

TEE TIMES!

What's Up With You?

This winter is getting longer by the day, but also closer to golf season. Going nowhere and doing hardly anything is not the norm any of us ever saw coming.

We are hoping that some positive and fun pictures, and anything we have thrown in, will put a little smile on your face and make some of the gloomy and lonely days a little more tolerable.

We can't wait until we can all be out in the fresh air, elbow bumping, doing pantomime hugs, and just enjoying each other's company.

We hope to see you in early May, if not before. Stay healthy and safe.

Chris & Sandy



Our hearts go out to **Jane Cacich** on the death of her brother Dennis. Jane was a loving and loyal supporter of his. How lucky they had each other in their lives. The loss of a sibling is so tough.

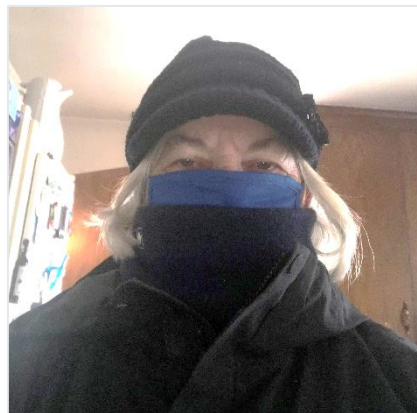
Important Dates to Remember

May 2021 – Better year, new season

"Dear Winter. I'm breaking up with you. I think it's time I start seeing other seasons. Summer is hotter than you."



This article blast has chilled us to the bone, but we can take it! We are not wimps...or are we? We might be. Sigh.



This is not a would be bank robber or a photo from the post office...it's our own **Pam Fitch** getting ready to head outside. With wind chills -45, she is taking no chances with frostbite or being recognized.



Joining the ranks of the officially retired people is **Amy Winkel!** As of January, she is a free woman. No one can tell her what to do...well, maybe Ruthie can but that's different.



Things that Make us Happy



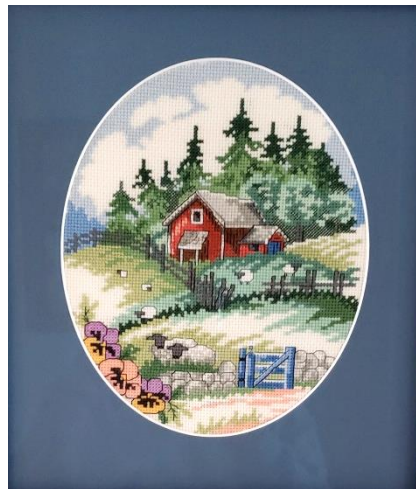
After a year of nurturing this lemon tree, both indoors and out (including a grow light), **Angie Guillaume** and **Sandy Denault** plan to finally make some lemonade...unless... does anyone have a good birdie juice recipe?



Has anyone spotted this Mountain Bluebird who has been sighted on the 5th fairway at Como Golf Course? It will make us all happy if you have and can send us a photo.



This Northern Saw-whet owl keeps a close eye on **Sandy Terry**. As we can imagine, knowing Sandy as we do, it is a full-time job. Hoot, hoot.



Look out State Fair, here comes an entry! After purchasing this cross-stitch kit in Norway in 2010, **Sandy Denault** resurrected it out of the "to-be-completed" pile, while in the stay-at-home mode and finally finished it! Her entries are piling up!

On the right: If only our backyards drew this crowd! We found this award-winning picture on-line. We were tempted to make a "snowbird" joke but that would be just too obvious, even for us.



Chris Langer, taking a break from 2 book clubs, making Butterfly books and watching cable news, put together this winter quilt. Once it is quilted and bound, it will have a place of honor on a wall in her home.



More Stuff that Makes us Happy



Feeling puzzled? **Ruthie Pallow** put together this puzzle of dogs in winter jackets and the winter scene on the right. A good diversion while keeping her brain sharp.



Not to be outdone, gardener **Wendy Lane** put this tricky 1000-piece puzzle together. She must have had a LOT of patience.



Here is an idea!
Let's have a puzzle swap!
Anyone interested? Email Chris or Sandy, if interested.



Believe it or not...that is **Konny Fitch** under all that gear. We love the fashionable purse she is carrying. Not every serious outdoor person can pull that off. Most likely a birdie juice satchel.

Who doesn't want to be serenaded by an accordion player on their 91st birthday? It was the "cherry on the cake" for **Theresa Peterson**. Local musician Dan Newton did the honors.



Linda See found out **Denise Beigbender** was 15 minutes away from her VRBO in Lake Placid, Florida. So, they met for lunch and talked about how much they miss Minnesota.



Would this make you happy? Viking Cruises is offering an Artic to Antarctica cruise! It is 41 days long and only \$39,000! During the long days at sea, the brochure says you can chat with "like minded" people. Hmm..... Anyone game?

