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a message from

Scott Reis

As I look back over the summer, I'd like to thank everyone for another great season here at Meadia Heights. From competitive tournaments and days by the pool to fun social events and Kids Discovery Camp, I hope everyone and their families made some wonderful memories.

I'd also like to welcome all of the new members who joined Meadia this year! I hope you've enjoyed your time here so far. If there is anything we can do to make your experience better, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our department heads. We truly want to make this your Home Away From Home.

And of course, I have to express my deepest gratitude to Meadia Heights' hardworking staff. Each one of you is an important part of making our club a success. From our golf and grounds teams, to aquatics, to our food and beverage department, I appreciate your dedication to our members and to our club.

On a different note, I would also like to make an apology. Course conditions were not what we had hoped this year. However, we have an exciting long-term plan to rejuvenate our course, and we are making progress. Part of that plan was reseeding the fairways, which went well thanks to our members' cooperation. We will continue our tree work and other improvements this winter, but in the meantime, I want to thank everyone for your ongoing support and patience.

Someone who will play a big role in those improvements is our new golf course superintendent, Bobby Dohner! Bobby has extensive experience at clubs throughout New York and Pennsylvania, and we are excited he's here. Please join me in welcoming him to the club.

You can read more about Bobby and our course improvements later in this issue, as well as check out highlights from this fall's 1-Day Member-Guest, Mixed Club Championships, and Shootouts. To all of this year's tournament winners, congratulations!

Looking ahead, plans for our new clubhouse are going well. We are in the design phase, so stay tuned for updates! There's still plenty of fun and fellowship to be had at Meadia Heights this year, including our Cigar Club, Santa Brunch, and other social events — I hope to see you there.

Cheers!

SCOTT REIS
General Manager

The Future of Meadia:

What's Next for Our Course?

At Meadia Heights, we strive for excellence in all areas of our club, not least our championship golf course. However, more than 100 years of play have taken their toll, and combined with the past few years of challenging weather, we knew it was time for some TLC.

Since August, Meadia has been working with golf course consultant Steve McDonald to build a phased five-year plan to rejuvenate our course — preserving its character and challenging nature while creating a healthier and more vibrant landscape. Here's what to expect.



Trees & Fairways

Our top concerns are the course's trees and fairways. Many of the trees are past their prime, and some are even hazardous. They are also creating shade that's been detrimental to the health of the turf. Although we started to address these issues last winter, we still have a ways to go and will continue this work over the off-season.

Taking care of the trees will put us in a better spot to address the fairways. They contain at least four different grass species, and Steve is concerned by the amount of cart traffic they see. Over the long term, we will look at ways to make the fairways more uniform and to keep carts off them as much as possible. In the meantime, we did reseed the fairways, and will oversee them as needed, to improve and strengthen the turf.



Tees

Shade, mowers, and heavy foot traffic have stressed many of our tees. We are continually working to strengthen the grass, but over the long term, Steve recommends enlarging the tees and spreading out their markers to alleviate the wear from foot traffic. You may also see us hand mowing tees where mower turns are particularly tight.



Greens & Green Surrounds

The course's greens and green surrounds are in better shape, though the surrounds have suffered some turf loss. In the short term, we'll be striping and sodding these areas to fill them in. They will also benefit from our continued strategic tree removal. Bigger picture, Steve recommends enlarging the greens and surrounds and improving their grassing lines.



Rough

Like our fairways, the rough is made up of a mix of grasses, not all of which are suited to rough heights. We are working toward populating these areas with a hardy mix of tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass.

Meadia Heights is also consulting a golf course architect on these and other upgrades to ensure they are made as efficiently as possible without negatively impacting our beloved course. These changes will not be a quick fix, but we believe they will be more than worthwhile. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to enhance your playing experience for years to come!

FEATURED DRINK

GOLD RUSH

Warming whiskey and spicy ginger make this the perfect cocktail for colder weather. Mix up a batch for your next tailgate, or sip one by the fireplace with a good book. No matter how you enjoy it, you'll feel like you hit the jackpot!

