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Tri-V Umph
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President's Message

I must have blinked. Another summer has come and gone. The kids are back in school, and I am back to work. The golf season has wrapped up. I'm not sure how it all ended because the final playoff was rained out during the storm of the century. I think there was a makeup playoff match between Dave and Jay, but I have not heard any results. The men had their final golf weekend in Gaylord once again. All my sources say it was a good time. I'm sorry I missed it, but I did get several texts from a club member who seemed to be enjoying the weekend quite a bit. The golf clubs have been put away for many of us and the bowling balls are being dug out of their summer shelter. At last count 12 club members will be participating in the bowling league this year. It should be an exciting season. Good luck to the other teams, it will be hard to beat the defending champs.

Beginning this month we will be holding our meetings on Tuesday night at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. The meeting on September 9th will begin at 5:30 so we have ample time to discuss all club business before bowling. Hope to see you there.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ART TRACHSEL!!!

On Sept 16, Art will turn 94. He is the oldest living member of Tri-V.

Tri-V Wives Meeting

Please note that the Tri-V Wives Club meetings are now scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. (no longer in the evenings) All of the women who attended the July swim voted for this day change. All women of Tri-V members are invited to join us. The next real meeting will be at the home of Judy Lardin on Oct.1st @ 1pm.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be held at the home of Karlyn Gies on Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. The book we will be discussing is "The Pajama Girls of Lambert Square" by Rosina Lippi. All are invited to join us for this discussion

Tri-V Golf 2014 Season

The 2014 golf season ended on Wednesday August 20th (rescheduled due to the Aug. 11th rain out) with a playoff between 1st half winners Jay Trachsel "A" flight and John Mackson "B" flight going against 2nd half winners Dave Burke "A" and Matt VanHollebek "B". Both matches were very competitive with all 4 players having very good stretches and then times of struggles. As we arrived at the 9th tee box both flight championship were up for grabs. In the end Jay and Matt came out on top with narrow victories. Congratulations to all 4 players for a good season and excellent championship matches. Dave Burke also was the seasons high total point leader despite missing 2 weeks, so great season Dave. I want to thank Dave for doing the year ending money envelopes, weekly sheets and the season ending recap that has a lot of interesting information. All prize money was paid out during the final golf weekend. We hope to have more golfers enter the yearly prize money to increase the size of both flights for added competition. We will discuss any ideas brought to use to improve our 2015 golf season. I have tentatively scheduled the 2015 season to begin on Monday April 13th and end August 10th for two 8 week halves with a playoff week 17. Your committee: Jay Trachsel, Dave Burke

Final Golf

The weekend of August 15th – 17th we had 24 golfers make the trip up to Gaylord Michigan. On Friday we played a 2 man scramble at the Lakes Golf Resort, all 12 teams were within 4 shots of each other. After golf we had a steak dinner at RAY'S RETREAT, and then a night of cards, corn hole and beers-bee under the lights. Saturday we played a red ball format at Black Bear Golf Club in Vanderbilt under dark sky's for most of the round, but the rain held off. Ray's had dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs. AFTER DINNER ANOTHER NIGHT OF DRINKS AND GAMES. Sunday we played the Loon Golf Club. This was a 4 man scramble that was a lose finish between the top 4 teams. Nobody went home rich but also nobody went home broke which makes for a good weekend. Next year's Final golf has been scheduled for August 22nd – 24th, but I have heard some people would like to move it to the 14th – 16th. Please let me know which weekend at the club meeting on September 9th if possible. Also some people would like Sunday's final round to be played somewhere on the way home like The Dream or the Nightmare in West Branch. Also would like to know if anyone has some ideas for different games that we can play instead of the scramble's or red ball. Let's everybody put dates on calendar for next year. I would like to have 32 golfers so we can fill Ray's up and have the whole Motel for our weekend. Committee: Jeff, Geoff, John, Matt and Romas

Children's Xmas Party

Children's Christmas Party will be Dec. 14, 2014 at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. Mark your calendars. More information as we get closer.

Steak Roast

Twenty Six People enjoyed the steak roast at Rotary Park in Livonia. Following a social hour, the steaks were served, along with Salad, corn, rolls and cake. Following the meal, a rousing game on Boccie ball was played with the Committee showing their skills as Cal and Janet beat Matt and Christine for the championship and first place money of \$2.00. The Committee (Cal, George and Eric)

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2014-2015

Pinochle for the season will start on Saturday, October 4. We will again be playing in individual homes. Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per regular player is to be paid to Ken Stress by the November 11, 2014, Men's Club meeting night. \$3.00 prize money will be collected from any subs that might be playing at the homes. NO PRIZE MONEY will be distributed at the homes during the year. ALL PRIZE MONEY will be paid at Final Pinochle. The following are the rules for this year.

