



West Shore Golf and Country Club

# Divots Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By: Mike Purcell

### Golf in Full Swing



As we reach the midpoint of the 2014 golf season, the cold and snow of last winter seem very far away, especially after a cold and dry spring. Now, summer is here, and we have already had many great warm and sunny days, including some great weekend weather this season. Our tournament schedule is in full swing, and I hope all of you take advantage of many of our events, including one of our invitational tournaments this summer.

The Fund the Sand event, new this year, was quite successful and gave the budget a nice boost. Enjoy the new sand that we have in many of our bunkers. If you did not participate, ask your friends that did, it was a great time. Look for a return event, next year, in early June.

The Men's and Women's Invitational are going well with both committees working hard to bring all of us the best possible tournaments.



Brad Scott chairs the Men's, and Diane Flynn chairs the Women's. They both give many hours to the club. Please give them a word of thanks or encouragement for all that they do. Too often they get quite a bit of feedback when something goes wrong, but not nearly enough praise when things go right.

Also, new to West Shore this year is a large percentage of our wait staff in the clubhouse and halfway house. This season is going to be a time to learn for all of our new employees. We had a very good group of staff the last couple of years, but most have moved on after graduating from college. Please have some patience with our new group. With Jim and David's guidance, they will be up to speed soon.

In closing, the entire Board of Directors wants to thank each and every one of you, our members, for continuing to stay with West Shore. We have a wonderful group of members here, and it is our pleasure to serve all of you this year.

Mike Purcell  
President



### July

#### National Hot Dog Month

- 9-13 Men's Invite
- 19 Couple's Invite
- 23-24 Ladies' Invite

### August

#### National Golf Month

- 19-20 Senior Invite
- 30-31 Club Championship



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## Board of Director Meeting Minutes June

By: Bruce Markwardt

### Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Purcell, Jim Houston, Joe Wilson, Bruce Markwardt, Mark Mercatante, Barb Thompson, Ray Charron, Tony Panson, Rick Miles, John Kalisz

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:08

Minutes from the prior meeting were previously approved by email.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Finance – Mark Mercatante**

Positive cash flow is projected at month end, due in large part to Men's Invitational and Fund the Sand pre-payments.

The delinquent list continues and is down under \$8k.

#### **Grounds and Greens – Mark Mercatante**

The grounds crew is putting new sand in bunkers in anticipation of revenue from Fund the Sand.

One of the main pumps is not working and will require repairs.

The water line from the pump is also in need of repair.

#### **Pro Shop and Tournaments – Bruce Markwardt**

We will be ordering a new color scorecard as the supply of the current scorecard is running out.

It looks like we will have 20 four-somes for Fund the Sand. That should generate enough revenue to fund two or three loads of sand at \$3000/load.

#### **House and Social – John Kalisz**

New specials will be added to the menus.

#### **Membership – Mike Purcell**

Member count remains at 173.

#### **Divots – Mike Purcell**

Mike will write the lead article for the July *Divots Newsletter*

#### **Club Maintenance – Rick Miles**

We will be replacing the garbage disposal in the kitchen.

The hot water tank is not working well. We are looking at possible rerouting some of the water lines over the winter.

The upstairs a/c unit isn't working. It will be repaired this week.

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# Board of Director Meeting Minutes June *continued*

By: Bruce Markwardt

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### By Laws – Mike Purcell

No report.

### Special Projects – Mike Purcell

No report.

### Correspondence – Mike Purcell

A letter from George Hovis was discussed.

### Old Business

Two proposals to begin charging the Grosse Ile and Trenton high school golf teams to use the course were dis-

cussed. Both proposals were voted down 6-1. The current practice of not charging the teams to play matches and practice will continue.

### New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.

Bruce Markwardt  
Secretary



*It seems like these guys are always in the foursome ahead of me.*





## THE KOERBER'S VISIT WEST SHORE

On Friday, June 27th, the Koerber family visited West Shore to have lunch and share many memories. It was an enjoyable afternoon, as they reminisced about the Club and how it has changed over the years, when West Shore was "Island Country Club".

Their father/uncle, William Koerber, was Board President, elected in 1931, serving from 1932-33. He had four brothers who were also members of the "Island Country Club". William lived on the Detroit River in Gray Haven, where he kept his 30 foot, Hacker speedboat in a boat well he had in his basement. He also had a "secret" panel in the basement that opened to a secret room where beer was brewed during the prohibition for his family.

Jim Koerber (son of Clarence [brother to William], "Click", also an Island Club member) remembers taking the speedboat from his Uncle's home to the Island Club. Grosse Ile also served as a meeting place, central to the breweries, where William would also meet up with his beer trucks.

Jim was also chosen to be Grand Marshall this year for Gibraltar's 4th of July Parade. His late wife, Betty Jean started the parade 50 years ago, this year.

