

# The Buc Shot

May 2015

## Calendar

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Benefit Golf Outing, Stone Creek Golf Course

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Scarecrow Festival, AMBUCS Park

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – National AMBUCS Conference, Biloxi, MS

## Club Awards for 2014-2015

Outgoing President, **Keith Jamieson**, started the Awards and Installation Dinner evening with our usual Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer and then after dinner, he turned the gavel over to **Mary Lou Younger** to begin the awards part of the program. Mary Lou is the head of our Awards Committee and gave out pins for members' work on various projects. She began with the AMBUCS Park Decorating Project and gave pins to: **Elaine Windingland** (1), **Priscilla Dorset** (1), **Nelda Shaw** (4), **Sally Denhart** (4), **Wayne Younger** (6), and **Mary Lou** contributed a lot of hours but gave herself only 4 pins.



Mary Lou moved quickly on to the Holiday Parade Float Decorating Project and gave out pins to: **Keith Jamieson**, **Deb Griest**, **Ray Griest**, **Sally Denhart**, **Andrea Betzler**, **Roger Adams**, **Theresa Adams**, and **Scott Price**.

The Awards Committee requests that members report the hours they work which helps with our club Scorecard. Mary Lou awards certificates and pins as each member reaches different milestones. **Bob Lacy** reached another 100 hours and received a certificate; **Wayne Younger** reached another 300 hours and received a certificate, **Mary Lou** herself reached another 400 hours, and **Elaine Windingland** and **Sally Denhart** hit an additional 500 hours and received a pin. These pins were the second for both Elaine and Sally signifying they have served at least 1,000 hours!

Next, Keith took the stage again to hand out the club awards. He started with the President Citation which he awarded to **Deb Griest** for all the work

she does for our club. Deb attends almost every function or project, runs the saw at ramp builds, helps to host the events we have at the Griest Man Shed, works with husband Ray on one of our biggest fundraisers, the Benefit Dinner, and is Captain of the AmTryke Road Show. During a Road Show, Deb not only pulls the trailer but unpacks all the trikes, gives the talks if requested, fits the trikes to the people attending, and repacks the trikes into the trailer. Repacking is like a big game of Tetris except if you don't get it just right the trikes could be damaged during transport and the trailer, if unbalanced, is no fun to drive. Deb also did all of this last year while serving as District Governor! Keith thanked Deb for all her service!



Keith also awarded his President's Citation to **Sally Denhart** for her continuing work with the club. Sally signs up, shows up and works at nearly every club function from building wheelchair ramps to taking pictures at the golf outing. If we have something to do, Sally can be found somewhere. And as Secretary of the club, her record keeping for club projects, being editor of the newsletter, and for all the record keeping and minutes from board meetings. Keith stated that if something is said at a meeting, it's written down somewhere in Sally's notes!

Next, Keith handed out the club awards for Project Manager of the Year and AMBUC of the Year. This was a hat trick for the Windinglands as **Larry Windingland** won **Project Manager of the Year** and **Elaine Windingland** won **AMBUC of the Year**!



## Project Manager of the Year

In naming Larry Windingland, Keith said, "The AMBUC I would like to recognize as Project Manager this year is someone who is largely responsible for many activities in our club, but I feel deserves the recognition for making certain that our Barstool Golf fundraiser remains successful."

"[Larry] set the stage for this year's event by coordinating with our corporate sponsor, Orange & Blue Distributing. The location of the

