

TEE TIMES!

How can the season be over already? It went by in a blur. We suffered through the hot summer ("It's summer, what do you expect?" Hmm...who owns that quote? 😊) but were rewarded with gorgeous fall weather. And we certainly enjoyed every one of those perfect days.

We have loved doing this newsletter but it's time for us to give our rather odd senses of humor a much-needed rest. We are so grateful to all our members who have helped to fill the pages of this newsletter.

Enjoy your off-season! Send us photos of fun stuff you're up to and we might just send out a winter edition. No promises but it could happen.

Sandy and Chris



Important Dates to Remember

May 2022 – Next season can't come too soon.

"Don't make the weakest club in your bag your mind."

~ Anonymous



Who in the heck is swiping our tee box markers? Several are missing around the course. Be on the look-out for the thief.



Thank you to **Kathy Zieman** for maintaining this pretty garden by the #7 green for a number of years now. It looks like a little gnome has taken up residence in the garden. He is willing to give you putting tips since he's seen it all from his little perch. Also, thanks to **Linda Nelson** for these photos.



Celebrating The Colors of Fall Calcutta September 28, 2021

September 28 was a glorious day for golf! Six Calcutta teams of four teed off at 8:32. It was a different Calcutta format with no one knowing whose score for the hole would be counted until they saw the 2 colored leaves in the hole. Everyone was really pulling for each other on their team! It did make it a little nerve wracking when one finally was on the green. Do you look to see whose leaf was in there, or wait 'til your ball dropped in the hole?



Annie Nixon in a rainbow of fall colors.

Members were encouraged to rummage through their closets and dress in their finest fall colors outfits. Some had more options than others! To the right, **Denise Beigbeder** took top honors with this gorgeous sweater and skirt.



Susie Quinn & Kathy Zieman



Jane Cacich looking mighty fine in her fall colors.



And the winners were.....everyone!



1st Place: \$23/person, 147 total
**Colleen Halpine, Tillie Wolske,
Ruthann Ryberg and Rae Cornelius**



6th Place: \$4/person, 159 total
**Linda See, Cheryl Nordby, Carolyn Bolen,
Sandy Denault**



Because budgeted funds for weekly and holiday payouts were not spent, an extra \$90.00 was added to the Calcutta budget. In all, \$340.00 was paid out to players.



5th Place: \$6/person, 155 total
**Suzie Tako, Annie Nixon, Susan
Kimberly, Wendy Lane**



4th Place: \$8/person, 153 total
**Konny Fitch, Sandy Terry, Maureen
McDonald, Chris Langer**



A tie for 2nd place: \$16/person, 149 total
**Pam Fitch, Theresa Peterson, Bertsie
Rannenber, Kathy Berven, Kathy Zieman,
Susie Quinn.** Missing from the photo are **Jane
Cacich and Denise Beigbeder.**

Calcutta Skin Winners

Skin Winners receiving \$6 each with birdies or eagles for net scores were: **Susie Quinn, Chris Langer Konny Fitch, Suzie Tako, Kathy Zieman, Maureen McDonald, and Jane Cacich**, who received two skins!



Message from **Rae Cornelius**: Your Calcutta committee loves organizing these events for Como women. They are a lot of work, but seeing members geared up to play plus the kind words you say to us after the event, makes it all very worthwhile. The team of **Susan Kimberly, Susie Quinn, Kathy Zieman,, and Ruthann Ryberg** with help from **Annie Nixon and Suzie Tako** is incredible. Each person does their part so thoroughly that the Calcuttas are enjoyed by many, start to finish. We love to see the smiles and hear the laughter during the game, as we are adding up scores, and during the lunches afterwards. Please feel free to offer any suggestions you have for us improving the events or ideas you have for themes or different formats.



From Rae and team: *"Thank you again for all your support. We hope to have three more next summer! Already thinking of new surprises for you all."*



The person you could trust with your life savings. The person who greets you with a smile as you hand over your 5-dollar bill and 5 ones...and don't even think of bringing a 10 spot or asking for change. This is the one and only **Susan Kimberly** whom we all know and love.



Ruthann Ryberg once again baked up lots of muffins for our breakfast, with help displaying them from **Chris Langer**.

And after, **Ruthann** and **Annie** put their fingers and toes to good use verifying totals.



Rae and Susie Quinn joked about how wet the poles were so taping paper leaves was not an option. Tying with string became the answer.



What is **Maureen McDonald** doing behind **Kathy Zieman's** back??



Rae, Susie, and Kathy were drinking and adding. Not a good combination!



Annie Nixon, Ruthann Ryberg, and Susan Kimberly were stuffing envelopes with LOTS of money.

End-of-Season Banquet at Shamrocks, October 12, 2021

The end of the 2021 CWGC golf season culminated in a fun banquet at Shamrocks in St. Paul. Twenty-two members gathered to “lift a glass” in thanks to out-going President **Ruthie Pallow**, board members **Sandy Denault**, **Tillie Wolske**, and **Pat Pederson** for all their contributions to the Como Women’s Golf Club. Event winners were announced resulting in many fun and surprised looks on very deserving faces. You just never know you will get one of those coveted envelopes. Thanks so much to **Wendy Lane** and **Pat Pederson** (who was off on an African safari was but there in spirit) for organizing the bash!



