

TEE TIMES!

We're Back!

Was there ever any doubt? Hmm...no! Your editors are so excited about another golf season they can hardly stand it. Out of the house, with people...real people, not zoom people, all vaccinated and ready to re-enter the world. Yeah! You might see us skipping down the fairway. If you do, join in! We all have so much to celebrate. Let's have some fun out there!

Sandy and Chris

Important Dates to Remember

May 28 - Calcutta

May 31 - Memorial Day event

July 2 - Flag Day event

July 4 - 4th of July event

"Life is short, go for it in two."

~ Anonymous

Before we can truly move on, we want to share these "Leftovers from Winter"



Pam Fitch, Ruthie Pallow and Amy Winkel snowshoeing at Keller on Feb 22.



Tillie Wolske baking cookies with her granddaughter Kira for Valentine's Day



Tillie Wolske using her Christmas gift baking Meyer Lemon Loaf and Blueberry Sour Cream Muffins.



Jane Cacich thought these two pictures perfectly describe March in Minnesota! On March 18th, while Jane's nephew, Joel, and his daughter, Sofia, skied at Buck Hill, Jane, her husband John, and **Angie Ause** golfed Phalen.



And with that.... let the 2021 golf season begin!



Chris Langer and Sandy Denault enjoyed a chilly April Twins game. The team lost but Chris and Sandy scored free hats and giant Salted Nut Rolls.



Jane Cacich was excited to be able to golf with the ladies on April 22, 2021! **Theresa Peterson and Annie Nixon** were in her group. Notice it is still jacket weather. Where is the warmer weather?

The Circle of Life



Jane's brother Dennis is the center of this beautiful family photo.

From **Jane Cacich**: *"I would like to thank my fellow golfers for all the kindnesses shown to me during the illness and passing of my brother, Dennis. During the last year, you were patient with me on the golf course when our game was interrupted by calls from doctors, you inquired on how he was doing and you sent cards and kind words when he passed. I truly appreciate it all. In a circle of life moment, my daughter, Allison, gave birth on April 24, 2021 to Harrison John. Dennis liked nothing better than when we would visit him with all the kids. We will miss his thoughtful gestures towards his family, his incredible sense of humor and his love of travel and adventure but I am hopeful that these qualities will be passed down to this next generation. Thanks again!"*



Sometimes golf is exciting and other times not so much. **Sandy Denault and Theresa Peterson** are trying hard to hide their excitement. Appears they are successful.

Best news ever! A platform is ready for the water ski shows that will be taking place on the lake in front of the #8 green. Performers are needed...apply in the pro shop. No prior experience necessary. They will train you.



Let's get to know new member Rebecca Wooden!

Tell us a little about your golf history. *I am not much of a golfer - For the last few years I have been playing 9 holes weekly at Como with a couple's group. But otherwise, not much. Time to improve or give it up.*

How did you come to join the Como club? *I live in the neighborhood, so it is convenient. Como feels like my "home course". I have been thinking about it for a couple years. I sent an inquiry email in 2019 I think but didn't get a response - maybe I didn't send it to the right place.*



Are you still working, or retired and able to play more often? *Retired. Pretty free.*

If you want to, tell us about your family. *My children are grown. Oldest daughter lives with her family in St. Paul, the youngest lives overseas. I grew up in Los Angeles, lived a couple years in North Idaho, and moved here in 1978. Most of my family lives in out west. My husband (3rd husband) is a life-long golfer; 8-10 handicap now. I took up golf when we started dating 15 years ago but have never invested enough time/lessons/practice to improve.*



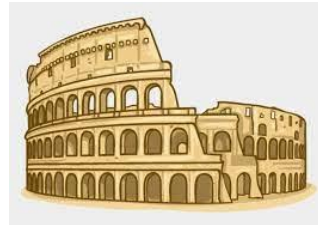
What was your go-to activity to get thru the COVID months? *I cooked, and ate, way too much good food. I studied Spanish. I am sorting through and scanning 60 years' worth of family photos, slides, negatives, etc. I obsessed on politics and the last election.*

Would you rather hit out of the sand or over the water? Why? *Sand, absolutely. The density of the water sucks my ball right out of the air, without fail - I am certain. I learned to putt my ball out of sand if necessary - so I always know I can get out.*

If you didn't need the money but wanted to work, what would you do? *I would practice election law - but I would need to go to law school first, dag-nab-it.*

What is your favorite vacation get-away? *Rome*

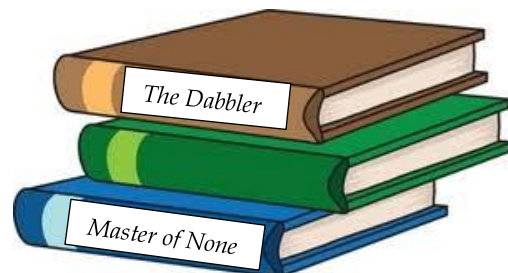
What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? *Learn a foreign language.*