participating bars is not always a given, we have to be certain that not only is Orange & Blue happy with the bar, but also that the bar is willing to participate. There were numerous visits with each bar to ensure a lead contact was established and they were aware of what is expected the day of the event. He also coordinated the transportation that is responsible for moving the patrons around from hole to hole. [Larry] made visits to the bars distributing the necessary promotion materials of banners, flyers, and sign-up sheets, and at times, made daily visits to the bars to put back up the flyers and banners he had just put up the day before! Needless to say, the tenacity of this AMBUC is one that serves our club well. He also helped promote and coordinate the first ever Barstool Golf event tee shirt. He helped select the colors, made sure the bar logos and the AMBUC logo were correct for a great looking shirt to promote the event and our club. He worked with Orange & Blue to gather all the door prizes for raffles at each bar. He gathered all necessary promotional items needed for club members such as raffle tickets, seed money, cash cans, lei necklaces, pens, and loud speakers. All the raffle items and promotional items were distributed by him the morning of the event along with a brief tutorial of what to do. Once the day had begun, he had the unenviable task of running around "like a chicken with his head cut off"! He probably used more minutes on his cell phone and put more miles on his truck that morning than the entire rest of the year! I know even with the best planning and preparation, there are always unforeseen needs that morning, and he overcame them all. Once the day's event has a few hours under its belt, things



settle down and there is a few hours reprieve. But soon, it's all over and more work is in store. All the raffle prizes are collected, along with money from those sales. All the sales from each bar are tallied, a winner for each raffle prize is drawn, the winner for the Barstool Golf is determined and the calling begins. The raffle prize winners need to be notified and the teams that won are notified and all given their prizes."

Keith ended by saying, "Barstool Golf is one of our major fundraisers for the year. On the surface it seems like one of the easiest to pull off, and for most club members, it is. But, if it were not for the diligence and constant efforts of one important club member, this event would not be near as successful as it is. Thank you Larry Windingland – Project Manager of the Year!"

## AMBUC of the Year

Keith opened his nomination by saying, "This AMBUC is always involved with every project our club sponsors and participates at many levels from providing help behind the scenes to jumping in and being, all-in, part of the fun. This member assisted with three of our ramp builds last year; brought in a team of golfers and golfed in our annual golf outing last June; attended and helped out with setting up, running and tearing down the food tent at our annual Scarecrow festival; attended the Disability



Expo last year and helped man the booth and share the news of AMBUCS and AmTrykes to prospective recipients and beneficiaries. This AMBUC attended the Regional Social held at Al Bedel's home in Bloomington last November; showed up for several days to help design and construct the float for the annual Parade of Lights in downtown Champaign; helped prepare all the door prizes, goody bags, and necessary material for Barstool Golf then worked the entire day at one of the sponsor holes to see the Barstool Golf was a success. This AMBUC accounted [for] all the donations that come in from

our annual [Benefit Dinner] Raffle and was there to award the grand prizes the night of the event; attended the AmTryke build day in Springfield to help prepare for National Convention; attended the National Convention in St. Louis and attended numerous workshops and training sessions to become a better AMBUC; helped coordinate and host an AmTryke build at [her] home last year where food and beverages were abundant and flowed liberally. And, [she was] instrumental in having our clubs' promotional display board rebuilt and our club scrapbook done."

Keith continued by saying, "If that sounds like a lot of service to our club, I am just getting started. This member has been in our club since April of 2007, became a Big Hatter four years later in April of 2011, then became a Life Member later that year in August 2011. She not only took over the duties as club treasurer soon after joining our club, she has brought the accounting duties up to the current standards of software driven support and manipulation. And, she is a master at it! She has spent untold hours to make certain the resources of our club are put to use and properly accounted for. [She handles things] such as the billing, dues, deposits, payments, cash boxes, collections, fines, 50/50 raffle drawings, statements, reports, reconciling, queries, balance sheets, P&L's, audits, ...Well, you get the idea."

"The job of the treasurer is usually a low profile almost thankless job and one that is likely to get some criticism because everyone is interested about where all the money goes. But she has handled this position with a level of trust that is above question and reproach. I can't think of another club member who would be more willing or more capable of doing a better job."

"To a wonderful AMBUC, who makes our club run like a well oiled machine, and to a dedicated AMBUC who does not get enough credit when credit is due."

"Thank You Elaine Windingland – AMBUC of the Year!"

We congratulate all the winners and thank them for their service!

### Installation of Officers for 2015-2016

A new group of officers and Board members were installed at the Awards and Installation Dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup>. **Andrea Betzler** was installed as club

President. We wish her good luck during the year and pledge to support her whenever we can.

