



THE FAIRWAY

Keeping you up to date on all your Club news

March/April 2016 Vol. 3

Chairman's Minute Mike Lyons



Hello again and as always thank you for your continuing support of Memphis National Golf Club! If you are reading this column then you obviously survived our winter weather. Of course, ours was not as bad as what they had up north. Anyway, spring is right around the corner and that is good news for all golfers. So, in this month's *Chairman's Minute* I would like to discuss two of my favorite subjects: golf and food.

First, the Men's Golf Association will kick-off the 2016 season with their annual Sonny Love Shamrock Open on Saturday, March 12. This is an "ABCD" scramble and the teams will be paired by our Pro Shop based upon the players' handicaps. Traditionally, this event has been one of our most entertaining golf scrambles for the year. The golf is always fun and the round will be followed by some great food prepared by Chef Dan (you will have to try his corn beef and cabbage). In addition, if you stick around long enough you can always join me in singing one or two lines of "Molly Malone" (AKA "Cockles and Muscles") to help celebrate St. Paddy's Day.

Second, with the 2016 golf season gearing up there is plenty of time to hone your game with a lesson or two from one of our outstanding Golf Pros. Both Dan and Jason will be available for both group and individual lessons for golfers of all ages. Please contact them in the Pro Shop if you are interested. Also, watch for additional golf lesson information that may be published in our bi-monthly Newsletter or weekly club e-mails.

Third, Thursday evenings is Family Night at MNGC's *Tavern on the Green*. This is Chef Dan's cooking at its best and it is one of our "must try" club events. The menu varies weekly and in the past has included Southern, Asian, Tex-Mex, Italian or Prime Rib buffets, cooked to order steaks, seafood specials, and even a Breakfast-as-Dinner special. The food and camaraderie is always great. If you have not treated yourself or your family to one of these events, please do so! You will not be disappointed. Also, please watch for the forthcoming announcements regarding our Easter and Mother's Day brunches. These are usually sold out events and may very well be the best food served at MNGC all year.

In closing, thank you again for your continuing support and let's play some golf!

Michael N. Lyons

"Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having the perfect golf swing."



- Ben Hogan



Molly Malone Statue on Grafton Street in Dublin, Ireland

Upcoming Events

- Date Night 3/18
- Sonny Love Shamrock Open 3/12
- Easter Brunch 3/27
- Wine Dinner 4/1
- Ambassador Invitational 4/2
- Mother's Day Brunch 5/8

Membership News— Woody Burchett

Spring is right around the corner and with it will come the official kick-off to the 2016 golf season. We will have better weather, greener grass and longer days which every golfer loves to see.

Spring-time is also the time of the year when people begin looking for a home club to join. Typically, our Club enrolls the largest percentage of New Members from March-May.

It's the perfect time to invite your friends to visit the Club. Not only is the course in good shape, but we will begin our spring golf programs, leagues and both the Men's & Ladies Golf Associations events.

We will also be hosting our Spring Ambassador Invitational on Saturday April 2, 2016. This event is a perfect way to showcase your Club to friends. More details on how to participate will be following in the weeks ahead.

**Thank you to the following Members for
Sponsoring a friend in January or February!**

Tony Cherone

Bob Anderson

Wendell Berry

Todd Majors

Doug Ward

Monte McCrary

Simon Lacon

Bailey Lowery

Member Spotlight

Name: Missy Ward

Spouse: Doug

Children: 2 Daughters— Erica & Christine

Pets: 2 Dogs— Winston & Belle, 1 Rabbit— Buster

What do/did you do for a living?
Hairdresser/Mom

Where are you originally from?
Chicago

Favorite Sports Teams? Detroit Red Wings

Favorite T.V. Show? X-Files, Psych

Favorite Movie? Hocus Pocus, Young Frankenstein, Guilty Pleasure, Tremors

Favorite Golfer? Jordan Spieth

How many years have you been playing golf? Coming to the Club since 2006, actually started playing golf October 2014

Something interesting about you that many don't know: We lived in Detroit (twice), Chicago, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco and then Memphis. I also love "B" movies...the cheesier the better.

