A Letter from THE PRESIDENT . . .

Dear Fellow Members:

A few thoughts this month.

Women's Auxiliary

We all are very appreciative of the endeavors of our AUXILLARY. None more than their effort with regard to student scholarships, though.

This year’s dinner showcased the recipients and they were articulate, poised and enthusiastic.

Which brings me to a thought. Next year wouldn't be great if more men participated in the event both in person and financially, starting with me!

Committee Rotation

As we near our yearly change of Governors I'd like to review some guidelines for committee participation and rotation. Our committees are the foundation for Club governance as that is where ideas normally develop that lead to policy decisions.

With that in mind, I feel it is very important to have as many members as possible participate on our various committees, which brings me to the subject of rotation. There are some committee chairs that turn over their members more than others and I want to encourage this. Two to four years seems to me to be a reasonable period of service.

Certainly no one should be upset if after a number of years another member rotates on to a committee taking an existing member's spot. Your service was invaluable and another period of service down the road is always a possibility. The point being, we are blessed to have many talented members who deserve a chance to serve which should be the norm and not the exception.

Thank you for your understanding and participation,

Sincerely,

Dick Ford, President
FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE:

On Monday August 5th we held our Third annual caddie tournament. This low key event that takes place in the afternoon followed by a dinner of hamburgs and hot dogs. This year’s tournament was won by Patrick Colburn, who shot a round of 78 in less than ideal conditions. They had to put up with rain, wind, and at times, a little sunshine. At the dinner, Damien Esterhuizen, on behalf of the bag room staff and caddies, presented Fred Collins with a picture signed by everyone wishing him a speedy recovery from his fight with cancer.

We have a great group kids working for Crystal Downs and Fred Muller deserves a lot of credit for his willingness and desire to develop these young people into well rounded men and women when they grow up.

The weather has given us a glimpse of what fall is like in northern Michigan, but were not ready to pack the clubs up just yet. The tee sheet has been steady but there is always room for everyone to come out and enjoy our great golf course.

See you on the first tee,

-Bill Ellis, Chair
On the Links

TEE OFF FOR BENZIE

We had 32 ladies play and 11 sponsorship signs on the course. We also had several donations the morning of the event. We thank everyone for their generous support of this very worthy cause. It was quite successful in that we all had a great fun time and raised $5,050 for Benzie County Wellness Day.

1st place team: Carol Marsh, Carol Larkin, Bev Forslund, Amy King Schindler
2nd place team: Christy Soule, Carol Johnson, Phyllis Foster, Jeri Rosenberg

Closest to the Line: Jackie Bingham
Closest to the Pin: Leslie Butt
Longest Drive: (0-20 hdcp) Ruth Fry
Longest Drive: (21-36 hdcp) Sally Dutton

-Carroll Barr, Event Chair

Ladies who participated in the Tee off for Benzie golf tournament to benefit Benzie County Wellness Day.

Benzie Day Scholarship Recipient Krista Wright

In the July issue of “What’s Up at the Downs” you heard from one of the scholarship recipients, Marissa Fisher who graduated from Frankfort High School. Below is a note and photograph from scholarship recipient Krista Wright who graduated from Benzie Central High School.

“I would like to thank the Crystal Downs Country Club for awarding me this scholarship. I intend on going to Northwestern Michigan College to pursue a degree in Psychology. After I finish my two years at NMC, I hope to continue on at Hope College. I wish to become a criminal profiler as an FBI agent. This scholarship helps me to make these dreams come true, and it is very much appreciated.

Yours truly, Krista Wright”
On the Links

From the WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION…

CDCC Women’s Golf has had a busy month and is moving quickly toward the final event of the season.

On July 30, we featured our second annual Tee Off for Benzie golf event. The proceeds of this day, which support Wellness day at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital for uninsured and underinsured Benzie County residents, totaled $5,050. Peter Marinoff, COO of the hospital, joined us for lunch. Many thanks to all who participated and especially to Carroll Barr for organizing this special day for us.

August 6 was our annual Jack and Jills tournament, in which three women golfers invite a man (not a husband of a team member) to compete with them in a two best ball format from the red tees. This year’s winners were Chris Kantgias, Beverly Winders, Honnie McClear and Phyllis Foster.

Jackie Bingham chaired a wonderful MacKenzie Women’s Member Guest on August 12 and 13, and she hosted a delightful cocktail party to welcome our guests featuring hors d’oeuvres by local chef Jim Voltz. Eighteen teams participated. 2013 winners were Carol McKee Hopcian and Denise Taylor.

The final "formal" day for Women’s Golf was Tuesday, August 20. The all golfer 18-hole scramble was followed by lunch and season awards in the Clubhouse.

- Carol Marsh, Chair

1st place winners of the MacKenzie Women’s Member Guest, Carol McKee and her guest Denise Taylor with Assistant Golf Professional, Matt Smith.

2nd place team Debbie Burditt and her guest Margo Montgomery with Matt Smith.

3rd place Patty Petrick and Michal Wadsworth with Matt Smith.
Jim Voltz catered the MacKenzie Women’s Member Guest cocktail party and here he is making the beef carpaccio. He shared all of his recipes with the ladies and offered his cookbooks for sale. Delicious and delightful.

