

The Reminder

July 2007

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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SMC Officers at Large

Each year, the SMC elects two members to an important Club officer position - Officers at Large. Our by-laws indicate that these men "serve as advocates for the general membership, and present to the Executive Board any requests for audience, action, petition, or ideas."

In simpler terms, these officers are the communication bridge between members and the Board. They attend Board meetings and report any member issues, questions, ideas (or even complaints) to the Executive Board for appropriate action or resolution.

Members serving as Officers at Large for 2007 are Tom Clapp and Bill English, pictured here (photo). Both have served our club in a number of capacities. They attend most Friday meetings, and of course are available for any member inputs or comments.



Bill English and Tom Clapp

Photo by Bill Shaffmaster

—Dick Harper

JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Jack McCuen

- 6 Colonel John J. McCuen (USA, Ret.) *War Evolves: The Art of Hybrid War*
- 13 Major General Robert Heine (USA, Ret.).....*Iraq, Where We Are and How We Got There*
- 20 Congressman Joe Knollenberg..... *News from Washington*
- 27 State Senator John Pappageorge.....*Michigan's Economic Crisis*

AUGUST PROGRAMS

NO MEETINGS

JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Jaap Delevie

- 6 Dr. Jaap Delevie, SMC Member.....*Procreation or the Lack of it in Western Society*
- 13 Robert A. Stevenson, SMC Member *Evidence of Christianity and Other Religions in Greece and Turkey*
- 20 John M. Zawiskie, Geologist, Cranbrook Institute of Science.. *The Ice in Birmingham and Global Climate Change*
- 27 Dr. Augustine L. Perrotta, SMC Member *Access to State of the Art Health Care-The Missing Factor in the Baby Boomers Choice of Retirement Community*

AUGUST DISCUSSIONS

NO MEETINGS

Membership News

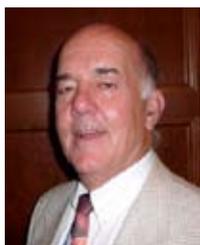
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To Life Member:

Lawrence H. DeYoung, joined September 1996

Deaths:

Edwin J. Riley, joined September 2000
Edward C. McClew (Life), joined July 1981
Harold Nyberg (Life), joined January 1983
Robert O. Wagner (Life), joined January 1994
John K. Irwin, joined February 2005

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—Bill Peschel, Membership Vice Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Photography



Games



Monday Golf

The last four weeks of Monday Golf have been hot, Hot, HOT!

May 14 was a career first for Ben Porter - -Closest to the Pin at 6'7". Birdies were recorded by Pete Kass on #2 and Lynn Evans on #3. Jim Doyle was scoring leader at 40. Pete Kass shot 42, Ed Jones 43, Ted Chapekis, Byron Converse, Lynn Evans and Tom Waffen were in at 44 and Eldon Crawfis, Cliff Dean and Rich Wehling scored 45.

May 21 had Tom Waffen closest to the pin at 4'5". Jim Doyle had a birdie on #8 and was medalist with a 37. Ted Chapekis and Joe Schulenberg had 43, Cliff Dean and Tom Waffen scored 44, and Phil Buccini and Eldon Crawfis shot 45.

June 4 had Frank Reid closest to the pin at 5'8" and with a birdie on that hole as well. Medalist was Jim Doyle at 38. Ted Chapekis shot 41, and Pete Kass had a 42. Bob Bannon, Eldon Crawfis and Bill Spreitzer had 44, and Eldon then immediately left for China. We are not sure if he took his golf clubs.

It's been great to have former Chair Fran DeGrande as a frequent visitor. Even on the coldest mornings, we enjoy his company.
—Bill Spreitzer and Jerry Heller

Thursday Golf

St. Andrew finally gave Thursday Golf at Springdale some good weather. As a result, we got in several days of golf during May and early June.

Some outstanding scores were recorded. Those with the lowest average after a minimum of three rounds are Bill Frever 40.0, Kirby Callam 40.2, and Eldon Crawfis 40.3. Lowest single day round was Don Foehr's 35. That is a tough mark to beat but the committee is confident that the hot weather will loosen up the kinks, and more of our competitive golfers will lower those numbers.

Mark your calendars:

- Three club day is June 28th.
- Scrambles day is July 12th.
- Stonycroft outing is Tuesday, September 11th. *(Price to be determined)*
- Tournament is August 23rd, August 30th, and September 6th.
- Golf Banquet is on Tuesday, October 23rd. *(Price to be determined)*

Hit them high, hit them straight, and hit them long.
—Chuck Travers

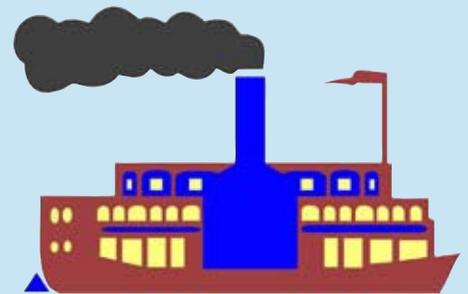
Bowling

Wednesday bowling continues throughout the summer at the Thunderbird Lanes at 10:00 in the morning. All new bowlers are welcome to join in the activity.

