

TEE TIMES!



Welcome back from the editors!

Can you believe this is the start of the fifth year of the *TeeTimes* newsletter? It's hard for us to believe that too! We not only needed to dust off our

skills but needed to use every brain cell to remember how we did this. It feels good to be back in the "swing" of things though....and we mean that in more ways than one!

Remember to keep the fun news and photos coming our way. We need all the help we can get! If we don't get it, we make it up.

Hope to see you out on the course!

Chris & Sandy



We're all wishing long time member **Faith Finn** a speedy recovery from a stress fracture in her foot. This game of golf is hard enough without have to wear a boot while swinging a club. That being said, Faith is such a good player that we bet she'd still beat the pants off most of us.

Important Dates to Remember!

- May 3, 2016** – 2016 Season is open!
- May 10, 2016** – Membership meeting
- May 14, 2016** – Four Ball Tournament

"Of all of the hazards, fear is the worst."
~ Sam Snead

There's an Art to Building "Bridges"



Rae Cornelius and her mighty band of bridge players spend every Wednesday afternoon trying to beat 100 year old card shark Bill. He came late to the game but having a mind like a steel trap and a love of numbers, he is tough to beat. Bill celebrated his 100th birthday on February 26th with his bridge friends. They brought him a strawberry malt, fancy cupcakes and a hat with "100" boldly printed on the front. Bill was in his glory! Thanks Rae!

Spring Luncheon – April 2, 2016

It was a chilly, blustery spring day, but 21 ladies attended the CWGC Luncheon at the Como clubhouse. **Colleen Halpine** and **Helga Kessler** planned a lovely menu through Prom Catering with desserts provided by board members.



President **Pam Fitch** welcomed all and reviewed the new changes to the 2016 PGA Rules Book. She will try to obtain new books for members. Praise was given to the great Score Card Committee for their hard work and for getting some new sponsors.



Kathy Zieman and **Wendy Lane** eyeing the dessert table. By the way, don't let that sweet Wendy face fool you...she is deadly in a match. One of the editors knows this from first-hand experience.

Susan Kimberly, our treasurer, reported we have 26 paid members and encouraged all to invite friends to join our club.



Rae Cornelius, **Colleen Halpine** and **Marvel Jordan** are ready for the 2016 season to start.

Thanks **Sandy Terry** for taking the photos!



Ruthie Pallow, always the life of the party.



We can only guess what **Amy Winkel** is in deep thought about. Hmm...we might want to worry.



Long time members **Helga Kessler** and **Jan Anderson** enjoy catching up on all the fun stuff that happened over the winter.



Jane Cacich and **Christie Healy** also compared winter activity notes.

History 101: Cozy Lake. There is so much we didn't know!

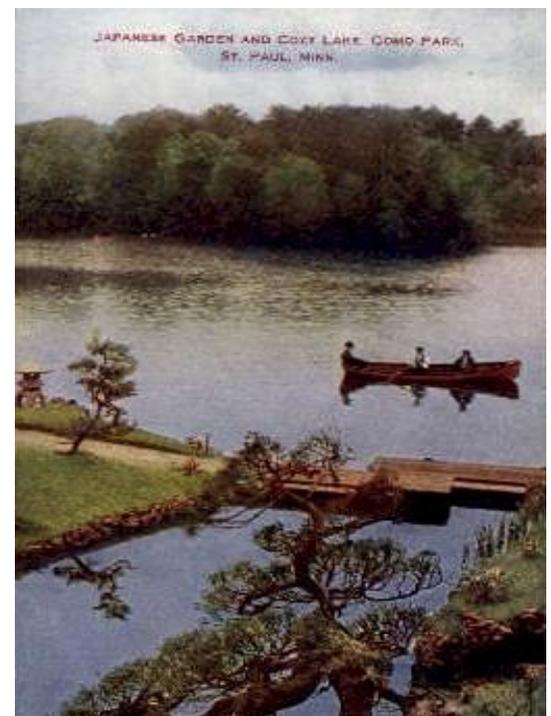


Is anyone aware of the long gone Cozy Lake and how it figured into the Como Lake area and Como Golf Course? We did a little research using our favorite friend Google and here is some of the information from the internet. There is so much more available if you are interested.

During the 1920s, problems with maintaining lake water levels in both Cozy and Como Lakes continued. Many years earlier, in 1895, the city dredged Lake Como to increase its depth from five to fifteen feet to combat swampiness. Drought and leakage caused the city to pump thousands of gallons of water into the lakes. In 1921 new electric pumping machinery was installed. In 1923, the city went so far as to drain the entire lake to patch leaky areas. Finally, the city gave up and in 1925 the leaky northern portion of Lake Como was filled and dammed. Cozy Lake dried up, the Japanese garden disappeared, and the area became the new golf course. With the addition of the golf course, a large portion of the park became devoted to organized, active recreation.



In 1904, a Japanese garden was created on the shores of Cozy Lake, a smaller, shallower lake that was located where the golf course is now, and was connected by a canal to Lake Como. The garden was developed in response to a gift made by Dr. Rudolph Schiffman, an original member of the Saint Paul Park Board in 1887. He donated a collection of Japanese shrubs and trees he purchased at the St. Louis World's Fair. Dr. Schiffman had earlier donated the Schiffman Fountain, modeled on one in Barcelona, Spain, and installed near the lake and pavilion. In the early twentieth century, a playground movement swept the country and Como Park. Ball fields were built on the northwest corner of the picnic grounds and tennis courts were added near the Conservatory. A large playground area and open-air theater north of Cozy Lake appear on Nussbaumer's 1905 design for the park, though it is not clear how much of it was actually built. A map included in a 1917 trolley guide shows a running track, playground, shelter pavilion, wading pool and swimming pool north of Cozy Lake. (The pictures are copies of postcards found on the internet.)



Want to write your name in the Como Women's Golf Club history books?

Is this the year of the albatross at Como? We all strive for pars, birdies, eagles and that elusive hole-in-one. But have you ever considered going after an albatross? What is an albatross in golf you ask? Well, it is one of those golfing feats that few people will ever accomplish, but...it has been done (Jack Nicklaus is one of a few to accomplish this). Scoring an albatross on a given hole requires that you are playing on a par-5 hole. That would mean holes 8 or 18 at Como. According to the internet, "If you were to hole out three shots below par on a par-4, this accomplishment would technically be called a hole-in-one rather than an albatross. On a par-5 hole, you would need to sink your second shot to achieve an albatross. This feat likely would require precision and luck with a second shot that most likely is 200 or more yards from the green." **The odds of achieving an albatross, meanwhile, are set at 6 million to 1.** Wouldn't you like to be that "1"? Stranger things have happened! So next time is it a super windy day, the wind if behind you, and you are feeling lucky, see what you can do. That would be so fun and we are sure, worth an article in the newspaper (and this newsletter).



"Hey you! Yes, you. I'm looking at you and want you to make me proud and get an albatross this summer. To heck with a birdie or even a hole-in-one...get one of me!"



We don't want to alarm you but please be on the look-out for some rather large moles that have taken up residence on the 8th fairway. They are so large that some men's club members have thought about using them as caddies. Just plain crazy or smart, you be the judge.



Don Siggelkow and Jeremiah gave a brief explanation of the new clubhouse menu, named the 2016 staff, and touched on improvements to the course, specifically hole #8. There is now underground drainage plus the pipe used to pump water up to the drain is underground also. So now we don't have to contend with that big-ole thing lying across the fairway.

Some great news: Gary Ketchel is back working in the clubhouse! No one takes better care of us than Gary. **Bobbie Cotie** will be working in some capacity at Como and Phalen as the pro.