Things that Add Humor

Was Your 2020 Anything Like This?

My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 15 to go!

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

Cronacoaster: noun; the ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread, and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast, and missing people you don't even like.



Who would have thought we would find Bernie Sanders on the course? One of many places he was spotted in January 2021.

Sadly, the thermometer read -3 but that didn't keep **Sandy Terry**, our reigning most improved golfer, from working on her putting skills. She's hoping (planning) to defend her title.



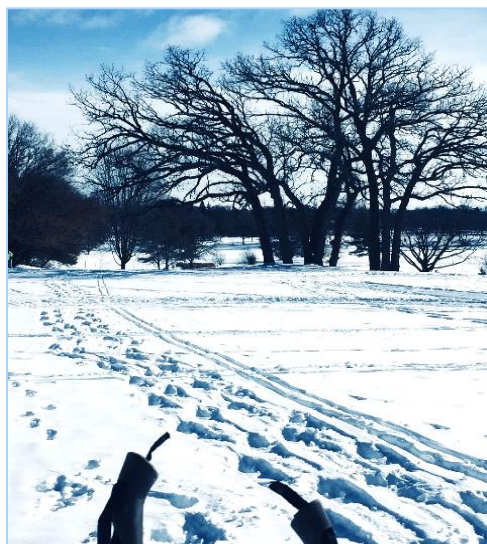
Do you know what making a par after hitting a tree is called? A Barkie! Who knew?

What category to put this in? Could be humor or hope or healthy. Funny to spot at the local Kwik Trip stop; hope it's not alive; all bundled up, he'd think we look like a healthy meal, but he'd have to gnaw through multiple layers of down and wool before no doubt giving up. Thanks to **Kathy Zieman** for this great photo.



Things that Give Us Hope

Kathy Berven sent us this great winter Como Golf Course photo. Always hopeful and optimistic, Kathy is planning her next shot on #14...over the trees or "thread the needle?"



We hope that all kids have smart, loving, and patient grandmas like **Sandy Terry** is. Although, we are not sure just who is teaching whom. Photos can be deceiving, you know. Maybe Sandy is learning the new math!



Ruthie Pallow sent us this great photo of trumpeter swans. Most of them were freezing and wondering why they did not head south. There was one hopeful swan who decided to bust out her Easter bonnet. Hope springs eternal....

From **Cheryl Nordby**: "My birthday was on Monday, January 18th. A friend sent me birthday wishes, including to get a hole-in-one for my birthday. Well, on Tuesday, January 19th, while playing at my course here in Tucson (The Golf Club at Dove Mountain), I got a hole-in-one on hole 4! I couldn't believe it! This is my 2nd hole-in-one, but the first one was over 20 years ago. What a nice birthday present!"



And sometimes, against all odds, against all logic, we still hope.

Unknown

Known Vaccine Shots in Arm:

Sandy Terry, Susan Kimberly, Angie Guillaume, Sandy Denault, Tillie Wolske, Chris Langer, Theresa Peterson, Pam Fitch. We're hoping that everyone else gets theirs pronto.

Hope for the future from **Elaine Cownie**: "I crocheted 2 baby afghans for future great grandbabies (in case I am not around if/when that happens next time!). A grandson is getting married in April of 2022, and a granddaughter is only 15. I wanted each of them to have a keepsake from great grandma."



Let's End on a Happy/Hopeful/Humorous Note!

Jan Anderson sent us a note of how her off-season is going. Jan is still working with the NorthStar Watermedia Society National Juried Art Exhibition (6th annual). Due to Covid, they went online this year. She also worked on the Parkview United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship Silent Auction to raise money for missions to church, community, and a Viet Nam school. She, like all of us, missed holiday get-togethers but did get to watch her granddaughter get married through technology and is now helping her sister recover from complete knee replacement surgery.



Have to admit we've run out of member submitted stuff for this newsletter so your editors are filling the end of this page with whatever we want. We're hoping not to get fired for that...or are we? Nah, we have too much fun doing this!

This deep-dish pizza started out in the hopeful division but ended up looking far better than it tasted. Actually, it was a total failure but **Chris Langer** has hope that the 2nd time around will be better because she is ordering from Pezzo's in White Bear Lake.



This list should give us hope that summer is just around the corner. Every day that corner gets closer and closer.

Below are a few of the MGA events that may be of interest.
MGA Member Appreciation Days:
Mon, Jun 28 **Member Day - Southview CC**, West St. Paul
\$440 Team (4 Person), deadline Fri, Jun 18
Mon, Sep 20 **Member Day - Mendakota CC**, Mendota Heights
\$500 Team (4 Person), deadline Fri, Sep 10

MGA Women's Event:
Sun, Sep 26 **MGA Women's Team/Club Tournament**, Keller Golf Club

