

TEE TIMES!

Might be one for the books.

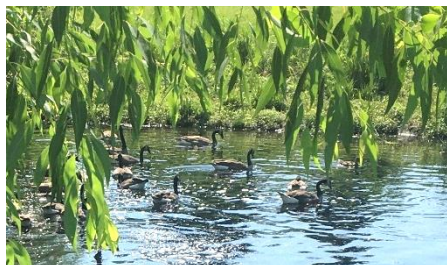
It's not the heat, it's the humidity, right? Nah, it's both of them! You can tell how hot it is by the number of members who take a cart. Even dedicated walkers know when to ride.

We have had some super-hot rounds of golf lately...and we don't just mean the weather. Hats off to **Sandy Terry** and **Kathy Zieman** for breaking 100 for the first time! That is an accomplishment. According to the National Golf Foundation, only 55% of adult golfers can break 100. If you've played with Sandy lately you have probably noticed some new moves. That's what taking a lesson or two will do for you. If you feel like your game is in a rut, take a lesson! It can't hurt. That's our tip for this month.

Sandy and Chris, lesson believers



Great minds think alike. Your editors showed up for Friday golf wearing matching shoes. Total fluke. What is crazy, their balls often landed side by side and their final scores were within 1 shot of each other. Proves the great minds also play alike. 😊



Even the ducks were seeking shade. Thanks, **Kathy Zieman**, for the great photo.

Important Dates to Remember

July 28 - 2nd Calcutta followed by possible pool party at Kathy Z's
August 25 & 28 - Club Champion
October 9 - Fall Banquet

"A shot that goes into the cup is pure luck, but a shot to within 2 feet of the flag is skill."

~ Ben Hogan



Hey handy little ball retriever gizmo. Where have you been all my life? That is what I want to know.



A little Flag Day shadow fun. Do not be shy about taking photos on the course and sending them to us. Pull out that phone and snap away.

Calcutta #1 a HUGE Success!

Forecast, Friday, June 26, 90% chance of rain. Actual, Friday, June 26, a little drizzle, couple of clouds, and 27 happy golfers as Como Women's Club completed their first Calcutta of the year.



After enjoying a delicious continental breakfast provided by the Como Women's Club, seven groups of foursomes headed off the first tee playing the best of two balls Calcutta format.



A big thank you to the following Calcutta Committee members: **Rae Cornelius, Susan Kimberly, Ruthann Ryberg.** It wouldn't happen without great members like you. Thanks to **Pam Fitch** also, for doing scorecards and posting!

Como golfers were tearing up the course! They had the best team scores ever for a Calcutta! I wonder if it is a coincidence that all three winning teams had new members?

1st Place: 27 under par! \$25 each player
Pam Fitch, Ruth Pallow, Colleen Halpine, & Susie Quinn

2nd Place 20 under par! \$20 each player
Annie Nixon, Kathy Berven, Denise Beigbeder, & Suzie Tako

3rd Place: 16 under par! \$10 each player
Pat Pederson, Rae Cornelius, Kathy Zieman, & Linda See

Skins: \$8 each player

Three of the six skin winners were new members.

- Annie Nixon**, hole 1
- Tillie Wolske**, hole 2
- Suzie Tako**, hole 3
- Amy Winkel**, hole 4
- Susie Quinn**, hole 6
- Linda See**, hole 11



The day was finished by fun conversation and fellowship at TST Catering, a Como Women's Club supporter. And I believe we had a few happy faces as members received monetary awards totally \$276.



Get out your magnifying glass to see which players are social distancing. Why it is **Jan Anderson, Cheryl Nordby, Amy Winkel and Jane Cacich!** Amy did her team proud by winning a skin.

"Mark your calendars for the next Calcutta, Tuesday, July 28. Look for more information mid-July. If you are a new member, I would say your chances of winning something are pretty good!"
Rae



Rae Cornelius thanking the sun gods for the great weather.

This social distancing eats up so many pages! It is a sign of the times we are living in.



Enjoying lunch at TST Catering: **Lori Westrum, Pat Pederson, Annie Nixon, and Cheryl Nordby.**



First place team: **Susie Quinn, Ruthie Pallow, Pam Fitch, and Colleen Halpine** staying 6 feet apart. They look all business, don't they?

Ryberg, Sandy Terry and Carolyn Bolen. Fellow team member **Chris Langer** was behind the camera.



Not in the money but looking happy anyhow: **Lori Westrum, Sandy Denault, Susan Kimberly, and Wendy Lane.**



Table for five? **Carolyn Bolen, Sandy Terry, Ruthie Pallow, Susie Quinn and Konny Fitch.** Not so sure they are socially distancing, but we'll forgive them.



New member **Linda See** with **Kathy Berven**



Susan Kimberly is one cool cucumber. She is saving all her fired up energy for on the course.

FLAG DAY, July 3, 2020

This is the 2nd year we have had a Flag Day. The object of the event is to **bring your flag back into the clubhouse.**

Every participant was given a flag with her name on it, the course PAR plus her handicap. For an example: if your handicap is 23, the sticker would say 70 (PAR) plus 23 (handicap) for a total of 93. On your 93rd stroke, if you are not in the clubhouse, you plant your flag either to the side of the fairway or to the side of the green.



