

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER, 1988 - PAUL KEENER, CHAIRMAN

- Oct. 7 Speaker: Harold Stanton
Subject: "U.M.C.O.R. in Africa"
- Oct. 14 Speaker: Kenneth Gross, Executive Director, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association
Subject: "An Introduction to the BBAA", a Slide Presentation
- Oct. 21 - No Meeting
- Oct. 28 Speaker: Dr. Elaine R. Sellers, Clinical Psychologist
Subject: "Misconceptions and Misuse of Hypnosis"

NOVEMBER PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - THOMAS C. GRAHAM 647-3817

- Nov. 4 Speaker: Joan Jennings, Consumer's Power Company
Subject: "Super Conducting and the Super-Collider"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

- Oct. 7 "Rare Coins"
John Frank, Leader
- Oct. 14 "Mexico, Land of Contrasts", Colored Slides
Nate Mills, Leader
- Oct. 28 "The Electoral College"
Ed Conley, Leader
- Nov. 4 "How and When Did You Come to America?"
Tom Kilgour, Leader

James K. Flack is Chairman of the Discussion Group

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, Oct. 11
9:30 a.m. Executive Board
2 p.m. Camera Group, page 3
7 p.m. Golf Banquet, page 4
- Wednesday, Oct. 12; 2:45 p.m.
Investment Study Group, page 3

Next Reminder Deadline:
October 21

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HERE IS OUR NEW FORMAT

Yes! You're looking at it now -- two narrow columns instead of the one wide one which was slower to read, and for some of us meant turning our heads back at the end of every line. This format has been adopted and well-tested in many publications - including one that's very near us, known as the BASCC SENIOR NEWS. It resembles ours, except that we don't have all those tempting travel ads.

Our new look is made possible by the Community House Office Services department which is now equipped with a modern computer/typewriter. It's also equipped with a pleasant yet efficient operator, typist, keyliner, whose initials are A.D.

The new format requires a lot of different methods and materials, and since this is the first issue, anything may happen. If it does, please don't blame Miss A.D. Holler at the editor (A.R.) or his right hand man (A.B.)

"OUR TOWN" - Art Exhibition at the Community House.

Spend your Friday, October 21 at the Community House in lieu of the regular SMC meeting. Past "Our Town" exhibitions were excellent and this promises to be as successful. Paintings by SMC members Clem Cykowski and Phil Bloyer are included in this exhibition.

The exhibition is from October 21

to 23, hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no entry fee. On Thursday, October 20 at the noon luncheon, Ray Frost Fleming lectures on "The Juror's Perspective", followed by a gallery tour. There is a \$15 charge. Friday, October 21 features two specials: Gertrude Kastle, gallery owner, speaking at the noon luncheon on "Purchasing Art for the Corporate World" (\$15) and at 8:30 p.m.. "Art and Music" with Norma Jean Bell and the Allstars. Hors d'oeuvres will be furnished, there is a fee of \$25. "Expose Yourself to Art."

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENT DON CLARK REPORTING

Wednesday, November 2, is the Special Event program at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Each person or group is responsible for his own transportation. Good close-in parking is available at \$1.50 per car.

We will meet at the Museum's private dining room between 11:30 a.m. and noon for lunch. The lunch cost is \$8.50 per person which includes gratuity and tax.

After lunch we take a guided tour of the newly installed European Galleries of Flemish, Dutch and English art, highlighting such favorites as Rembrandt, Brueghel and Fuseli. The guided tour is about two hours, after which you are free to enjoy the many exhibits of your favorite art periods. Wives and applicants are invited.

-- NOTICE --**SMC MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND
HOSTESSES****DO NOT PARK IN THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
PARKING LOT!**

Parking in the small Community House parking lot (located at the northwest corner of the Community House block) is restricted to Staff Members and selected volunteers who have been issued special stickers. The police regularly check the lot and cars without stickers are given \$15 tickets. Several SMC members and hostesses have already received tickets. There is barely enough room for staff so please respect this rule.

Thank you.
Paul Fitzpatrick, President

1989 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Jim Reeves, Treasurer

The books are now open for payment of membership dues for 1989. The amounts are the same as for recent years, i.e. \$15 for regular members and \$6 for associate members and members on leave of absence.

