

How do you measure success?

There was a time we thought that the more stuff that we had, and the more wealth that we acquired, the more successful we were. By those standards we might be considered miserable failures. Through the years we have learned that success can only be measured by the enjoyment that we are fortunate enough to get out of our lives, and share it with our family and friends. By these measurements we have been overwhelmingly successful. We have been blessed to have our friends come to see us, and are willing to pay us for it! What a Country!



While we have lots of old friends, they are only getting older each season. We are seeing fewer rounds each year, and fewer young people playing the game that we have loved for years. Keeping the Tamaracks Golf Course in the shape that you have been accustomed to each summer is getting more and more difficult. But these problems are not just ours, we know that each of us are faced with our own unique circumstances. Like the rest of the world we are forced to make business decisions that will not always be popular, (like price increases) but unfortunately, are necessary. Again we at The Tamaracks Thank You for your continuing support, and look forward to sharing the future with you. Hopefully, we can all make great memories together for years to come.



June the 3rd was a beautiful sunny day in the 70's for our 30th birthday party, dubbed The "TAMAPALOOZA". Over 100 of our friends showed up to help us celebrate. They were sent out onto the front 9 in a completely unorganized fashion, just as it was designed. While they were golfing, the overwhelmed refreshment crew had to take refuge for a period of time at an air conditioned shelter at the corner of Long Lake Rd and Old 27. Recovering in the nick of time, they went to the Clubhouse to see that Jim & Jerry had the lunch proceeding very well. The Tamaracks also sponsored the monthly Harrison Chamber of Commerce After Hours that evening and an additional 40 or 50 joined into the festivities. Presentations were made to the 2010 Club Champions; Rob Hoffman, Cindy Van Pelt and Rick Praski. Toasts were made and a fine time was had by all. So fine in fact, that the 1st anniversary of our 30th birthday will be held this year on June 1st. The "TAMAPALOOZA" is a new tradition, but we promise to add new elements this year. *(the best way to start a successful tradition, is to steal somebody else's idea!)* Circle the day on your calendar, *you don't want to miss it.*

TAMAPALOOZA



Tues Senior League Champs

- 1st Lee Bobo
- 2nd Ray Jordan
- 3rd Ron Malone & Ben Atchaz

Tues Ladies League

- 1st Dawn Stafford
- Robin Stoner
- 2nd Beth Weldon
- Joy Moore
- 3rd Autumn Smith
- Feather Huffman

Thurs Geezetts League

- 1st Gretchen Shipley
- 2nd Diane Stekl

Putting Together Something New

Over the summer of 2012 I will be putting together a new collection of favorite recipes of all our pals. If you have a secret recipe that you would share with the rest of us, please write it down and drop it off. At the end of the season we will put them together and share the complete selection with everyone. Please give ingredients, directions, and the name of your concoction. I'll start with one of my favorite recipes:

Spikes Old Fashioned Peanut Butter Toast **Ingredients;** *Old Fashioned Bread, Butter (or Margarine), Creamy Jiff Peanut Butter*
Directions: *Put slice of bread into toaster. Toast until golden brown. While still hot, liberally apply butter. Spread peanut butter using a gentle stroking motion. Prep time about 2 min. ENJOY!!*

Club Champions

Jim Cooper def Kim Van Pelt

Seniors

Kim Van Pelt def Rick Praski

Ladies

Cindy Van Pelt def Barb Hecker

Editorial Section

As you already know, 2012 will bring more than its share of political views and opinions. I have always been a very loyal supporter of the Frost Township government, however, I am announcing my candidacy for Mayor of Northern Section 22 of Frost Township. My Platform is simple. All opinions regarding politics or politicians will be strictly forbidden to be discussed in this section. ***I don't want to hear it!!*** I have only one other issue I endorse, but I will not talk about it. Please, can I count on your support? Thank you, Spike

Majors

In 2011 the Major tournaments that bookend the golf season reflect the overall weather patterns that we had. In May the *Morel Open* was to be started at 10:00. Due to a driving rain storm the patience from the players was starting to wear thin by the time we took to the course at 11:30. After a few drippy holes, the rains held off and most all teams were able to finish the day with a smile. The biggest smiles may have come from the winning team who stepped up and claimed their first Major Title. *(we all congratulate them!)* The Clare County Parks and Recreation Dept. once again was the sponsor of the event and we at The Tamaracks would like to thank Don and his crew for their efforts over the last three years. The next few years the Morel Open will be a fund raising event for the Mark Carlstrom Memorial Scholarship. Mark left us way too young last summer after devoting his life to his family, his country, and his friends. Please try to help us with this endeavor and consider playing in this years Morel Open on May 19th.

