



# Travelers Country Club On The Mississippi

*A Seasonal Residential*

*Recreational Community*

## **Wheels Newsletter – July 2017**

### **Presidents Report – BOD Meeting, July 8, 2017**

The speeds in the Park are slowing down. Thank you to all members for making this happen. Please continue to drive slowly.

Thank you to Theresa Oberloh, the Activity Committee, and all the volunteers for so many great Park events this past 30 days. It was wonderful to see so many of us having so much fun.

The septic system bid should be here soon, which will allow TCCOM to start getting building permits approved by Sherburne County.

There are lots of new volunteers, Thank You. If you are currently not a volunteer, please consider signing up.

The By-Law ballots will be counted on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ice cream, anyone?**

Save the date, Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 1:00pm. The Schwann's truck will be at the Welcome Building handing out free ice cream samples. Schwann Products will be available for sale.

That is all for now.

Jim Beaudette, Board President



## **Park Manager's Report – BOD Meeting, July 8, 2017**

What a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend! I don't think I've ever seen so many people enjoying our pool at the same time. In fact, the entire Park was busy with member parties, Taco-in-a-bag, Hole-in-one, Funkhana, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Carnival. It is greatly appreciated that everyone can have a great time with only a few rules infractions.

### **Shareholder Information Sheet**

As many of you know, we've had several occasions so far this season when EMTs and ambulances were needed in the Park. To ensure the Office has a contact in case of emergency and that all other member information is up to date, we've created the Shareholder Information Sheet. This includes vehicle license plate and golf cart information for faster and less expensive administration of the Park. Please stop by the office to review your sheet prior to leaving for the season.

### **Updated TCCOM Directory on-line**

The alphabetical, lot # and emergency sections of directory have been updated as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. That is where you'll find the most current directory information. It is located on the Member Tab, Park Communications drop down link.

### **"30 Day Rule"**

From time to time, some members get an email from me pertaining to the "30 Day Rule" and some confusion arises from those emails. So, I thought I'd clarify the procedure I use.

Per your Rules, I check the park almost every week to ensure properties are kept up so the Park looks its best for members, guests and prospective buyers. I usually inspect at the beginning of the week to allow time for the office to contact those members who need to take action. We allow thru the following weekend (especially for weekenders) so members have time to act on the emails.

Since we give a week or more after the inspection before action needs to be taken, I have to visualize that lot one week into the future. If I was to wait until the lawn or weeds are really long, and then add another week to that, the lots (and Park in general) would look very unkempt.

### **Reminders:**

- Most rules violations over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend – especially speeding and driving golf carts -- were by guests. We also noted some kids with bicycles and scooters riding on the golf course cart paths by 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> hole the evening of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is your responsibility to know and educate family and guests of your rules. We don't want to put your guests into an embarrassing situation because either you or your guests violated your Rules.
- No ATV's are allowed in the Park
- Please do not use laundry pods or powder in the washing machines. They gum up our high efficiency machines and are bad for the septic system.

### **Special Lost Item**

- We've had a complete set of golf clubs and bag for about a month that no one has claimed. Please come to the office to identify or it will be donated.

### **Winter Golf Cart Storage**

You may sign up to store your golf cart over the winter in the Activity Building beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. We can store about 35 golf carts.

Single Seat - \$65.00

Two Seats - \$90.00

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

### **Maintenance Update – BOD Meeting, July 8, 2017**

- The windows in the Clubhouse need repair or replacing. Bids will be brought to the BOD when they come in.
- Tree injections are done for the year and it came in \$4068 under budget.
- The Clubhouse has some water issues on the North side of the building foundation. I am working on ideas on how to resolve the issues. Those issues and some other areas may need mud or sand jacking. Also alterations to the downspouts are needed to correct the source of the problem.
- Design of the new septic system replacement is awaiting approval from the county. As soon as the approval comes back, I will update Jim Beaudette and Chuck McColgan, but it may be a couple of weeks before approval comes in. It may cost between \$15,000 and \$25,000 to put in the new septic system.

Marty Abel, Maintenance and Golf Course Manager

### **Safety and Security Notes**

The Safety and Security Committee of volunteers would like to wish you all a safe and healthy Summer and Fall!

In coordination with the Board, the safety and security committee have taken the following actions that are currently implemented or will be implemented over the next few months.

