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## Calendar

August 23-27—AMBUCS National Conference

September 19—Charity Golf Outing

October 8—Scarecrow Festival



## More Amtrykes

**July saw two** Amtryke giveaways! Fallon and McKinsey came to lunch and hit the jackpot with Amtrykes of their very own!



On July 19th, Fallon (left) came into the lunch room chatting and pointing at all the things and people. She was born premature and had a brain bleed that required two separate surgeries. She is fully recovered and her dad said, "As you can see she is definitely walking and talking now!" Fallon couldn't wait for therapist Earl Martin to strap her in and let her go! Enjoy your Amtryke, Fallon!

McKinsey, (right), is a little taller than Fallon and needed one of our bigger trikes. She is 11 years old and a 6th grader at Tuscola. McKinsey was born with club feet and often has to walk with braces. She has Autism and a form of Dys-trophy. The Amtryke will help strengthen her legs and the pedal straps will keep her feet in the proper position to help her with walking. This was McKinsey's first Amtryke and the first Amtryke for her therapist, Josh Bradenburg. Happy riding, McKinsey and welcome to the AMBUC fold, Josh!



## Speakers—MedLaunch

**Our speakers in July** were U of I students from the MedLaunch group. This group of young people want to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by working one-on-one with people in the community. They designed a tennis racket for a person who loved to play tennis but lost his grip strength for holding the racket. They also created an arm device for a person who wanted to play Bocce Ball. The group gets a grant up to \$10,000 for doing various projects each year. They came to see us to find a way we can work together to help someone in the community. Thanks for stopping by, guys!

# National Events

**The National Conference** is **August 23-27** in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the 100 year anniversary of AMBUCS so this is one conference you won't want to miss! Hotel rooms start at \$139 and conference registration is only \$150! This is a fun city to visit and promises to be a fun conference! Each Chapter has submitted a history of their group and that will be published in a book for attendees to have! Ya Gotta Go!



**Our Capital Campaign** has gone over the \$500,000 mark! All those big and small amounts add up and they have added up to a way to enhance our national core! These dollars will be used to: 1. Replenish our Amtryke inventory; 2. Establish an Amtryke Research and Training Academy; 3. Add a licensed therapist to our ARC team. Can we hit that \$600,000 goal before conference? You can help do it!

<https://ambucs.org/missioninmotion/mission-in-motion-capital-campaign/>

# Charity Golf Outing September 19th

**One of our big fundraisers**, the **Charity Golf Outing**, is set for **September 19th** with a 9am shotgun start! We need players, sponsors, and volunteers to work the day. Teams must sign up and pay by September 12th to reserve a spot. (If the event is canceled we'll issue Rain Checks.) Four person teams are preferred and the cost is \$100 per golfer. This year we'll have breakfast foods to start the day and an Awards Banquet at the end. If players get hungry in between we'll have snacks on the course. Fun prizes for Longest Drives, Closest to Pins for both men and women. There will be the usual Poker card game on the holes and a 50/50 raffle.

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AMBUCS**  
Of Greater Champaign County  
**CHARITY GOLF OUTING**  
**SEPT 19, 2022**  
**LAKE OF THE WOODS GOLF COURSE**  
465 N. LAKE OF THE WOODS RD.  
MAHOMET, IL 61853

Four Person Team  
Shotgun Start at 9:00am  
SIGN IN Starts at 8:00am  
Free Range at 8:00am

Teams must pay in Advance for the Entry to be Confirmed.  
Should the course cancel play for inclement weather, a Rain Check will be issued.

**MUST SIGN UP AND PAY BY SEPT 12th**

Award Banquet to Follow  
Snacks on Course  
Longest Drives  
Closest to Pins  
Men & Women prizes  
50/50 Raffle, & Card Game  
Contacts:  
Don Dunlap 217-202-3061  
Keith Jamieson 217-377-7112  
Larry Windingland 217-621-6991

**\$100 per Person**  
**\$100 Hole Sponsor**

AMBUCS provide therapeutic Amtrykes for people with disabilities. They also provide Scholarships to therapists and help provide recreational facilities (AMBUCS Park) for the disabled.