1. Each host will receive tallies and schedules. Hosts will number the tallies. Each player draws a numbered tally. All players will draw from the same group of tallies regardless of gender. Your partner may be a man or woman. The number of your tally will coincide with the schedule. The schedule provides information on partners and tables. Each player will play six games.
2. Reneges should always be corrected if possible. If unable to correct and the bidding team is guilty, the bidder is set. If the renege is not made by the bidding team, then the bid is automatically made if unable to correct.
3. Make sure your name is on the tally. Put your partner's number on the tally in the space provided. This is for checking scores if necessary.
4. Eighteen (\$18.00) per person for prize money will be collected by Ken Stress no later than the November 11th Men's Club meeting.
5. All players, including substitutes, will be eligible for yearly prizes. Subs MUST decide if they will be included in the prize money BEFORE the beginning of play and then pay \$3.00 to the host. The host will give this money to the committee. If the sub does not pay \$3.00 BEFORE, play begins he will not be eligible for yearly prizes.
6. The Final Prizes will be based on 5 scores not 6 as in the past. The committee will assume that your lowest month is the one you would like to drop. If you drop for instance October, you would drop all of your October results including any prizes won (i.e. double

pinochle). If you choose to drop a month other than your lowest point total, it is your responsibility to notify Ken Stress. To be eligible to win the season ending top places, or to have your name on the trophy, you must declare yourself a regular and have paid the \$18.00 before the start of play of your 3rd month.

- 7 If a hand is opened, re-bidding is allowed. Bidding ends when three (3) passes have been made AFTER the last bid. If you pass, you may re-enter the bidding. For example, you may wish to give your partner a meld bid, if he bids after you have already passed.
- 8 Guests who cannot play MUST give three days notice to Brian Trachsel or will be responsible for their night's expense (\$3.00 per person to the host). Please notify Brian (248) 656-7677, **NOT** the host, to get a sub. Absent players will receive the lowest score from all the homes playing that month. **That absent score can be the score you drop.**
- 9 Starting time is 6:30 p.m. unless notified by the host. The host will collect and keep \$3.00 per guest. The host provides cards, ice and snacks. Guest are to bring their own drinks and a dish to share for the evening.
10. The committee will allow those of you who will be in Florida to play. The Florida Pinochle should be the same night that we play in Michigan and must include at least 2 tables. Non-member guests may be used to get the proper number of players. All scores and money must be sent to Ken Stress.
11. This year we will pay 'Place Money' for the top five scores from all houses for each month (\$5 for 1st, \$4 2nd, \$3 3rd, \$2 4th, \$1 5th). We will also pay 'Place Money' for the five top finishers at the end of the season (\$15 for 1st, \$12, 2nd, \$9 3rd, \$6 4th, \$3 5th).

Good Luck to everyone.

Committee: Ken Stress, Brian Trachsel

Pinochle

The pinochle season is about to begin and the number of players continues to decrease. If we are going to continue to have pinochle as a Tri-V activity, we are going to have to keep the current players and introduce new players to the game. It seems that pinochle has gotten the bad reputation of being too competitive and of being difficult to learn. If you are playing this year, please show good sportsmanship. Let's help the newer players and be understanding when another player bids differently or plays differently than you do. We all make mistakes. Let's try to make pinochle less intimidating and

more fun. Let's try to remember that the social part of the evening is more important than the winning or losing.

Brian Trachsel

Pinochle 2014-2015

OCTOBER HOST: Jeff Trachsel
C. Cashman
R. Bludzius/R. Mackson
K. Stress
J. Schaefer
G. Steinhauer/G. Ruetnik

OCTOBER HOST: B. Trachsel
M. Trachsel
Bill Trachsel
J. Lardin
N. Angelosanto

NOVEMBER HOST: J. Lardin
R. Bludzius/R. Mackson
K. Sress
N. Angelosanto
J. Trachsel

NOVEMBER HOST: C. Cashman
M. Trachsel
Bill Trachsel
B. Trachsel
J. Schaefer
B. Kuhr

DECEMBER HOST: ?

JANUARY HOST: ?

FEBRUARY HOST: ?

MARCH HOST: ?

With September being the month we celebrate Grandparents Day we send this of our Grandmas in TRI-V.

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. The child asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God replied, "Among the angels, I'll choose one for you. Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you." The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel the angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words that you will ever hear, and with much patience and care your angel will teach you how to speak."

I've heard that on Earth there are bad people. Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even it means risking its life."

At the moment there was much peace in heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now please tell me my angel's name."

God replied, "Her name is not important. You will simple call her "GRANDMA."

Trifles

From the Plocharczyks

Greetings from Gladwin! Ken Plocharczyk recently traveled to Denver to spend a week with his 7 year old granddaughter Jaiden. She kept him busy hiking in the mountains, walking to the mall, drawing and painting pictures for Grandma Diane who had to stay home, and cooking some great meals for the working family. Those who have grandchildren close by are very lucky! We were also pleased that Nick and Vickie Angelosanto chose to rent a home in Sugar Springs last month bringing John and Robin Mackson, Dion and Ann Marie Angelosanto and their children. We had never met the grandchildren before and enjoyed being with such delightful children. Diane's Dad, Art Trachsel, is doing fairly well and will be celebrating his 94th birthday on September 16th. He is the oldest living Tri-V member. We know he'd be a lot happier if the Detroit Tigers still led their division. Since her retirement, Diane has taken up painting again – this time watercolors. She recently had several paintings in an art show at Sugar Springs in Gladwin and was thrilled to have sold much of her work at the show.

