

# TEE TIMES!

## Catching up on Member News Events!



**Kathy Zieman**, along with husband Rick, hosted their 16th neighborhood Night Out. Commander Jennifer Corcoran presented them with a certificate. It only had Kathy's name on it but having been married for 48 years this last August 10<sup>th</sup>, she says Rick is really the person who deserves the credit! Kathy said, "He is a great guy as everyone knows"! (P.S. Turn around! Looks like someone behind you is casin' out the joint.)

From **Bertsie Rannenberg**: This is a Hoya plant that was in a mason jar in my grandmother's basement window. In 1982 it became mine. My grandmother still "visits" me with these beautiful blooms.



### Important Dates to Remember

September - 28 - Last Calcutta  
October 12 - Fall Banquet

*"All my life I've been trying to make a hole-in-one. The closest I've come is a bogey."*

~ Lou Holtz



**Wendy Lane, Sandy Denault, Kathy Zieman, Lori Westrum, Amy Winkel and Ruthie Pallow** ventured to Duluth to play in the Ridgeview tournament recently. Everyone won something, whether on the course, in the basket raffle, or in the putting contest! The night before the event, the group enjoyed dinner at Bellisio's in Canal Park.

**News flash:** Rain postponed the 2021 Club Championship! After no rain all summer, that happened? We can roll with it. We're tough, we're flexible, and we're too smart to play in lightning.

## Amy Winkel Snatches that Elusive Hole-In-One



**Amy, we understand this is your 1st hole-in-1. How does this experience rate compared to other exciting things that have happened in your life? I was a pretty exciting event!** Although it really is just a good bit of luck, I'm just happy to get on the green. Everything else is a bonus.

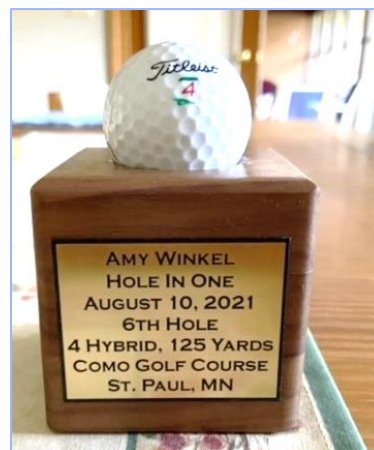
**Rumor has it that you were talking about Geri O'Neill's hole-in-one, also on #6, prior to you having yours. Tell us about that conversation and how did it come up.** I was thinking about Geri when I was with her and she got her hole in one on #6. She told the group we couldn't tell anyone that she used her driver! Her secret was safe (until now...).

**What was your initial reaction to seeing that your ball rolled into the hole?** Sheer disbelief. It bounced onto the green, and usually your ball just rolls off to the right. I couldn't believe that it actually rolled INTO the hole.



**How excited did your group get, seeing that those of us over on #8 could not hear any celebration noises!** Everyone was screaming, yelling and giving high 5s - it was so fun to share the moment with Kathy B, Kathy Z and Sarah. It was so much more fun that we could all see it roll in. It is great to have it happen when you are with your friends.

**What are you going to do with that golf ball?** Thanks to my friend Cheryl Nordby, I now have a lovely stand to display the ball!! It's a great way to remember the event!



It might be time to build a big trophy case, don't you think, Amy?

Amy is happily pointing to the ball in the cup. Sadly, in the excitement, the ball was not in the photo. We'll get it right the next time this happens.





**Any idea what you will do with the windfall?** Probably buy some more golf balls – you know you need to be ready for #8 and #15!! Maybe a new driver, and some to favorite causes!

**Was this your largest bar tab?** I got off easy so far – only about \$65.00



Holes in one	
<b>Jim Dennison</b> , St. Paul, Como No. 6, 168 yards, 5-iron	
<b>Tom Good</b> , Woodbury, Eagle Valley No. 5, 109 yards, pitching wedge	
<b>Ella Hietala</b> , Hugo, Gem Lake No. 17, 121 yards, driver	
<b>Dan Orlando</b> , Indian Hills No. 7, 159 yards, 6-iron	
<b>Carter Ringle</b> , Edina, The Ponds at Battle Creek No. 6, 87 yards, pitching wedge	
<b>Amy Winkel</b> , St. Paul, Como No. 6, 158 yards, 4-hybrid	

**What are the odds?**

Making an ace includes a heavy dose of luck, but the better you are, the more likely it is you'll eventually get one (because you are hitting more shots onto the green, more balls closer to the hole).