- Implementing the rule to allow only those with valid driver's permits or licenses to operate a golf cart within the park. (no drivers under the age of 15 will be allowed to drive). All riders must be seated within the cart. (effective 8/11/17)

- To prevent those that do not belong in our park from using its services, volunteers from the Safety and Security committee will be driving or carting throughout the park at various times. If an owner notices anything strange or that should not be taking place, please report your findings to those volunteers, the Park Manager, or the office. The volunteers will be wearing orange vests with a yellow button that will identify them. For the most part, they will be out in the park during busy holiday periods. Otherwise continue to bring your concerns to Chuck McColgan, our park manager.
- The Safety and Security volunteers will also be monitoring excessive speeds of carts and vehicles coming and going through out the park. Speed timing lines have been painted at the park entrance and at the maintenance building, and these will be monitored by camera and at times in person. Those areas have been identified as being the most dangerous. Those areas subject park owners and the maintenance staff to the largest possibility of harm. *Please observe the State of MN and park speed rules and prevent serious accidents from happening.* 😊

One of our Committee volunteers has researched various pricing from retailers throughout the area that sell both CO2 detectors and fire extinguishers - (those retailers are listed below) The pricing at this time may be up to 3 weeks old when "Wheels" is published. Therefore, the prices are not guaranteed as current. If you do not have a CO2 detector, or fire extinguisher, or if the ones you have are outdated and old, for your protection, our committee strongly recommends you obtain and place one or both of these in your homes. At a date yet to be determined, the fire department will be asked to demonstrate the proper use of various types of fire extinguishers for various types of fires within your homes. Once this time and date has been established it will be posted at the club house and in the "Wheels" publication.

1. Harbor Freight (Kidde fire extinguisher) 5 lb. \$39.95  
2 lb. \$19.99
2. Home Depot (Kidde fire extinguisher) 5 BC \$12.88  
UL 711A \$19.97  
10 BC \$18.98
3. Menards (Kidde fire extinguisher) 10 BC \$15.48  
(Red and White brand) \$16.62
4. Fleet Farm (Kidde fire ext. Multi purpose) 5 BC \$12.79  
1A 10 BC \$17.44  
(Kitchen Basic) \$18.64

Mark Deminsky, Safety and Security Chairperson

## **Resumes for Board Candidates**

### **Sally Pawlak**

Grew up on Lake Minnetonka

Graduated from Minnetonka High School, 1967

BA, 1972 University of Georgia

MA, 2005 University of St Thomas

1985-2001 VP Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, grew from a few million in assets to 50 million.

2001 Married Steve Gustafson, (a high school sweetheart) while raising two sons, changed careers, went back to school, changed name to Sally Pawlak

2001-2015 Worked in social services in adult mental health and chemical dependency. Worked at the Women's Prison in Shakopee, the Psychiatric unit at Owatonna Hospital, an adult group home for severely and persistently mentally ill people, and as a community rehabilitation worker with people with mental illness in their homes.

2005-2015 Moved to hobby acres and built a new home in southern Minnesota

2006-2014 Board Member for Aging Services for Communities in Montgomery Minnesota providing nonemergency transportation and homemaking services for the disabled and the elderly.

2010 Steve and I cared for my mother in our home the last six months of her life.

Currently, a proud mother of two hardworking sons.

### **David Cole**

My name is David Cole Lot #177. This is our second full summer for Bev and me.

I was born in Hudson, Michigan. Go Blue!

I was self- employed for 32 years. I have served on our City Council, was appointed to the Thorn Hospital Board for 2 terms and served on our Parish Council for many years.

I enjoy fishing, golfing and playing the drums.

I will, to the best of my ability, serve this wonderful community.

**From the Pool Committee**

GLASS CONTAINERS: A friendly reminder that there is NO GLASS of any type allowed in the pool area at any time due to the significant dangers that broken glass can cause not only to those in the pool area but it can also cause significant damage to the pool structure, filters and pool floor.

Please be sure all liquids (no food) brought into the pool area are sealed and in shatterproof materials such as plastic. If you see someone with glass in the pool area, please report this to someone in the main office.



**Here are 3 easy and helpful tips for applying sunscreen:**

- 1. Lay it on thick.** Use a tablespoon of sunscreen (of at least an SPF 25) on your face, and about two ounces for your body. Unless you slather on a thick layer, you're probably just getting an SPF 10 out of your SPF 30.
- 2. At least 20 minutes before you go into the sun or water apply sunscreen.** Chemical sunscreens need time to be absorbed into the skin to work. So they require a head start of about 20 minutes. Applying sunscreen and jumping immediately into the pool is ineffective as it all washes off the second you jump into the pool which can lead to clogged filters and stronger chemicals needing to be added to the pool.
- 3. Reapply sunscreen every 90 minutes.** Sunscreens become unstable (that is, ineffective) when exposed to sunlight. Ironic, right? That means the stuff simply stops working, so you have to use more every couple hours.

**2017 Hole In One Results**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hole in One contest was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We had 233 participants and lots of spectators enjoying the contest and the Tacos in a Bag.

