

TEE TIMES!



Important Dates to Remember

June 26 - 1st Calcutta
August 25, 28 - Club Champion
October 9 - Fall Banquet

"Golf has always been a game where you have to control both ends of the club."

~ Matt Kucher

OK, so we have issues on a few holes. But we are *"in this together"* and complaining is not going to change anything. Just grin and laugh it off! It will get better.



A sign of the times: social distance birdie celebrating by **Sandy Denault, Sandy Terry, and Kathy Zieman**. Teetotaler (is there a double meaning to that word?) **Chris Langer** is behind the camera.

These will be great "before" photographs. There is a plan and it will happen. Remember, patience is a virtue.

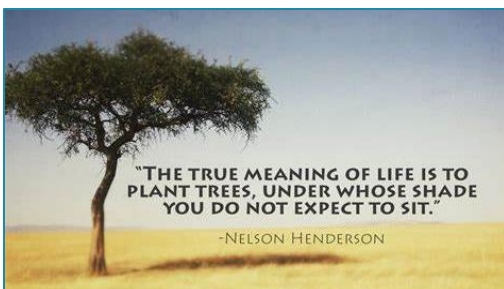
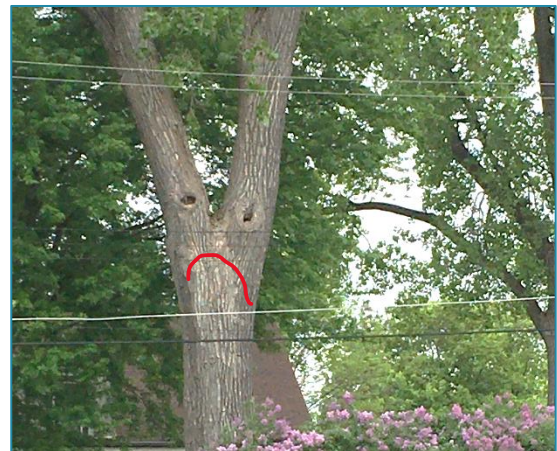


First entry in our "why didn't I think of that?" Tee Times category. A guy, of course, using a wagon to carry his clubs. Not as hardy (or bright) as our women members!



The Trees of Como

We are surrounded by so much beauty on the course. Keep your eyes peeled and see if you can spot these trees that we thought were stand-outs. Send us photos of your favorites.



Meet Chris Bettinger, A New Face at Como

What is your position?

I'm the Manager of Como Golf Course.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I enjoy interacting with the patrons the most.

What did you do prior to coming to Como?

I was a Golf Course Manager for 24 years at three different golf courses before spending 2019 as the Tournament Director at Majestic Oaks.

Do you play golf, and have you been able to get out and enjoy the course?

I do play golf, but I don't get out as much as I would like to. It's difficult to get out there while you're raising a family, but my boys are 18 and 15 now so maybe my wife and I will start to have more time.

What do you do during the golf off-season and what did you do this winter during the "shelter-at-home" off-season?

I enjoy ice fishing in the off-season, but I still spend a lot of time at the golf course too. The "shelter-at-home" off-season started right after I accepted the position at Como Golf Course, so I was busy making phone calls and emails trying to get ready in case we were able to open the golf course.

If you had lots time and money, and travel was safe, what state or country would you love to visit?

My family and I were in Turks and Caicos when the Corona Virus hit the US in March. It was the most amazing trip, but the last few days became a bit worrisome as to how we were going to get back to the US. Someday I will return!

If you have had much of a chance to travel, where would you never go again?

My wife would tell you Vegas and yet I've convinced her to go back 4 or 5 more times since the first time she said we weren't going back. I would say Miami, my sister went to college there and we visited a few times, it's not my favorite part of Florida.

By nature, are you usually early or late?

I would say neither, I'm generally an on-time person. If I said I'd meet you at 9am, I'm going to be there at 9am. I'm afraid that goes for my tee time too.

Do you have a claim to fame?

I have done a lot of radio, whether appearances or commercials that aired on local sta heard me, and then quickly turned the station.

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their

Visit Las Vegas. It's quite a site to see but I wonder if it will be the same after the Covid-19.

What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you?

I've been fortunate to have a lot of good luck in my life but without a doubt the luckiest thing was meeting my wife.

Who inspires you to be better?

My Mom, she is the best!



What are you really good at, but kind of embarrassed if people knew?

Stacking golf balls. I've spent a lot of years sitting in a golf shop!



Carrying on the Family Legacy ~ Sammi and Zach Siggelkow



Proud parents of Zach and Sammi: Don and Helen



We thought it would be fun to ask the sister and brother the same questions and see what responses we would get. In meeting and talking to Sammi (who somehow neither of your editors knew), we received a nice response when asking Sammi if we could do an interview.

