



West Shore Golf and Country Club

Divots Newsletter

December 2014

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Merry Christmas



December

- 12 - Poinsettia Day
- 18 - Bake Cookies Day
- 19 - Look For an Evergreen Day
- 24 - National Egg Nog Day
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 31 - New Years Eve



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By: Mike Purcell

ANOTHER SEASON COMES TO AN END

As we close the books on the 2014 golf season at West Shore Golf and Country Club, I would like to take the time to extend a very warm thank you to all of our members for another fantastic year. After a very rough winter and a cold spring, the summer and fall provided many great golfing weather days, and I'm sure that you took full advantage of as many of them as you could. Let's hope for a gentler winter and an early spring in the coming months.

As most of you know this time of year is when our income at West Shore is all dues and it is **very** important that everyone continue to pay each month so we can stay current with all of our bills and not carry any debt into the next year. This is also the time of year to order the golf course supplies we will need for spring, so getting what we are expecting in income is very important. As we review our cash flow at the monthly Board of Director meetings,

the very first thing we address is who is behind and how quickly can we get them to be current on paying their bill. It is not a conversation we like to have, but it is very important to keep our club going. Please stay current with the monthly statements. We no longer have a line of credit to draw from when cash gets tight.

Lastly, this is also the time of year that we see a drop in membership, and this year is no different. Please take some time to help us find new members. Current members of West Shore are the best salesmen (and saleswomen) we have.

Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

Mike Purcell
President





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - NOVEMBER

By: Bruce Markwardt

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2014, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Purcell, Jim Houston, Joe Wilson, Bruce Markwardt, Barb Thompson, Ray Charon, Mark Enright, Brad Scott, John Kalisz

Absent: Mark Mercatante

Meeting was called to order at 6:03

Minutes from the prior meeting were previously approved by email.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Jim Houston for Mark Mercatante

We are projecting a small deficit at year end.

It is critical that all delinquent dues be paid in order to make up the shortfall.

Grounds and Greens – Jim Houston for Mark Mercatante

We are getting ready to close the course for the year. The long range forecast is for colder weather, and we need to protect the greens for the winter.

Pro Shop and Tournaments – Bruce Markwardt

The Pro Shop is cleaned out.

All Pro Shop credit is closed.

We are winterizing the golf carts.

There has been a lot of issues with batteries and battery cables. These are being repaired.

Over Halloween weekend one of the carts was extensively vandalized. A police report was filed and an insurance claim will be submitted.

Joe Wilson reviewed a proposal to institute a Thursday night couples league in 2015. The ground rules for the league were reviewed and approved.

House and Social – John Kalisz

Reiterated that we will not be doing Winter Wednesdays this year. Member participation past winter was poor.

Membership – Brad Scott

Brad presented a proposed new Membership Special to attract new members.

Several counterproposals were also addressed.

It was agreed that the Board would meet on November 24 specifically to discuss and finalize any



BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER (Continued)

Membership Specials and the 2015 dues structure for current members.

club is preceding.

Divots – Mike Purcell

Mike will write the next lead article.

Correspondence –Mike Purcell

One request for a medical leave was approved.

Club Maintenance – Mark Enright

It appears likely that our insurance company will require that the club install surveillance cameras over the winter.

Mark will review and get a proposal to have the cameras installed.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Ray agreed to get copies of our current insurance policies and will get quotes for a new policy.

By Laws – Mike Purcell

No report.

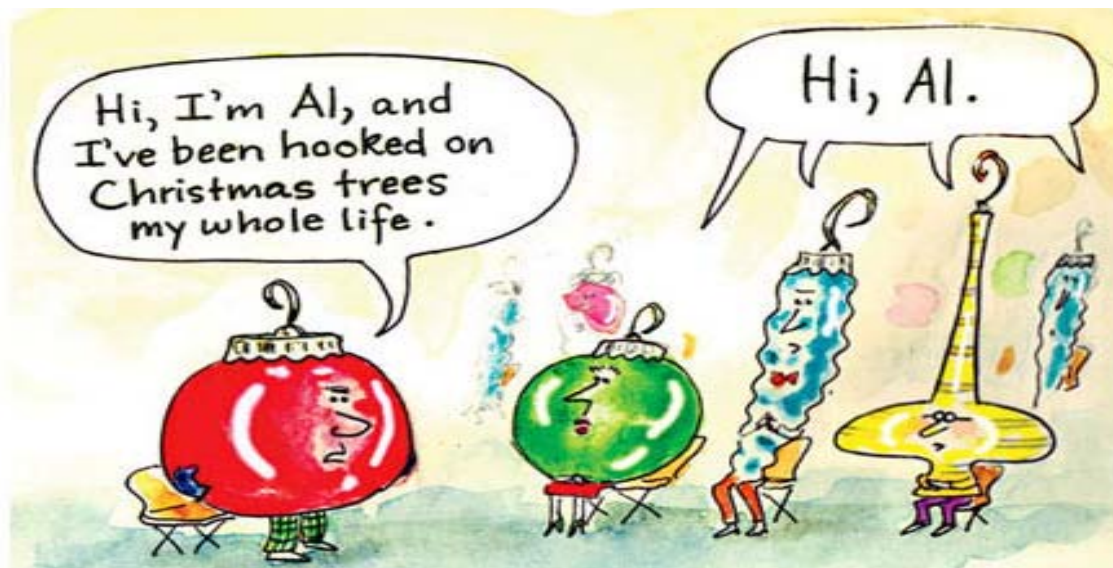
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Bruce Markwardt