Jeannie Hillock (Carroll Barr’s Guest), Carol Marsh, Carroll Barr, and Suzy Voltz (Carol Marsh’s guest) enjoying the cocktail party.

Ladies gather on the deck at the Bingham to kick off the Women’s MacKenzie Member-Guest.

The Hawley twins, Jean Nate and Ruth Fry with Bev Forslund and her guest, Barb Arnold.

Administrative Office Updates

2013 ROSTER UPDATES

MEMBER CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES:

Cornell III, Theodore.............New Illinois Address:.............................................1351 W. Altgeld St. Unit 4I
Chicago, IL  60614

Staelin, Stephen.....................New Ohio Address:............................................. 5534 S. Citation Rd.
Ottawa Hills, OH  43615-2154
Clubhouse Connection

From the HOUSE COMMITTEE...

As we say every year at this time, it’s hard to believe that our summer season is almost over. We only have one more Clubhouse event, the End of Season Buffet on September 14. The Late Summer Party is the same day as the Member-Member golf tournament, so sign up for the tournament and then come to the party to celebrate!

One of our intentions for our Club events is to create opportunities for our members to get to know each other better and to become more of a community. It seems to me that this has been a particularly good year for this, with great participation and positive energy at our events. This was especially evident at the picnic to celebrate Steve Schreiner, where well over 200 people gathered to celebrate Steve’s 25 years of service. And also at Ladies Night Out, where three generations of women, golfers and non-golfers, played a golf scramble and then had great fun drinking cosmopolitans on the lawn and eating together at the Clubhouse. And, as always, at the Maintenance Picnic the grandchildren and great-grandchildren played on tractors, climbed the trees and jumped into the sand tramps. This is part of what makes Crystal Downs so unique and special. To paraphrase a quote I saw on a hand towel, “If you are lucky enough to belong to Crystal Downs, you are lucky enough.”

Finally, we ask that members thoughtfully fill out the CDCC survey. The survey will be sent in pieces so that you don’t have too much to fill out at once, and we are starting with the dining room and grill. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about what our members want, so please let us hear from you.

-Debbie Burditt, Chair

The kids have the most fun at the Family Picnic and Maintenance Open House!

The first Ladies Night Out was a huge hit!
From the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE…

At the August 11th Board meeting, the following 8 candidates were approved for Stock Membership and then elected to the Approved Wait List:

**Bradley Church - Legacy**
Sponsor – James Stapleton
- Son of Al and Kay Riegel
- Living in Phoenix, Arizona
- Wife Christina and Children Kyla 9 and Kaylin 1
- Home in Maple City

**Jonathan Davie – Homeowner**
Sponsor – Richard Colker
- Living in London, United Kingdom
- Wife Belinda and children Samantha 22 and Francesca 17
- Home on Crystal Downs Drive

**Gary Fazzio – Regular**
Sponsor – Barbara Perry
- Living in Elmhurst, Illinois
- Wife Elizabeth and Children Allison 21, Ann 19, Ellen 12
- Home on Taquaka, Frankfort

**Cynthia Higgins – Legacy**
Sponsor – Betty Underwood
- Daughter of Betty Underwood
- Living in Lecanto, Florida
- Grown children Elizabeth and Andrew
- Home on Crystal Drive, Beulah

The following 2 candidates were approved for Junior Membership:

**Peter Campbell – Junior Legacy**
Sponsor – Thomas Campbell
- Son of Tom and Diane Campbell
- Living in Louisville, Kentucky
- Wife Meagen
- Home on Pilgrim Highway, Frankfort

**Eric Greene – Junior Legacy**
Sponsor – Howard Greene Jr.
- Son of Ted & Arlene Greene
- Living in New York, New York
- Wife Theresa
- Home on Crystal Drive, Frankfort

- Gregg Satherlie, Chair

Did you know...

...your Annual Dining Room Food Minimum can be used for food (not beverage or tax, or gratuity) in the Dining Room through the last day of Dining Room Service, the End of Season Buffet on September 14th. Besides the Welcome Back Party and Late Summer Party, and Women’s Auxiliary events, all dining room food applies. If you are unsure of the balance of your unspent minimum, the business office can assist.

...the fertilizer and sand topdressing programs for our greens are based upon, and evaluated, with laboratory testing.
Thank you …

Over the past twelve years, this column has been written mostly in the third person, providing objective information about the golf course’s condition, maintenance practices, the trees, grasses and other plants on the course and around it, how these affect both the game and the visual experience of Crystal Downs, and a host of other, hopefully interesting subjects. Photographs, diagrams and charts have been added where deemed to be useful in illustrating the topic of the month.

