

The Reminder

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PROGRAMS FOR APRIL, 1989 -- CARL F. SCHORN, CHAIRMAN

- Apr. 7 Speaker: Peggy Posa, Executive Director, COTS
Subject: "All I Want Is A Room, Somewhere"
- Apr. 14 Speaker: Neal Shine, Senior Managing Editor
Detroit Free Press
Subject: "The Way We Were; Is It Much Different
Than The Way We Are?"
- Apr. 21 Speaker: Fr. Ed Belczak, Pastor of St. Thomas More
Subject: "Easter Surprises"
- Apr. 28 Pianist: Marian Siatczynski, Pianist Extraordinary
Subject: "Piano Artistry"

MAY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN -- DURAND BROWN

- May 5 Speaker: Rev. Harry Cook, Rector, St. Andrews Episcopal
Church, Clawson; Free Press Writer
Subject: "The Challenge of the First Amendment"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

- Apr. 7 "Dogs"
Bernard Ziessow, Leader
- Apr. 14 "Freemasonry"
Ray Swartz, Leader
- Apr. 21 "Real Estate"
John Lloyd, Leader
- Apr. 28 "Ecuador Through the Eyes
of a Peace Corps Volunteer"
Ms. Sandy Peerson, Leader
- May 5 "Economic Forecast, 1989"
Art Newman, Leader

Paul Fitzpatrick is General Chairman
of the Discussion Group

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, April 11
Executive Board 9:30 a.m.
Camera Group 2:00 p.m. See Page 2
- Wednesday, April 12
Investment Study Group 2:45 p.m.
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- Golf, see Page 6
Springdale - April 13?
Applicants - May 8, 1989
- Bowling Banquet - May 9
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THE NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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THE SMC FORMULA

Have you taken time to appreciate the operation of your Club? Of course not, humans take so much for granted. Take a moment to reflect on how smooth running the SMC is. From the moment a member enters and is warmly greeted, to signing in, to selecting your lunch from jovial dispensers, to finding an eating spot with friends and so to the meeting. This all proceeds without a hitch, usually. Credit goes to Club officers, committee members, you, the member and Club tradition. If it is the first Friday of the month the REMINDER is neatly positioned. After lunch and the stimulation of the main program speaker, members have several options; a spirited Discussion Group topic or sharpening bridge skills at contract or duplicate. A part day well spent.

A member may opt for weekly contests; seasonal, in bowling and/or golf and end of season banquets. Let us not forget weekly Tuesday bridge. Monthly, the Investment Study Group and the Camera Group are available to interested members. The Special Events committee provides a wide range of events to attend during the year.

Above all is the fellowship of members participating in the SMC.

THE WORLD IS ROSY FOR THE CAMERA GROUP STAN SKAISTIS, CHAIRMAN

The Camera Group will learn how to take fantastic colored pictures of fall foliage, sunsets and portraits at their next meeting. Howard Ross is the speaker, and he will use his set of comparison slides to show how his handmade Enhancing Filters dramatically improve what Nature offers us.

All Club members and applicants are welcome to attend the meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2:00 p.m., at The Community House. Wives are also welcome; after all, they may need some ideas for a birthday gift.

A VOICE FROM DOWN UNDER

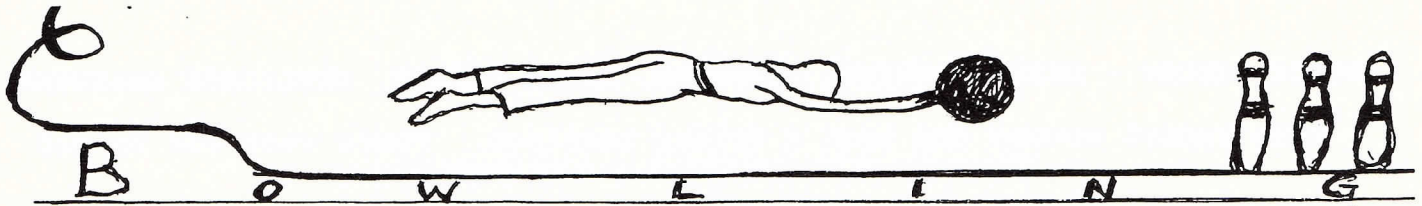
It's beginning to get hot again as it was most of January and February - in the 80's.