Secretary

Special Projects – Mike Purcell

The property sale to the rowing





ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Minutes from the 2013 meeting were previously published and approved.

Mike Purcell recapped the 2014 season.

- Membership remained at about 175 for most of the year.
- Mike thanked the Board, Staff and Members for their support.

Mike conducted a moment of silence for Members who passed away in 2014.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Mark Mercatante

We will likely squeak through 2014 with a balanced budget.

It is critical that we collect all delinquent dues or the budget will not balance.

The mortgage balloon will come up again in 4 ½ years.

Grounds and Greens – Mark Mercatante

There is a concern regarding the amount of ice cover on the greens. Could lose grass in areas with poor drainage.

We will likely have to aerify earlier this year to improve the condition of the greens.

Membership – Mike Purcell

Membership is currently at 171.

We are not planning to offer any 2015 membership specials at this time.

The Rowing Club project is proceeding.

House and Social – John Kalisz

Kitchen sales were up for the year, but bar sales were down.

The Halfway House broke even for the year.

We are planning to send a survey out over the winter.

Greens and Grounds – Mark Mercatante

We were very fortunate to have very little damage over the winter.

The year was unusual because of the amount of rain we had through the season.

Sand was redone in 8 bunkers. We will plan to do more in 2015.

Tournaments – Bruce Markwardt

We had a full schedule of tournaments, all of which continue to be well supported by the Membership.

Club Maintenance – Rick Miles

Various projects were completed through the year, as required.

Joe Wilson and Bob Pettry were thanked for taking on a number of projects through the year.

Election Results

- Tony Panson, Rick Miles and Mike Purcell were thanked for their service as Board Members. The newly elected Board Members are Mike Purcell, Brad Scott, and Mark Enright.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Bruce Markwardt
Secretary



Dear West Shore Golf and Country Club Member,

With the holidays fast approaching, we, the Board of Directors, would like to request your participation in our Annual Employee Christmas Fund. Our employees have worked hard this year to serve the membership and this is a way to show our appreciation. The distribution of this fund will be done by the managers based on length of service and hours worked. Each and every employee will receive a monetary gift.

This has been a very successful annual event. Many of our employees are long-term and are dedicated to West Shore.

Please detach and complete the lower portion of this letter noting an amount the accounting department can charge your account. Please return it by December 20, 2014. You may include it along with your regular statement payment. Your prompt and generous reply is appreciated.

We send our best wishes to you and your family for this upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

West Shore Golf & Country Club
Board of Directors



West Shore Golf & Country Club

Please Return to the Business Office by December 20th



Date: _____

To The Board of Directors:


Please charge my account \$ _____ and transmit it on my behalf to the employees of the West Shore Golf & Country Club as a Christmas gift from me.

Print Member Name: _____

Member# _____ Signed: _____



December 2014

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Megan Mitchell
- 2 - Valentine Kolcheff
- 4 - Nicole Farrell
- 4 - Raymond Weidner
- 4 - Robert Hansen
- 5 - Mike Flynn
- 6 - Madison Champnella
- 7 - Kim Roe
- 8 - Abigail Saco
- 8 - Joe Palazzolo
- 11 - Lilley Coleman

- 12 - John S. Papalas
- 14 - Jim Breslin
- 15 - Richard Lyons
- 15 - John Kalisz
- 15 - Gary Galofaro
- 18 - Patrick Holder
- 19 - David Everingham
- 21 - DeAnn Lowery
- 22 - James O'Brien
- 22 - Joe Castmore
- 23 - Robin Sanfilippo