William had seven sons and one daughter, Diana, pictured above. When Diana was born, the Detroit Newspaper featured a front



Pictured from left to right: Robert Edward Koerber (son of William), Richard Arthur Koerber (son of William), Terry Koerber-Ford (Daughter of Jim), "Jimmy" Koerber (Son of Jim), Diana Koerber-Sgrazzutti (Daughter of William), Jim Sgrazzutti, (Husband of Diana) and Jim Koerber (Nephew to William, son of Clarence, "Click").

page article and photo, headlined, "Snow White Meets Her Seven Dwarfs".

Thank you, Koerber family for the wonderful visit and delightful stories of William and your rich family history with Island Club and West Shore! We hope you visit us again soon.



WILLIAM KOERBER



One of Koerber's Beer Bottle Labels

You might think the Koerber name sounds familiar. William Koerber and his brothers owned and operated the Koerber Brewing Company (with four locations, in Toledo, Detroit, Port Huron, and Ionia, Michigan. It ran from 1933 to 1949. The family business survived two World Wars, Prohibition, and the Great Depression.

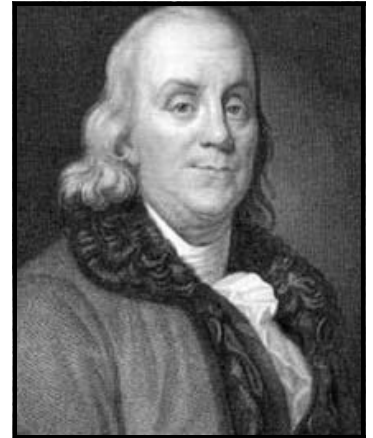


# Historical Humor

In the great tradition of American humor, the title of "First American Humorist" rightfully belongs to Benjamin Franklin. He was the creator of a uniquely American form of humor filled with clever wit and wisdom.

Franklin wrote many clever sayings which are still part of our cultural heritage today. Here are some amusing, funny, and thought provoking quotations of Benjamin Franklin:

- Remember that time is money.
- A little neglect may breed mischief: For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost.
- A penny saved is a penny earned.
- Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, and most fools do.
- Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- Fish and visitors smell in three days.
- Genius without education is like silver in the mine.
- God helps them that help themselves.
- Haste makes waste.
- Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?
- It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.
- Little strokes fell great oaks.
- Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.
- Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.
- Well done is better than well said.
- In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.
- There never was a good war nor a bad peace.
- Never contradict anybody.



[1705-1790]



*Benjamin Franklin is held in high esteem in the USA as is indicated by his appearance on the largest note: \$100 bill*



# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League	2 8:30 <b>Junior Golf #4</b> 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	3 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night	4 <b>Firecracker Open</b> 9:00 AM Shotgun 2:15 Course Re-Opens	5	
6	7 4:00 St. Paul #12	8 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League	<b>44th Annual Men's Invitational</b> Course Closed to all member play outside of the event				12
13 <b>Men's Invitational Finals and Consolation Matches</b> Course Re-Opens 5:00	14 4:00 St. Paul #13	15 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League	16 8:30 <b>Junior Golf #5</b> 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	17 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night	18 8:30 <b>Inter City Baptist Outing</b> Course Closed until 2:15	19 AM Tee Times 2:00 Couple's Invite 2:00 Shotgun Start Course Closed	
20 <b>AM FootJoy Weekend Event TBA</b>	21 4:00 St. Paul #14	22 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League	<b>Ladies' Invitational</b> Course Closed until 2:00 Cops/Men's play on Wed 3:30 Ladies' Invite Horseshoe		25 Ladies' Invite Rain Day	26 <b>Old Pal Round 1 AM Shotgun</b> Course Closed Until 3:00	
27 <b>Old Pal Round 2 AM Shotgun</b> Course Closed Until 3:00	28 4:00 St. Paul #15	29 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League	30 8:30 <b>Junior Golf #6</b> 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	31 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night			

- 1 - JR Johnson
- 2 - Tom Thomas
- 2 - Kristin Rodgers
- 2 - Parker Miklos
- 3 - Nathan Skuratovich
- 4 - Brian Kromrei
- 4 - David Malone
- 5 - Jenna Trumpler
- 6 - Patrick Bazner
- 8 - Paula Vitale
- 9 - Thomas Rodgers
- 10 - Ken Voss
- 11 - Jeff Schering