This month, I will be departing from that usual column format because this will be the last Green Committee Clippings column I will author as Chairman of the Green Committee. Given that one golf publication recently listed Crystal Downs as the 19th best course in the world, along with the likes of St. Andrews, Pine Valley and Royal County Down, and that other magazines have given our course near or within top-10 rankings in the U.S., the task of overseeing the maintenance of these highly regarded 18 holes is a serious and sometimes daunting responsibility. At the same time, leading the work of the Green Committee has been a life changing experience for me. That experience has given me a totally new perspective on the game of golf and taught me about all the elements that work in concert, and somewhat subliminally, to provide each player with an extraordinary four hour experience traversing the ups and downs of Crystal Downs.

Possibly the greatest part of the experience, though, has been working with, learning from, and getting to know so many very skilled, inspiring and enthusiastic people. To those people, I devote the reminder of this column, recognizing how they have helped me, the Green Committee and our dedicated staff. Certainly, I cannot list everyone who has contributed, and I hope to be forgiven by those I have missed. So, in alphabetical order below are the individuals to whom I want to say “thank you” and describe briefly what they have done.

The List

- **Mary Ann Rosenberger.** I know I said the list would be alphabetical, but in rare circumstances, there must be an exception, and Mary Ann is exceptional. We celebrated the first week of our marriage at Crystal Downs, and this month we celebrated our 41st anniversary here. Mary Ann has encouraged me, supported my work on the Green Committee, been patient with my long absences from home while being at the Club, and listened patiently to my constant chatter about stimpmeter readings, poa annua grass, irrigation head nozzles, triplex mowers, sand sharpness, soil moisture measurements, Clegg hammers, and on and on. I know that she actually has listened, too, because I hear her telling her friends about the 13 MacKenzie Design principles and how to control green speed on poa annua/bent grass push-up greens!

- **Bill Ackerman (deceased).** Need asphalt? The person to call always was Bill. Without fail, Bill spoke with me annually about improvements he thought were needed in the course’s cart paths. Over time, he came to recognize the Green Committee’s general aversion to asphalt, but where the product was needed for erosion control or safety, Bill was our top volunteer advisor on how to grade the path correctly and construct it for long life. Bill’s many hours of simply “observing” golf and chatting with members and staff in the later years of his life made a lasting imprint on my long-term virtual image of Crystal Downs.

- **Ethel Aldridge and Wendy McDaniels.** Do you need a name, a number or some other Crystal Downs information and need it right away? Ethel was, and Wendy now is, the person to call. You get what you need pronto, with professionalism and always a smile. Thank you, Ethel and Wendy, for always being there and providing exactly the information I requested, no matter how busy you might have been at the time. Thanks, too, to Dawn Schoech and Michelle Horton for their roles in keeping the wheels turning in the office.

- **Cle Allison (deceased).** Cle explained architectural principles to me, particularly how to camouflage cart paths, and also taught me how to work effectively with the Finance Committee. I will never forget Cle’s carefully folded and closely guarded spreadsheets that he would not reveal until he taped them to the wall of the maintenance building at the beginning of his “numbers presentations.”

- **Wally Auch (deceased).** I never had to guess what Wally thought about Green Committee actions. Fortunately, he

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generally liked the results on the course and was generous with his praise. He was a truly sincere man.

• **Ken Baker** (deceased). Following in the footsteps of Fred Baird, Ken collected material and wrote about the history of Crystal Downs. My many conversations with Ken gave insight into Crystal Downs construction projects, financing and member culture.

• **Ed Becker** (deceased). Ed was not fond of change, as evidenced by the single putter he used for a lifetime and that now is on display in the golf shop. He was skilled, in a most gentlemanly way, in pointing out things at Crystal Downs that should remain constant. Ed also should be recognized for coming up with the idea for the annual Maintenance Building Open House and Picnic. This popular event exemplifies the family values that are so strong through the generations at Crystal Downs, as well as the respect and appreciation Club members have for our loyal staff members and their families.

• **Terry Bliss** (deceased). Terry, a long-time member of the Valley Club and a California avocado grower, should have his picture next to the word “gentleman” in the dictionary. Always with a half smile and wearing his traditional straw golf hat, Terry could pull MacKenzie trivia out of that hat better than anyone else. Terry added immensely to my knowledge of MacKenzie and my appreciation of the Valley Club.

• **Pete Dendrinos** (deceased). I’m inclined to play the course alone in the evenings as a means to sort out my thoughts from a busy day, but I never minded Pete’s efforts to track me down on the course, which he did with some frequency, and join me for a few holes. Of course, even a few casual holes represented a “match” to Pete, a constant competitor. Pete and I also played on a number of occasions at Tom’s Doak’s High Point in Traverse City, where Pete, Bob Laubach, Randy Martin and I debated the course design elements and compared them to features at Crystal Downs and other courses. I am thankful to Pete for those many golf days and for asking me to help in preparations for the 1991 U.S. Senior Amateur held at Crystal Downs. Pete was one of those “larger than life” characters one encounters on only a few occasions in a lifetime.

• **Mike DeVries**. Mike and I met for the first time during an evening round when I caught up to him on the 7th tee. By the time we reached the 7th green, Mike had his arm buried up to his shoulder in the sand of the right hand bunker, showing me where he thought the original bunker edge had been. Another player, I do not remember who, quickly approached us from the 6th tee, asking us, with slight indignation, whether we were looking for golf balls! Never holding back on his opinions, Mike has provided many hours of his professional views to the Green Committee. Your feedback is always considered, Mike, even though our approaches sometimes have differed.