- 26 - Sandy Kozma
- 28 - Vonda Cini
- 29 - Joey Coleman
- 30 - Caitlin Hansen





January 2015

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BIRTHDAYS

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 03 - John Gaynier | 17 - Carl Armstrong | 27 - Jurin Boriboon |
| 06 - Gerald Adamen | 17 - John Sarkesian | 28 - Stephen Stieler |
| 10 - Michael Horvath | 17 - Cheryl Ritchie | 29 - Paul Rothert |
| 11 - Paul Nussbaum | 18 - Debbie Smith | 29 - Rufina Kim |
| 13 - William Giffin | 19 - Maureen Loselle | 30 - Rick Miles |
| 14 - Dennis Bracey | 20 - Ava Benko | 31 - Stephen Falzone |
| 15 - Jacob Thomas | 21 - Janice Funnell | 31 - David Smith |
| 15 - Aaron Thomas | 21 - Coleen Lyons | |
| 15 - Mark Mercatante | 22 - Mary Jo Palazzolo | |
| 15 - Vasiliki Papalas | 26 - James Bazner | |
| 16 - Drew Malicki | 26 - Michelle Lyons | |
| 16 - Dorothy Armstrong | 27 - William Atnip | |

Happy Birthday!





February 2015

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BIRTHDAYS



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| 01 - Lawrence Dupuis | 13 - Ronald Muir |
| 03 - Robert Ice | 14 - Steven Zanetti |
| 06 - Rob Brown | 15 - Karen Peters |
| 06 - Kevin Mitchell | 16 - David Fisher |
| 07 - Michael Funnell | 17 - Bruce Markwardt |
| 08 - Sandy Cullen | 17 - John Pedigo |
| 10 - Mark Meschke | 19 - Luke Champnella |
| 11 - Ashley Unger Bou
chard | 20 - Alex Matravers |
| 11 - Patricia Giffin | 21 - Greg Balog |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





March 2015

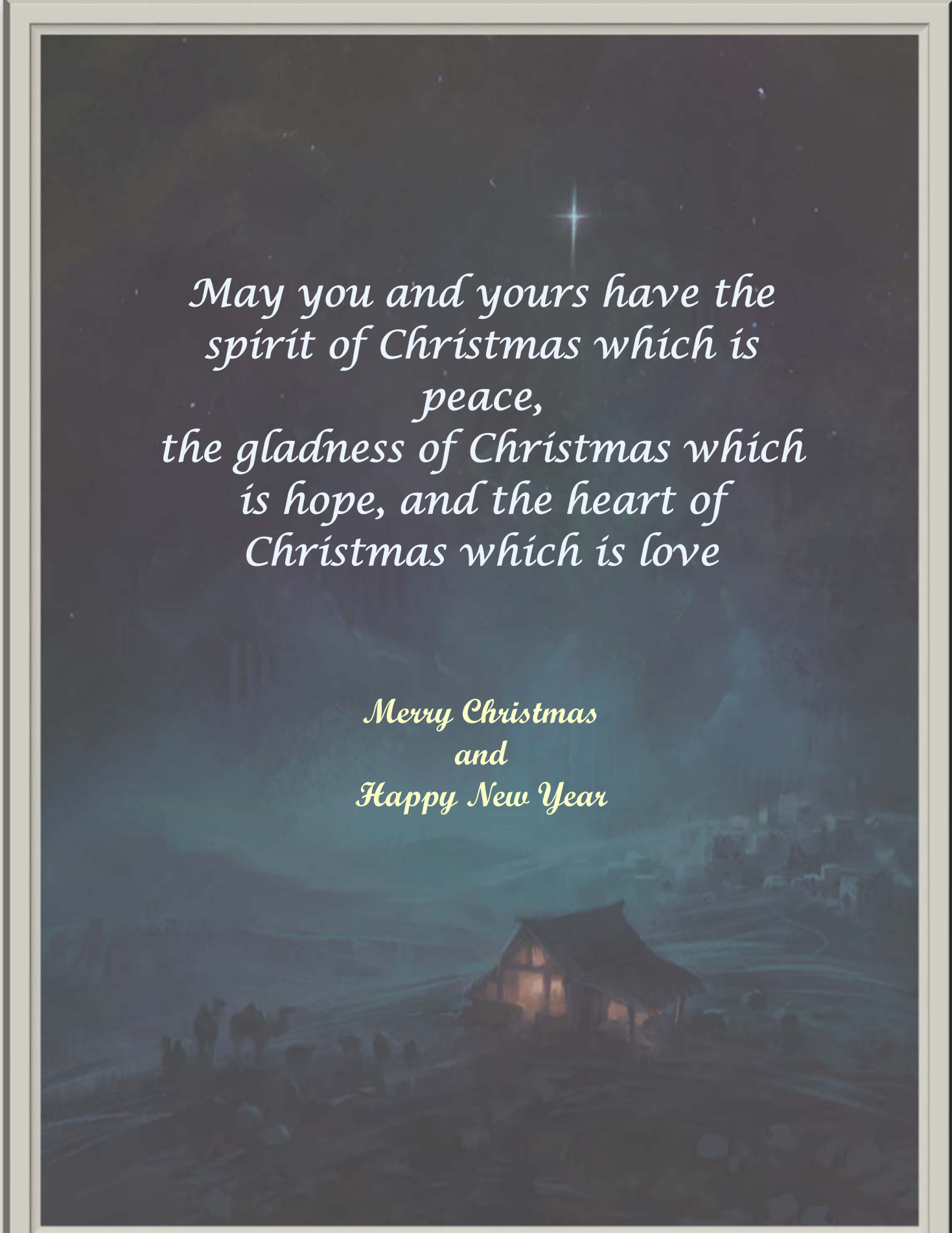
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BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 - Janet Wilson | 15 - Brandon Thomas |
| 02 - Jacob Reno | 18 - Larry Loselle |
| 04 - Virginia Bringard | 18 - Robert Walters |
| 05 - Linda Wilson | 23 - Cyndi Hetter |
| 05 - Josephine Wahl | 23 - Penny Lucia |
| 05 - Douglas Shepherd | 24 - Don Harris |
| 06 - Lynn Herman | 24 - Stephen Papalas |
| 06 - Lisa Rodgers | 28 - John Kalisz IV |
| 11 - Hunter Molino | 28 - Marjorie Pedigo |
| 11 - MacKenzie Champnella | 28 - Nick Sheppard |
| 12 - Ann Marie Carter | 30 - Rochelle Ceccarelli |
| 12 - Alyssa Ice | 30 - Brian Herman |