"While we may be new to a few of you, Zach and I have been around for a while! Since our dad began operating as the manager at Como in 2014, we had the pleasure to grow up and learn about what makes the course so special and unique. The course itself holds a special place in both of our hearts. We are grateful for the opportunity to maintain his vision of keeping Como a gathering spot for friends and family to enjoy quality course conditions for a great value. I have led the beverage cart and worked in Cozy's for the last three years, while Zach will continue to create promotions, oversee day-to-day operations, and help with anything necessary around the course. We are looking forward to another fun summer at Como!"

Since you work at Como, do you take advantage of using the golf course?

Sammi: I typically utilize the Phalen driving range more than I golf at Como, I'm still working on my swing!

Zach: Absolutely! I tee off around 5:30 every morning to sneak a full round in before work.

How do you spend your time during the off-season?

Sammi: During the off season I am in school at Minnesota State University, Mankato studying Exercise Science and psychology. I enjoy working out, being with friends, and playing sports.

Zach: I spend most of my time hanging out with friends and family during the off-season. For work, I stay busy with consulting work through my dad's LLC, Minnesota Partnerships.

Was it hard to adjust to working with a sibling at the golf course or do you not interact that much during your shift?

Sammi: It wasn't hard at all to adjust to working with Zach since we started together when we were young. We interact during our shifts when we can and enjoy working for the company my dad started. We enjoy each other's humor, so it is nice to have his contagious laugh around!

Zach: I can't express just how much fun Sammi and I have had working at Como over the last six years. We both share the same work ethic and are sponges when it comes to trying to learn everything we can about the course! I am grateful for all the memories our family has from working together at Como.

If you could travel anywhere in the world (once traveling is OK), and money was no object, where would you want to visit and why?

Sammi: I would travel back to Australia where I was supposed to be an exchange student this semester! I was going to be in Adelaide, South Australia at University of South Australia. I was only able to enjoy 10 days there rather than the planned 6 months. I would hit all the spots I had planned with friends like the Great Barrier Reef and go snorkeling.

Zach: I would choose to go up north for a week during the summer and spend each day on the lake and the golf course.

What sport that you have played or enjoy watching is your favorite and why?

Sammi: I played softball and volleyball in high school, but I love watching volleyball because of the intensity of the game. I love the fast pace nature of the game and not knowing what will happen during the next play.

Zach: Golf has been my favorite sport to play and learn since I recently finished up my college baseball career at St. Cloud State. I also played football and basketball throughout high school, so I enjoy watching each of those sports still, but learning more about golf has been a fun challenge for me.

During the "shelter-at-home" time, before the golf course opened, how did you entertain yourself and did you learn anything new about yourself?

Sammi: I had just returned from Australia when shelter in place order was enacted so I caught up on Netflix, worked out, and enjoyed time with my family during the difficult times. I learned that I watch too much HGTV and I have now become a self-proclaimed Do-It-Yourself enthusiast and remodeled my bathroom!

Zach: No answer

What is your favorite movie?

Sammi: My favorite movie is *League of Their Own*. My grandma was a teammate of players that were highlighted in the movie so it's fun to watch and know the history and personal stories behind the scenes!

Zach: *Remember the Titans*

Are you usually early or late?

Sammi: I'd like to say I'm usually early, but there are occasions when I push the clock when getting ready and arrive just on time!

Zach: Early

What was your favorite subject in school?

Sammi: My favorite subject in school has always been science and my favorite class in college so far is Kinesiology & Biomechanics. I love studying the movement of muscles and how that is translated into the physics of exercise! One of my favorite things has been analyzing someone hooked up to sensors on a computer to see the different muscle movements during simple activities such as walking and throwing a ball.

Zach: Growing up my favorite subject was English but shifted to Cell Biology in high school and college.

Do you have a "claim to fame"?

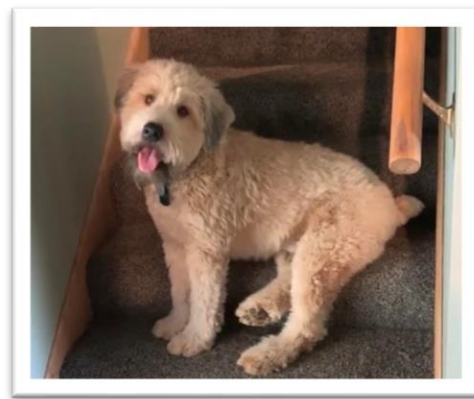
Sammi: My claim to fame isn't exactly about me, but I love bragging about this! My mom and grandma are both in the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame and to this day are the only mother/ daughter duo in the hall of fame. My mom played D1 softball and won a gold medal at the National Sports Festival, so, being the proud daughter and granddaughter, I am, I must brag! My dad is in the St. Anthony Village Hall of Fame and Zach is in the Youth Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. I'm still working my way into a hall of fame one of these days, stay tuned...

