

Note: Meetings will continue to be at Bunny's Tavern in Urbana at 1pm.

Amtrykes

April is the Spring month that leads into the best Amtryke riding weather. We gave away two Amtrykes this month to help children enjoy it.

Our first recipient was Ryan who came into this world 9 weeks early and faced all the challenges that an early birth can bring. He's a strong fighter and has worked hard through physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. He has been riding an Amtryke at therapy and just started walking 30 days ago. The Amtryke will help his legs, his core strength, and his balance. Ride, ride, ride, Ryan!



Our second Spring rider was Ayele (pronounced I-yella), or AJ as his family calls him, is one of a set of twins. They were both born early as well and while the other twin is doing well, AJ is a little more challenged. He's been riding an Amtryke at therapy and he is still trying to figure out how pedaling makes the Amtryke go. Having one at home will allow him to ride more and he'll get it soon. No matter what the challenges, all kids love the Amtryke and AJ loves it so much he didn't want to get off after this test ride. Lots of fun awaits you, AJ!



Calendar

2025

May 3—BarStool Golf
 May 7—Awards and Installation Banquet
 May 18—Amtryke Road Rally
 June 10—100% Attendance Day
 June 28—Buddies, Challenger League
 July 23-26—AMBUCS National Conference
 September 15—Charity Golf Outing
 October 11—Scarecrow Festival

Visibility

On April 15 Paul Williams, Editor-At-Large from **Smile Politely**, a cultural online magazine about things going on in Champaign-Urbana, joined us at our lunch meeting. Paul had heard about us and wanted to find out more and we wanted to no longer be one of the best kept secrets in C-U. He talked with members at the meeting and then contacted others, officers, players in BarStool Golf and one of our Amtryke recipients. Check out the article:

[AMBUCS help promote mobility, independence for those with disabilities](#)

National Conference

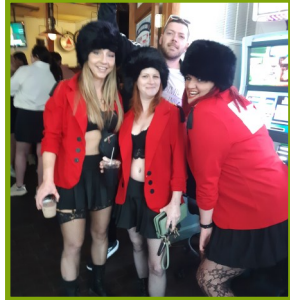
National Conference Registration is open and several

GCC AMBUCS are registered for the **July 23-26** event in **Des Moines, IA**. If you've never been to Iowa, it's a cool state and the conference will be uplifting and informative, as always. See you there!



BarStool Golf

By the time of this reading BarStool Golf 2025 will be in the books. We'll have some stats by the next issue but we can say now that everyone had a great time! We had some players who remembered or were relatives of, two of our members who passed away this year, **Mike Foley** and **Dick Adams**. The Hubers' miniature golf hole was renamed the **Dick Adams Memorial Hole** since Dick often worked this bar. We thank all the players who shared stories and loss of our two wonderful members. (Pic: Vladmir Putt-ins team)



Weekly Meetings

Our weekly meetings are going better at the 1pm time. Most of the other diners are gone so it's much quieter in **Bunny's Tavern**. We will continue meeting there for the rest of May and then vote on staying there or try another place. If anyone has a suggestion for another place, please talk to Don Dunap.

Passing of Bill Gingerich

GCC AMBUCS and C-U AMBUCS lost a long-time member on April 1. Bill Gingerich passed away after battling some health issues.

A farm in Tonica, IL was Bill's birthplace where his family had a round barn on the property. The barn is gone but a relative still lives on the farm property. Bill was a veteran serving in the Air Force in Viet Nam. When he came home he went to two colleges and worked a job as an HVAC person with Bash Heating.

Bill was initially a member of the C-U AMBUCS but changed to the GCC chapter when the members of C-U dwindled. He dived in with both feet to all our events and brought his wife, Kay, along for the ride. This was typical of Bill, keeping busy.

Throughout his life Bill was a member of the Barbershoppers singing club, a Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 11, a member of the Urbana Elks, a member of the American Legion Post 71 and a member of the VFW Post 630 both in Urbana. And Bill still found time in 1986 to be President of the C-U AMBUCS. (Whew!) (Bill, right in the picture with then President Scott Price just after his initiation.)



Bill will be missed by his family, friends, and GCC AMBUCS members who remember his ever present smile. RIP good man!

25-26 Officers Elected

The slate of officers was accepted as published at the April 22nd meeting. The **Awards and Installation Banquet** will be **May 7th, 5:30pm**, at the **Italian Patio**.

Chairman of the Board	Don Dunlap
President	Will Wade
President Elect	Sally Denhart
Secretary	Dana Daugherty
Treasurer	Elaine Windingland
Sgt at Arms	Pat Webb
Board Member 1yr left	Jodie Harmon
Board Member 1yr left	Renae' Strawbridge
Board Member 2yr term	Deb Griest
Board Member 2yr term	Kyle Moe
Big Hat President	Ray Griest

Challenger League

May 3rd is the opening day of the Tom Jones Challenger League's season. Our liaison to the League, **Cris Vowels**, says, "Two ballgames are played weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm; three ballgames are played on Saturday mornings starting at 8am. Each game is approximately 1 hour long or 3 innings, whichever comes first. The schedule does adjust to accommodate picture day, awards/picnic day, and Special Olympic Saturday, (May 24th). Rain-outs are posted on the TJCL Facebook page:

(<https://www.facebook.com/TomJonesLeague>)

and cannot always be played at a later date.

In addition to the annual practice of providing the end-of-the-season awards, GCC AMBUCS has committed to playing along side the athletes as buddies on the awards/picnic day, **Saturday, June 28th**. Of course, everyone is invited and welcome to show up to support the teams at any of the games.



As another way to support parents and athletes, the TJC Board is planning to have information/resource tables set up during Saturday games.”

GCC AMBUCS will participate in the information event and the date will be set soon.

[League Schedule](#)

Winning Chances

04/01/25—50/50: \$8 won by Don Dunlap; Attendance: \$11 could have been won by Scott Price but he was not present.

04/08/25—50/50: \$5 won by Ray Griest; Attendance: \$23 could have been won by Andrea Betzler but she was not present.

04/15/25—50/50: \$7 won by Don Dunlap; Attendance: \$37 could have been won by MaryLou Younger but she was not present.

04/22/25—50/50: \$7 won by Andrea Betzler; Attendance: \$55 was won by Deb Griest. Woo, woo!

04/29/25—50/50: \$6 won by Scott Price; Attendance: \$13 was won by Scott Price, too! His lucky day.