GOLD RUSH

- 2 oz Nelson Brothers whiskey
- 1.5 oz ginger simple syrup (see recipe below)
- .5 oz honey
- .5 oz lemon juice

1. Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice, and shake well — about 10 seconds or until the outside of the shaker is cold.
2. Pour over fresh ice in a rocks glass.
3. Garnish with a lemon twist.

GINGER SIMPLE SYRUP

- 1 C water
- 1.5 C sugar
- 2 tbsp grated ginger

1. In a saucepot over medium heat, bring water, sugar, and ginger to a boil.
2. Turn off heat, and allow ginger to steep for 3–4 minutes.
3. Strain syrup through a china cap into a quart container.

Yields 2.5 cups of simple syrup. Store in an airtight container in the fridge.



IT'S IN THE BAG WITH ANDREW ENCK



How long have you played golf?
32 years.

How long have you been a Meadia Heights member?
4 years, but I played here with my dad my whole life.

How old are your irons?
3 years old.

Which iron do you chip with?
56-degree wedge.

How far do you hit your 7 iron?
165 yards.

What is your current handicap?
7.5.

Lowest gross score for 18?
70.

What brand of ball are you currently playing?
Titleist Pro V1.

Have you won any tournaments at Meadia Heights?
I won the 1-Day Member-Guest earlier this spring.

What's the story behind your favorite ball marker?
No favorite. I usually collect markers from courses I play.

What snacks do you like to have on hand while golfing?
Beef jerky.

Do you have any superstitions on days you play golf?
No superstitions.

What is the most unusual accessory in your bag?
Snowplow stakes. I use them for alignment rods and hanging my towel.

Which is your favorite hole at Meadia?
Hole 16. Just a good golf hole.

If you could play any course in the world, which would it be?
Augusta National.

If your clubs could talk, what would they say?
“We’ve traveled a lot this year and have seen some historical golf courses.”

What is your favorite golf memory?
Spending the weekend at the Masters with my dad.

Which is your favorite club?
2 iron. It's often used for off the tee and punching out at Meadia.



MEET THE NEW Golf Course Superintendent



Bobby is
looking forward
to lifting Meadia’s
course to a
higher level.

Armed with a BS in turfgrass science from Penn State University, **Bobby Dohner** has worked in multiple growing environments in the mid-Atlantic region, taking on heavy clay soils, salt-polluted fairways near ocean inlets, and drastic elevation changes. As Meadia Heights’ new Golf Course Superintendent, he’ll continue his work in cultivating healthy and vigorous grass.

“At Penn State, I was a member of the Beaver Stadium grounds crew, helping to keep that turf pristine and ready for our players and for national exposure,” Bobby says. “I then spent time in clubs ranging from Schuylkill Country Club in Orwigsburg to the links-style Seawane Club in Hewlett Harbor, New York.”

Prior to coming to Meadia, Bobby was Senior Assistant Superintendent at the Charles Alison-designed Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success, New York. “Fresh Meadow is within the New York metro area, so we had many discerning members who rightfully demanded the highest-quality playing conditions. I helped plan and execute a \$2 million driving range and tee expansion there while working closely with management and staff to maintain maximum efficiency and playability.”

Bobby is looking forward to likewise lifting Meadia’s course to a higher level. With shaded fairways and some recent turf trouble as challenges, he’s developing a game plan to tackle these issues as well as other improvements with the help of his crew, management, and pro staff.

When you see Bobby on or around the course, be sure to say hello and welcome him to Meadia. We look forward to next season!

More On Repairing Divots

We received a lot of feedback about our spotlight on divots in the last issue of *Bump & Run*, so we’re happy to expand on that a bit. Here are more tips on repairing those pesky clumps of turf that get in the way of your club face.



HOW TO FIX A DIVOT

A divot is the piece of sod that’s displaced when you strike the fairway with your club head. By repairing it, the sod should take root again and continue to grow.



1
%*#@! Divots happen to the best of us.