• **Tom Doak**. My introduction to Tom was an indirect one. Sitting in the comfort of Roy Vomastek’s motor home on the way to Crooked Stick and other Indiana course venues, I read an interesting manuscript that Fred Muller had brought on the trip. That manuscript was a stapled, 8-1/2 by 11, typed document titled The Confidential Guide to Golf Courses. I had to meet the author of such brilliant writing, and Fred soon obliged and introduced me to Tom in the golf shop. Since then, Tom has been a ready source of ideas and behind the scenes supplier of advice for the Green Committee. Thank you, Tom, for all you have done.

• **Grant Ellis**. Grant is a relative newcomer to the Green Committee, but he has immersed himself quickly into the concepts and philosophies that are the guiding principles of caring for the golf course and preserving its heritage. He has been a great practical influence on the committee’s decision making process, and I think he is beginning to like and respect junipers.

• **Webb Fairchild** (deceased). From his seat at the round window table in the golf shop, Webb charted from memory for me the lay-out of the original 9-hole course at Crystal Downs, helped me identify many old photos taken on the course, and related to me stories about many of Crystal Downs’ founding members he knew from his early days as a young caddy at the Club. Webb’s perspective brought the course’s history to life for me.

• **Dave Fenner** (deceased). Dave loved Crystal Downs so much that he wrote a song about it! He was an inspiration of enthusiasm for me.
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• Janet and Kuhlman Fluehr (deceased). I am not sure whether Kuhlman ever hit a golf shot, or if he did, a good one. But at least annually, he escorted a group of guests around the course and provided them a running history of each hole with enthusiasm and pride that no one could match. He was immensely proud of Crystal Downs, long before it became one of the most highly ranked courses in the country. I owe Kuhlman and Janet a lifetime of gratitude for introducing Mary Ann and me to Crystal Downs in August 1972 and for five generations of Fluehr family friendship.

• Pat Griffin. I thank Pat for being the constant eyes and ears at Crystal Downs, for filling more divots than anyone in the history of golf, and for being a strong supporter of the green crew staff members. Oh, and thanks to Nancy for responding to all those emails!

• Brad Heywood. Brad, thanks for always being a good natured needle in my side at Green Committee meetings, but more importantly, for supporting all the right decisions.

• Lanny Johnson. Where would the putting world be without Lanny’s year long recovery from shoulder surgery? The time off gave Lanny a chance to write more than anyone could ever absorb about the science of putting. Lanny’s oral “Cliff’s Notes” version of the book has provided me with inspiration to think a lot about the link from the brain, to the hands, to the putter head, to the blades of grass under the ball. I’ve reached no conclusions, but I’ve had fun thinking on the subject! I thank Lanny, too, for his contributions to orthopedic medicine that have kept many of our members and employees “in the game” longer than otherwise would have been possible.

• Anne Kelly. How can anyone be cheerful on a rainy 40 degree day with three layers of clothing, gloves and a stocking cap? For the answer, ask Anne. Another veteran of the green crew, Anne carries out every task with skill and efficiency and with a joy of being outdoors. Her good nature is inspiring and infectious.

• Bob Kirshner (deceased). Bob shared with me and others his many old family photographs and films of Crystal Downs. Those visual historical records made much of the restoration work on the course possible. Bob also was the most enthusiastic member of the Green Committee of all time, always arriving for each meeting a full half hour ahead of time.

• Bob Laubach truly changed the direction of my life by igniting my interest in Crystal Downs’ history, as well as in the design and agronomic aspects of golf. He got me started traveling, and I accompanied him on worldwide trips. He helped me learn to appreciate how a golf course plays as much as actually playing it. And, I never will be able to express enough thanks to Bob for the countless hours of golf “stories” he has shared with me. Your long involvement with the USGA and its Green Section has been of untold benefit to Crystal Downs. Thanks, too, Bob, for the reminders that the term “sand trap” is not in golf’s official lexicon. Finally, I thank Bob for his foresight, while Club President, in saving Tanbark from demolition in 1986; without Bob’s determination to rebuild the eroded bluff and renovate Tanbark, I would be without what I call the “room on a dune” that has been our Crystal Downs home for 24 years.

• Dick Lewis, Lou Smith, Ted Bosler, Andy Laidlaw, Bill Gilligan, Bill Sankbeil and Dick Ford. A special thank you is extended to our current Club President and his six predecessors, each of whom has given me unqualified support for the Green Committee. Bill Sankbeil is recognized for setting the record of attending the most Green Committee meetings, and Andy Laidlaw deserves credit for moving immediately from retirement as President to active member of the Green Committee. And, I would be remiss in not thanking both Andy and Grant Ellis for pinch hitting for me while I was absent for much of 2012 taking care of my clogged coronary arteries. Finally, an extra thank you goes to Bill Gilligan for being one of my key “physician advisors” during 2012.