For your convenience a table, which will normally be manned by Walt Meyers, will be set up in the Ruth Shain room during the "check-in" period, prior to each regular meeting. Walt will accept either cash or checks. Payment by mail should be by check only.

The deadline for payment of 1989 dues is Feb. 28, 1989, but why flirt with the deadline? Pay early and you won't forget about paying later. Snow Birds are particularly encouraged to pay their dues before leaving the area for the winter months.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

The names of Associate Members who are having a birthday in the next month will appear, hereafter, on the last page, along with other statistics about our members. Welcome to the page, fellows. But we do like to run a news item when there is some news about any of our Associates. So if you have a gala celebration, let us know. Or if you went out in your yacht and caught the biggest fish of the year, that's news, too. Let us know. Write to the Corresponding Secretary or to the Editor.

**"KENYA SAFARI" AT THE CAMERA GROUP
STAN SKAISTIS, CHAIRMAN**

Roger Gaskill is taking us to Kenya where, following modern practice, we stalk big game with the camera instead of a gun.

The "Trophies" will be on display Tuesday, October 11, 2 p.m. at the Community House.

**INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP
BILL MacLACHLAN, CHAIRMAN**

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

The program chairman is Fred Osann. The speaker will be Robert Aginian, Senior Tax Manager for Peat Warwick and Main. The subject is "Things You Should Know About Your 1988 Tax".

October 12 is the last date for filing your entry for the "Stock Game".

GAWLPHING WITH THE SENIORS

The 1988 Golf Year is now history! (We are still gawlping on Thursdays at Springdale until they close the course.) We averaged 66 Gawlpers a week with only one complete rain-out, although the HOT Weather took its pound (pounds) of flesh!

Tournament ResultsChampionship Flight

First (tie)	E. Hoagland	64
	R. Knudsen	64
3rd.	C. Craine	66
Low Gross	D. Clark	80

Second Flight

First	M. DeSmet	63
2nd. (tie)	A. Held	70
	R. Watson	70
3rd.	J. Zich	71
Low Gross	M. DeSmet	91

First Flight

First	L. Sturgeon	67
2nd.	J. Hobin	68
3rd.	S. Farkas	69
Low Gross	W. McLaren	92

Third Flight

First (Tie)	R. Gray	66
	R. Massey	66
3rd.	N. Warren	71
Low Gross	R. Gray	107

Low Handicap Don Clark 12. Closest to the pin #6 R. Swartz, 31½ inches. (After the season ended, F. Fisher 9 inches!)

Hi-lites for 8/25 thru 9/15: Closest to the pin #6: D. Clark - 10'11"; D. Zimmer - 10'7"; F. Hansen - 9'3"; E. Hoagland (2) - 5'6" and 19'5". (Out of Season - F. Fisher 9"!)

Very few Birdies! H. Lugers August 18 and E. Hoagland September 8, both on #6 hole. Scores 45 and under: 37 - Hoagland; 38 - Gertz, Hoagland; 39 - Becker, D. Clark (2), Hoagland (2), Knudsen; 40 - Wonnell, D. Clark, Spomer, Hoagland, Mills; 41 - Knudsen (2), D. Clark, Craine (2), Compton, Becker; 42 - Spomer (3), McLaren, Swanson, Craine, and Becker; 43 - Spomer, Cykowski, Zeissow, Wonnell (2), Cameron, Sturgeon, and Swartz; 22 more under 45. Sooo, if you shoot over 45 you are with the majority of US!

We want to take this opportunity to again thank Bill Aitken and the other members of Stonycroft who are also Members of Birmingham Senior Men's Club for a great outing 53 of us enjoyed at their Club on September 7. The Course was in fine shape, the Food was excellent, the weather was the best and those who didn't enjoy the Camaraderie weren't there!

GOLF BANQUET! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11. 6:15 cash bar, 7:00 dinner, cost \$15. Get tickets from DeSmet or Swartz by October 7.

The Committee: DeSmet, Clark, Melikian, Lowman and Swartz.

HE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. Life member Matthew Cammarerie is healthy but unable to go to meetings. He would enjoy visitors or phone calls. New address is 3709 Kent, Royal Oak. Phone number, 549-9542.