2
Place the divot back into the divot hole.



3
Step down on the divot and its edges firmly.



4
Pour a small amount of divot mix around the edges.



5
Step down on the divot mix to smooth it out.

DO’S & DON’TS OF DIVOTS

- 1 Replacing an Intact Divot**
As illustrated last issue, an intact divot with soil amongst its roots can be replaced by putting it back in its spot with a little sand mix around it. Step on it to ensure contact between the roots and the soil beneath, and you’re good to go.
- 2 Repairing a Shattered Divot**
If all that’s left of the divot are fond memories and bits of grass without soil, use the sand mix to fill the scuffed earth hole you created. Slide your foot over the top to level it, and move on.
- 3 Use Sand in Moderation**
Too little sand mix under a replaced divot will result in a dip in the fairway. Too much and you’ve created a bump that may affect another golfer’s play. Use just the right amount to be even with the surrounding grass.

OUR CLUB

Remember, we all use the club and have a duty as members to uphold it to its highest standards. When you take the time to replace or repair your divot, you’re helping your fellow golfers *and* the grounds crew maintain a beautiful course. We will be investing a significant amount of time and money into our fairways over the coming years, so it’s critical that we all do our part to not stunt any of the progress that is made.

We have more golfers on our course now than ever in our history, so it’s important that we all look after the conditions of the course. And as always, enjoy your round at Meadia!



New Members

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Meadia Heights family!

Bryan Allain Jesse Rhinier
James Carriero Connor Vincent
George Coudon
Elijah Groff
Laurie Knutsen
Todd Knutsen



UPCOMING

SOCIAL EVENTS



Be sure to follow Meadia Heights on Facebook and Instagram!

Too chilly to golf?

Meadia still has plenty of opportunities for you to come out and socialize with your fellow members.



November

- 9 Pasta Dinner*
- 14 Wine Tasting Portfolio*
- 23 Amish Wedding Dinner*
- 26 Cigar Club
- 28 Thanksgiving Feast*

December

- 5 Wine Dinner*
- 15 Santa Brunch*
- 17 Cigar Club Holiday Event
- 24 Xmas Eve One Club
- 31 New Year's Eve Prix Fixe Dinner*

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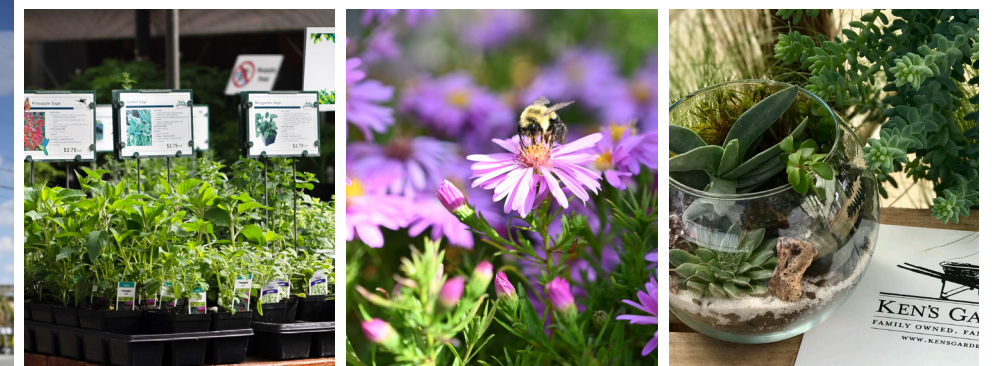
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JIM & MARIANNE
TALBOT

Q: WHEN DID YOU BECOME MEMBERS OF MEADIA?

A: Jim: 2006. I wanted to play more often. Also, my kids were old enough that they didn't care if I disappeared for 10 hours on Saturday and again on Sunday.

Marianne: I thought it would be a hobby that we could do together as we age.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY AT MEADIA HEIGHTS?

A: Jim: There are quite a few. I was fortunate enough to win a few things over the years, but the 19th Hole after a round can be very entertaining. #alcohol

Marianne: Winning the Old Pal with Joyce Hathaway three times! And of course, all the wonderful friends we've met.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE ON THE GOLF COURSE?

