

TEE TIMES!

Almost Time for Golf!

"Spring has sprung, grass has riz, wonder where them gall darn flowers is." Won't be long now...get those clubs out; polish them up. Buy a new putter; practice in the living room. Head out of the house for a brisk walk or lift a few weights to shake off the winter rust. All this will help to make the start of the season a great one. We all start the season with high hopes. This could be your year!

Important Dates to Remember

- May 1 - Report to 1st tee box???
- July 11 - Membership meeting
- July 27 - Guest Day
- August 9 - 11 - Ridgeview tournament
- August 18,19 - Club Champion

"A bad attitude is worse than a bad swing."
~ Payne Stewart



Theresa Peterson, Kathy Zieman and Konny Fitch keep mentally strong and physically fit by bowling in the off season. Others read endless novels, watch the Bachelor and stare out the window waiting for the snow to melt. Any day now we will see grass poking through the drifts.



Pam Fitch sent us this photo from Indian Springs Golf Club in Indio, California.

Nice view from "19th" tee!



"One of the advantages bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball."

- Don Carter

Important PSA

Remember...if you are NOT the official scorekeeper in your group, or perhaps the "lucky" keeper of the backup card, please use the regular Como scorecard for keeping your own personal scores. Thank you very much.



New Zealand thru Rae Cornelius' Eyes



This is how we traveled between the 8 locations we went to via bus or plane. I carried the lighter packs; my husband Tom carried the Rick Steve backpacks.



These are the houses from the set used in Peter Jackson's The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings movies.



These are from the Abel Tasman National Park in the South Island. There are no roads to the hiking trails, so you must take a water taxi to get dropped off at beaches where the trails begin. The hike was around 5 hours. We had to hike all around the water on the first picture because the tide was too high & we couldn't traverse the beach area.





New Zealand has tons of waterfalls. We passed this one on the way to the top of a crater. It was an extremely difficult hike & thinking of Amy & Ruthie's persistence on their Colorado trip was, I believe, the only thing that forged me onto the top. There were lakes on both sides created after the volcanic explosion.



This was Lake Rotiti, one of my favorite pictures taken after a LONG uphill climb. New Zealand is so beautiful! Scenes like this are common. Pictures do not adequately capture nature's magnificent beauty & power.



Queenstown: A beautiful small city on the edge of an 84km lake. Exhilarating climb. I will never complain about the hill on #1 again!



We saw cattle, deer, sheep, and vineyards on every bus trip we took!

EXCITING NEWS FOR 2018 from Pam Fitch

The Como Women's Golf Club will be merging with Highland National to field a team for the River Valley Interclub League (RVI). Most of you are probably not familiar with it but it has been around for quite a few years. I have played in it for Logger's Trail in recent years, as have Kathy Zieman (Phalen) and Ruth Pallow (Keller).

Between Highland and Como clubs, we will send eight players to go head-to-head against another team in the league. IT IS MATCH PLAY. For example, two players from Logger's Trail go up against two players from Keller at Phalen. Points are awarded for "taking" holes. All of this will be explained at a meeting prior to the first RVI match.

I am looking for more players to represent Como. At present, the following have signed up: Pam Fitch, Kathy Zieman, Susan Kimberly, Sandy Terry, Rae Cornelius, Colleen Halpine, and Wendy Lane. Please consider throwing your hat (or clubs) into the mix.

There is a limit to handicap—an index of 32.5. However, one can still play if their handicap is higher; you would just be limited to whatever an index of 32.5 translates to at the course you are playing.

These are the dates that RVI will be held. Cost varies, but season passes are accepted. All are shotguns.

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| • Keller | Wednesday, June 6 | 8:00 |
| • Prestwick | Thursday, June 21 | 7:00 |
| • Highland/Como | Thursday, June 28 | 8:00 |
| • Manitou Ridge | Wednesday, July 11 | 8:00 |
| • Phalen | Monday, July 16 | 8:00 |
| • Logger's Trail | Monday, July 23 | 9:00 |
| • Tanner's Brook | Monday, Aug. 13 | 8:00 |
| • Oak Glen | Monday, Aug. 27 | Fun Day (Optional) |
| | 1:00 with dinner | |

When Doreen and I have the completed roster of players, we will ask you on which dates you would prefer/or be available to play.

Please email me (fitch.pam0@gmail.com) if you are interested in playing in a match or two.

IT IS FUN, AND NOT COMPETITIVE—MUCH. The winning team gets a plaque at the end of the season.

Some MGA Events to Think About

Spring Scramble May 19th @ Dakota Pines. Registration begins March 19th.

Women's Team/Club Sept. 9th @ Riverwood National GC

Go to www.mngolf.org/womensgolf.org for more information.

The Difference between night and day or....Arizona and Minnesota



Ruth Pallow standing on the first tee at Como Golf Course on April 14th while **Konny Fitch** and company is enjoying the April Arizona sunshine. Should we laugh or cry?