The following members took the oath to lead our group:

**Frank Thomas** as President Elect

**Ray Griest** as Big Hat President

**Roger Adams** as Sergeant at Arms

**Sally Denhart** as Secretary

**Elaine Windingland** as Treasurer

**Nikki Kopmann** and **Larry Windingland** as new Board members

**Scott Price** and **Steve Gibbs** will continue as Board members, finishing their two year term.

**Keith Jamieson** as Past President, will take over as chairman of the Board.



We thank each member for volunteering to give more of their time and energy to lead our group. May fortune guide their journey!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to outgoing club President, **Keith Jamieson** for his leadership over this past year! During the year our club continued its high level of service to our community under his leadership. Always friendly and smiling, always glad to see you, always appreciative of others, always a hard worker, always a great MC at the Benefit Dinner, Keith showed us all how good a leader he can be! Thanks again, Keith!



## Mini Fundraiser

Larry and Elaine Windingland set things up for a putting raffle at Just Fore Fun Golf Driving Range on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The business was having a "demo day" where golf club



companies bring in their new items and allow golfers to try the clubs. On their way in or out the golfers could stop at the putting green and try to putt three balls into a hole from a set location on the green. The golfers could win prizes, like tees and a bag, a towel, or some golf balls for getting all three balls in the hole. They could also buy a raffle ticket to win the golf bag in the picture among other items. Our club only made \$120 but we got some good exposure for our golf outing and even got a promise from a golfer who owns a radio station in Paxton that he will promote the event. Thanks Larry and Elaine for arranging this!



## AmTrykes

AmTryke coordinator, Bud Mesker, (on the right), gave an AmTryke to Raymond Nettles at the Challenger League game on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ray and his father were enjoying the baseball game and were thrilled with his new trike. Ride well, Ray!

We also gave an AmTryke to Lola who rides a trike during her therapy sessions. The rear steering on this trike is perfect for her since her mother says that Lola is not really interested in steering only riding. She lives two blocks from a Dairy Queen and looks forward to trips for ice cream. Now she'll be able to ride there with her mother and enjoy cool ice cream on a warm summer night. Pictured is Lola's mom, Keith Jamieson, Karen Jannusch, her therapist and Lola.



Bud has ordered four more AmTrykes which should arrive in June. Two of these will go to children with Downs Syndrome who live in Paxton. We may schedule an assembly party when they arrive. Stay tuned!

AmTryke Roadshow Captain, Deb Griest, and helper, Sally Denhart, took the AmTryke trailer to the Savoy Methodist Church to meet with a Parkinson's Support Group and let them know how GCC AMBUCS might be able to help them. Over 30 people attended and after their usual exercise Deb took the microphone and started explaining what we do. Most of the attendees stayed around after the meeting to take a ride on the trikes. The church sanctuary was a perfect place to test the trikes since it was raining outside. Exercise is the most important thing to help a Parkinson's sufferer retain muscle control. AmTrykes can give these adults that exercise in a fun and enjoyable manner.



## MDA Donation

Debby Smith and her grandson, Jordan, attended our lunch meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> to thank the group for our donation to the MDA camp for handicapped children. The fundraiser was named, "Sham Rockin' for MDA" and all the money raised will be used



to send kids to the camp. Due to the success of the fundraiser, 13 kids will be going to camp this year! Changes in the MDA Telethon which provides the funding for the camps has resulted in less dollars coming in and the MDA Foundation has discontinued support for the camps. Some of the parents and grand parents have worked to create this fundraiser so that their children can still attend the camp. At the camp the kids become more like other children as they get to swim, ride horses, and even ride in a motorcycle sidecar. Jordan and all the children love the camp and look forward to attending each year.

## Board Action

At the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board heard a report from Treasurer Elaine Windingland on the removal of four members who have moved out of state. Elaine has also been working on the budget for next year.