• Randy Martin. I thank Randy for asking me to join the Green Committee and later entrusting me with the responsibility of following him as Chairman of the committee. He shared with me many wise words on handling the most controversial subjects in golf course maintenance.

• Dick McCleary. Dick blazed the initially unpopular trail of cutting down decorative and memorial trees on the golf course. He was well ahead of the course restoration movement that witnessed the removal of hundreds of trees from many classic courses around the country in the past ten years for purposes of recapturing the design and playability of holes that had become “over-arboried.” He made my job a much easier one, and never hesitated sharing his thoughts on

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thorny maintenance issues. Thanks also go to Honnie and the rest of the McClear clan for their many contributions to
golf and our course.

• **Mike Morris.** Mike has become one of my best lifetime friends. We talk almost daily, even when I am not at
Crystal Downs. He provides a thoughtful perspective in every meeting and fully embraces my belief that people are the
Club’s greatest asset. I thank him for implementing so effectively the ideas and plans of the Green Committee and for
his intense desire to know the most and be the best at each task he undertakes. I also thank him for all the fun we’ve
had criss-crossing the country to attend GCSAA conventions, inspect equipment, visit with vendors, look at irrigation
systems, and squeeze in an occasional round of golf. Our state victory at Boyne in the John Deere tournament, and our
subsequent trip to the national tournament at La Quinta, may be the high points of my golfing career!

• **Jane Muer.** Moneypenny, as Jane is known at the Green Committee, has been a faithful committee member for
many years, sharing her perspective on the golf course from the red tees. Thanks, Jane, for your loyal participation and
many good ideas.

• **Fred Muller.** Fred may not admit it, but he knows more about good golf course design than anyone on the planet.
He appreciates every aspect of a golf course and notices subtleties that no one else spots. He loves the natural features of
the land that machines cannot recreate. Fred has been a member of the Green Committee for all of my twelve years, and
I have relied on his advice heavily.

• **Gary Nelson.** A member of the Meadow Club and a fine golfer, Gary first introduced himself to me in the parking
lot of the Valley Club, more than 20 years ago. As an inspired researcher on everything MacKenzie, Gary has provided
me with more historical information about Crystal Downs and Alister MacKenzie than anyone else. Thank you, Gary,
for your many hours of archival retrieval and for our annual good spirited match at MacKenzie venues around the globe.

• **Wally Nelson.** Thank you, Wally, for being the quiet but wise elder statesman on the Green Committee for twelve
years. You have provided so much sage advice, even though you do not like junipers or sumac.

• **Mike Quinn.** Through elementary school, Mike and I lived just blocks apart. Imagine how surprised I was, some
35 years later, to be paired with Mike’s parents on the first tee of Crystal Downs. Since that time, Mike has become
a member and has dedicated his significant expertise in architectural restoration to keeping the clubhouse true to its
McColl design and breathing new charm into the golf shop. Thank you, Mike, for your keen watch on preservation of
Crystal Downs history and extension of that influence to such a prominent structure that watches over the 9th green and the
course below.

• **Al Riegel.** Al never hesitates pointing out a problem on the golf course, but he is equally forthright in his praise of
good results. Thanks, Al, for your many thoughtful emails and messages about the course conditioning.

• **Dennis Robinson.** Not only is Dennis a true friend, but he also is my source of all local knowledge, especially
about growing anything. For years, he has been the careful trimmer of the front entrance hedge, “green thumb” of all the
clubhouse and grounds flowers, and reliable member of the green crew. If you ever want to see anyone working really
hard, watch Dennis mow the west hillside lawn outside the clubhouse; I guarantee you will be exhausted just watching.
Of course, I never tire of listening to Dennis’ colorful and carefully detailed “caper tales” or perusing his collection of
Petoskey stones.

• **Charlie Rodes.** Charlie, a previously retired member of the Green Committee, is the go-to guy on trees, a
thoughtful commentator on long-range issues and one always ready to volunteer.

• **Don Roth.** Don and the turf at Crystal Downs are one. It’s difficult to picture him without a hose or other piece
of irrigation equipment in hand. He tends to the course with quiet pride. Don also once said to me that the difference
between a Crystal Downs member and most private club members is that “a Crystal Downs member feels it is a privilege
to be a member and not a right.” That is such a succinct statement of our culture that I will never forget the words.

• **Bob Schmidt.** Bob has given me many insightful observations on the Club’s culture and how it affects the Crystal

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Downs experience. I also will remember for my lifetime Bob driving five hours from Frankfort to Troy to appear out of the hallway shadows as my first visitor in the hospital after my 2012 heart surgery.

• **Lou Smith.** Lou deserves mention not only as a Past President, but also for being like a brother to me, my best golf partner (second only to my father), always willing to be an advisor, and the “behind the scenes organizer and hard worker” for the MacKenzie Society. Thanks, too, to Karen, for responding promptly to those emails I have sent Lou between midnight and 4:00 a.m. and for all the volunteer work she has done in the name of Crystal Downs and the MacKenzie Society.

• **Bruce Soule** (deceased). Bruce is missed as the always upbeat and dry humored member of the Green Committee. He was a keen observer and always had his finger on the pulse of members’ opinions about the golf course’s conditioning. Thanks also go to Bruce for always remembering my fondness for “red pop” soda.