A: Jim: Put your divot back — don't just fill the void. If you hit the green, there is a pitch mark. Find it and fix it. This is your course.

Marianne: Fix your divots!

Q: WHICH HOLE AT MEADIA IS YOUR FAVORITE?

A: Jim: Probably #14. I can hit a little hook, hit it straight, or hit it right and still have a look. With my tee game, I need options.

Marianne: I can actually par this hole on a really good day! And I'm four holes closer to the 19th Hole!

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

A: Jim: Caddy at Lancaster Country Club. That planted the seed for the game of golf.

Marianne: Carvel, where I became a cake decorator.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR JOB NOW?

A: Jim: I'm a Senior Designer for a division of Johnson & Johnson. Our group designs/fabricates patient-specific cranial plates and mandible plates for reconstruction.

Marianne: I am a neuroscience pharmaceutical rep promoting medications for bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN OR PETS?

A: Jim: The two best daughters a father could ask for, Marissa and Jess. Two cats that Jess rescued as sick kittens and promptly left behind when she moved out. Don't tell anyone, but I do love them.

Marianne: Marissa lives in Miami with her husband, Ray, and our first grandchild, Lia. Jessica lives in Germany with her husband, Greg. Our two cats, Brennan and Dale, rule the house!

Q: WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT INSTANTLY MAKES YOUR DAY BETTER?

A: Jim: FaceTiming with Marissa, Jess, or our new granddaughter, Lia.

Marianne: Coffee and a hummingbird sighting.

Q: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT?

A: Jim: Ontario. We've been going annually for 20-some years with a great group of friends. A dozen cabins on a lake, plenty of fish, and no TV.

Marianne: Aruba, especially when the kids join us!

Q: WHAT ARE THREE ITEMS YOU'D TAKE WITH YOU TO A DESERTED ISLAND?

A: Jim: Definitely booze and fishing gear. I would need some company, so probably the crowd from Ontario.

Marianne: A good book, red wine, and dark chocolate.

Q: WHAT'S THE MOST UNUSUAL FOOD YOU'VE EVER EATEN?

A: Jim: Lamb fries (sliced, breaded, and fried lamb testicles) in Oklahoma a few years back. I just want to know who originally said, "Hey, you know what? We should eat these."

Marianne: My son-in-law Ray had me try uni (a sea urchin's reproductive organs). I was not a fan!

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

A: Jim: Can't beat a grilled cheeseburger with Cooper Sharp.

Marianne: Homemade pierogies sautéed with butter and onions. It reminds me of my mom — she made the best!

Q: WHAT'S YOUR DRINK OF CHOICE?

A: Jim: Bombay Sapphire and tonic, dry red wines, and Miller Lite 16-ounce twisties.

Marianne: Tito's and club soda with an orange slice.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

A: Jim: My family and friends are pretty healthy and doing well in life.

Marianne: Happy, healthy, and successful children who love spending time as a family. And of course, the best husband ever!

Q: WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

A: Jim: Calm down, buddy.

Marianne: Be happy and confident with who you are.

NEW ASSISTANT GOLF PRO MIKE BAIR JOINS MEADIA

Central PA native and Air Force vet bolsters pro staff



Growing up in York, Mike Bair played a variety of sports but always loved golf best. He joined the Air Force a few years after high school, doing five years of active duty plus three years in the Air National Guard, where he serves currently in a Special Operations Unit on Long Island, New York.

Mike has played for 20 years and has been a scratch-level golfer for the past 10. He loves teaching the game, saying, "I wanted to pursue my passion for golf, so I recently started a professional golf management course. My first position as a golf pro was at Lancaster Indoor Golf, and I couldn't be more excited to be here at Meadia Heights!"

"My first goal is to host instructional clinics involving Ladies, Juniors, Couples, Seniors, and Men starting this fall. Individual lessons will be available as well." You'll also find him teaching at Lancaster Indoor Golf in the off-season, utilizing simulators and indoor turf for short-game work.