A Minnesota spring can be downright unpredictable. This year though, takes the cake. Our April 14th spring luncheon had to be postponed due to a huge storm headed our way. Over a two-day snowstorm, over 15 inches of snow was recorded. It was like living in a snow globe. We're all hoping that the big melt-down (by the snow, not the golfers) happens soon. We're so ready to get the season underway. Even the East bunny was confused!



The Vikings have arrived! This ship was spotted in the marsh behind **Chris Langer's** home. After a fine lunch of Swedish meatballs and lingonberries, this band of marauders took off for parts unknown.



What a difference a year makes! **Sandy Terry** sent these Easter photos. Guess which one this year is. Bet you don't need any clues.



Let's Get Crafty!



Sandy Denault spent countless hours creating this counted cross stitch masterpiece. There were 27 different floss colors. Amazing job Sandy.

You might think that our members are “one dimensional” ladies. Non-au contraire! We do all kinds of great things and it's high time we showcase some of them. We asked members to send us photos of their crafty projects that helped get them through this endless winter. Be prepared to be impressed!



Look what **Sandy Terry** made! She has it hanging on her front door with hopes that it will encourage spring to arrive. We wish we could report that it is working.



Look what **Pam Fitch** made! A beautiful crocheted afghan to keep her all warm and cozy.



Chris Langer spent the winter creating this wool applique wall hanging. Once it's quilted the wrinkles will disappear. She's hoping one day her kids will fight over it rather than donating it to Goodwill.



Sandy's next project?



This prize winner was made by **Konny Fitch**. We all know her golf talents but this, we didn't know! Impressive!

We ran out of crafty member photos so will fill this space with a quote from Barbara Bush who passed away on April 17th:

“At the end of your life, you will not regret having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret not spending time with a husband, a friend, a parent or a child.”

Spring Luncheon 2017

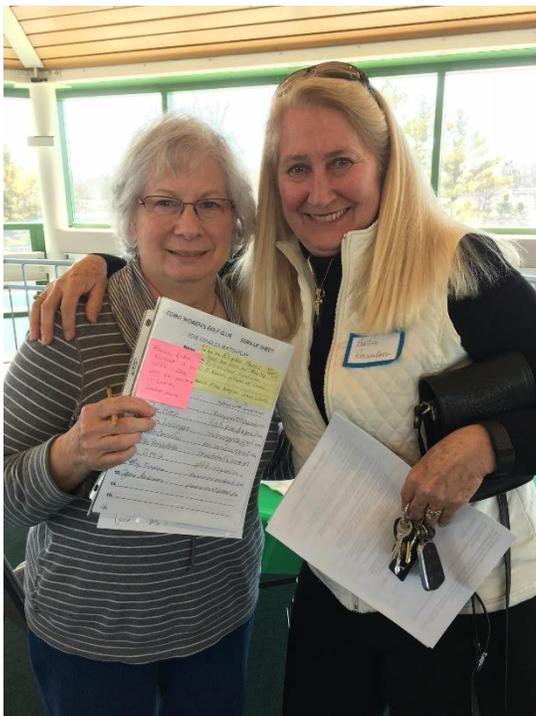
Living in Minnesota, you must be flexible. Our luncheon was scheduled for April 14th but with an epic blizzard headed our way, Luncheon Chair **Pam Fitch** and President **Jan Anderson** wisely decided to re-schedule for Saturday the 21st. After 14 inches of snow piled up, it was a good decision. By the following Saturday, the sun was out, and snow was melting. Yeah! It was great to see grass rather than mounds of snow. The season will start soon!



Pam Fitch, Konny Fitch and Sandy Denault are all smiles now that the snow is melting.



Jon Olson, the "foodie" for Como served a luncheon of chicken salad, fruit and buns. Yum!



Sandy Terry twisting **Bertsie Rannenberg's** arm to sign up for the singles match play. There are 16 spots and at the luncheon all but three were filled. Sandy excels at arm twisting.



Jeremiah Ergen and **Don Siggelkow** filled us in on the course changes. 170 trees were cut down and will be replaced by an equal number of saplings by the city. Our prediction is that none of us will live long enough to lie in the shade of them. They do plan to plant several more mature trees so there is hope.



It's not a Como Women's Golf Club event without homemade treats from **Kathy Zieman**. We had to take this photo quickly before the members cleaned them up.



Handicap Chair **Theresa Peterson** and President **Jan Anderson** having fun at the luncheon. Theresa is not only our oldest member but one of our most active ones. She consistently is one of our top round players.



Susan Kimberly won one of the door prizes. She graciously passed it on to a member with a greener thumb than she has.



Tillie Wolske, Susan Kimberly and Rae Cornelius signing up for tee times. Plans are for the course to be open on May 1st.



New Members Galore!

We are so excited to have nine new members this year! Seven of them came to the luncheon so we had a chance to welcome them. We can't wait for them to get out on the course.



Left to right: **Dello Roehl, MaryAnn Rentas, Barb Molinare, Sarah Anderson, Tillie Wolske and Mariam Lowinger**



This new member could be trouble. 😊



Hello to new member **Lynne Johnson!**