From the Lardins

Where has our summer gone? Already the month of Sep. and cannot believe that Aug. is gone. The Tues. night golf league that Nick Angelosanto and John Lardin golf in had every Tues. rained out and forced the season to be cut short by three weeks. On the ladies side the league that Judy Lardin, Jan Cashman and Karlyn Gies golf in on Mon. mornings only lost one week. Think the girls golfed more than the guys did this year. There are two girls that live in Columbus OH that have a condo in the same placed that Judy and John Lardin spend the winter in Ft. Myers FL. The two were our guest in Aug. as they walked in the Susan G. Karmas three day 60 mile walk. It saved the girls from having to sleep in a tent each night as well as getting a good night's sleep. The weather was perfect for walking and Judy and John felt it an honor to have them as our guest. The girls trained for the event but were more grueling than expected but did complete the walk. Judy and John still have a trip planned in Oct. to TX to celebrate granddaughter's birthday and are also looking forward to son Larry and family making it to MI for Thanksgiving. In between that time a trip to OH to visit John's cousin and a trip to IL to visit Judy's aunt who is 91 who fell and broke her arm and is in a cast from her shoulder to her waist and in a nursing home recovering. Judy doubts if she will be leaving the nursing home.

From the Kuhrs

Bob lost his brother on September 1st of an apparent heart attack. He was only 64 years old.

Calendar of Events

August

9th Men's Mtg.
Drakeshire Lanes(5:30 pm)

September

1st Wive's Mtg
Judy Lardin home (1pm)
4th Pinochle Starts
14th Men's Mtg.
Drakeshire Lanes(5:30 pm)

September Birthdays

8th Joyce Barnes
9th Shirley Suchner
12th Lee Anderson
16th Art Trachsel
26th Jane Trachsel &
Matt Hoffman

October Birthdays

6th Robyn Mackson
8th Delores McMillan

September Anniversaries

9-16-67 Bob & Sherry Kuhr
9-18-71 George & Peg Hoffman
9-20-68 Art & Kathie Dushary
9-30-89 Cal & Janet Cashman

October Anniversaries

10-19-68 Jack & Jacqui Schaefer
10-24-87 Brett & Lynne Barnes

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2004 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Everyone seemed to be in pretty good health as there were no known members in need of our prayers though Beecher Todd, who was not living in Chelsea, had pulled his Achilles tendon and it had healed and he's getting around with pain. Tim Gies had to take his Mom to emergency as she was having some bleeding problems. After nine pints of blood and several units of platelets and over a week in the hospital, the bleeding stopped and she stabilized and was able to come home. Vickie Angelosanto's family will be walking for the American Heart Association on Oct. 2nd at Meadowbrook/Oakland University in her late brother-in-laws memory. The TRI-V Steak Roast was held on Aug. 7th at Willis Park in Wixom with 53 people in attendance and the TRI-V Wives Weekend was held Aug. 13th – 15th in Indian River MI with 16 ladies in attendance. The Wives Club Weekend 2005 is scheduled for the weekend of July 15, 2005.

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2009 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Once again the month of Sep. was a good month for TRI-V Members and extended family as there were no reports of anyone in need of our prayers. John Lardin is about 98% recovered from the soreness he has been suffering the last five weeks from his short fall. No more said about that. Ann Marie Angelosanto's brother, Curtis Lipinski, is recovering slowly from his operation on his left leg.

Judy Lardin joined Mike and Bev over the Labor Day Holiday with a trip to Illinois to visit Judy's Mom who turned 86 in April and son Brian had surgery for a torn meniscus and was playing golf 11 days after the surgery. John was finally getting his Father's Day present as son Larry and family were coming in from Texas for a week visit. The Angelosanto Family was headed to the west side of MI for a day at the Double JJ Ranch. As fate would have it for them, it rained and was cold for their entire stay. The rules and schedule were published for the 2009/2010 TRI-V Pinochle and the Oct. Stag Event was set for Oct. 17th for an evening of whirly ball at the Novi Sports Arena, Novi. There were articles on the Wives Weekend the held the weekend of Aug. 28th in Alma with 12 women attending and Final Golf the weekend of Aug. 28th. This wraps up another trip down Memory Lane. As you can see there was not a lot printed in the Sep. issues of the Umph for either year. As I prepare this article it brings back to mind what was written back in the memories of the Sep. 2004 issue that John Lardin was diagnosed in 1994 with a sugar problem and was told by the Dr. that medication and weight loss should resolve the problem and eliminate continued use of the medication. Guess after ten years the "diet" John is on is not working and it might be wise for him to switch to a different one. Now it is 2014 another ten years later and 20 years since John was diagnosed with the sugar problem and again the damn diet he switched to in 2004 is still not working. Hopefully in ten years (2024) the "new" diet will be working. On the serious side are we sharing memories less and less with our family and friends? Let's not wait until it is too late so share a memory. Take the time to do it now. Maybe getting out some old pictures and talking about when they were taken might be a start. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.