Mike adds, "I'll be looking for members to go to Pro-Am events within the Philly PGA section and look forward to getting to know everyone at the club!"

LESSON RATES

Individual

1 hour = \$90 / 5 Lesson Package = \$400

½ hour = \$50

Juniors 16 & Under

1 hour = \$60 / 5 Lesson Package = \$200

½ hour = \$35

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1 hour = \$75

Clinics

Custom to the clinic that is being held.

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To contact Mike, email him at mike@meadiaheights.com, or call the golf shop at 717.393.9761 to speak to him directly.

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WHEN DID YOU START AT MEADIA HEIGHTS, AND WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WORK HERE?

Last June. I wanted to change it up and moved from Harrisburg to Lancaster.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The ability to be creative in new dishes.

WHAT’S THE MOST UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING JOB YOU’VE EVER HAD?

Coaching my little brother’s soccer team and getting them two years undefeated.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Concerts and sporting events.

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

Harrisburg.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?

One dog. Her name is Lolly, and she is a cane corso.

DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT DAY.

Day off, day drinking, watching a game, and cooking out with loved ones.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

Pizza. (Pineapple does not go on pizza.)

YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR?

Cookie Craze by Turkey Hill.

WHAT SKILL OR TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO LEARN?

To ride a wheelie on a motorcycle for at least 30 seconds.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE OR TV SHOW?

Movie – *The Devil’s Rejects* or *The Waterboy*.

TV show – *Cops*.

WHAT’S SOMETHING PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

I make a fire chop cheese.

WHAT’S THE WEIRDEST FACT YOU KNOW?

Most of the Oompa-Loompas from the original Willy Wonka were alcoholics and were drunk during the movie.

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU LOOK UP TO?

My dad. He’s a very hard worker.

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

Life and keeping my peace.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

Invest in Bitcoin.

WHAT’S THE LAST THING YOU WERE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT?

To eat this sushi bake I made that I had never tried before.

AND SOMETHING YOU’RE LOOKING FORWARD TO?

My future and seeing how far I’ll go in my career and in life.



Roger Dixon

SAUTÉ CHEF



MIXED CLUB CHAMPIONS



Bret & Danielle Howey
GROSS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



Randy Rider & Des Pursell
NET CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Wet conditions didn't derail our 2024 Mixed Club Championship, with an impressive turnout despite the weather. Teams struggled to score well in the rain, but still, the leaderboard remained tight: Eight groups were within four shots of the Randy Rider/Des Pursell duo, who led at the end of the day. The scratch leaders after the first day were Bret and Danielle Howey, shooting an impressive 73 in the modified alternate shot format.

At the end of the second round, Rider/Pursell shot -2 (net) for a total of -7 for the tournament, winning by two shots. The Howey team would fire another tournament-low round of 72 (gross) to win the scratch division by a commanding eight-shot victory at +3.

**Congratulations to our champions —
and all our participants!**

SHOOTOUT

SUCCESS



Dave Manning
MGA SHOOTOUT CHAMP

The MHGC Shootout came to an exciting conclusion in both the MGA and WGA!

The MGA Shootout was decided in a thrilling 3-hole playoff, with Jorge Carvajal and Dave Manning battling for the title. Dave prevailed and was crowned Shootout champ.

In the WGA Shootout, Lisa Dichter continued her season-long success by edging out Nancy Cummings with a casual par on the final green.



Lisa Dichter
WGA SHOOTOUT CHAMP





MGA FALL MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

Under bright late-summer skies on September 12, the annual Fall Member-Guest Tournament took place with a large crowd of competitors. Ninety golfers competed for top spots, but only the very best rose to the top.



NET CHAMPIONS



NICHOLAS CANTYMACGLI AND JEFF GOODRICH

GROSS CHAMPIONS



PETE KOWALINSKI AND STEVE ASHWORTH

The **Net Champions** were Jeff Goodrich and Nicholas Cantymagli, who won the scorecard playoff to win the championship by shooting -8.

