullah Hasan

Policy/Rules Reminder

Cart path only are three words all golfers hate to hear. Trust us, we do too. Typically, cart path only means fewer golfers which equals fewer revenues. Unfortunately, there are times when it is inevitable.

The reason courses must invoke cart path only is to preserve the turf and prevent damage that can take weeks or longer to repair. It also, ensures that playing conditions are enjoyable for all Members.

As a friendly reminder, when the course is forced to implement the cart path only policy, please remember to keep all four wheels on the cart path at all times. Even on days when the course is implementing the 90 degree policy, carts should not be off the path around tees or greens.

We also ask for your assistance on paying close attention when turning corners. Many times corners are places where courses notice the worst turf damage. When making turns, please be mindful to slow down and try to keep all tires on the path. Once again, this will only help to enhance the golfing experience for everyone.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Turf damage caused by golf carts

Golf Course News

1. A new permanent putting hole system for the winter months has been installed. With the help of the Green Committee we determined to use a more permanent hole system this winter. This will allow less changing of the pins/cups which will minimize the amount of “plugs” that are noticed in the spring. We move the pin locations on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday to ensure that the pin positions are different every week. (See below)



2. We are currently concentrating a lot of attention on removing water from the courses more effectively. We are achieving this by raising and leveling many catch basins (drains) and installing many drains or improving surface drainage to remove the water from the cart paths. (See below)



January Birthdays

Frank Mazzarino	2nd
Amy Beasley	2nd
Bill Linder	2nd
Amy Hood	6th
Eric Shapiro	7th
David Sisson	8th
Robert Whitten	8th
Danny Lipsey	8th
Corey Knight	8th
Jai Kwon Hong	9th
Carolyn Brown	9th
Clark Talley	9th
Michelle Weddle	11th
Jonna Ferguson	12th
Tim Jordan	12th
Mike Kennedy	12th
Ok Jun	13th
Jeff Thomas	13th
Chris Kim	13th
Jerry Haser	14th
David McCarthy	14th
Christian Taylor	14th
Norm Kennedy	15th
John Nelson	15th
Chip Wiggins	15th
Karleen Nation	15th
Marty McKinstry	16th
Larry Butler	16th
Bodie Council	16th
Fred Persechini	18th
Henry Hudson	18th
Wayne Pool e	19th
Larry Mullen	19th
Charles Meiners	19th
Greg Matas	19th
Bo Reynolds	20th
Vaughn Porter	20th
Preston Giles	20th
Krista Papps	20th
Randy Newman	21st
Alicia Knight	21st
Pam Pittman	22nd
Scott Sadler	22nd
Brad Hudson	23rd
Scott Matthews	24th
James Gore	19th
Ron Walker	24th
Dan Chartrand	25th



Edie Siddiqui	25th
Sherri Wilson	25th
Chris Butler	26th
Janet Raebel	26th
Dan Petrie	26th
Colby Bowen	26th
Ken Van Gundy	27th
Mike Brooks	27th
Carol Graw	29th
Tonya Skaggs	29th
Rod Hassell	30th
Larry Dunn	31st
Joe Fagone	31st
Mike Kim	31st

If you have a birthday that is not listed, contact Woody so we can update your membership file.

February Birthdays

Mary Lou Kovsky	1st
David Gribble	1st
Logan Crawford	1st
Andrea Anglin	2nd
Jack Porter	2nd
Steve Stoll	2nd
Summers Townsend	2nd
Jill Poley	4th
Bailey Lowery	4th
Lura Lipsey	4th
Skeet May	5th
Jin Woo Pak	5th
Young Boo Kang	5th
Angie Vandenberg	6th
Sandy Anderson	8th
Carson Wooten	9th
Katie Youngblood	10th
Richard Bishop	12th
Les Fortner	12th
Michael Arnat	12th
Judy Driscoll	13th
Harry Worley	13th
Skip Trevathan	14th
Steve Boyer	14th
Conrad Richards	14th
Jimmy Skaggs	14th
Shicheng Guo	14th
Steve Donaldson	15th
Jason Bell	15th
Rem Noble	16th
Trish Enyart	16th
Dave Poley	16th
George Chism	16th
Greg Reichert	17th
Linda Doyle	18th
Lonnie Venera	18th
John Roebuck	19th
Heather House	19th
Randy Patton	20th



David Thompson	21st	Patrick Embry	25th
Shannon Carroll	21st	Josh Rawlinson	25th
Terry Cochran	22nd	Leon Burchett	26th
Jim Anglin	22nd	Jon Kitchen	26th
Gary McCown	23rd	Stan Joyner	26th
Ruth Morrison	23rd	Todd Hollenbeck	26th
Ted Yeiser	23rd	Thomas Shimizu	27th
Wilson Lambert	23rd	Suzie Bowen	28th
Jimmy Morrison	24th	Keith Kirby	28th
Jodi Oakley	24th		
Pam Meiners	24th		
Steve Henry	25th		
Frank Shelton	25th		
Ron Clark	25th		