I've finished the research on the topic I've chosen for the June (?) program, probably to be entitled "It's a Funny Thing, Humor". An informative fun project; lots of material.

See you in early May.

Regards,

Paul Carter
Florida, 3/16/89



BOWLING REPORT -- TOM BEDFORD, CHAIRMAN

This report covers bowling, February 20 through March 13.

Attendance varied from 42 to 45. Although this is short of the 48 needed for 12 4-man teams, they made up for it with some excellent bowling.

Impressive scores were recorded:

Dick Harper had a 221 game and his high series was league leading 620.

Ray Swartz	232-581	Joe Chalmers	215-584
Les Swanson	226-530	Bert Henderson	200-582
Ed Hoagland	215-576	Jim Reeves	209-566
Fran DeGrande	205-550	Harry Deem	223-550
Bill Barr	215-510	Bill Quinlan	201-533
Jack Trudell	203-522	Frank Garland	201-508
Kent Wonnell	201-503	Don Upward	521
Ray Laticvick	514	Bill Reilly	506
Herb Lugers	504		

Two bowlers, Bob Pearce and Bill Reilly, had 199 games. They both claimed they should have had a 200. Bob said a pin was illegally fastened to the floor, and Bill said his pin was falling, and a fast pin rack picked it up. Both claims were disallowed.

Joe Chalmers was highest over average - 116 pins.

As in the first half of the season, the teams are closing in on the leaders as they make a run for the championship.

Position bowling will be on April 10 with championship roll-off, and doubles on the last day of bowling, April 17.

The Bowling Banquet will be on May 9 at The Community House. Cash bar at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 7:00. The price of this posh Prime Rib (select cut) dinner is \$16.00. Subs can purchase tickets from me (Tom Bedford) and Marcel will have tickets for those who have trouble getting change for their \$100 bills.

The Bowling Committee for the 1989-90 Season will be:

Bowling Chairman - Fran DeGrande
 Vice Chairman - Tom Bedford
 General Chairman - Marcel DeSmet

In the meantime, let's have a full turnout for the rest of this season. Your team could be the winner. It will be close.

BRIDGE REPORT - HENRY DAWKINS, CHAIRMAN, EDWIN CLARKE, DUPLICATE CHAIRMAN

This report covers the last 4 Friday meetings. There were 254 Bridge Players (132 Contract & 122 Duplicate)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

TWENTY HIGHEST SCORES

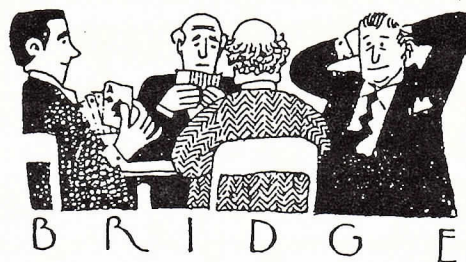
SEVENTEEN HIGHEST AVERAGES

George Connely	4480
Roy Hawkinson	4480
Carl Schorn	4380
Hockey Melikian	4190
Joe Kern	3710
Jerry Bartlam	3520
Julius Falke	3470
Jim Shank	3460
Marcel DeSmet	3410
Roy Hawkinson	3390
Bill Hanlon	3360
Larry Keim	3170
Julius Falke	3150
Marcel DeSmet	3120
Don McNair	3110
Howard Hoffman	3100
Frank Fisher	3100
Marsden Hubbard	3060
Don Murray	3040
Larry Van Tuyl	3010

Jerry Bartlam	2692
Roy Hawkinson	2530
Carl Schorn	2495
Larry VanTuyl	2477
Bob Surridge	2432
Marsden Hubbard	2372
Larry Keim	2285
Marcel DeSmet	2280
Walt Dreyer	2131
Don Murray	2107
Bill Hanlon	1987
George Connely	1972
Julius Falke	1897
Don McNair	1845
Murray Kennedy	1840
Bob Gray	1812
Art Underwood	1800

Small Slams:

- 6N Julius Falke & George Connely
- 6S Larry Van Tuyl & Jerry Bartlam
- 6H Marsden Hubbard & Roy Hawkinson
- 6C Marcel DeSmet & Baylor Sutton



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Highest Duplicate Scores:

Small Slams:

Larry Halloran	69%
Ed Chambliss	66%
Ted Schmidt	66%
Henry Bardsley	62%
Leonard Terry	60%

- 6H Jim Crabb & Harry Cyphers
- 6H George Snider & Bill Allshouse
- 6H Vern Bryant & Ted Schmidt
- 6H Chase Cooper & Dick Powers
- 6D Ed Clarke & Jim Crabb

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A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP -- BILL MacLACHLAN, CHAIRMAN

The Investment Study Group will meet at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, at the Birmingham Community House.