Our **Gross Champions** were Pete Kowalinski and Steve Ashworth. Pete came out on top, winning 1st, 3rd, and 4th gross spots with each of his respective guests: Steve Ashworth, Scott Fritz, and Trevor Pope.

And in their first Member-Guest Tournament, Kyle Joseph and his uncle Robert Joseph placed an impressive 2nd.

All tournament golfers were given a Donald Ross shirt as a gift from the club.

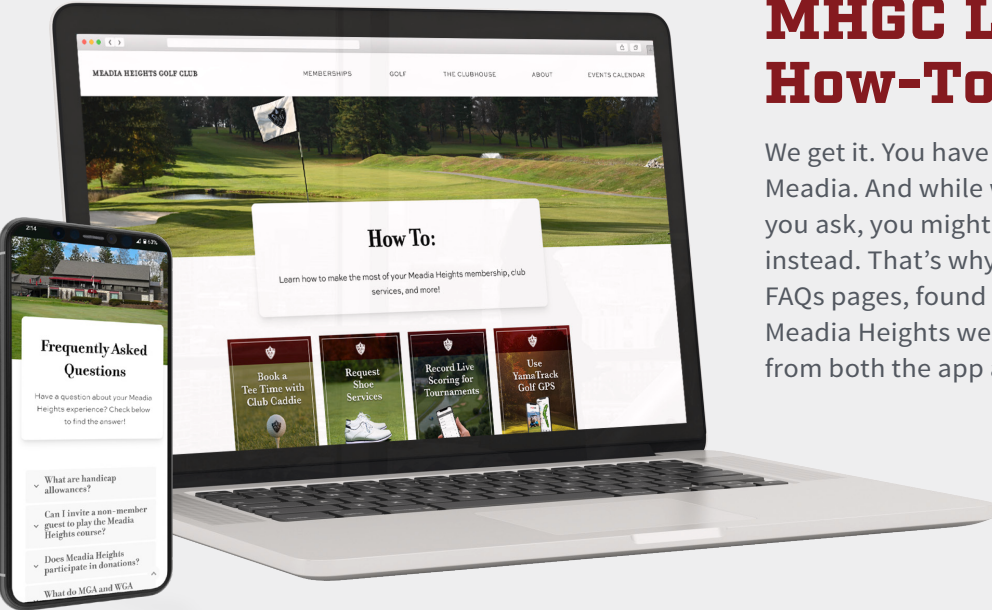


Thanks to all who participated, and congratulations to our champions!

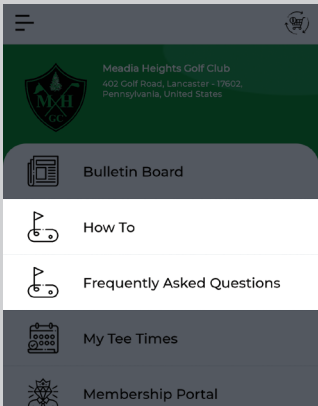
Ever Wonder How To...

MHGC Launches How-To's & FAQs

We get it. You have questions about things here at Meadia. And while we're happy to field them when you ask, you might want to get a quick answer online instead. That's why we've created our How-To's and FAQs pages, found within the member portal on the Meadia Heights website. These pages are accessible from both the app and the web version.



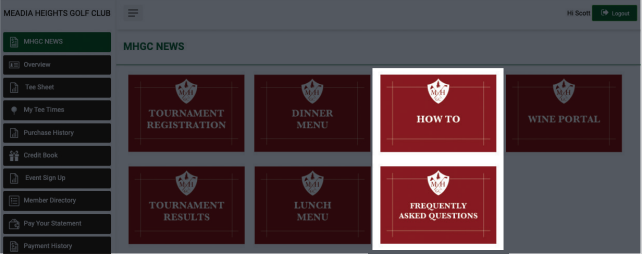
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After logging in to the member portal in the app version, click on How To or Frequently Asked Questions from the menu.

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