• **Jim Stevens.** Through his long friendship with Ronnie Haswell, the successor to Crystal Downs’ first course superintendent, Roy Oliver, Jim learned great bits of Crystal Downs lore. By sharing that information with me, Jim provided me with many valued insights about the course. Thanks, too, Jim for sharing so many articles and photographs from your archives and your years of work on the Evans Scholars program.

• **Dan Stratton.** Dan is the longest service employee on the green crew. With his uncanny mechanical skills, he stretches the Green Committee’s capital budget by keeping all the equipment humming. And, how can you not like a guy with his sheepish smile and the best recipe for fried venison? Thanks, Dan.

• **Tuck Tate** (deceased). Tuck was my first teacher at Crystal Downs, sharing his practical agronomic advice gained from years of experience operating the Frankfort Golf Course. He also related to me his extensive recollections of Crystal Downs history, particularly stories about the caddies and about our first gas powered golf carts.

• **Dick Tryon.** Dick is the “under-ground historian” of Crystal Downs, knowing better than anyone where all the “pipes are buried.” Encyclopedic in his knowledge of pump motors and hydraulics, Dick has been the source of considerable information for the Green Committee.

• **Twenty Members.** I don’t remember all their names, but they were carefully selected, with the help of Fred Muller, from across the spectrum of ages and handicaps. Their assignment, as dutifully carried out, was to complete a survey card after every round they played for two seasons. On that card, each member described how he or she had perceived the green speeds during the round, and listed the holes with the most difficult pin positions. With the help of researchers at Michigan State University, those survey results then were correlated with actual daily stimpmeter readings for our greens, along with various daily weather data gathered on the course. The end product was the two-year Crystal Downs Green Speed Study that helped the Green Committee establish a target speed to be maintained for our greens. The study also spawned an all day seminar, presented by Mike Morris and Dr. Thom Nicolai of MSU, called “Taking Control of Green Speed,” which was repeated for ten years to sell-out audiences at the annual GCSAA meeting. The study also prompted Dr. Nikolai’s book, The Superintendent’s Guide to Controlling Putting Green Speed. In total, the study not only helped achieve player satisfaction with green speeds at Crystal Downs, but also influenced superintendents across the county and around the world with a new perspective on green speed. So, thank you to all those members who participated in the study!

• **Roy and Ed Vomastek.** They may be one of the best father-son teams ever, not simply because of their excellent golf skills, but also due to their entertaining and endless banter. They have provided extraordinary observations to the Green Committee from the viewpoint of the low handicap players, and Ed offers a unique perspective to the committee from his role as an official golf course rater.

• **Mike Ward** (deceased). Each spring, I thank Mike for all the daffodils he planted around the course. They provide such a bright “welcome back” at the beginning of each golf season at Crystal Downs.

• **Al Zimmerman.** I never see Al without him commenting on some aspect of the golf course. He also sends me emails following his rounds, leaving me his thoughts for the course. One of his best ideas was very simple, but brilliant
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– mow a walking path from the back of the first green to the cart path. This path encourages players to park carts behind the green, getting them to clear the green more quickly after putting out for players in the fairway ready to hit their second (or third) shots to the green. The fact that the walk on this path to the green also offers players an amazing view back down the 1st fairway, at the 2nd hole and up to the 8th green has been demonstrated by Larry Lambrecht’s photograph in Golf Magazine’s recent featured article on the top 100 courses in the world, which was taken by the cameraman standing on this path.

• Frank Zinn. My law partner for 20 years, Frank, along with another law partner, Dick McClear, sponsored me for membership in 1989. I thank both of them for making possible the life changing experience of being a member at Crystal Downs and for their continuing friendship and influence on both my law and golf careers!

I would not trade the experiences of the last twelve years at Crystal Downs for anything, and I thank everyone for the parts they have played in these years that I have enjoyed so fully.

- Dave Rosenberger, Chair

From the BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE...

The saga of the Golf Shop front screen door continues... we now have a temporary fix and our architect and contractor are working on a permanent solution that will withstand heavy use and the heavy winds we get from time to time.

On the back entrance, we have completed three of the six steps to improve the safety of traffic entering through that entrance. We have improved driver’s visibility of golfers on the 12th tee box from both directions on Sutter Road and have added gravel on the shoulder next to the road for drivers wishing to make a right turn into the Club. We are also, with the help of Jim Radabaugh, checking with the Lake Township and the Benzie County Road Commission to see if they have any further recommendations to improve the safety of our back entrance.

As for the Club Beach parking, no action has been taken at this point and will not until we are able to get new signs made. We are hoping to have the signage and clump of trees removed by this Fall.

So far only positive comments have come from the residents along our Club road on the 16th fairway where we are testing speed bumps. Any input from our members is welcome.

The committee is in the process of investigating a Forest Management Program for our off golf course property. We had a registered forester take a small sample of our forests and he has made a recommendation, which is under review.