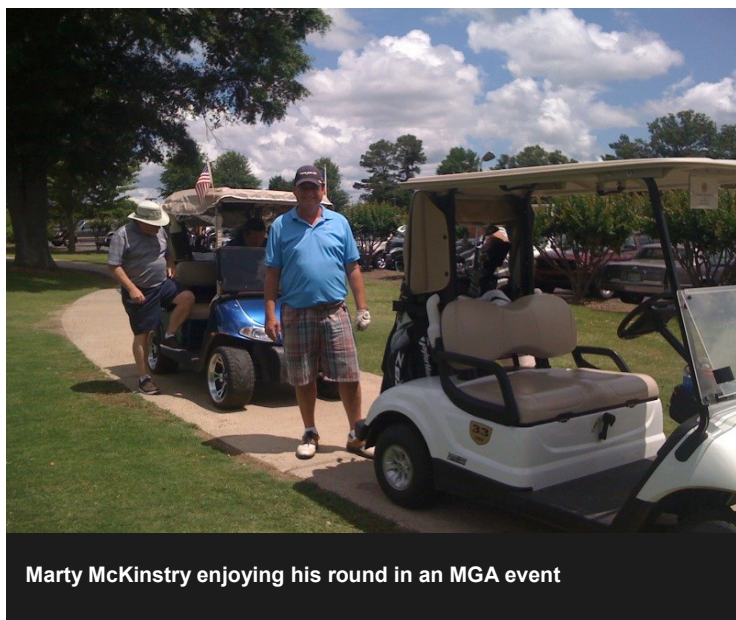
Hobbies outside of golf? Painting & Quilting



(L to R) – Shanna & Marty Lyle



Missy Ward



Marty McKinstry enjoying his round in an MGA event

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

- ♦ Mr. James Quinn
- ♦ Mr. Henry Gerosa
- ♦ Mr. Ken Smith
- ♦ Mr. David Nall
- ♦ Mr. Otis Jackson
- ♦ Mr. Harold Finney
- ♦ Mr. Keith Shelton
- ♦ Mr. Tony McClusky
- ♦ Mr. Don Lowry
- ♦ Mr. Mike Williams
- ♦ Mr. Phillip Braden
- ♦ Mr. Derrick Phillips

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 McKinstry

Spouse: Darlene

Children: Jessica, Heather, Sarah

Pets: Cat-Ella (Rescued)

What do you do for a living? I develop cellular protocol software for Fed Ex. I spent 24 years at Bell Labs in Chicago and Wippany New Jersey. I was owner and CEO of Zen Computer Corporation for 17 years.

Where are you originally from? Born in Baltimore Maryland. I have lived in Roanoke Virginia, Princeton New Jersey, Philadelphia Pa., New York City, Chicago and now Memphis for 5 years.

Favorite Sports Teams? Huge Grizzlies fan and Chicago Bears

Favorite T.V. Show? Breaking Bad...best show ever!

Favorite Movie? Wedding Crashers

Favorite Golfer? Jordan Spieth

Favorite Local Restaurant? I enjoy eating at the club more than anywhere else. Big fan of Chef Dan!

Hobbies Outside of Golf? Music. Jazz Performance Major, Indiana University. I spent many years on the road with various jazz artist playing drums.

Something interesting about you that many don't know? This year I founded Education Over Poverty. 47% of children in Memphis live at or below the poverty level. We raise money for people living in poverty in Memphis. Our mentoring program helps to insure their success in school and in life after graduation. Please join us for our golf tournament here at our club on June 10th. We can break the systematic generational poverty that ravages our city. Check out our website at educationoverpoverty.com. Please consider being a sponsor and player. You can reach me at 815-715-1414.



