

TEE TIMES!

A year to remember.

It is hard to believe but we have been writing this newsletter for nine years! In that time we have welcomed new members, said good-bye to others, stood by members who were in the middle of a health crisis, happily celebrated a 90th birthday, and supported each other through thick and thin but we have never had an experience quite like this season.

To be honest, we were happy to have a golf season at all! When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it looked like there would be no golf. Our lives were impacted in ways that we never imagined. For some of us, golf was the least of our worries but also our greatest lifeline.

Following the guidelines set by Governor Walz we cautiously began to "tee it up." Face masks, social distancing, elbow bumps, riding solo, a great Como Golf Course staff, all made it possible for us to have a season...and we could not be more grateful that we are all healthy!

Stay safe everyone. Wear a mask, wash your hands and please, let's stay in contact with each other through our wonderful Minnesota winter. The bond we have is worth its weight in gold.

Until next season,

Sandy and Chris

Next year we will have our photo taken before the end of the season. Or maybe we will actually look like this by then?



Important Dates to Remember

May 2021 – Better year, new season

"A leading difficulty with the average player is that s/he totally misunderstands what is meant by concentration. S/he may think s/he is concentrating hard when s/he is merely worrying."

~ Bobby Jones

On the Shores of Gitche Como

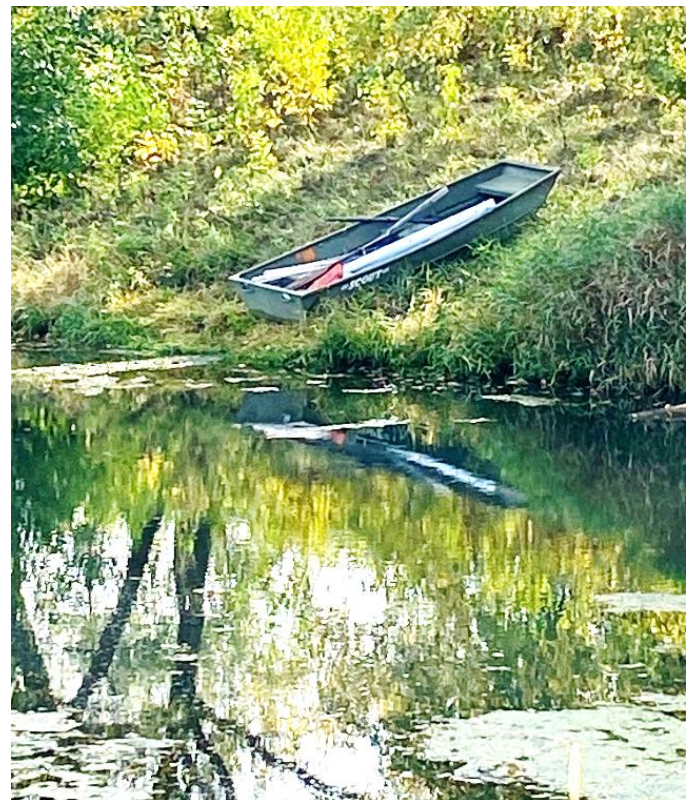


Photo taken of the pond to the left on the #15 fairway. Sadly, no sighting of the explorers.

"I must have flowers always, always." Claude Monet

These beautiful photos were submitted by our "green thumb" members. We don't all have that talent, but we can all appreciate others' efforts and the beauty around us.



Linda See sent us these great photos of her stunning hibiscus tree surrounded by marigolds and her pretty fuchsia plant.



These dahlias and vanilla strawberry hydrangea are photos from Wendy Lane's garden. Her cute frog wisely wears a mask.

These seed pods on blackberry lilies are from Chris Langer's garden. If anyone wants any, let her know. They have lovely small orange flowers in midsummer.

More flower photos!



University of Minnesota developed this hardy mum for 2020. Super gardener **Sandy Terry** was lucky enough to get one from Gertens.



It is the Battle of the Yellow Flowers! Who wins? They all do! Each one is a beauty in its own right. The top photo, submitted by **Angie Guillaume**, is Ligularia. The photo on the left is a Black-Eyed Susan lovingly cared for by **Sandy Denault**.



The above photo is from **Ruthie Pallow**. That thing is called a Chicken in the Woods. It is edible...if, in fact, you are a chicken in the woods.

Thanks to everyone for submitting flower photos! We can longingly look back at these photos in January.



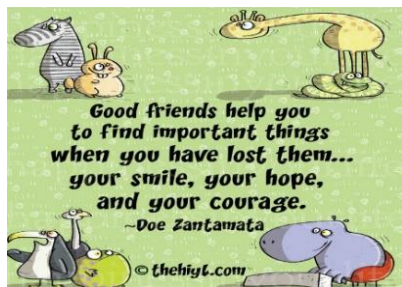
Look at this stunning artwork done by **Jan Anderson!** She has such a talent and artistic eye. OK, we must admit, we're officially jealous.





Note from your editors: This photo barely made it through our censor review committee. We have no idea what was going on, but we do know that **Sandy Terry** took the photo. She is offering a prize to the 1st person who contacts her with the subject's identity. Sandy123terry@gmail.com. The prize might be a photo shoot, but we are not sure.

Ruthie Pallow spied this bird house out on the course. Have you? No contest and no prize if you have seen it but we all will be amazed at your vision.



Yet another odd photo submitted by **Ruthie Pallow**. It's the teeniest tiny little tee that she found on the course. We think it belongs to this cute little golfer. He also lost his 9 iron so keep an eye out.



A sign of the times. **Cheryl Nordby and Theresa Peterson** stay 6 feet apart. At first, we were uncertain if we would have a golf season at all but with careful rule following, it all turned out OK. Take that COVID-19!



Remember the photo we put in a past Tee Times of the man putting his clubs in a little red wagon? Men's Club member Mike McDonald shows us the grownup version of that. It made us smile.

2020 Chili Whacker Fun!



On Saturday, October 10, fifteen women from our CWGC joined the men's club in the annual Chili Whacker. This was a record number of women to play in it! And we kicked butt...at least we like to think we did. Several of the men credited the ladies for their fabulous putting skills and for their drives that actually stayed in the fairway...the right fairway, we might add. It was a sunny warm day. Those of us who have played in it before know that is not always the case, hence the name, Chili Whacker.

Top of Stairs: Annie Nixon, Konny Fitch, Colleen Halpine, Wendy Lane, Jan Cacich, Ruthann Ryberg
Bottom: Ruth Pallow, Chris Langer, Denise Beigbeder, Theresa Peterson, Kathy Ziemann, Susie Quinn, Bertsie Rannenberg, Linda See. Hiding behind Susie: Suzie Tako



Our old friend Gary Ketchel, sporting a new hairdo, oversaw pairings, etc.



Winning team: Gary Rossi, **Wendy Lane, Linda See** and Chris Conrad. Look at that wad of cash! Congratulations!

2nd place: Dave Overkamp, John Magnuson, **Jane Cacich and Ruthann Ryberg.**

3rd place: Mike McDonald, Gary Ketchel, Paul McCarrick, and **Chris Langer**



Our clubs generously tipped the Como staff for a job well done. The chili lunch and a free drink was donated by the course. Desserts were made by the women of CWGC.

Photos of our Beautiful Como Golf Course taken by Sandy Denault, Ruthie Pallow and Linda Nelson. We will see you again on the 1st tee in 2021!



We could not resist...this one is for you **Kathy Zieman!**