And the winner is, none other than **Linda Nelson!**



From Flag Day organizer **Ruthie Pallow:** *Thank you everyone for making Flag Day a hot, steaming, successful day. We all, made it safely around the course!! Congratulations to everyone!*

The winners:

1st place--Linda Nelson--only person who brought in their flag--low net of 65. (\$30.00)

2nd place-- Jane Cacich -- low net of 72 (\$20)

3rd place-- Carolyn Bolen -- low net of 73 (15)

4th place --- Wendy Lane, Ruthie Pallow, Susan Kimberly, Colleen Halpine, Chris Langer, Sandy Denault --low net of 74 (each \$3.00)



Flag Day committee members: **Ruthie Pallow, Amy Winkel and Cheryl Nordby.** Lots to track since we actually played three games: weekly event, Flag Day, and the 4th of July.



This group was so hot they fogged up the camera lens: **Wendy Lane, Sandy Denault, Chris Langer, Kathy Zieman.**



Newest member **Christy Davis** got into the spirit of the day with red, white, and blue fingernail polish.



Meet new member Lori Westrum

What brings you to Como Women's Club? I looked online for a women's league that would work with my schedule and wasn't too long of a drive from home.

How often do you like to golf and who/what brought you to enjoying the sport? I would like to play 2 times per week at a minimum. I just got back to playing golf last year after not playing for about 8 years. (Had lots of "ducks to get in a row" and a house to sell). Not all the ducks are in place but I'm in a much better place so I can play again! My dad was a golf pro down in Rochester, so he's why I became a golfer.



What place in the world would you travel to if time and money weren't an issue? Galapagos Islands. My daughter went there with the University of Minnesota. She got to swim with the Sea Turtles, and I would love to do that.

Are you usually early or late? If you are talking about golf, I usually show up early for a tee time. If I were able to be on my own time clock, I would be a night owl.

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? Something they are afraid of. I am afraid of heights, so I went on a zipline. It was extra exhilarating because I did something that I didn't think I could bring myself to do. (Don't think I could ever skydive though!?)

What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you? When I asked Curt what he thought about this question, he raised his hand! There are many things that I feel I am lucky for. He is on the list.

What are you really good at, but kind of embarrassed that you are good at it? One random thing I am good at is tying bows. I can tie them on dresses and things like that, so they are really straight and even. I have been pulled into dressing rooms at family weddings or other formal events to tie the backs of gowns, so they are done "right" and don't sag. I learned this skill from my dad who taught me how to tie shoes on the back step of our house. (My mom still can't do it right!)

Do you like to cook or bake? If so, what is your favorite thing to make?

We make jam from strawberries and black berries grown in our garden. Last year we also canned tomatoes.



What do you like to do during the summer when you are not on the golf course? I like to go for walks with my dog (Elsie) and my guy (Curt), and I like to ride bikes. I also like to do creative things. This summer I am refinishing a table from the early 1900's that had been painted rather sloppily. I like to go to flea markets but that may not happen this summer.

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Meet returning member Susie Quinn

You left Como for a few years. What brought you back?

My retirement enabled me to play on the league days and I really missed the people.

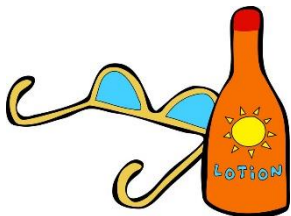
What / who brings you the most joy? My marriage, relaxing on my deck with my husband and being with my friends whether it be playing golf or happy hours.

What is your most unusual talent? Knowing wines.

What hobby would you get into if time and money wasn't an issue? Having a cabin and a boat.



If you like to travel, what is your favorite destination and why? Hawaii. I lived there for 9 years and to me it is one of the most beautiful places in the US. I have a lot of good memories there that are of my Mom.



Do you have a claim to fame? When I worked at Safeway in Hawaii, I worked in the suntan lotion department and the liquor department, so I have a few. Liza Minelli, George Harrison, Chuck Norris, and my favorite customer was Jack Lord.

What is something you think everyone should do at least once? Visit Hawaii.

What do you like to do during the winter after golf season ends? Go to Florida and visit my brother in Fort Myers



Thanks to **Kathy Zieman** for maintaining this beautiful little garden.



How we've missed long time member **Theresa Peterson!** Because of Covid-19, she's taken a break from golfing. She did join us for lunch though...masks and social distancing were in order. **Cheryl Nordby, Theresa, Pat Pederson, Sandy Terry, Susie Quinn, Pam Fitch, and Suzie Tako** made it a welcome back (at least for lunch on the deck) party.

Learn what makes new member Christy Davis tick.

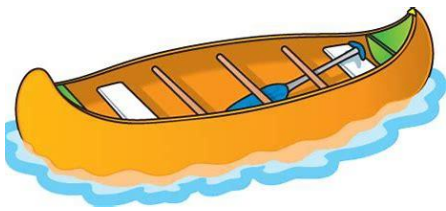
We are happy you decided to join us at Como. What brought you here?

