

The Buc Shot

January 2015

Calendar

February 3rd – First meeting of the Challenger League
February 28th – Social at El Toro Bravo, Springfield Ave., Champaign; social 5pm, dinner 6pm
March 7th – Benefit Dinner
June 22nd – Benefit Golf Outing, Stone Creek Golf Course

Barstool Golf

The Bar Stool Golf fundraiser on January 24th was a big success! Nine bars participated including a last minute



substitute of Green Street Café for Orange and Brew. In Champaign the other bars were: Pia's, Fat City, El Toro on Neil, Memphis on Main, Derailed,

Huber's, Goldys, and Office II. Reports from the volunteers at all the bars stated that things flowed smoothly, even more smoothly than last year. The one exception was a backlog at Goldys when two full buses and the private limo arrived at the same time. Goldys is such a large bar that getting the attention of the next team to putt is very hard, so teams were slow to play the hole. We will come up with some ideas for making that better before next year. Perhaps doubling up on the volunteers at this bar will help.

We have quite a few teams that play every year and dress for the event. We had the Hawaiian Girls, above, and the Green Jackets, and several new themes including a team of female superheroes. There was also a player dressed as a gopher which we initially thought was the Golden Gopher from Minnesota but when the picture with that caption was posted on Facebook the player in the costume assured us that he is 100% an Illini fan! He was really dressed as the gopher from the movie *Caddy Shack*. Sorry, Mr. Gopher! We also had something a little different at Green Street Café, a skee ball hole instead of the regular miniature golf hole. Some players liked it; some didn't.



Barstool Golf is usually one of our biggest fundraisers and when the final numbers are in it will be again this year. We had 110 teams participating and of those 96 teams finished all 9 holes. This is a higher number than we've ever had! The mild, dry weather may have helped as several of the teams had their own transportation and no one minded a short walk between the close bars. Thanks to our leaders, Steve Gibbs and Larry Windingland, and the Ad Hoc Barstool Golf committee for leading the effort and thanks to all the members and friends who came out to work the day! We couldn't do it without all the good help.

New this year: bright green T-shirts! Thanks to Scott Price, the graphic artists at Flex-n-Gate designed the images on both sides of the shirt and each of the bars chipped in \$100 to defray to cost of the shirts. They were sold at two of the bigger bars throughout the day and sales went very well. However, we do have shirts left over and members may buy one for the reduced price of \$5. Please contact Laura Gibbs to purchase a shirt.



Philanthropy Award

On January 16th, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, East Central Illinois Chapter, gave GCC AMBUCS their award for Outstanding Grantmaker Organization for 2015!

Our club was nominated by Ellen Kirsinoff of the Urbana Park District for all of our work in AMBUCS Park. In her nomination, Ellen mentioned our donation dollars for the new accessible playground equipment including the extra wide sidewalks around the outside which accommodate wheelchairs. She also made note of the successful \$20,000 grant, written by Andrea Betzler, to the Marijen Stevick Foundation that funded the Free Notes musical instruments now in the park. Ellen attended our regular lunch meeting on January 6th to give us this information on the award and also to give us a



plaque from the Urbana Park District, thanking us for all of our support of AMBUCS Park.

We thank AFP, Ellen, and the Urbana Park District, for this wonderful honor! At right, Andrea Betzler, Keith Jamieson, and Laura Gibbs accept the AFP award at the luncheon at the Champaign Country Club.

Visibility Month

This year AMBUCS National moved Visibility Month from February to May. Since this came as a surprise to most clubs and quite a few already had plans for February, each club is allowed to choose one of the two months to focus on visibility. However, each club will only be able to list one of the two months and their activities on the club scorecard. Our club already had a plan in place for February to be the focus group of a section of the local paper. The newspaper section is called **Spotlight on Service** and features local clubs and their activities past and future. An article has been submitted and is scheduled to be published the first Tuesday in February. At this time the club has no plans for any additional events in February.

Club Social

Our next club social will be held February 28th at El Toro Bravo on Springfield Ave, Champaign. The social will start at 5pm and the dinner will be at 6pm. Dinner will be covered by the club, but as always, drinks are the responsibility of the members. Hope to see everyone there!

Board Action

The board agreed to continue our membership in the Champaign Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$230.

