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## Calendar

April 8-9—Regional Conference  
 April 23—Barstool Golf

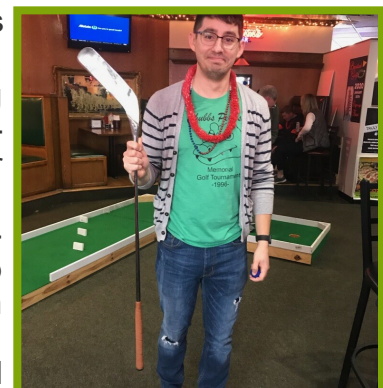


## Upcoming Events

***More planning is happening*** for the **Central Region Conference** to be held **April 8-9, 2022** at the Holiday Inn on South Neil Street, Champaign. We're looking into a road trip in C-U, checking on a golf outing, weather permitting, and lining up some great speakers. And member Don Dunlap will be the host for our Hospitality Suite. He's a great bartender! It will be good to get together in person again and hope to see all of our long-lost fellow AMBUCS in attendance! We'll have registration information soon and info on a block of rooms set aside for the conference; one King bed, \$94.99 or two Queen beds for \$99.99. There's some great places to eat in C-U and if you like desert, Jarling's Custard Cup is two blocks from the hotel! Dust off your suitcases and come see us in C-U!



***Barstool Golf is coming*** to some bars near you!!! Thanks to hard work on the part of our event leader, Kyle Moe, we have a new sponsor, Skeff Distributing, and have replaced our missing bars! New bars this year will be Papa Del's, Tumble Inn, and Esquire! We've pushed the date back to April 23rd because of other events, like March Madness, which is a busy time for our bars. We hope that the rest will be the same; door prizes, 50/50 drawing, t-shirts, and fun, Fun, FUN! Get your putters out, think up some cute team names, and get your teams lined up! We plan on having online registration this year to lessen the work by the bars. You'll still need to pick your favorite bar as a starting point and there will be a limit on the number of teams starting at each bar, 14, so you'll want to register early. GCC members: put this date on your calendar and line up some friends! We'll need them all for this big event! Let's make 2022 a great year! (Photo by Ray Griest)



***And there are more things happening!*** Don't forget about **National Conference** in Birmingham, Alabama, August of 2022, our 100 year anniversary! It promises to be a great conference in a great city! There are all kinds of things to do in Birmingham so come down a couple of days early and enjoy the sights! Central Region members will already have their suitcases dusted off and have some travel under their belts so we'll be ready!

And the **National Big Hat Raffle** just started and will run through July! Wouldn't you just love to be sitting here drinking your morning coffee? Get your tickets now from your Big Hat Presidents!

Our **Capital Campaign** is also underway. And as of this writing, we have over \$476,000 toward our \$600,000 goal! No amount is too small so give if you can and help us keep out **Mission in Motion** alive and well!  
<https://ambucs.org/missioninmotion/mission-in-motion-capital-campaign/>



## Amtrykes

***New Amtrykes have arrived!*** We have four Amtrykes sitting in their boxes at member Keith Jamieson's office! We'll be scheduling a Bike Build soon so that these trikes can be ready for their riders when the weather changes. Members have also been calling past recipients to assess their current status. We will fix what's broken, pick up unused trikes and trikes that have been outgrown. We're getting good feedback on our calls, like that riders are now using regular two-wheel bikes! Best possible news! This will also help with our invitations to our Amtryke Road Rally when we are ready to host that again! Thanks to all who are helping out with this project and to Elaine Windingland who is providing us with lists of our Amtryke riders!



## Officers for 2022-2023

***The nominating committee*** for our next slate of officers will consist of five past presidents: **Deb Griest, Larry Windingland, Keith Jamieson, Renae' Strawbridge, and Kyle Moe.** Up for election: **President-Elect**, (Larry Windingland will move to President; Kyle Moe becomes Board Chairman), **Big Hat President**, (must be a big hatter), **Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms**, and two **Board Directors**, (Deb and Ray Griest will complete their second year and be replaced; Pat Webb and Don Dunlap will continue with their second year of Board service). Here's a few, but not all, of the duties of each officer: **President** runs most regular meetings, is a tie breaker in all votes, and leads the Chapter whenever needed; **President-Elect**, shadows the President and runs regular meetings when the President is absent; **Big Hat President** leads the regular meeting once per month and encourages membership recruitment and retention; **Secretary** takes minutes at all meetings including the Board meeting, (whose minutes are published once per month), sends out any information needed by all Chapter members, and assists project leaders with any duties they require; **Treasurer** keeps the books for the Chapter, pays all bills, and files Chapter taxes; **Sargent-At-Arms** prepares the meeting room with banner, bell, 50/50 tickets, etc., stores them at the end of the meetings, and levies fines on members; **Board Directors** attend each Board meeting and bring forth issues from any members. We would love to have more members involved in guiding the Chapter so if you would like to volunteer just speak to any of the committee members!

## Speaker: Jake Junghanel, Camp New Hope

*The new director of* Camp New Hope, **Jake Junghanel**, came by to thank us for our donations over the years and share plans for the Camp. His philosophy is to include all attendees in every activity. If they are in some way unable to participate exactly like others, they will find a way for the attendee to have their best experience possible. Jake is thinking outside the past and hopes to come up with new fun things to do with the campers. As with all organizations, Covid has brought special challenges to having a regular camping experience so day care was installed and the camp will return to camping when safety is less of a problem. Jake also has been recruiting helpers for the camp and has a 500 hour commitment from Eastern Illinois University for this coming year! We thank Jake for all he does for children and wish him the best in these uncertain times!



*On that same day,* we had a visit from our Regional Director, **Marsha Hammerstrand**. She came to Champaign to meet Chapter members and work with Renae' Strawbridge and Deb Griest on our Regional Conference. Marsha was President of the Cornbelt Chapter for two years and brings some new ideas to the office of Director. She has been asked to provide a Regional newsletter for the over 700 members we have and is currently acting as Region Treasurer. She would like to hand the treasurer's duties off to another member so if you would like to help out the Region, talk to Marsha! Come by anytime, Marsha!



## Splinters From the Board

*The Board met at Papa Dels* and addressed the following item:

==> approved a return to the shotgun start at the Golf Fundraiser this Fall

## Tidbits

**MaryLou and Wayne Younger** had some deaths in the family. Please send prayers and comfort!

**Ray Griest** reports that he got tired of jello when he was in the hospital and wouldn't leave there until he got the cheeseburger he ordered for lunch! He is recovering just fine from his surgery.

**Renae' Strawbridge** is spending some quality time with family in Florida. Lucky her!

**Member Andy VanEngelenburg** has left our Chapter! He is off to work a job in Iowa and we wish him the best!

**Keith Jamieson** was down in the back for a while. He found it very hard to bend or move even to change clothes! Luckily he's a fast healer and is standing upright again!

**Did you know** that there is Georgia truck oil and Illinois truck oil and Georgia oil will not work in Illinois? Ask member **Don Dunlap**!

**Overhead at a Board meeting:** member Sally Denhart is twice the age of President Kyle Moe! But instead she prefers, twice Wise!

## Winning Chances

**01/04/22**—50/50: \$5 to Deb Griest, picked by her grandson Easton; Attendance: \$22—Christmas ball picked; roll it!

**01/11/22**—50/50: \$4 to Larry Windingland; Attendance: \$31 was won by Kyle Moe

**01/18/22**—50/50: \$6 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$10 could have been won by Bill Gingrich but he is in a warmer climate.

**01/25/22**—50/50: \$6 to Don Dunlap; Attendance: \$23 could have been won by Justin Griest but he was not present.