To Qualify, Men had to be inside a 15' circle, Women & Juniors inside a 30' circle. There were 14 men, 8 women and 2 juniors who qualified. There were no Holes In One. The qualified winners are below:

<u>Men</u>	Lot	Measurement
Dave Chapman	235	3' 9"
Duffy Hansen	110	4' 1"

Mike Roo	243	4' 2 1/2"
Bill Penning	173	4'4"

Women

Jan Bishop	212	5' 9"
Theresa Oberloh	223	8" 6"
Ellie Bergland	336	10' 7"
Jan Bishop	212	11' 8"

Junior

Emily Troche	137	6' 2"
Jack Cornell	302	13' 11"

Congratulations and thanks to all who played and all who helped. As always, this event could not be done without all the volunteers that come to help. Special thanks to Doug Johnson for all his help and chairing the event from 2009 to 2016.

John Boehme, Chairman



**Update on Give 'n Take**

Wow! Things are hopping at Give 'n Take!

By now you have probably noticed that we are no longer open on Wednesdays due to the lack of volunteers for that day. So, we added additional time to Saturdays and are open from 8:00 – 11:00 am on that day only.

Our Building Fund continues to grow through various fundraisers – selling ice cream at Bingo, beverages at Funkhana, the Carnival, and the 50's & 60's dance, member donations, as well as proceeds from the dance itself. Speaking of the dance, it was a rousing success! Thank you to all who attended and helped sell snacks, and a special thanks to Phyllis Roalstad and Tami Rangel for organizing the event, and to Don Botz for supplying the music. We are now over halfway to our goal for the new building!

We also want to thank all those who have stepped up to help while Diane goes through her chemotherapy. We truly do appreciate it!

Remember to donate your CLEAN, working, gently used items, but please, **no after hour donations.**

Due to space limitations we cannot accept the following:

- Electronics (TV's, stereos, speakers, VCR's etc)
- Phone and phone cords
- Microwave ovens (unless you are willing to pick it up again on the same day if no one takes it)
- Any furniture larger than a small table or nightstand
- Gasoline containers
- Oils or chemicals
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Large items

Again, thanks to everyone who has helped make Give `n Take such a huge success!

Mary Greve and Diane Caouette, Give `n Take

### **Help Needed for Upcoming Craft and Bake Sale**

The annual Craft and Bake Sale is from 9:00am to 12 noon on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for set up on Friday at 6:00 pm as well as handling the bake sale and making coffee the day of the sale. Donations of baked goods are also needed. Your help is appreciated!

Contact Betty Duttenhefer at 701-260-3888.



### **Calling all bridge players**

We meet Monday nights at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse and play party bridge. We would love to get more players. Please join us! It's a "Grand Slam" of fun!! If you have questions, please see JaniRae at the office.



## **Sundaes on Saturday**

This event will be on Saturday, July 22, from 1:30pm – 3:00pm in the Activity Building. Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats will be available for \$2.50. In addition there will be a 50/50 raffle and a Bean Bag tournament. Come and enjoy a cool ice cream treat and have fun playing Bean Bag!

If you have questions, contact Patrick and Colleen Coyle, Lot 308, 612-850-4504.



**TCCOM ANNUAL**

# **Craft & Bake Sale**

**Saturday July 29th, 2017**

**9:00 to 12 noon**

**Activity Building**

**Traveler's Country Club**

**on the Mississippi**

**11290 80th Ave SE**

**Clear Lake, MN**

**Vendors**

**Arts & Crafts**

**Baked Goods**

**Quilt Raffle**

**Coffee & Treats for Sale!**

**CONTACT: Betty Duttonhefer @ [gbdutt@charter.net](mailto:gbdutt@charter.net) or call**

**701-260-3888**

**Lot # 313**

**Table cost: \$5.00 Call to reserve your space!**



### **TCCOM Church Services**

Everyone is invited to Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am Sunday mornings at the Activity Building.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Benson Family Gospel Singers

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Lindley Creek Family Singers (Bluegrass)

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Evenson with Holy Communion

Submitted by Ruth Chapman

### **Potluck and Karaoke**

Saturday – August 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7:30 pm at the Activity Building.

Bring a dish, beverage, plus plates/utensils, and your great voice.

We have several discs, but if you have a disc you like, bring that too.

See you there!

Questions, call Effie Saxe, 763-772-6892.

### **Ladies Luncheon and Style Show**

This event will take place on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Building at 11:30 am with lunch served at 11:45.

If your last name begins with A – L, bring a salad to share.

If your last name begins with M –Z, bring a dessert to share.

Local models, entertainment, fun, food, and prizes. All TCCOM ladies are invited. We promise you a good time.

Hosted by Lucy Eisen, 320-339-3988, and Kay Shafer, 352- 616-9886.