Zach: My grandfather, Edwin Siggelkow served as the Director of Minnesota Unions and Student Activities when the University of Minnesota as well as Minnesota Duluth were establishing student offerings for campus outreach and involvement. His legacy is still seen today on both campuses if you visit the Kirby Student Center at UMD and Coffman Memorial Union at the U of M. Also, my mom and grandmother are in the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame and my dad is in the St. Anthony High School Hall of Fame.

What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you?

Sammi: The luckiest thing that has ever happened to me is my puppy Harvey! He is a 2-year-old wheaten terrier and the sweetest pup you'll ever meet! He loves people, going on walks, and squeaky toys (I am a frequent flyer at Pet Smart).

Zach: Having such a loving and supportive family.

**Who inspires you to be better?**

Sammi: My dad, Don Siggelkow, has always inspired me to be better in every aspect of life. As the manager at Como since 2014 and owner of Minnesota Partnerships, he worked hard day in and day out no matter the circumstance. He always pushed me to do my best in school, sports, and everyday life. My dad was always my biggest supporter, along with my mom, and I will forever be grateful for the life lessons he gave Zach and me. He was calm in any situation and as many of you know, he passed away in February after a courageous battle against cancer and he never gave up through it all. I will always look up to my dad for his courage, kindness, and patience through all situations in life and I will keep that with me for the rest of my life. He also established a great workplace and rapport with Como golfers. I am so lucky to have worked with my dad and brother every day and cherishing the time I had with my dad at Como. This golf course will always hold a special place in my heart from the golfers I've established relationships with to the life lessons I've learned since I've been here since I was 15. He took pride in welcoming all the golfers and chatting with them with his words of wisdom. He was always a calming presence at Como and if he were here today, it would be evident in what's going on in the world around us. My dad took pride in the golf course and because of his commitment and hard work, Como has been successful under my dad's leadership since 2014. Can you tell I'm very proud of my dad and of the man he was? :) We will continue to keep my dad's memory alive, especially at Como, and we look forward to another great summer at Como!

Zach: My mom, dad and Sammi inspire me to be better each day. They are the strongest people I know and the most important in my life.

The CWGC wishes to extend our sincere sympathy to **Ruth Pallow** on the loss of her father, William Pallow.

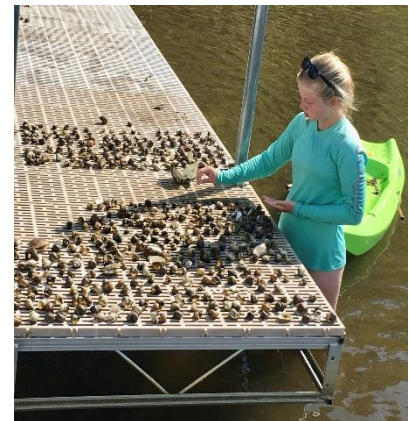
Bill lived a long life and was 90 years old when he passed. He was blessed with 9 kids, 23 grandkids, 47 great grandkids! And survived two wives. It was a life well lived.



During his lifetime, before most of us were born, he lived through the Great Depression, the erection of the Empire State Building, Prohibition, Amelia Earhart vanishing, "War of the Worlds" broadcast on the radio, and Pearl Harbor/WWII to name a few events. Add that to what most of us have experienced in the last 60 or 70 years and that is quite the list.



Chris Langer offered to pay two grandkids \$.05/empty snail shell they picked up in the swimming area at the cabin. \$27.00 later, she had to wonder if that was such a great idea. Although, lining them up in rows of 20 and doing the math was the distance learning math lesson for the day.



Did you Know?

Check out the new scorecards for the 2020 season. **Jane Cacich** picked **blue** for the color to honor Medical Heroes and First Responders. What a great idea!

And speaking of scorecards, take a few minutes to really look at one. Many sponsors are small business owners and have had a tough time with the shutdown due to Covid-19. They would really appreciate your support! If you have any questions about any of the sponsors, check with a board member.



Theresa Peterson has found all kinds of ways to safely amuse herself while following the "sheltering at home" order. We found her holding court in her driveway while playing solitaire.



We don't know about the rest of you, but your editors are feeling pretty great now that we have had our hair cut! Wow there was a lot of clippings on the floor. One way to lose weight...