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**





*May you and yours have the
spirit of Christmas which is
peace,
the gladness of Christmas which
is hope, and the heart of
Christmas which is love*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

Christmas Trivia



1. Which of these companies was the first to use Santa Clause in an advertisement?

Pepsi Coca-Cola 7-Up Fanta

2. Which president was the first to decorate the White House Christmas tree?

Franklin Pierce Benjamin Franklin George Washington Abraham Lincoln

3. Which country did the gingerbread house come from?

Austria Switzerland Germany United States

4. What kind of Christmas does Elvis Presley sing about?

White Red Blue Snowy

5. In what year was "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens, published?

1765 1843 1860 1906

6. What is the name of the Grinch's dog in the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?

Pete Sam Ruth Max

7. Where was "A Christmas Carol" written?

Australia United States Germany United Kingdom

8. Which reindeer helps Rudolph fly at the reindeer games?

Donner Clarice Dancer Blitzen

9. Which reindeer is Rudolph's dad?

Dancer Dixon Donner Blitzen

10. Which Christmas movie has been played more than any other?

A Christmas Story Home Alone Frosty the Snowman It's a Wonderful Life

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COPS NON-LEAGUE 2014

The Cops Non-League completed its 20th year this past October. This year, 29 golfers participated and for the second straight year, Dave Everingham took the top spot.

The final day of league play was Wednesday, October 1, and the following week, an afternoon scramble game was followed by a gourmet dinner. Prize money was presented to all participants.

The Cops Non-League sponsored several Club events during the year, as well as purchasing all

new flags for the course.

The league will once again commence next year, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 (tentatively scheduled start date), and run through the end of September. Tee off time is every Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. If anyone is interested in joining the league for play next year, please contact me at riggz22@yahoo.com.

Bill Atnip



Answers to Christmas Trivia Questions on page 11

Question 1: The correct answer is the **Coca-Cola**.

Question 2: The correct answer is **Franklin Pierce**.

Question 3: The correct answer is **Germany**.

Question 4: The correct answer is **Blue**.

Question 5: The correct answer is **1843**.

Question 6: The correct answer is **Max**.

Question 7: The correct answer is **United Kingdom**.

Question 8: The correct answer is **Clarice**.

Question 9: The correct answer is **Donner**.

Question 10: The correct answer is **It's a Wonderful Life**.



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