Next season's bowling league will begin the Monday after Labor Day, September 10 at 9:00AM. Teams will be formed prior to that date. Once again, all new bowlers are welcome to join the league activity. Contact Dennis Kozak, 248-644-8934.

—Dennis Kozak

A River Cruise from the River Crab Tuesday, July 10, 2007



The bus will leave the Presbyterian Church parking lot at 3:45PM for the dinner and cruise. Please park in the south end of the parking lot.

We recommend that people wear soft-soled, low-heel shoes to ensure good traction on the deck of the cruise ship.

Bring your appetite for good food and good times, but leave your cares at home – this is going to be fun!

—Tom Clapp, Don Upward and Mike Clement

Windsor Discovered by SMC

On a glorious day, June 13, two buses waited at 9:00AM as 80 fortunate Senior Men's Club members and wives converged on the First Presbyterian parking lot in anticipation of a magnificent day south to Canada and the birthplace of Canadian Club. John Zabriskie's Special Events Committee -- John O'Brien, Larry Smith and Jim Judge -- planned the adventure.



After a pleasant ride along Windsor's Riverside Drive, the first stop was the Canadian Club Heritage Center with a delightful 20-year-old guide, Christina, explaining whisky making (Canadian spelling, eh?). We saw the offices and boardroom, including a splendid work table from the 1770's, and we ended in the tasting room with small glasses of Canadian Club, while our guide described how the distinctive taste was produced.



Next, a few blocks away, came Willistead Manor, the 1906 Albert Kahn-designed home for the second son of Hiram Walker, Edward Chandler Walker -- 15 acres right in the middle of Walkerville (eastern Windsor) -- the Jacobean-English manor similar to Meadowbrook Hall. Skilled European craftsmen were imported to execute rich carving in the staircases, and Scottish stonemasons cut and installed limestone in the mansion.

Back on the bus, we went down to Koolini's Italian Restaurant and a convivial time conversing at long tables, savoring a three course luncheon. Back in Birmingham by almost 5:30PM.

—Chuck and Gretchen Kirkpatrick

Discussion Group

Dr. Jaap Delevie begins the month with the impact of procreation, or lack of it, on the cultural, religious and economic demographics of Western Society. He is followed by Bob Stevenson who will give an overview of his travels in Greece and Turkey from an eclectic religious perspective. John Zawiskie, a geologist from Cranbrook, will discuss how large scale global climate change has affected the surface geology of Oakland County, and will comment on the warming of the last few decades. Dr. Augie Perrotta will profile the top ten retirement states in the South and West, to which a third of baby boomers will retire, and discuss access to state-of-the-art health care facilities for treatment of stroke, cardiac arrest and trauma.

The witty man merely says what you would have said if you had thought of it.

-Anon-

Behind every great man is a woman with nothing to wear.

-Grant Glickman-

Comments Made in the Year 1955

- * *Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.*
- * *Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?*
- * *When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.*
- * *Marriage doesn't mean a thing anymore; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat.*

SMC Nominating Committee

President Bill Johnson has announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee which will be responsible for selecting proposed candidates for club officer positions for 2008.

The committee is comprised of Dick Harper, Chairman; past Presidents Jack McLaughlin and Frank Barnes; plus members Bob Klein and Chuck Kirkpatrick.

In accordance with our constitution, the nomination and election of club officers for 2008 will take place in November.

Groups



Classic Movie Group

The Classic Movie Group will meet on July 9 from 1:00 to 3:00PM.

The featured classic will be Jack London's "Call of the Wild" starring Clark Gable, Loretta Young and Jack Oakie. This 1935 film was just released in 2006 for home entertainment. It will be preceded by a surprise classic cartoon in keeping with the movie theme. Gable as Jack Thornton was perfectly cast as the adventurer who travels the Yukon in search of gold, with his friend Jack Oakie as Shorty. Loretta Young exudes physicality, resulting in an on-screen and off-screen affair with Gable. The real star, however, is Buck, the part-wolf sled dog.

Don't miss this tale of adventure, camaraderie and the Alaskan code of honor.