Clockwise: Linda Nelson, Amy Winkel, Susan Kimberly, Kathy Berven, Barb Bussen, Sandy Denault, Sara Davis, Christy Davis, Annie Nixon, Suzie Tako, Wendy Lane, Linda See, Denise Beigbeder, Kathy Zieman, Theresa Peterson, Tillie Wolske, Rae Cornelius, Colleen Halpine, Lori Westrum, Ruthie Pallow, Ruthann Ryberg. Chris Langer was behind the camera.



Ruthie received a quilt square signed by all the members and her own personalized license plate frame! She is the “queen of the green!”



Ruthie was given a puzzle made from a photo of our clubhouse. And no, that is not Bernie Sanders on the bridge. It’s **Sandy Denault**. Geess...Ruthie! 😊

More Banquet Fun!



Ms. Hole-in-One Any Winkel.



Most Improved...an honor and a really tough one to win...Lori Westrum!



Tillie Wolski's look of surprise says it all.



Always smiling Kathy Berven with her eagle prize which will have a place of honor on her mantle.

Club Champion, Cheryl Nordby was not able to be at the Banquet. The trophy, on display in the trophy case, was presented to her after the last Calcutta.



We wish we had photos of all the winners but hey, in our book, we're all winners!



Winner of the gorgeous flowers from Wendy Lane's garden, Annie Nixon.

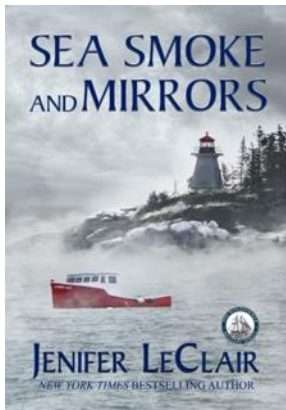


2022 Board of Directors: Rae Cornelius, Lori Westrum, Kathy Zieman, Kathy Berven, Annie Nixon, and Amy Winkel. Not in the photo: Cheryl Nordby

A huge thanks to our gracious hostess for the evening goes to **Wendy Lane!** What a great job she did. We all had a super time.



Let's read books by female Minnesota authors!

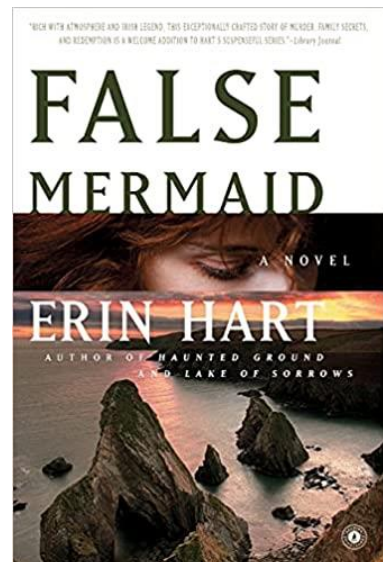


From Sandy Denault: Jenifer LeClair is an award-winning Minnesota author. Her books are set on the coast of Maine where she has sailed on the historic Maine windjammers for 25 years. Her stories capture the beauty and mystique of this fascinating part of the country. The protagonist in the series is Brie Beaumont, a homicide detective on leave from the Minneapolis Police Department.



Jenifer is available for book club visits and author speaking engagements in St. Paul and Minneapolis area. She would be happy to meet with your club or group to discuss writing, her books, and travels, and to answer your questions.

From Wendy Lane: One of my favorite local authors is Erin Hart, who lives in St. Paul and is married to Irish musician, Paddy O'Brien. She has only written four books, all in the Nora Gavin Series: *Haunted Ground*, *Lake of Sorrows*, *False Mermaid*, and *The Book of Killowen*.

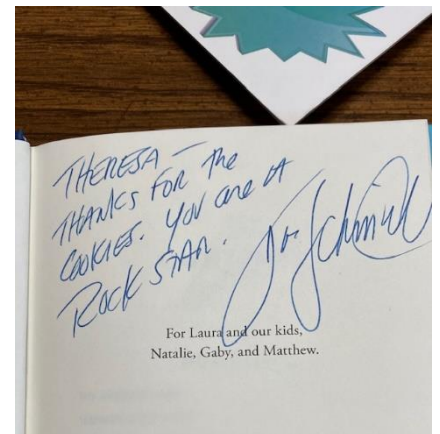


They are about a woman from St. Paul who is a pathologist and is asked to work with an archaeologist in Ireland who finds bodies buried in bogs. The bodies are well-preserved and may be recent or from hundreds of years earlier. The books are mysteries and include Irish folklore and culture. *False Mermaid* has local color when she returns to St. Paul to investigate the death of her sister.

Several years ago, I was at a book-reading Erin held at Next Chapter Books along with Wendy Webb, who is from Duluth and writes gothic mysteries along the north shore.