## BIRTHDAYS

- 12 - Helen DaBrowa
- 12 - Vicky Kalisz
- 13 - Frances Drobot
- 13 - Patrick Zanetti
- 14 - Brian Vella
- 15 - Mackenzie Molino
- 17 - Brenden Wlodkowski
- 17 - Alex Markwardt
- 17 - Sophia Skuratovich
- 17 - Anthony Panson
- 20 - Brian Drobot
- 22 - Frankie Russell
- 23 - Laura Gunnell
- 24 - Mary Schultz
- 24 - Donald Springstead
- 25 - Chris Burke
- 26 - Donna Teifer
- 26 - Joe Wilson Sr.
- 27 - Ron Fedokovitz
- 28 - Alice Whaley
- 28 - Janette Matravers
- 29 - George Ouellette
- 29 - Dennis Reno





# August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 Kidney Foundation AM/PM Shotgun Start Course Closed All Day	
3	4 4:00 St. Paul #16	5 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League	6 8:30 Junior Golf CC 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	7 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night	8 8:30 Adult Jr. Golf Day Junior CC 9/18 Holes	9	
10	11 Board Meeting 6pm 4:00 St. Paul #17	12 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League 2:00 Senior Invite	13 <b>Senior Invitational</b> Course Closed in the AM - Open Play at 3:00		14 4:00 Skins Night	15 Senior Invite Rain Day	16 P.M. Trenton Over 30
17 AM Footjoy Weekend Event - Fwy/Greens	18 10:00 Trenton Police Outing Shotgun Start 4:00 St. Paul #18	19 8:00 Arthritic League 10:30 Ladies' League 5:30 Ladies' League	20 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	21 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night	22 8:30 AM Shotgun 1:00 Outside Outing	23 A.M. Blue Moon Open	
24 31 Club Championship AM Tee Times	25 4:00 St. Paul #19	26 10:00 Casa Del Vino Outing 3:30 Course Reopens 5:30 Ladies League	27 2:00 Cop's League 4:45 Men's League	28 8:30 Ladies' League 4:00 Skins Night	29	30 AM Club Championship Rounds 1 AM Tee Times	

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                        |                         |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Andrew Cody     | 15 - James O'Brien Jr. | 29 - Leonard Mieskowski |
| 4 - Pauline Kalisz  | 17 - Chris Rolak       | 29 - Jay Holden         |
| 4 - Bonnie Saco     | 17 - Scott Schering    | 30 - Robert Grimm       |
| 5 - Scott Bennett   | 17 - Albert DeGrazia   | 31 - John Armstrong     |
| 9 - Stephen Hannah  | 20 - Aaron Peters      |                         |
| 11 - Peter Kelly    | 22 - David Spiegel     |                         |
| 12 - Mark Enright   | 23 - Joseph Cannon     |                         |
| 14 - Thomas Rodgers | 24 - Audrie Kalisz     |                         |
| 14 - Karen Lange    | 25 - Jalen Teifer      |                         |
| 15 - Gary Regal     | 25 - Robyn Valade      |                         |



# Basic Golf Swing Tips

In golf, every player has a unique swing. However, there are basic fundamentals that are universal to hitting the ball well. By practicing these fundamentals, you can develop a more consistent swing and become a more consistent golfer.

## Proper Setup

Before you swing the club back, you need to be set up for success. Stand with your feet shoulder width apart and square to the target line. Grip the club and bend from the waist. Your weight should be equally distributed and your arms should be relaxed. When you have a proper setup it's much easier to make a proper swing.

## Takeaway

A proper takeaway is important to starting the swing on the right track. Many golfers start the swing by whipping the club back with their hands. This motion leaves the rest of the body behind and throws off a golfer's timing. Start your swing by turning your shoulders back and keeping the clubface square. To check this, keep the grip of the club pointing at your belly button for the initial two feet of the swing.

## Rotate Your Body

Many golfers allow their hips to sway during the golf swing, rather than rotate. This causes all kinds of trouble and leads to a variety of mis-hits. Focus on your right hip and make sure it does not move laterally during the backswing. If you can rotate your hips without the right hip moving sideways, you will start to develop a more consistent swing.

## Full Finish

After hitting the ball, you want to make sure to swing through to a full finish. In a good finish position, you should have all your weight on your front foot and your chest should face the target. To develop good balance, try swinging to this position and holding the finish for three seconds.





# FUND THE SAND

Thank You  
to all 72 who participated in the  
Fund the Sand outing.  
\$5,000 was raised toward the bunkers.  
Congratulations and Welcome  
Michael Martin,  
Winner of the 2014 Golf Membership.

## Low Team Score

1st Place - 50: Steve Saco, Bryan Cheney, Gene Scheffler, Jared Rushlow

2nd Place - 51: Mike Purcell, Bob Pilon, Art Wahl, Bill Carter

3rd Place - 52: Mark Mercatante, Jim Nelson, Randy Aylor, Bruce Markwardt

## Drawing

71st - Runner Up — Bill Atnip      \$400 Cash; \$600 Pro Shop Credit

72nd - Grand Prize — Mike Purcell    \$600 Cash; \$800 Pro Shop Credit





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