Our speaker will be William C. Halbert, First Vice-President of Shearson Lehman-Hutton - his topic, "Financial Survival in the 1990's". This marks the third appearance of Mr. Halbert. One of our members, who shall remain nameless, remarked that he stayed awake throughout Mr. Halbert's entire presentation (quite an accomplishment for this member, evidently).

Stock Market Contest - Round and round she goes and where she stops nobody knows. Ed Hoagland and Joe Kern seem to be running easily in front, but Roger Struck is lurking in the weeds close behind. Eight portfolios are valued more than \$27,000 vs. nine last month. Three newcomers are on the list and four have been removed. Current standings:

Contestant	Value 3/2/89	Best Stock
Ed Hoagland	\$30,634	Digital Equipment
Joe Kern	29,998	RJR Nabisco
Roger Struck	29,139	Fred's of Hollywood
John Black	27,895	Athlone Industries
Bill MacLachlan	27,543	Daniels Industries
Bob Lotz	27,079	Home Depot
Bill Johnson	27,078	Teleflex
Bob Hermann	27,042	Home Depot

During the contest period to date, 65 stocks have gained in price, one remained unchanged and 39 declined. Oh, for a crystal ball!

SPECIAL PROJECTS -- GENE HESS, CHAIRMAN

A letter regarding the 1989 Community House Annual Operating Fund Drive was mailed mid-March to all SMC members and applicants who, according to Community House records as of the mailing date, had not contributed to the 1989 Fund. Please forgive me if you got a letter after contributing.

As of March 30, our contributions to the 1989 Operating Fund are as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Applicants</u>
Number of Gifts	345	97
Total Dollars Given to Date	\$23,872	\$4,875
Average of Gifts Received	\$69	\$50

Please turn in your pledge cards and/or checks as soon as possible to me, Chick Holmes, or The Community House Front Desk. Pledge cards can be obtained from me or the Front Desk. Remember the matching fund form if your previous employer participates in such programs.

Thanks to all who have already contributed or pledged to the 1989 Operating Fund.

**GAWLPHING WITH THE
SENIORS**

Ray Swartz reports "status quo" at Springdale. Thursday, April 13, or possibly earlier should be the day, weather cooperating. Time 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Green Fees are increased to \$4.50, so you "Foresomes" will have to bogey more often to reduce the cost per stroke.

Ray will update at his weekly seminars.



**APPLICANTS GOLF LEAGUE
JOE STEEL, CHAIRMAN**

Play starts May 8, 1989, at White Lake Oak, Oakland County Golf Course. We tee it up at 9 a.m. Please get to the Club about a half hour early in case of a need to change foursomes.

In the event that you are unable to play, please call me at 647-4515 by the Sunday preceding your absence.

There will be no play on the following holidays: May 29, July 3, and September 4.

See you on the first tee. Bring your dimes.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- DON CLARK

Lucky ticket holders will see "The Wedding", a Mystery Theatre presentation April 15 at 6:30 at Terrell Hall on the Oakland Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. This will be a challenge to mystery buffs who will be invited to "solve" the dastardly deed that takes place during the dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the best detectives. At best, only a few tickets will be available; see Don Clark, Jim Fonda or Kent Wonnell.

IN MEMORY

PELL HOLLINGSHEAD - a Birmingham resident for 40 years, joined the Club in June 1987, died March 12 at age 70. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1943 and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and the State Bar of Michigan.

Pell was a humanist and active in community and church work as evidenced by serving on the Birmingham Board of Education 1962-1970 and subsequent citizens' advisory councils. He was president of St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home, active in BASCC and Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. His family hosted many exchange students, a caring, busy life.

