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Calendar

Oct. 2—Scarecrow Festival



Big Hat and National Awards

Since the National Conference was canceled for 2021, there will be two zoom events on October 9th: the Big Hat business meeting and raffle and the National Awards ceremony. The events start at 10am CST with the Big Hat meeting that lasts until 11am then at about 10:45 the awards ceremony will begin. This will include awards for Therapist of the year, AMBUC of the Year, Project Manager of the Year, and more. Tune in!



Amtrykes

Sometimes our Amtryke recipients are not quite as happy at the time as they will be later. Sophia, at right, was having a rough day but we're sure on a better day she will be moving on that trike like the wind! Thanks to Scott Price for working hard to keep putting Amtrykes into the hands of children and adults who need them, even in this trying time. The latest from National is that we won't have more in stock anytime soon. There are hundreds of container ships on each of our coasts waiting in the sea to dock and unload. Due to the pandemic there are too few dock workers to unload the ships. We're hoping things will open up as people go back to work and get trained to help get our goods moving. Until then, Scott will continue to refurbish Amtrykes that are no longer needed and put them in the hands of the people who do need them. Better times are coming!



Charity Golf Outing

2021 AMBUCCS Golf Scramble Results

A huge Thanks to our event sponsor!



Prizes			
Men's first place team	58	Andy Wallace Team	
Women's first place team	67	Sugarjets Team, Theresa Cochrane	
First place Handicap	71	Laura Gibbs Team	
Par 3 Poker	Colin McGill	6666,Q Four 6's	\$310.00
Closest to the hole	Men's	Hole #4	Jason Curtiss (hole in one)
Closest to the hole	Women's	Hole #8	Lisa Boyer
Longest putt	Men's	Hole #17	Jim Vohs
Longest putt	Women's	Hole #5	Susie Jackson
Longest drive	Men's	Hole #15	Roche Cain
Longest drive	Women's	Hole #12	Angie Ennis
Hit the hood!	Wager \$5.00 Win \$100.00	Hole #9	Roche Cain - \$50, Larry W. - 0
Honorable Mentions			
4th Place	Wells Fargo		59
5th Place	Meredith		60
6th Place	Fairway To Heaven		60
7th Place	Windingland		62
8th Place	Kirby & Turner		62
9th Place	Lucky Mistakes		62
10th Place	Steve Tarrant, State Farm		63
50/50 Winner	Bill Spieeling		\$447.00
Illini Raffle prize	Lisa Boyer		Industrial doughnut/ golf package
Hit the Hood	Roche Cain		250.00

Our Annual Charity Golf Outing was a great success! Twenty-three teams played the course and enjoyed the games in the great weather! We had a very generous sponsor in **Spring Green** which helped tremendously with our bottom line. This is one of our major fundraisers and allows us to do all of our projects throughout the year. While we were not allowed to have a shotgun start, we could start teams on hole one and hole ten and everyone seemed happy with the early tee times starting at 8am. Our games were back: 50/50 drawing, Hit-the-Hood, and Par 3 Poker. We also had hole-in-one prizes, closest to hole, longest putt, and longest drive. The winning team scored a 58 and that was the Andy Wallace team! Congrats, guys! The lowest women's team with a score of 67 by the Sugarjets Team. The first place handicap team was Laura Gibbs' team with a score of 71! Way to go, ladies! At left is the results sheet.

We thank the Lake of the Woods Golf Course for hosting the event! It's a wonderful course to play! We thank the sponsors, the volunteers, the leaders, and of course, all the golfers who came out to play and support our great organization! We hope to see everyone back next year!



Speaker: Judge Sam Limentato

Judge Limentato came to speak with us on September 7th. The judge, a lawyer for over 20 years, was appointed to his position but now will be running to keep that position on the November ballot. Sam and wife Cindy, have a strong belief in service to the community. They have five children, one is a lawyer and in the National Guard and a third son is in ROTC. Sam says he's proud of them but happy they are, "off the family payroll!" We thank the judge for stopping by and wish him luck in the upcoming election!



On the Passing of a Friend: Bob Crossman

GCC AMBUCS lost another friend in September when long time supporter and Friend member, Bob Crossman passed away. Bob was always willing to help us with our projects, especially ramp building, when he wasn't off somewhere across the country helping the Red Cross. Member, Andrea Betzler said of Bob, "He was always so nice to guide me while ramp building. I will always remember him with a tool belt on his waist, bandana around his head, and a hammer in his hand." And member Dick Adams says, "Bob was a great guy with a generous heart! This world is a much better place with him having been in it!" Rest in Peace, Bob! And thank you!

AMBUCS Park Improvements



The covers over the bleachers are done! The park district had the support holes dug, the poles set, and added the covers this month. They were ready in time for the final Challenger League games on September 25th. The actual covers are removeable and the park district will store them over the winter.

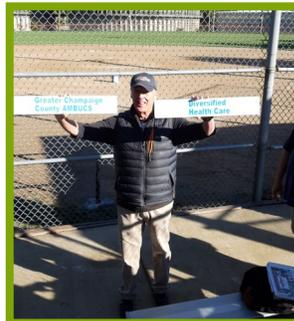
Also, the bench in honor of Bob Lacey is set in place on the east side of the playground. We hope to have the plaque added soon. (Pictured at right:



Renaë' Strawbridge and her grandson behind the bench.)

Challenger League

The Tom Jones Challenger League finished their season on September 25th with their final four games and awards ceremony. Due to the pandemic, they started the season later and shortened it by several games but at least the kids came out and got to have some fun! GCC AMBUCS member, Cris Vowels, is our liaison to the league and handed out the awards between the games. She says, "Even with all the challenges, no one regretted hosting the games this year!" The kids certainly didn't as there was no shortage of smiles and high-fives on the field and in the dugouts! The **Kiwanis Club** is the primary sponsor of the league and provides the umpires, the announcers, and the pitchers. They thanked us for all the improvements we've made in the field and all of our support over the years! We can't wait to start the season again next year!



Tidbits

MaryLou Younger, Big Hat President, turned 75 in September! And she doesn't look a day over 74!

Member Mike Foley is recovering fast from cancer removal from his ear. He needed 45 stitches!

In support of a fellow Chapter, members Don Dunlap, Keith Jamieson, Larry Windingland, and Kyle Moe played in the Lincolnland Chapter's golf outing. After a playoff, they won! Congrats, guys!

And not to be out done, our lady golfers, Laura Gibbs, Cris Vowels, Elaine Windingland, and Darcy Dunlap, supported the Lincolnland Chapter by playing in the outing, too! Way to go Ladies!

MaryLou Younger has also been working on new banners for our Chapter awards. She has customized them to add our name. We used a couple of them at the Golf Outing. Thanks, MaryLou!

Splinters From the Board

The Board met at Papa Del's this month and addressed the following items:

- ==> voted to give \$400 to Camp New Hope in December and March
 - ==> voted to spend up to \$5,000 for a tow-behind posthole digger for ramp builds
 - ==> voted to donate \$50 to National in honor of Bob Crossman
 - ==> decided to participate at a disabilities event at Lincoln Square Nov. 8th
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Winning Chances

09/07/21—50/50: \$7 to Pat Webb; Attendance: \$26 was won by Larry Windingland.

09/14/21—50/50: \$9 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$18 was won by Scott Price

09/21/21—50/50: \$6 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$12 was won by Larry Windingland.

09/28/21—50/50: \$4 to Pat Webb; Attendance: \$8 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.