APPLICANTS GOLF LEAGUE - JOE STEELE, CHAIRMAN

A successful season came to an end on September 12, 1988. The weather cooperated by not raining on our parade during the summer. Being low or tying for low were John Spomer seven times and Phil Bloyer five times. Spomer and Bloyer shared low rounds at 38. Sub Ed Hoagland shot a 36. Sub Jack Corey was closest to the pin at 2 inches! Member Rod Horton was closest at 92 inches.

Phil Bloyer won the championship flight. The first flight was won by Fran DeGrande and the second by Harry Mitchell.

Next year the league will play starting in May. The fee remains at seventy-five dollars. Please make your payment to Marcel DeSmet or Joe Steele by January 13, 1989. Applicants will be given the first chance to fill the 36 slots. Any empty slots may be filled by SMC regular members.

Till we tee up again, remember what Lee Trevino said, "The older I get the better I was". So we was all better. Stay happy.

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

This Report covers 3 Friday Meetings (Sept. 2, 9, 16) There were 186 Bridge players taking part in the 3 Sessions. (104 Contract and 82 Duplicate)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

TEN HIGH SCORES

Bob Gray	4740
Walt Dreyer	4500
Marty Hubbard	3550
Frank Hanson	3500
Ross Wagner	3450
Dick Beaubien	3230
Herb Lugers	3210
Carl Schorn	3210
Earl Triplett	3170
Bert Henderson	3150

TEN HIGH AVERAGES

Walt Dreyer	3723
Julius Falke	2566
Carl Schorn	2530
Bert Henderson	2436
Frank Hanson	2410
Art Underwood	2293
Bob Gray	2276
Phil Werner	2216
Marty Hubbard	2170
Dick Beaubien	2133

There were 6 small slams made by Contract Players:

6H Lloyd Sturgeon & Murray Kennedy	6S Carl Schorn and Don McNear
6S Bob Gray and Julius Falke	6N Frank Hanson and Don Murray
6D Roy Hawkinson and Marty Hubbard	6S Walt Dreyer and Dick Beaubien

There were no Grand Slams.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Highest Duplicate Scores

1. Carol Hollingshead (Hostess)	70.0%
2. Joe Landre	66.0%
3. Norm Schmitt	65.0%
Sturgis Gregory	

There were 4 small slams made by Duplicate Players:

6C Henry Bardsley and Jim Tedesco
6N Art Burgott and Ed Chambliss
6N Vern Bryant and Ben Ewing
6C Zac Endress and Jim Fonda

There were no Grand Slams

ED CLARKE TELLS ACBL "50 YEARS IS NOT ENOUGH"

Our Chairman of Duplicate Bridge, Ed Clarke, was honored for his contributions to bridge at the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration of the American Contract Bridge League. Ed wrote to the President of the League in acknowledgement of the honor. He mentioned our Club and presented some interesting ideas. Here is his letter:

Dear Ms. Nudelman:

Thanks to you and all members of the Gala Committee and the members of the National Board of Directors of the ACBL for the token of recognition.

Fifty years is not enough, and I continue to push for better and more enjoyable bridge for the masses. I recently obtained a first-time ACBL club sanction for the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, MI, where I am director of two weekly invitational games.

The BSMC membership consists of approximately 300 and there is a waiting list of 400. Most are retired executives of Ford, GM, Chrysler, Bell, Banks, etc. - lots of brains as you can well imagine. Duplicate bridge is virgin to most of the members and the applicants although they had played rubber bridge regularly.

At an annual picnic, I mentioned that we would really have a picnic - and I introduced an individual movement.

I was surprised to find that using the individual movement increased interest along with the attendance - and the sociability improved. Most of the players prefer and are eager to play the individual movement rather than the pairs game.

It seems that it is hard for anyone to get mad and stay mad about any mistakes. Only one or two hands are played with each player. Because of the various possibilities there is not one continuous winner, and when the wee fractional masterpoints are awarded, it seems they are

appreciated as much as some people appreciate whole points.

Some of the players have become members of the ACBL for the first time and some are now playing in other weekly club games.

I am inclined to believe that most party bridge games played in homes should use an individual movement; especially when husbands and wives and good friends and newcomers are the participants. The criticism is muted and the fun is increased.