Odds of an amateur making a hole-in-one: 12,500 to 1

Odds of a low-handicapper making a hole-in-one: 5,000 to 1

Odds of a professional golfer making an ace: 2,500 to 1

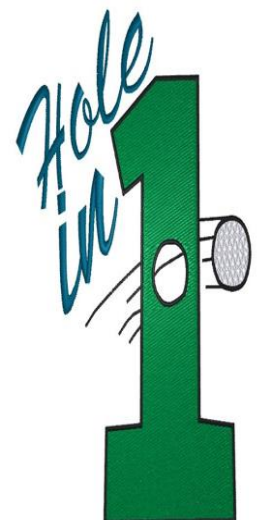
Odds for an average golfer on a 200-yard par-3: 150,000 to 1

**And what did the witnesses have to say....**



**Sarah Davis:** “Simply put, it was unbelievable! You are watching the ball land thinking that’s a nice close shot but the ball didn’t want to stop. It decided to roll right into hole! Super exciting! Whoo hoo Amy!”

**Kathy Zieman:** “I had just asked Amy “how retirement was going?” When she hit the ball it was like slow motion. It rolled up on the green and angled into the hole 🏌️ Needless to say, we shouted and clapped and Amy had a big SMILE on her face. I reminded her that if she had not retired, she would not be golfing on Tuesday 😊.”



**Kathy Berven:** “Amy is on the tee and hits a nice shot on to the green. Nice shot Amy! Oh, look at that nice roll! Wow, that's looking really good! Go in! Go in! The ball disappears into the hole! OMG it's an ace!!!!”



A few of us might be able to claim that we are "outstanding in our field" but none more than sunflowers. Thanks to **Bertsie Rannenberg** for this great photo! And...how great to learn some fun sunflower facts too!



Keep the photos coming!



Be on the lookout for our resident coyote. This photo was taken by **Wendy Lane** on #18. It was hard to get a good photo of him and his buddy. **Jane Cacich** reported one just enjoying a nap on the fairway the other evening. Yikes! Be careful We don't want you to inadvertently be his lunch.

End of Season Banquet at Shamrock's on October 12.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### Fun Sunflower Facts

**1. THEY'RE NATIVE TO THE AMERICAS.** They were cultivated in North America as far back as 3000 BCE, when they were developed for food, medicine, dye, and oil. They were exported to the rest of the world by Spanish conquistadors around 1500.

**2. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO RUSSIA BY ROYALTY.** Tsar Peter the Great was so fascinated by the sunny flowers he saw in the Netherlands that he took some back to Russia. They became popular when people discovered that sunflower seed oil was not banned during Lent, unlike the other oils the Russian Orthodox Church banned.

**3. THEY TRACK THE SUN.** Sunflowers plants display a behavior called heliotropism. The flower buds and young blossoms will face east in the morning and follow the sun as the earth moves during the day.

**4. THE WORLD'S TALLEST SUNFLOWER REACHES 30 FEET AND 1 INCH.** In the summer of 2014, Veteran green-thumb Hans Peter Schiffer toppled the Guinness World Record for a third year in a row.

**5. THEY HAVE TRAVELED TO SPACE.** In 2012, U.S. astronaut Don Pettit brought along a few companions to the International Space Station: sunflower seeds. Petit regularly blogged about his budding friendship and shared photos of the gardening process.

**6. THEY ARE ACTUALLY THOUSANDS OF TINY FLOWERS.** Each sunflower's head is made of smaller flowers. The petals we see around the outside are called ray florets, and they cannot reproduce. But the disc florets in the middle, where the seeds develop, have both male and female sex organs, and each produce a seed. They can self-pollinate or take pollen blown by the wind or transported by insects.





News tip from **Colleen Halpine**: "I thought others would like to know about **Ruthann Ryberg's** best round, 87 on Tuesday, Aug 17th. Helping her achieve this were three chip-ins from the rough. The foursome kept celebration to a minimum (except for a few screams and Ruthann's typical fist pumps) so as not to put undue pressure on Ruthann.



It was a scorcher of a day but these two fought hard to win their match. Was the winner **Kathy Ziemann** or **Ruthie Pallow**? Hmm...you can't tell from this photo. Such good friends, good golfers, and good sports. It won't be long, and we'll know the winners of the singles championship and the consolation flight. It's always fun to see who can "pull it out!"

It was great fun to see all those great shots. Congratulations to Ruthann. How great that we can celebrate each other's successes like this!



### The Rugged Outdoors Woman (from Linda Nelson)

During her physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level

The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors

"Well, yesterday afternoon was typical. I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I barely avoided stepping on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I went to the bathroom behind some big trees. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine."

Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one heck of an outdoor woman!"

"No" the woman replied, "I'm just a really terrible golfer!!"