Marty McKinstry



Thursday Night Dinner Menu

Taste of Asia Buffett – 3/3/2016

Steak Night a la carte – 3/10/2016

Irish Buffett (Happy St. Patrick's Day) - 3/17/2016

Italian Night a la carte – 3/24/2016

Prime Rib Buffett – 3/31/2016

Southwest a la carte – 4/7/2016

Steak Night a la carte – 4/14/2016

Southern Buffett – 4/21/2016

Italian a la carte – 4/28/2016

***Thursday themes subject to change**

Upcoming Social Events

Date Night 3/18/2016

Easter Brunch 3/27/2016

Wine Dinner 4/1/2016

Open House 4/2/2016

Mother's Day Brunch 5/8/2016

Chef Dan's Recipe of the Month

Spinach Artichoke Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup Sour Cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Fontina or Muenster cheese
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 cup crushed red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- additional 1/4 cup shredded Fontina or Muenster cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a small baking dish.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, sour cream, Parmesan cheese, Romano cheese, Fontina cheese, garlic, basil, granulated garlic, salt and pepper. Gently stir in artichoke hearts and spinach.
3. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish. Top with Fontina cheese. Bake in the preheated oven 25 minutes, until bubbly and lightly browned.



The McFalls and Tromblys enjoying Italian Night

Date Night

AT

✧ Memphis National ✧

Friday, March 18th
from 7 until 10 PM

FEATURING

Dinner Buffet with Dessert
Entertainment by Perfection DJs

\$30 per Couple

Please RSVP by March 14th



Contact Hannah for
Additional Information
at 901-853-8050 ext. 23

If you missed out last time, be sure to make a reservation for this exciting event. We're bringing back Perfection DJ's and will have another amazing dinner buffet. This event is \$30 per Couple.

Friday, March 18, 2016

7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Planning a party, meeting or special celebration? Let us help!

First and foremost, we hope 2016 is off to a great start for you and yours!

We had an amazing 2015 and are so looking forward to all that 2016 has in store for us. We feel particularly fortunate to have the opportunity to work with our members, their friends, families, and colleagues in the planning and execution of a multitude of events. And we look forward to working with even more of you in 2016. We take great pride when you allow us to be a resource to and FOR you!

We have been full steam ahead already in 2016 with birthday celebrations, baby showers, weddings, and everything in between, and we will continue picking up the pace as we march on into this year. Thank you for continuing to trust us with your banquet needs. We appreciate you!

We would like to remind you all that as a member of Memphis National, you have the opportunity to use our banquet hall & meeting room with no room charge. In addition, we boast a hearty selection of banquet menus that can be customized based on your vision and budget. From small corporate meetings, to larger award ceremonies, weddings and anniversaries – there is nothing we can't accommodate. We wish you all the best for an amazing 2016 and look forward to seeing you soon.



Tip of the month-Dan Chartrand

Focus

Golf is one of the hardest games in the world because we are looking down at the ball instead of looking at our intended target. This usually makes us golfers **focus** on how we are going to hit the ball as opposed to where we are going to hit it. When we think about the “how”, instead of the “where”, we use our conscious mind as opposed to our subconscious mind.

To play our best golf we need to play with our subconscious mind and just let the swing happen. The next time you go practice I want you to **focus** on nothing but your target. This goes for your putts, chips, pitches, and full shots. The more your mind is **focused** on the target and less on mechanics the better your rhythm and balance will be, thus helping you produce your best golf swings.

If you are looking to improve your game this year contact Dan Chartrand at (901) 210-5882 or come talk to me at the club.



Bagpiper at the Sonny Love Shamrock Open

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

We are looking for Members who are interested in serving on a Weekday Golf Committee. Please contact Jon Kitchen at jkitchen@palmergolf.com for more details.

Wednesday Guest Day

- ♦ Bring your friends to the Club on Wednesdays for only \$25! This is a great way to showcase your club to friends and family!

Handicap Rule of the Month

Beginning this season, we have a Handicap Committee to help ensure that our golfers are entering scores properly to provide fair and competitive events. We want to thank these Committee Members in advance for their work to help make for better competitions and fair play for all the golfers in the club.

Below is the definition of the USGA Handicap Committee:

A "Handicap Committee" is the Committee of a golf club that ensures compliance with the USGA Handicap System, including peer review. A majority of the Handicap Committee, including the chairperson, must be members of the club; club employees may serve on the Handicap Committee, but an employee may not serve as chairperson.