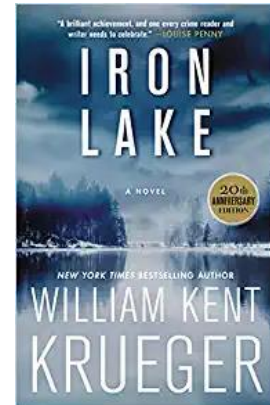


Speaking of Minnesota authors, although not a female, **Theresa Peterson** received this great book written by Joe Schmit from KSTP sports. Joe writes: "The words we say or don't say, the things we do or don't do and the ways we react or don't react have a tremendous influence on those around us."

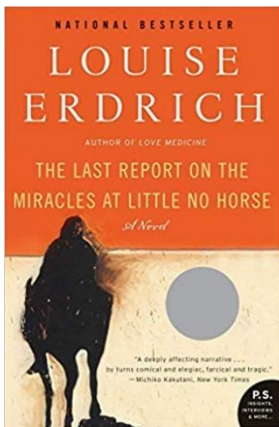


More authors – favorites continue – maybe there is a book club pick in the mix...

From Cheryl Nordby: William Kent Krueger (MN) - he has a series of mystery novels featuring Cork O'Connor who is part Irish and part Anishinaabe and is the sheriff in the town of Aurora, MN. The first book in the series is *Iron Lake*. Our book club has read some of his novels and we have really enjoyed them.



Louise Penny - she is a Canadian (close enough to MN) author of mystery novels featuring Chief Inspector Armand Ganache. He lives in the small village of Three Pines which has a number of quirky residents. I love her books - they are very well written, and although they are mysteries, she is also able to weave in some comedy. The first book in her series is *Still Life*.



From Kathy Berven: One of my favorite books is *The Last Report Of The Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Erdrich (MN). It's a fiction about life in North Dakota among a Dakota community and the catholic priest who is living amongst them. It's really funny and poignant and has great storytelling!

The other great read is a series of novels written by Patrick O'Brian (UK). Set in the Napoleonic war, it tells of the capture of a British Naval war ship and the surgeon aboard. I fell in love with the characters and the writing is superb!

From Denise Beigbeder: My favorite author is Daniel Silva who weaves in political events through his assassin/old masters art restorer, Gabriel Allon, an Israeli. But more recently I've become attracted to Kristin Hannah through the *Nightingale* (a story of German occupation in France) and the *Four Winds* (1930s in Texas during the Dust Bowl and beyond).



Note from Chris Langer: Of all the photos I've taken this year for Tee Times, this one cracks me up the most. I don't think Sandy sees the humor in it as much as I do but then I'm not the subject of the photo. Also, this has nothing to do with anyone else in the photo, it was just a random shot. I think the perfect caption is "Step aside coffee, this is a job for alcohol." I can't thank Sandy enough for being my "partner in Tee Times crime." It's been a fun year.

Chili Whacker 2021

Ten members from the Como Woman's Club joined with the Como Men's Club for the annual Chili Whacker. It was probably the best weather recorded for this tournament. Many of us remember the freezing rain and cold wind blowing from other years but this was a top 10 weather day! Women participating: **Suzie Tako, Annie Nixon, Ruthann Ryberg, Colleen Halpine, Kathy Zieman, Lori Westrum, Wendy Lane, Ruth Pallow, Chris Langer, and Konny Fitch.** As usual, several of the woman were on winning teams.



In the money were **Konny Fitch, Chuck Finken, Wayne Miller, and Kathy Zieman.**



Also, big winners were **Chris Conrad, Suzie Tako, Annie Nixon, and Todd Koran.**



Gary Ketchel, Mike Szurek, David Overkamp, and Ruthann Ryberg won a skin. One of those guys is hiding behind the pitcher of beer.



John Mooney, Chris Langer, and Ruthie Pallow were grateful to their A player, **Cliff Sherman**, for winning a skin for the team.

Consider playing in this annual Women's/Men's Club event next year. It really is a fun scramble. And the lunch after it is great. Thanks to Chris in the pro shop, Gary Ketchel, Wayne, and everyone who brought desserts. Until next year....



Vacations!

From Jane Cacich: I was involved in yet another rim-to-rim Grand Canyon crossing. This year I was on the support crew helping to drive a car from the South Rim to the North Rim and encouraging and welcoming participants out the north Kaibab Trail. Many of you know my friend, Angie Ause, from taking golf lessons from her. She completed her second rim to rim and shaved a full 2 hours off her previous time!! Hikers started at 4 am on the South Rim and Angie finished at 5 pm on the North Rim.



From Pat Pederson: The Serengeti in Tanzania is vast and beautiful. All the animals are living together in peace. This has been a trip of a lifetime.

Some Lighthearted Fun Compliments of Sandy Terry and Kathy Berven

Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.

-- William Wordsworth



It's almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf.

-- Robert Lynch

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls....

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud. Almost feel like a hybrid.

And that's a wrap folks! Sandy and Chris