Elaine next reported on a letter from Parkland College concerning our scholarships. Due to lack of students applying, we have a credit in our account at Parkland. The letter also listed four students for possible scholarships and the Board voted to add \$500 to the credit amount of \$1,500 and give all four students a \$500 scholarship.



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## Ramps

We weren't able to build any ramps this month but Larry Windingland, Scott Price, Keith Jamieson, and



David Jamieson put some hand rails on a front porch for a couple in a neighborhood near Keith's office. It was a quick and fairly easy job but made the porch so much safer for the owners! Thanks to

“the guys” for helping where we can! (Photo by Larry Windingland)

## Challenger League

Representative to the Challenger League, Joe Dart, would love to have more club members at the games. Right now only about two members attend. The games are played on Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings.

## AMBUCS Park

Keith Ewerk reported on some changes to the Park. He expects the covers for the dugouts to be in place soon. The Park District will be repairing the wooden bridge in the park to keep it in shape until there are changes in the walkways. Several trees were removed from the park, as well as other Urbana parks, and the Park District will plant new trees.

## Big Hat Meeting

Larry and Elaine Windingland hosted a Big Hat Meeting/Party at their house on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There

were 8 Big Hatters in attendance and several spouses/significant others. A meal was served including fried chicken, mac and cheese and mashed potatoes with gravy. A wonderful tasty sheet cake dessert was provided by Sandy Jachino. Part of the meal included coleslaw which in the excitement was inadvertently left in the refrigerator. Elaine and Larry enjoyed several subsequent meals of slaw and slaw. After the Pledge and a prayer, Larry thanked the members for their support during the year in calling past AmTryke recipients to see if they were still being used or in need of repair or an upgrade. He also urged the Big Hatters to get more involved in bringing in new members. The short meeting ended with a hot shot of fireball/or diet coke to kick off the Big Hat festivities for next year, under Big Hat President, Ray Griest.

## Nuggets of Knowledge

For new club members and as a reminder to members who have been with us a while, here are some definitions of terms unique to AMBUCS. A full list of the terms can be found on the national Web site under Member Resources → Admin Documents.

**Achievement Awards** – Given to chapters to recognize outstanding efforts (e.g. local charities, community service, newsletter, etc.). Chapter must submit entries to be considered. Chapters can also give their own achievement awards as GCC AMBUCS did this month.

**AmBility AmBassador** – A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the AmBility Permanent Fund.

**AMBUCS Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists Program** – Grants given to juniors or seniors in college and graduate students majoring in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, or hearing audiology. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor local students. Applications are accessed and completed online through the AMBUCS Web Site.

## Member News

Member **Barb Satterfeal** was well enough to attend our club Awards and Installation Dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She was walking with a cane and looking good. Glad to have you back, Barb!

**Ray and Deb Griest** attended the Pekin club's raffle and won some door prizes including a drone. What is that buzzing over the Urbana Gardens?

The Mobil Mutts fundraiser at TX Roadhouse raised \$150 for the dogs! While this is not a big amount by AMBUCS fundraising standards, it will go a long way to pay vetting fees for dogs taken into the rescue side and to buying things like heartworm preventive. The \$150 amount is the largest TX Roadhouse has given out this year and they have invited Mobile Mutts to be their charity again in the fall. Thanks again to all who attended!

Member **Mary Lou Younger** was elected President of the *Home Extension of the Farm Bureau of Champaign County* and she will serve a two-year term. This group has 17 chapters of the Home Extension under its umbrella. We know that Mary Lou's energy and enthusiasm will make the next two years fun and productive for all the members. Congratulations, Mary Lou!

### Winning Chances

May 5<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$10 went to Roger Adams. The \$22 in attendance money could have gone to Jill Hord but she was not present.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$10 went to Cris Vowels. The \$41 in attendance money was won by Nelda Shaw.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$10 went to Keith Jamieson and he donated the money to Debby Smith for the MDA Camp for handicapped children. The \$18 in attendance money could have been won by Linda Ohnsted but she was not present.

May 26<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$13 went to Mary Lou Younger. The \$41 in attendance money could have been won by Barb Satterfeal but she was not present.