### **Annual Corn Feed**

The Annual Corn Feed will be on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

We will be serving the best ever hamburgers, all-you-can-eat corn on the cob, and ice cream sandwiches. Tickets are \$8.00, children 5 and under are free. This event is put on by the lower 100 and 200 rows. There will be a short meeting at the Clubhouse on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm for all owners on the lower 100 and 200 rows. This event requires lots of volunteers to be successful so I hope to see all of the new owners as well as the many regulars that so willingly help with this event. There will be signup sheets for jobs at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, and would like to volunteer, stop by Lot 110 and sign up. Ticket sales will

be limited to 275. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door. Tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse office and at Lot 110. Please buy your tickets early so we can better determine how much corn to purchase.

Hope to see all on August 12<sup>th</sup> for a great meal and a wonderful time.

Duffy and Sharon Hansen, Lot 110, Chairpersons

### **COOK & COMPETE, OR JUST COME & EAT!**

#### **CHILI COOKOUT - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - ACTIVITY BUILDING**

Contestants: bring your favorite chili in a large crock pot to the Activity Building by 3:00 pm **(no cost to compete)**.

Meal: served from 4 to 6:00pm.

Vote tally: votes to be counted at 5:30pm. (one vote per ticket purchased)

Tickets to go on sale at Clubhouse starting in August (chili, cornbread, cookies, beverage). Ticket prices to be announced.

Contact Colleen Coyle at 612-850-4504 or Effie Saxe at 763-772-6894 for information.

Happy  
Anniversary

#### **Save the Date!!!**

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the establishment of TCCOM will be August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Events will include a street dance, catered dinner, and other fun activities.



- Thank you to all that worked at **the 50's-60's dance** and the preparation that went into making this a great event. A special thanks to Don Botz for being our DJ for the dance. He did a fabulous job choosing tunes and taking requests. If you were not there, you missed a fun time and we raised a lot of money for Give 'n Take. The two winners of 50/50 generously gave their winnings back to the Give 'n Take fund. Don't we live in a wonderful park? Thank you to all who attended and made this dance so much fun.

Phyllis Roalstad and Tami Rangel

- Thank you to the 400/900 rows for all the volunteer time that made **Taco Night** in June so successful! We need co-chairs for the 2018 June Taco Dinner. We have lots of notes and will gladly assist.

Sue Beaudette and Deb McColgan, co-chairs

- I would like to thank everyone who chaired and volunteered at the events/activities that have been held in the park so far this year. Last night I golfed at our local golf course with someone who had visited a mutual friend over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. She was just amazed at how many different things there were to do in the Park. She said her family had a great time and everyone was really friendly. There will be lots of great events happening the second half of the season. Be sure to check your calendars.

Theresa Oberloh, Activities Chairperson

### **Looking Back.....July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration of TCCOM**

Curious about the history of TCCOM, the editor delved into the Wheels archives and came upon an article about the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Park. (August, 2003 Wheels).

The day began with coffee and doughnuts in the morning, with serving done by Joann Kocon, lot#269. The program in the afternoon included a medley of patriotic songs sung by the TCCOM Choir, directed by Burt Johnson, lot#427. The accompanist was Karen Ouren, daughter of Burt and Joann. Karen also wrote the words and music to "Another Summer", written to commemorate the Park.

Mae Gunderson presented the park with the flag honored at Myron Gunderson's funeral. Mae and Myron were original owners, and Myron was a long time chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The choir sang "It's a Grand Old Flag" as Mae presented the flag to the past president of the Board, Ray Olson.

The 30 original shareholders in the Park since 1979 were introduced. Looking over the list, familiar names from the current membership were spotted:

Betty Arseneau, Dale and Ellie Bergland, John and Twila Blackowiak, Susan Gustafson, Larry and Peggy Horwedel, Bernie and Betty Johnson, Harold and Yvonne Kastens, Betty Mueller, Dawn and Norm McCarthy, Don Ross, Jim and Donna Wimmer, and Warren Wise.

The program concluded with more songs and a solo of "God Bless America" by Paige Ziegler followed by the entire audience joining in. The day ended with a dance in the evening.

A commemorative wooden plaque was hung in the clubhouse after the event. Can you find it?



## **Social Media**

Have you checked our Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook and get all the latest news and pictures about members and activities around the Park. If you have information about an event, or pictures to share, contact Teresa Beaudette at [tmbeaudette@gmail.com](mailto:tmbeaudette@gmail.com) or 612-578-9156. The website for the Park is found at [www.travelersconmiss.com](http://www.travelersconmiss.com). Don't miss the wealth of information that can be found there.



Whew! What a busy month and another busy one to come with all the activities! Thanks' to everyone who shared articles and information. The deadline to submit information is the Wednesday following the monthly Board meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday). Articles for next month will be due on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have information before that date, please submit it as soon as possible. Articles may be sent to [travelerswheels@gmail.com](mailto:travelerswheels@gmail.com) (preferred method), or you may leave your completed article in the Wheels box in the Clubhouse. Please include your name and phone number, should there be any questions about your submission. If you have questions about submissions, call Marge or Wayne Marschel at 320-333-8094.