- Ernie Behnke, Chair
Dear Members, Tennis Chairs, Board of Governors, and Staff:

Many thanks for the wonderful 25th Anniversary party. Also, many thanks for the letters and notes that were received. As I stated that night, it is an honor and a privilege to be the tennis pro at Crystal Downs. Special thank you to Annie DeVries, George Marsh, Ann Pepper, and Carroll Barr for the celebration. I appreciate the kind words spoken by Dick Ford, Bob Appleford, Nancy Foster, John Haddick, Jack Maurer, and Dave Petrick. I will always remember that evening.

–Steve Shreiner
Steve listens to Dave Petrick, life long friend.

Trevor Flegenheimer and his grandmother, Marge with Steve at his 25th anniversary party. Trevor has worked for Steve for four years.

Tables set on tennis courts to accommodate over 220 people who came to picnic to celebrate Steve’s 25 years at CDCC.
As we draw towards the end of another successful tennis season, we want to thank everyone who supported the 25th anniversary party for Steve - it was truly a great event. Over 200 people came and the weather was perfect. Thanks to Mike Morris, his crew, the Tennis Committee and their friends, we had seating for everyone and we all had a delightful time, most of all Steve, as noted on page 14.

The club tennis championships were held the third week in July and under Steve's direction were again a great success. The Champions and Finalists for each category are noted below.

**Club Championship 2013 Results**

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**Andy Eaton Sportsmanship Award**

Charlie Appleford

**Friend of Crystal Downs Tennis**

George Marsh

Recent events: 100 players participated in a CDCC/CSA Mixed Doubles Challenge match, we had 42 kids participate in the Glen Lake Youth Match and 65 individuals participated in the last Pickle Ball potluck!

While the formal season is starting to wind down, we still have a lot going on and everyone is welcome to join. The ladies tennis groups are going strong, the Men's Group is scheduled through the first week in September and the Friday mixed doubles group is a popular format. Thanks to Jane Gesme’s persistent efforts and regular e-mails, the pickle ball program is alive and well with several new participants coming to the tennis center on a regular basis. The final event for this group (for which anyone and everyone is more than welcome to join) is August 26th for pickle ball at 4PM and a cookout to follow – if you would like to join either, just let Jane (jgesme1@gmail.com) know so we can be sure to have enough food available for everyone (cost is $5 per person plus a dish to pass).

On a side note, we can report that the Tennis Chairman (Annie DeVries) and family are doing well in Australia (tough assignment) – Annie has been the behind the scene’s director this year and her advice and suggestions have been greatly appreciated.

-George Marsh for Annie DeVries, Chair
What's Up with the Downs Ladies

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING

The Crystal Downs Women’s Auxiliary had their annual meeting and final event of the year on August 6. The 2014 budget was approved after a report given by Treasurer Nancy Griffin. President Pat Lindner reviewed the 2013 programs and committee reports were given by Clare Rodes, chairman of Couples Bridge and Elizabeth Hill, chairman of the scholarship committee. Heather Perry, secretary, read the names of deceased members of CDCC and called for a moment of silence. Under new business the group approved an amount of $500 to support the programs of MWYF in 2014. Cynthia Blanchard, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2014. Nominations were approved as follows: President, Diane Miller, Vice-President Katie Staelin, Secretary, Joan Hughes and Treasurer, Nancy Griffin. Members presented suggestions for 2014 and the gavel was passed to Diane Miller.

The final event of the year was the presentation of scholarships to the young men and women who work at the Downs or are children of an employee. The event was after the annual meeting and preceded by cocktails and dinner for all Crystal Downs members. The members present were very impressed with the presentations and career paths of the recipients. The recipients are listed in the scholarship committee report which follows.

-Pat Lindner, Women's Auxiliary President

COUPLES/PARTNERS BRIDGE & DINNER

Another record for our July Couples Evening Bridge and Dinner, let's top that again on Tuesday, August 27th! We had a record number of bridge players, 36 in all making 9 tables, and 44 for a delicious dinner!

The Bridge Winners for July were:

1. Bev and Frank Winders
2. Jo Vaughan and Martha Rodes
3. Clare and Charles Rodes
4. Susan and Bob Schmidt
5. Carol and George Marsh
6. Kathryn Nordberg and Cindy Blanchard
7. Pat and Jerry Jehle

August 27th, Susan Schmidt and Weezie Morris are co-chairmen. We will gather at 5:30 for cocktails, begin dinner at 6:00 and start Chicago Style Bridge at 7:00.

Head's Up for September:

Mark your calendars for the September Bridge evening September 10th. This is two weeks earlier than usual. Bob Istnick and Anne Tryon are co-chairmen. Anne Tryon will be taking reservations at 231-352-4873 or actryon@mac.com.

- Ginny Istnick, for Couples Bridge
The generosity of the members of Crystal Downs and of the Women's Auxiliary has made it possible to award eleven employees and children of employees a total of $20,400 in scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. The students were selected on the basis of their academic achievements, their financial need, and school and community activities. All are impressive and inspiring in their energetic pursuit of education, their selfless contributions to their communities, and their diligent work at Crystal Downs and elsewhere. The financial gifts help these young people reduce their burden of debt and focus on their goals; Crystal Downs members' personal interest in and appreciation of these students provide priceless encouragement. The Scholarship Committee of the Women's Auxiliary is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 scholarships.