My dad got me started golfing when I was in my 20s. It was something I loved going out to do with him. Golfing soon became a favorite hobby to do with my husband and some family and friends. I wanted to get out more consistently, so I was happy to learn about the Como Women's Golf Club reached out to Ruthie, and here I am! I have felt so welcomed, and I am excited to improve my game by getting more rounds in. Each round I play is in memory of my dad. I hope to make him proud.



How often do you golf now and how often would you like to golf? I have recently been golfing at least once a week. Now that I am done teaching for the summer, I hope to make it out at least twice a week.

What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue? If time and money (and COVID) weren't an issue, I would like to travel more with my family. I would love to do more camping with our camper, spend more time on the North Shore, but also travel overseas. I have always wanted to travel Europe and Australia.



What was your favorite travel destination and why? I love our trips to the BWCA because it offers so much serenity, fresh air, and beautiful views. It is a perfect reset. I have also loved our family trips to Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. Everyone there is so nice, the views are gorgeous, the waterpark is fun, and there is so much to do for every age.

Tell us a little about your family? I have been married to Nick for 8 years. He grew up in Como Park. His cousin that I taught with introduced us. Nick and I have a blonde haired, blue eyed, energetic 7-year-old named Henry. He is my everything. Then we have a German/ Australian Shepherd mix named Indi. She is one and a half, and a loving, beautiful fluff ball of energy.

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? I think everyone should see Hugh Jackman live. He is an incredible storyteller, singer, dancer, overall great performer aside from his onscreen acting. I also think everyone should experience the BWCA for the reasons I mentioned above.

Are you crafty or like to cook? Tell us about it. I am what you call Pinterest failed it, not nailed it. My 2 sisters got the creative gene. I can come up with ideas, I just can't execute them like I would like to. I do have specialties with cooking...chicken cordon bleu, elote (Mexican street corn), and bacon Brussels sprouts are a few of my favorites.

What do you like to do during the winter after golf season ends? I like to watch movies, play games, go to Wild games, spend time with my friends and family, and read.



Keeping up with and Understanding the Recent Course Changes



Doug Hoffman from MGA joined board members **Pam Fitch, Jane Cacich, Ruthie Pallow and Cheryl Nordby** to look over our course condition and issues.



Doug recommended making #9 a 90-yard par 3. Hitting over the swampy area in the middle of the fairway was becoming a real source of contention for many of us.



The work on Hole #7 has started. They are going to be working on the side of the fairway, up by the green along with redoing the entire hole. There is a temporary green just in front of the current tee box. We tee off from the black men's tees so the yardage for this hole is approximately 100 yards.

We know most of you will want to climb that darn fence and play the hole as usual. That would not be wise. We'd have to turn you in to **Bob** in the clubhouse. And that would not be pretty.



On hole #8 green, you can move your ball out of any divots made by people hitting off the green. You can also move your ball, no closer to the hole, if one of those divots is in your line of putting. **Pat Pederson and Pam Fitch** ignore the caterpillar in the background as they contemplate making par puts on #8.



Doug even rescued this little lady during his visit. Not sure if she was part of a foursome or just out for a stroll. Thanks to Doug, she lived to see another day.

And yet another new member, Sarah Davis

We are happy you decided to join us at Como. What brought you here?

I have been wanting to improve my golf game for years. When my sister-in-law Christy mentioned she joined, that was all the motivation I needed. And since I grew up with my backyard on hole 12, Como was an easy choice.

If you could travel anyplace in the world, and money was not an issue, where would you go and why? Bora Bora. Who would not want to stay in a bungalow over the ocean?

Do you have any special talents you would like to tell us about? None that I can think of 😊



What is your favorite food/meal to make or have at a restaurant? No favorites here. I love going out and trying new restaurants. Although, I never say no to Sushi or Pho!

Favorite: State Fair or Winter Carnival? Why? State Fair! For the food of course!

Are you a dog or cat person or both? Do you have any pets right now? Neither? I am allergic so Fish are my default choice 😊

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives? Great question. I thought attending an out of country Futball (soccer) game was intense and memorable.

When you are not on the golf course during the summer, what is a favorite outdoor thing you like to do? It was going to outdoor events such as fairs/festivals/orchards/winery's etc. However, the cabin will do for this 2020 summer.

Thank you **Kathy Zieman** for sending us a link to why and what changes are going on at the Como Golf Course: <https://www.capitolregionwd.org/projects/como-golf-course/>

The Capitol Regional Watershed District is directing the work. Below is what is happening to hole 7 fairway:

“An existing storm sewer pipe near the fairway of Hole 7 captures runoff from 63-acres of land including the zoo and surrounding neighborhood. Water from the pipe will be diverted to an infiltration basin, similar to a large rain garden, and an underground infiltration system. Polluted rainwater will fill the basin and any excess water will flow into a series of underground pipes with thousands of holes in them to allow the water to soak into the ground. Native plants in the basin will soak up water, provide pollinator habitat, and enhance the beauty of the area. The water is cleaned as it moves through the soil, removing pollutants that would have otherwise ended up in Como Lake.”

You can find more detail about the entire project in the link above.