What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you? *I didn't get electrocuted using the hair dryer in the bathtub when I was a teenager.*

What are you really good at, but kind of embarrassed that you are good at it? *Project planning, organizing, and making lists; I do not have a spontaneous bone in my body.*

If your life were a book, what would its title be? *"Master of None" or "The Dabbler" - I feel like I've done everything but have mastered nothing.*



May 4th "Spring Luncheon"

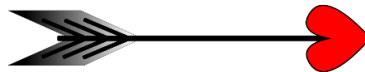
Since meeting and eating inside is still iffy, the Club Spring Luncheon was on the deck after the first round of season golf. Lunches were ordered from Nelson's Cheese Shop, and they did not disappoint! Large enough for sharing.... though most of us didn't. We'd worked up an appetite shivering.



We caught luncheon organizer **Rae Cornelius** enjoying her fabulous Nelson's Cheese Shop sandwich.



Was it chilly? Sure, but it didn't dampen the fun **Tillie Wolske** and **Bertsie Rannenberg** were having. **Konny Fitch**, though freezing, was having fun too.



Barb Busson

This foursome, **Barb Busson**, **Sandy Terry**, **Lori Westrum** and **Rebecca Wooden**, couldn't wait to start the first official round of the 2021 season.



Rebecca Wooden



Vicki Henderson

New members received these official Como golf towels. Look how happy they are to get them!

Our wonderful CWGC President **Ruthie Pallow** welcomed everyone to the 2021 season kick-off. She promised it will be a great season!

We've come a long way baby!



Hole #7 July 15, 2020

The change from last summer to now is incredible! Thanks to everyone who worked on the course upgrades from start to finish!



Hole #7 July 15, 2021



Hole #3 August 29, 2020

Hopefully, there will be fewer balls lost in the pond! No guarantees though so don't hold us to that.

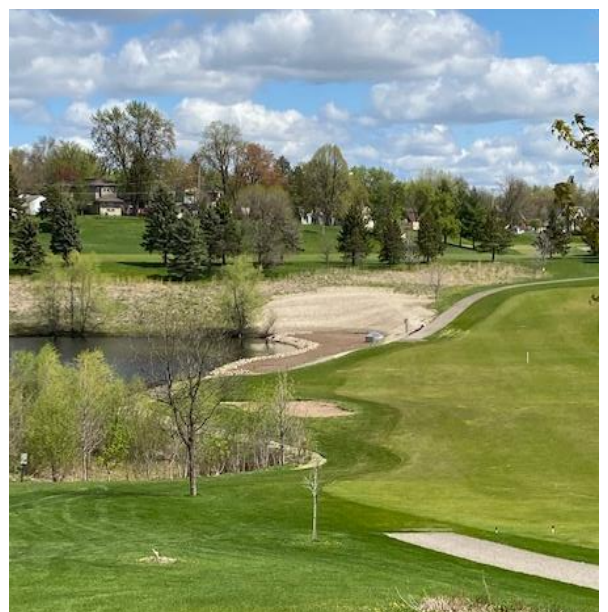


Hole #7 on May 4, 2021. Now look at it! Wow! We have a new elevated tee box too that we love. It's all good.



Hole #3. August 29, 2020

May 4, 2021: On the right, hole #3 new and improved. The board is working on deciding how to play the area by the pond. A ruling will be made soon.





Here's the Skinny on New Member Ann Lowry

Tell us a little about your golf history. *I've golfed for many years and have played on leagues in Brooklyn Park (Edinburgh), St. Paul (Les Bolstad) and in Tucson, AZ where had a home for 4 years. I had shoulder surgery last June so last summer was a bust on golfing.*

How did you come to join the Como club? *We moved from Minneapolis to St. Paul last August, so I wanted to find a league close to home. We live in Highland.*

Are you still working, or retired and able to play more often? *I am trying to retire – but not being very successful at it – so I guess you could say I work very part-time.*

If you want to, tell us about your family. *I have a wife, Karen, a dog, Loki, and two adult children (and their spouses and a grand dog). One child lives in Minneapolis and the other in the Bay area. Karen still works full time in oncology research (which might explain some of my challenges related to retiring).*



What was your go-to activity to get thru the COVID months? *Eating chocolate. SWIMMING when the pools have been open. Hiking, baking, knitting, crafting, reading, music, moving, real estate transactions.*



Would you rather hit out of the sand or over the water? Why? *Definitely out of the sand. I don't get as psyched out (I may regret this choice).*

If you didn't need the money but wanted to work, what would you do? Write

What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue? *I would have a bee farm with a lot of hives.*

What song have you completely memorized?