Cast in the same mold is wife Carol, who so ably manages the Clubs hostesses and is loved by all members for her cheerfulness and as an expert bridge substitute.

LEROY BRAISTED - Life Member, died February 27 in the Georgian-Bloomfield Nursing Home. He had not been seen around our Club in some years due to serious walking difficulties, including a broken hip. He had been living alone in his Piety Hill apartment, where he did his own housework and enjoyed it. He regularly turned down offers of help from friends and especially from the family of his son, LeRoy W., who are Birmingham residents.

Roy was 97 and had lived in Birmingham 65 years. Many of us remember the lively party celebrating the 65th wedding anniversary of Roy and his wife, Neenah, in the social room of the apartment building in 1983. Neenah died in 1985.

Both were members of the Birmingham Village Players, joining in 1939. When Roy appeared in tryouts for a Christmas play, he was quickly cast for the role of Santa Claus, and thereafter was official Santa for every Players Christmas party. He was President in 1963-64.

In his career, Roy was an electrical engineer, having earned his degree at the University of Michigan. He founded his own firm, Braisted and Bair, who sold heavy electrical products to utility companies and other industrial firms. He retired when he joined our Club, in 1973.

Prepared by Al Riebling

COLIN GRANT-WATTERS - joined our Club in 1968 and became a Life member in 1984. He was a Birmingham resident 51 years. With an international background, Colin was a man with great appreciation of our country and its political structure. His background and the assurance he showed whenever he took the platform identified him as a man of distinction.

Born in India in 1899, he got his schooling there, which included degrees in construction and electrical engineering. While still in India, he was appointed by Perrin and Marshall, of New York, as engineer on several building projects in India and other Asian countries. In 1928, he came to the U. S. to work for the Tidewater Construction Company. In later years he was a consultant for Travelers Insurance Company and some of our biggest industries.

Colin moved to Birmingham in 1938 and quickly became interested in community affairs. He was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 15 years and then to the first committee to look into Senior Housing.

He was a faithful attendant to the SMC and served as Legislative Chairman for a number of years. Colin was very interested in government affairs and regularly attended the City Commission meetings. He kept the Club well informed as to its activities and of the Birmingham School taxes and home assessments. He was a good speaker and liked to be heard.

Prepared by Al Riebling and Ross A. Wagner

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If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence each man must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.

..... Solon, 638-559 B.C.

1989 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A THRU F</u>	<u>G THRU L</u>	<u>M THRU R</u>	<u>S THRU Z</u>
Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28
May 5	May 12	May 26*	June 2
June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20
Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17

* No meeting on May 19. No meetings in August.

Note: There are no meetings for Applicants in December

MEMBERSHIP CHANGESNEW MEMBERS

			<u>SPONSOR</u>
TAORMINA, PHILIP 396 Concord Pl.	3/89 BH	335-3368 48013	Bill Howard
WENSTRAND, JOHN A. 1029 Lake Park	3/89 B	642-2357 48009	Dick Sneed
FRAILEY, JOHN F. 4691 Haddington Dr.	3/89 BH	642-2534 48013	Carl Schorn
TRUDELL, JACK 1750 N. Woodward, #28	3/89 BH	258-5892 48013	Jim Reeves
THOMAS, RICHARD J., JR. 4010 Walnut Hill Dr.	3/89 TR	646-2305 48098	Jim Flack
COOKE, WILLIAM ALSTON 1755 Melbourne	3/89 B	644-6038 48009	Bill Barr
TALBOT, CASH 779 Hawthorne Ct.	3/89 BH	646-8213 48013	Chick Holmes
WEAVER, GEORGE L. 440 S. Cranbrook	3/89 B	646-6331 48009	Henry Bardsley
LHYLE, RICHARD H. 31637 Bellvine Ct.	3/89 B	646-3689 48010	Henry Krigner
BOND, KENNETH E. 460 Smith	3/89 B	644-3906 48009	Bob Gray
EYTH, WILLIAM M. 30665 Pebblestone Ct.	3/89 B	646-8805 48010	Marcel DeSmet

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RESIGNATION

CHARLES H. HUNTOON	March 1978
FRANK X. MURPHY	Oct. 1976
CHARLES A. THOMPSON	April 1984

JOINED

Took Leave of Absence: Harry E. Wells