The 2016 Handicap Committee

Mike Lavoie - Chairman

Marty Lyle

Pete Roosa

Bob Smith

Carol Lanier

Paul Gerhardt

Missy Ward

Rem Noble

Mark Rabinowitz

Joey Winterrowd

There are two basic premises that underlie the USGA Handicap System:

1. That each player will try and make the best score on every hole in every round
2. Regardless of where the round is played, that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review

Fun Facts

Five-time World Long Drive Champion Jason Zuback can drive a golf ball an incredible 468 yards.



Famous Golf Quotes

"If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt."

- Dean Martin



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Standard Play Number
with Personalization

Choose standard play number (1-4) or (5-8). Personalize golf balls with the imprint of your choice at no charge.

OPTION #2

All the Same Play Number
with Personalization

Choose the same play number (00, 1-99), additional fee may apply. Personalize golf balls with the imprint of your choice at no charge.

Program window: 3/17/16 - 4/17/16. Lead-time: delivered in 5 weeks. Please contact the golf shop for more details. Limited time offer. Restrictions apply. While supplies last. ©2016 Acushnet Company

Titleist
#1 ball in golf.



Laura McFall, Diana Thomas, Ava Chymiy, and Lisa Johnson

Note From LGA- Vicki Clark

Hello Ladies, I have some good news. Family Tees are coming. In an effort to make golf more enjoyable, Jon Kitchen and Marty Lyle are working on Family Tees for the Champions course at Memphis National. These can be used by juniors, more mature ladies and new golfers. Maybe I won't be so sad about that next birthday.

Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 pm, the MNLGA will hold an information meeting in the Banquet Room. Please join us and discuss the plans for the 2016 golf season. We would love to get to know you or if we already know you - we want to hear about your ideas to make golf more fun at our Club. Check the bulletin board that is close to the Ladies Room and pick up a schedule for this year.

Membership in the MNLGA is \$25 per year. There is a \$5 cost for the Hole-In-One Fee, if this is your first time to join our merry little group. We have over \$600 in our Hole-in-One account and I just have the feeling someone is going to claim it this year. Also, Couples Golf will start on March 4th. And we are playing night golf - I am excited.

And for more fun, please mark your calendars for the Lady Tiger Spring Scramble, Friday, April 8, 2016. Lunch at 11:30 am and the Four Person Scramble Shotgun Start at 12:30 pm. Beth Harrelson (Lady Tiger Coach) would really appreciate your support of the University of Memphis Lady Tigers. You can expect great food, prizes, and some great golf.

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



Lisa Sevier and Brenda Ganem enjoying a round with the LGA



Darlene Emery, Rick Emery, Todd Graddy and Jimmy Wilkins at last years Sonny Love Shamrock Scramble.

Notes From MGA - Marty Lyle

So what's the Player of the Year? The MGA Player of the Year is awarded to those who have shown the best overall participation and performance in the 6 MGA tournaments and the three club events (Member/Member, Member/Guest, and Club Championship). You build points over the year, and at the Finale, the winners for each division Men's (under 50), Seniors (50-64), Super Seniors (65+). For the last two years, we have added prizes for men who finished in the top 5, and we have added new prizes, including the coveted Player of the Year golf bag.

Different Tournaments, Different Points? Yes, for the past two years, one important change we have made is to make the individual events worth more points than the two/three man events, and the two/three man events worth more than the 4-man scramble events. Likewise, this change leads to increasing points as the year moves on and the race heats up.

Do I have to play in every event? You should, as you get points just for participating (one division winner last year received only participation points in 3 events). But no, with strong finishes, you can win without playing in every event. Two division winners last year missed two events each.

There was huge excitement around the race last year, and this year promises to be the same. Beginning in the next newsletter, we will start listing the current Player of the Year leaders. Also, posted at the club will be the leaderboard spreadsheet with points for every event listed. Once this is posted (after the Sonny Love), the points amounts and method for awarding them will be set for the year.

Go for the win, and make sure you are signed up for the Sonny Love!