My latest is "Afterglow" by Ed Sheeran. I've been working on it with my guitar and voice.



What's your claim to fame? *I was one of the first 10 "girls" to work at a McDonalds. We were very carefully screened to see if we could tolerate the intensity of the work (I'm not kidding). We couldn't work the grill (too hard) and we got 10-minute coke breaks that the "men" didn't get.*

What is your favorite vacation get-away? *1) Norway and 2) Scotland and 3) Lake Superior 4) Sedona, AZ – not in any order.*

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? *Move to a different state or country.*



We have been asked to include a rules corner for refreshing members on some of the many golf rules. Here is the first installment.

Inadvertently hitting your golf ball:

1. Before making a stroke at your ball in the teeing area, you accidentally hit your ball with a practice swing, and it stays within the teeing area. **NO PENALTY** – play the ball from anywhere within the teeing area. You may also re-tee your ball.
2. With your ball in the fairway, you hit your ball with a practice swing. **ONE PENALTY STROKE AND THE BALL MUST BE REPLACED. IF THE BALL IS NOT REPLACED, IT IS A TWO STROKE PENALTY.** Ball is considered in play when in the fairway.
3. On the putting green, you hit your ball with a practice swing. **NO PENALTY AND REPLACE THE BALL. AGAIN, IT IS A TWO STROKE PENALTY IF BALL IS NOT REPLACED.**

And...in the **“unofficial” rules’** category, if something good happens, you have to let us know! Family fun, new additions to the family, other golf outings, etc. You need to share that with us so we can all celebrate the good news.

This bit of great news from our own “unofficial rules” follower, **Denise Beigbender** who got her first hole-in-one!

“It was on #16 at River Greens in Avon Park, FL (My husband works there during the winter but had nothing to do with it!). You can’t tell from the photo, but it was an elevated green with sand traps all around (that’s usually where my first shot landed...). Would have been Tuesday 4/27.”



Nothing is prettier than our golf course in the spring. Thanks to **Kathy Zieman and Sandy Denault** for sending these two photos in. The one on the left is from hole #12. The top one is from the porch looking at #18. Keep your peepers open ladies. We just may have to have a photo contest. Now there’s a good idea if we do say so ourselves.

The Scoop on New Member Tiffany Brace

Tell us a little about your golf history.

I started playing golf in 2014 when a colleague needed a replacement for a business scramble event. I became hooked pretty fast but did not have a lot of time to figure out how to play or the ability to take lessons as I traveled a lot for work. In 2015 I started attending industry trade shows 2-4 times a month and I found there was often a golf scramble attached to each show. I quickly realized this was a great opportunity to expand my business and learn how to play golf at the same time. Once my schedule became predictable, I also found an instructor for a few lessons.



How did you come to join the Como club? *I am signed up to receive newsletters, etc. from the City of St Paul and the local golf courses. I received one recently that discussed the golf clubs and I reached out right away. I live within a mile of the course, so it is the perfect place to play. I have played the course only twice - once with the Midway Chamber and once with my past instructor.*

Are you still working, or retired and able to play more often? *I am working. I am a self-employed commercial real estate broker! I can control my schedule and make time for anything; I just need advanced notice. I do work a lot though and I love it!*

If you want to, tell us about your family. *It is just me and my two-year-old rescue puppy & eight-year-old rescue kitty! I do have one sibling and he lives here in Minnesota. I am close to him and my sister-in-law as well as my three nieces and my one nephew!*

What was your go-to activity to get through the COVID months? *I work out at my gym (The Firm) 5-7 times a week - I take a ton of spin, interval, and spin classes! I also bike, golf, hike, swim, etc. - I love being outdoors. I also have a small gym in my house that includes a ton of weights, DVDS and a Peloton! I consider myself to be very athletic and I will try anything if it involves movement.*



Would you rather hit out of the sand or over the water? Why? *Sand - I need the practice. I also have noticed that those golfers that are good out of the bunkers have an advantage! I watch a lot of golf on TV - it is often streaming in the background at my house.*

If you didn't need the money but wanted to work, what would you do? *I am doing it (still need the money though). I actually left a great career in Telecommunications in 2017 to go back to commercial real estate. I knew I didn't want to work for anyone as I have an entrepreneurial spirit, so I went straight to market as an independent agent. I was scared and excited at the same time, but I wanted to do what I was most passionate about and that is commercial real estate.*



What's your claim to fame? *I was in the movie Purple Rain as an extra as well as a British Coors Light commercial. I have also modeled for Horst (Aveda) and Jon English.*

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? *A Tough Mudder!!! I completed a full Mudder in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado and I felt SO victorious when I crossed the finish line!*

What's the best thing you got from your parents? *Good manners and a great work ethic! I have literally had a job since I was ten years old!*