AMBER BARNUM has worked in the kitchen for the past three summers preparing desserts and salads. She will be a junior at Northern Michigan University aiming toward a bachelor’s degree in Nursing. A master's degree at Michigan State University is in her range of view. She is motivated by a strong desire to help others and is pursuing the education that will be the foundation for her career.

MIRANDA BESEY has worked with the grill staff and as a busser for two years. She will be a freshman at Grand Valley State University majoring in Biology. She’ll build the foundation for the graduate work that will lead to employment as a Physician's Assistant. A love of medicine and a desire to help people provide her energy and direction. She hopes to return to Northern Michigan, perhaps to work at Munson Hospital.

T. J. DARLING has worked in the bag room and as a caddy since 2006. He is a business major with an Aviation/Flight Science minor as a sophomore at Northwestern Michigan College. He plans to transfer to a university when he finishes his associate’s degree in December; he aspires to be a pilot.

JOHN ERICKSON has worked in the bag room and as a caddy since 2007. He will be a senior at Michigan State University with a major in Economics. He says that the scholarship and the influence of Crystal Downs members have made it possible for him to add to his major a Mathematics and Actuarial Science minor.

JENNIFER HARIG is a fourth year recipient of a Crystal Downs scholarship. She has been a server in the Clubhouse since 2006. She will be a junior at Davenport University majoring in Medical Assisting. She is seeking work in healthcare that will not only require her expertise and training but allow her to interact with patients. She hopes to go on to earn a Ph.D. in either Immunology or Oncology.

RAENEE HARIG has been a server in the Clubhouse since 2007. She’ll be a junior at Oakland University in Nursing with a minor in wellness and Health promotion. She has wanted to be a nurse since childhood, being interested in science and loving to help people. She traveled to Honduras last year with Global Medical Brigades and will do the same in Panama this coming December.

MOLLY MORRIS, Mike Morris’s daughter, is a sophomore at Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia. She is studying Interior Design and Art History. She hopes to work as a renderer with a focus on the commercial design industry, to move into management, and then pursue a master's degree in Historical Preservation in relation to architecture and interior design.

CORRIE NOAH has worked as a server in the Clubhouse for six years. She’ll be a junior at Colorado State University where she is majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Global Environmental
KELSEY TERWILLIGER has been part of the grill staff and worked in the Clubhouse since 2009. She’ll be a junior at Michigan State University majoring in Marketing with a minor in Health Promotion. She is a member of the Women in Business Student Association and hopes to be selected for a Study Abroad program for marketing. She was on the Dean’s list last spring semester.

ZACH TERWILLIGER has been a caddy and bag room attendant since 2007. He’ll be a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in Accounting. He is focused on earning a Master of Accountancy in the spring of 2017 and then a leadership financial position with a large company. He was elected to the Broad College of Business Student Senate as a freshman; he will chair the Revenue Committee this year.

MATT THAXTON is Dawn Schoech’s son who will be a freshman at Grand Rapids Community College in the Criminal Justice program. He plans to transfer to Grand Valley State University to complete his degree in Criminal Justice. After college, his goal is to enter a police academy and return to Northern Michigan as a police officer.

Women’s Auxiliary Scholarship Committee: Wendy Willoughby, Sally Dutton, Jayne Gilligan, Peggy Nelson, Linda Pattison, and Elizabeth Hill, Chair
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**MONDAYS:**  
- Cardio Tennis (through Aug 15)......10:00-11:00

**TUESDAYS:**  
- Women's Golf - 18 Hole..........................8:45
- Tues/Thurs Open Tennis.......................9:00-10:30
- Children's Tennis Clinic (thru Aug 16)  
  - Beginners.............................................9:00-9:30
  - Intermediate & Advanced ..................9:30-10:30

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
- Men's Day Golf......................................8:30
- Women's Auxiliary Bridge........................1:00
- Women's Tennis Clinic (thru Aug 21)....9:30-11:00
- HS Tennis Clinic (thru Aug 7).............3:30-5:00

**THURSDAYS:**  
- Tues/Thurs Open Tennis (thru Aug 29)...9:00-10:30
- Cardio Tennis (thru Aug 15)..............10:00-11:00

**FRIDAYS:**  
- Children's Tennis Clinic (thru Aug 16)  
  - Beginners.............................................9:00-9:30
  - Intermediate & Advanced ..................9:30-10:30

**SATURDAYS:**  
- Adult Open Tennis (thru Aug 17).........9:00-10:30

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**Board Meeting**  
Fax:..........................352-4278

**Women's Auxiliary Guest Tournament**  
Fax:..........................352-4561

**CDPOA Meeting 5 pm Meatloaf Dinner**  
Fax:..........................352-4278

**Member/Member Tournament**  
Fax:..........................352-9366

**Late Summer Party 6:30 pm**  
Fax:..........................352-9366

**Fall Classic 10 am shotgun**  
Fax:..........................352-9366

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