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

*Denotes Club events



Sonny Love bust in front of the Clubhouse

Policy/Rules Updates

- Spring is right around the corner which means longer days and more golf! We will updating our Clubhouse and Golf Shop hours in the near future. Please keep an eye out for our new hours of operation in the next few weeks.
- We are in the process of updating our membership system to include Members pictures at all points of sale. This will help our staff better service our membership. We will send out more details soon.



Golf Course News

1. *Pre-emergent herbicide is currently being applied to the property in its entirety. This will take 2-3 weeks, depending on weather, to complete. This is the first of two applications. The second application occurs the last week of May into first week of June.*
2. *We are continuing the progress of raising and leveling irrigation heads and drain basins throughout. Below is an example of raising and leveling an irrigation head. On this particular one we needed to move it a couple of feet to ensure proper coverage.*



3. *Upcoming will be the grinding and leveling all stumps*
4. *Extensive work has been done to the area just across the entrance road from #18 Legends tee complex. We will be finishing this project in the coming weeks.*
5. *We will be removing all the greens covers from the course the week following Easter.*
6. *A small hole aerification is scheduled for April 19.*

March Birthdays

Nadim Siddiqui	1st
Sharon Linne	1st
Patrick Eddings	1st
Rachel Ozols	2nd
Alan Posner	3rd
Jeff Garmen	3rd
Yvette Hudson	4th
Cindy Ogden	5th
Jamie Munz	5th
Aubrey Smith	6th
John Deming	6th
Laura Martins	6th
Michael Kovsky	7th
Linda Joyner	7th
Kelvin Massey	7th
Hannah Apple	7th
Todd Glover	8th
Robert Carruthers	9th
John Skelton	9th
Sherry Cannon	10th
Steven Rose	10th
Mark Self	10th
Jon Thomas	10th
Steve Bargiacchi	11th
Sally Bollich	12th
David Ferguson	12th
Ruby Williams	14th
Paul Nickel	15th
Patty Hutchison	15th
Jerry Meeks	16th
Bill O'Flaherty	17th
Randy Miller	18th
Noah Jacobs	19th
Chris Luedtke	19th
Curt Keogh	20th
Nicole Weisenborn	20th
Pam Helms	22nd
Bill Krieger	22nd
Rick Collins	22nd
Simon Lacon	22nd
Brenda Ganem	23rd
Sheryl Warmbold	23rd
Neal McConnico	23rd
Kristen Melton	25th
Tommy Hatmaker	26th
Barry Regan	28th
Paul Gerhardt	29th
Carolyn Smith	29th



Kelly Ogden	29th
Frank Marciniak	29th
Stephanie Asbell	30th
Wayne Martin	31st
Bill Hudspeth	31st

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

April Birthdays

Tom McIlravy	1st
Dana Swanson	1st
Natalie Lichtfuss	1st
John Lichtfuss	1st
Bob Noziglia	2nd
Carl Greenway	2nd
Willie Allen	2nd
Dennis Hunt	3rd
Eric Pettet	4th
J.W. Hutson	6th
Tommy Salmon	7th
Joey Winterrowd	7th
Keith Hegger	7th
Mike Cafferty	8th
Paul Rotonde	8th
Amelia Kennedy	10th
Michael Graw	11th
Ruth Eddings	11th
Bill Howard	12th
John Pucillo	13th
Jimmy Doyle	14th
James Thomas	14th
Marjorie Roosa	15th
Bob Bumpus	15th
Mike Howard	16th
Dirk Riethe	17th
Diane Dillman	18th
Steve Hawkins	19th
Christine Howard	20th
Tron Huynh	20th
Jim Pruett	21st
Craig Denkler	21st
Larry Bell	22nd
Diane Hardy	22nd
Judy Deming	23rd
George Chamoun	23rd
John Stamps	23rd
Joe Coletta	24th
Mike Bowen	24th
Derrick Pennington	25th



Jeff Halter	26th
Ken Hawkins	27th
Steve Harmon	27th
Chris Parker	28th
Alan Rutland	28th
Justin Dugger	28th
Donna Henry	29th
Anita Allison	29th
Leslie Petrie	29th
Tom Oldham	30th