Elaine Windingland reported that the new display board for the club is done and she will bring it to the next regular meeting. It will then be passed to Deb Griest for storage and to be used at each event.

It was announced to the board by Laura Gibbs that Fat City is enclosing their outdoor space where we have held our bags tournament in the past. The owner will be hosting a bags league and will be happy to host our tournament again in 2015. Laura will follow up with the owner when the renovations are finished.

Benefit Dinner

Plans are on track for the dinner raffle on March 7th. The letters to each person who has purchased tickets in the past have been mailed. Most of the tickets have been given to the members who sold them in the past and some checks are coming in. As every year, please Do Not give tickets to any other member for sale without letting Deb or Ray Griest know! It is very important that we account for every ticket so please be very careful with what you are assigned.

Door prizes are always needed so please keep trying to get donations. Give any donated prizes to Deb or Ray. Also,

when filling out the tickets, please use the preprinted labels if at all possible. If not, please use a black pen and print very clearly so that our MC and the other workers can read the information.

Please note that the Early Bird deadline for ticket submission has been extended to February 10th. Be sure to get your tickets to Keith Jamieson's office by that date to be part of the Early Bird drawing.

AMBUCS Park

The warm weather has allowed Mary Lou and Wayne Younger to remove most of the lights and store them in the shed. There is still some organizing of the lights in the shed to be done and some lights removed from the top of the pavilions. Thanks to everyone who helped with the takedown! Mary Lou will let the members know if further help is needed.

Also of note about the park, there are some changing priorities for the next upgrade of the park. A park representative will fill us in on the changes at one of our regular meetings in February.

Welcome Jason Betzler!

On January 13th, President Keith Jamieson inducted Janson Betzler as our newest member. Jason is the new husband of Andrea and well known to club members. Also, Andrea and Laura Gibbs received Spur pins for bringing in new members during Fall Roundup.

AmTrykes and Big Hatters

Big Hatters please continue to contact past trike recipients and determine if they are still using the AmTryke. If not, please arrange to get the trikes back and store them at the Griest shed until they can be refurbished and given to someone else in need.

Nuggets of Knowledge

For new club members and as a reminder to members who have been with us a while, this section of the newsletter will share 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.



AMBUCS Resource Center – AMBUCS National headquarters in High Point, North Carolina.

AmTryke Therapeutic Tricycle Road Show – The AmTryke Road Show is a collection of events held throughout the year and across the country with the goal of creating awareness among therapy professionals of the AmTryke Therapeutic Tricycle Program. An AmTryke trailer full of equipment and adapted accessories is brought to therapy clinic rehabs, children's hospitals and VA's. Each Road

Show “stop” can include an in-service training and/or a bike day event.

Big Hat Club – a prestige club within AMBUCS for members who have sponsored three members in any 12-month period

Challenger League

The first meeting of the Challenger League will be held February 3rd. Joe Dart, who has been our representative since the beginning, would like some help with his duties this year. Please contact Joe if you would like to help.

Fines at Club Meetings

In order to raise a few more dollars for operating expenses, our Sargent of Arms, Frank Thomas has been making up some great fines. He also is checking for things such as wearing name tags at meetings. Be sure to wear your name tag or deal with Frank!

Member News

Member **Arlie Saldeen** is doing much better and attended meetings in January. Welcome back, Arlie!

Sally Denhart's surgery to remove a mass on her jaw went well. The mass was intertwined with the nerve in her face so surgery was two and a half hours but all of the mass was removed and was found to be benign. She thanks everyone for their good wishes.

President **Keith Jamieson** had a successful trip to Springfield, Oregon to deliver his daughter to her new home. We wish her well in her new life!

Member **Mike Foley** is also recovering nicely from his knew replacement surgery. We hope to see him at a meeting soon!

Gambling

January 6th - 50/50 drawing of \$7 went to Bob Lacey. The \$18 in attendance money went to Mary Jane Jenkins.

January 13th – 50/50 drawing of \$12 went to Jason Betzler. The \$24 in attendance money could have been won by Rick Ohmit but he was not present.

January 20th – 50/50 drawing of \$12 went to John Opolka. The \$41 in attendance money could have been won by Ron Meyer but he was not present.

January 27th – 50/50 drawing of \$11 went to Roger Adams. The \$64 in attendance money was won by John Opolka.