There is a golden opportunity to promote more interest in bridge by marketing decks of playing cards manufactured and packaged in a rotation form so that when the cards are dealt, without being cut, four prescribed hands result.

There is at least one lesson in every deal. An analysis of correct play along with an individual movement for two, three or four tables could be included in a package of 18-24 decks that would be pre-arranged. A list of plays to look for and expect could be included and given to the players before play starts.

I was told years ago by a student: "Hurry up and deal, I want to finger the cards". Following this advice has been very good for me and has opened a lot of doors.

Experience more fun more often. Take your entertainment with you wherever you go. Improve your game and you will discover that you will enjoy it very much, and surely your partner will also.

Very truly yours,
Edwin V. Clarke

BOWLING REPORT
TOM BEDFORD, CHAIRMAN

The bowling season started September 12 at the Strike and Spare Lanes; 36 regular and 3 subs showed up, 9 short of the 48 needed for 12 four man teams. On September 19 we had 42 regulars and 5 subs for a total of 47; hopefully we will soon have 12 full teams every week. Substitutes, if not needed, will bowl on lanes set aside for them, so everyone that shows up can bowl.

In the first two weeks, individual game scores over 200 were Tom Bedford 227, Bill Barr 209, Fran DeGrande 203. Those with 500 series were Jim Reeves 517, Bill Reilly 503, Don Upward 502 and 501, and Tom Bedford 500.

We had one Mystery Game won by Bert Henderson who "donated" his winnings to the Kitty.

Team #10 is off and running and leads in the standings with 8 points won and no losses. Teams #2, 5, 6, and 11 are in hot pursuit with 5 points.

When the "sandbaggers" start making their move it will be a close race; so come on out, applicants and members. Winter is coming and outdoor activities will be limited. However our bowling continues unaffected by the weather. You will enjoy the contest of skill and comradeship.

We bowl on Mondays at the Strike and Spare Lanes on Maple and Telegraph. Bowling starts at 9:30 a.m., practice starts at 9:20. Team line-ups should be ready by 9:15; so be early, sign up for the Mystery Game and drink some complimentary coffee.

IN MEMORY

J. MILTON WELLS, Life Member who joined the Club in 1967, died August 24. He was on Leave of Absence when he died. Milt was a mechanical engineer with Motch and Merriweather the prominent machinery builders. He was a member of the Detroit Engineering Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Detroit Yacht Club and the Otsego Ski Club. Services were at Kirk in the Hills August 26, and interment was in White Chapel Cemetery.

IRWIN K. WEISS, who joined the Club in 1985, died September 10. He practiced his engineering skills for 25 years with General Motors, then left to found his own consulting firm. "Ike" was a Mason, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church choir, the GM Overseas Retirement group, and the Economic Club of Detroit. Services were held September 16 in Hamilton's Bell Chapel, and burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery.

ARTHUR P. BOGUE, who joined our Club in March 1988, died September 17. He was 100 years old. In his career as an attorney he was at one time the Oakland County Prosecutor. He was a former president of the Oakland County Bar Association, a former member of the Elks, the American Legion and the Masons. Private services were held at the Bell Chapel of William R. Hamilton Company.

1988 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A THRU F</u>	<u>G THRU L</u>	<u>M THRU R</u>	<u>S THRU Z</u>
Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14*	**
Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18***

* Applicants M-Z

** There is no meeting October 21.

Visit the Art show at The Community House

*** There is no meeting November 25

Note: There are no meetings for Applicants in December

Special Birthday Greetings (90 and over)

LeRoy Snell, Life Member, will be 92 years old on October 1

Bill Losie, Life Member, will be 90 years old on October 26

Howard French, Life Member, will be 91 years old on October 30

MEMBERSHIP CHANGESNEW MEMBERSPONSOR

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RETURNED TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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PARTRIDGE, HARRY A.

TRANSFERRED TO ASSOCIATE MEMBER

SCHWAB, ROBERT E. 6/87
630 Dolphin Lake Dr., Zephyr Hills, FL 34248

BECAME A LIFE MEMBER

GREEN, HOWARD B., who joined in September, 1978

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

FRED DeWITT	October 10	FRANK HUDSON	October 16
DICK MANGE	October 13	BOB BENSON	October 22