As always we welcome sponsors at any level:  
Hole Sponsor: \$100; Breakfast Sponsor: \$350; Banquet Sponsor: \$600; Golf Ball Sponsor: \$1,200; Golf Carts Sponsor: \$1,800; Event Sponsor: \$2,500

For more information or to sign up, contact: **Don Dunlap, 217-202-3061, Keith Jamieson, 217-377-7112, or Larry Windingland, 217-621-6991.**

All the money raised goes for our projects like Amtrykes, Scholarships for Therapists, and support of AMBUCS Park in East Urbana.

**GCC CHARITY GOLF OUTING**  
Lake of the Woods @ Mahomet - Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

Complete and mail this form to:  
GCC AMBUCS  
P.O. Box 592  
Urbana, IL 61803-0592

**Available Sponsorships**

- Hole (\$100)
- Breakfast (\$350)
- Banquet (\$600)
- Golf Ball Sponsor (\$1200)
- Golf Carts (\$1800)
- Event Sponsor (\$2500)
- Donation For Club

GCC AMBUCS  
P.O. Box 592  
Urbana, IL 61803

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\$100.00 per Golfer \$400.00 per Team \$100 Hole Sponsor

Team Contact Name and E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Join us for this fun day!

## Tom Jones Challenger League

*The players in the Tom Jones Challenger League* are all star athletes and got to play in Eichelberger Field on the campus of the Univ. of Illinois in their annual All Star Games! The U of I hosts the games each year at the end of the League's regular season. Local businessman, Mike Namoff, "Big Mike", always volunteers to pitch the first game. To keep the children safe and help them around the bases and in the field, each player has a "buddy". For this special game the buddies are usually athletes from the university, football players, basketball players, baseball players, both men and women. It's an extra plus for the children to meet and talk with athletes they will see on TV! Just like in the big leagues, a local radio personality announces the game and the children get to hear their names over the loud speakers!



Five AMBUCS and a friend attended the game, Renae' Strawbridge, Deb and Ray Griest with their friend Mary Ohmit, and Elaine and Larry Windingland, (photos by Larry). Our liaison to the League, Cris Vowels, was down on the field coaching, catching, and helping where needed. Her grandson, Miles, plays in the League and was there for the All Star Game. That's him coming in to score with his buddy! All in all a great evening at the Big U!

## Social at Pour Bros.

*GCC AMBUCS hosts quarterly socials* where members and their families can kick back and enjoy some time getting to know other members. This year, as a way to thank the bars who participate in our BarStool Golf fundraiser, we are hosting our socials at their bars with a different one every time. Last time it was the Esquire Bar and in July it was Pour Bros. This bar is a Tap Room where customers can get a special credit-style card and use it to draw their own beer from the many taps available, which also includes a small selection of wine. And to burn off some of those alcohol calories, people can play games in the back room, like Skee Ball, Pin Ball, and Hockey. About 10 AMBUCS and their families came out to eat carried-in pizza from Jupiter's Downtown, (Pour Bros. doesn't serve food.), and to taste the different flavors of beer available on tap. Thanks to Elaine Windingland and Kyle Moe for arranging this fun evening! The next social could possibly be at The Axe Bar in downtown Champaign.



## Splinters from the Board

*The Board met at Papa Dels on July 27th* and addressed the following items:

- ==> approved a \$100 hole sponsorship for the Challenger League golf fundraiser
- ==> approved rejoining the Champaign Chamber of Commerce for visibility at \$360

## Tidbits

**Chris Gibbs father of member Steve Gibbs** passed away on July 19th. There will be a graveside service in September in Taylorville, IL. Our sincere condolences go out to Steve, Laura and their family.

**Members Deb and Ray Griest** to the John Deere manufacturing plant where they watched a huge combine being built.

**Pat Webb** joined family in New York state and toured Niagara Falls and visited Canada. She got wet on the Maid of the Mist boat ride past the falls!

**Sadly, we still have members** who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts: Elaine Windingland, MaryLou Younger and her husband Wayne, Andrea Betzler, and others.

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## Winning Chances

**07/05/22**—50/50: \$4 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$8 could have been won by Nelda Shaw but she was not present.

**07/12/22**—50/50: \$6 to Pat Webb; Attendance: \$20 was won by Cris Vowels and the ball was pulled by her grandson Miles, a frequent guest at our lunches.

**07/19/22**—50/50: \$10 to our guest therapist, Jessica Maloney; Attendance: \$12 went to Deb Griest.

**07/26/22**—50/50: \$9 to Mike Foley; Attendance: \$12 could have been won by Don Dunlap but he was not present.

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