—Augie Perrotta



Investment Group

Reid McCulloch wins the Stock Game with a 56.7% gain. He had a strong finish; on May 4 his gain was only 34.6%. Roger Struck finished in 2nd place with a 45.9% gain, after being the leader since December. Roger should have sold in February when he had a 66% gain. Roger Vogel finished 3rd with a 35.9% gain. Also in the running were Don Upward with 34.5%; Phil Werner with 33.6%; Jack Cotton with 33.2%; Don Cox with 31.5%; and Bob Bazzell with 30.0%.

The average gain for the 51 participants was 16.8%, which again exceeded all the major averages. The S&P 500 gained 12% during this period. SMC members are smart investors!

The next meeting will be September 12, 2007 at which time Jim Williams will update us on estate planning.

—George Miller

Golden Oldie Larry DeYoung

When we'd go up to Harbor Springs in the summer and walk past the largest of those beautiful boats, someone would often whisper, in explanation, "Tool and Die."

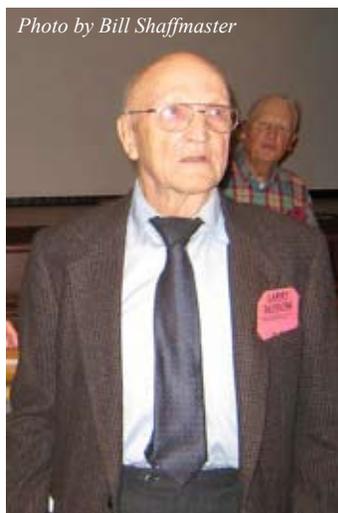
Larry had been in the Navy, but Larry became a tool and die man. He grew up on a farm in Aitkin, Minnesota, north of the twin cities and west of Duluth. Farming was hard work, and Larry decided he didn't want to do that for a living.

Larry went to Detroit, briefly attended Cass Tech, and found a job at Ford's Willow Run Bomber Plant doing tool repair on the midnight shift. He liked tool repair work; nevertheless he returned to Minnesota to the farm. Without telling Larry, his father obtained a farm deferment from the draft board for Larry. A year later, in 1944, Larry was drafted and reported to Fort Snelling, which processed recruits for all the armed forces. He chose the Navy, went to Farragut, Idaho for basic training, and then to San Diego for gunnery school. Larry went to Treasure Island for shipboard assignment, then to Seattle's Pier 12. There, at last, Larry boarded his ship, the SS George Flavel, a modern Liberty Ship troop and cargo carrier. George was a member of the ship's armed guard.

When the war ended, George returned to Detroit to Ford Motor Company. He became an apprentice tool maker and worked in the Rouge's Tool & Die Building. In the early 1950s, he worked briefly for General Motors and then joined Massey Ferguson where he spent more than 30 years as a tool maker.

While with Ford after the war, Larry met and married Sybil, and they had five children. Fifty-seven years later, Larry and Sybil live in beautiful Beverly Hills. Congratulations, Larry, and welcome to the Golden Oldies.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick



Larry DeYoung

Wanted!

Preferably alive, any SMC member who likes kids and wants to contribute to our society. A one-time job. A deeply rewarding experience. On-the-job training, if desired. Please call Phil Werner at 248-626-4989. All replies treated strictly confidential.

—Phil Werner

Mystery Lyrics

Only eight readers correctly identified the song containing these lyrics:

Ever since this world began

There is nothing sadder than

as being from "The Man That Got Away."

They were Bill Sprague, Ben Ewing, Jerry Heller, Dale Parker, Bob Klein, Isabel Himelhoch (wife of Chuck), and Bob Hebert. Judy Garland had a big hit with this torch song. Jerry and Dale told me that Frank Sinatra sang about the "gal that got away."

Are you ready for another college drinking song? Some months back, we used the Whiffenpoof song (Yale), and received a lot of positive response. Here is another, possibly not as well known.

Like all the jolly good fellows

I drink my whiskey clear

Can you name that tune? Maybe you sang it at college parties (with or without an adult beverage).

—Dick Harper



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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 17, 2007

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00 AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Bridge: Tuesday, 9:00 AM and Friday after lunch

Golf: Monday, 7:30 AM at Lincoln Hills
Thursday, 9:00 AM at Springdale

Special Events

River Cruise, Tuesday, July 10, 3:45 PM

Group Meetings

Computer: No meeting in July

Investment Group: Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 2:45 PM

Camera Group: No meeting in July

Classic Movie Group: Monday, July 9, 1:00 PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30 AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2007 are: Bill Johnson, president; Ken Urwiller, first vice president; Bob Pullar, second vice president; Irv Poston, recording secretary; John Flintosh, corresponding secretary; Bill Sprague, treasurer; Bill Minard, assistant treasurer; Bill English and Tom Clapp, officers at large; Bill Crabtree, parliamentarian.

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