Conversely, the *Tamaracks Open* in Sept. enjoyed perhaps its nicest day ever. The Harrison Sports Boosters upped the ante by assuring over \$3,000 in prize money. That brought in talent from out of town, but the winning score of -10 was still within reach to our locals, but they fell just short. Jim Cooper and Andrea McCreary got some really good support from several close pals, and raised an amazing amount of money to help support the struggling athletic programs here in Harrison. *Thank you to all players, supporters and those who worked so hard.*

Senior Scramble Champs

Jr. Seniors Jim Sage & Joe Grantham

Seniors Dale Stekl & Tom Hecker

Super Seniors Jim Thomas & John Lewis

Old Ladies Barb Hecker & Mary Jo Czajka

Old Couples Kim & Cindy Van Pelt

When you're out trying to enjoy your golf game you may not have the time to consider what's going on around you. Contrary to popular belief, the grass that grows around trees and ponds and traps and posts and fences and rail road ties and rope stakes and flag poles and tents, does not trim itself. Some of Tommy's crew that is out on the front every day is still in the formative years at Harrison High School. Pictured here is Bret Coughlin who is a Sophomore who plays Football and Basketball. Senior Tyler Gerardin was elected King of Homecoming and a recipient of many awards including a recent Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship. Tyler is college bound next fall, but we hope to get some more out of his young body here at the Rack before he moves on. *Good Luck In The Future Young Lads!!*

Major Champions 2011

Morel Open

1st

Andy St. Dennis-Brian Coughlin-Lee Coughlin

2nd

Big Cooler-Little Cooler & Cooler-in-Law

3rd

Dave Kyle-Rob Hoffman-Tom Hawkins

TAMARACKS OPEN

1st

Ruebon Moore-Greg Fogel-Cody Hoover

Barb Hecker-Sue Cassavoy-Mary Jo Czajka

2nd

Keefer-Keefer-Hawkins

3rd

Bear-John-Derrick



Minors

Minor Champs FP3

Big Dog & Rusty
Hooky Bowl

Backwoods Log Homes
Rob Hoffman-Dave Kyle
Joe Geroux-Chris



Hood Open

Joel Hardy
Shannon Olstrom
Ron McCulloch



Bear Camp Open

Coop-Bill Trahan
Dave Kyle



Tamaracks Golfers for Kids

A Rose by any other name is still a Rose. After a long run, the Former Santa Scrambles was replaced by the restructured "Golfers for Kids Scramble". Golfers were rewarded for the move from late Sept to mid August with a delightful sunny day. 100 players once again showed their kindness by raising thousands of dollars that will be used in many ways to improve the lives of local kids. Funds helped support programs for kids to play golf, soccer, and football. As well as several academic programs. This years event will be held on Sat Aug 18th. There is room for only a couple of new teams so talk to Dick Armstrong soon.



Wed Night Men's League

A Flight

Spike & Big Dog def

Lee Bobo & Tom Hecker

B Flight

Bruce Goldsworthy & John

Donohue Jr & J.D. Krcmar

Def

Tim Abbott & John Koch



Winter at The Clubhouse

Sure, it's probably warmer where you are, but don't think that all is boring around here. Our Halloween Party had several amusing costumes, and featured the First Annual "Maggot Races". We have already contracted to have both the First and Second Rated Maggot Racers in the World to be here for this years party on Oct. 27. Those that attended our old fashioned Christmas Party on Dec 16 can tell you that singing Carols along to the nationally recognized Polka-Billy band called "Slap-n-Squeeze" was very festive and more festive as the night grew old. Our Championship Euchre is SMOKIN!! Every Wed. The night before the Harrison Frost Bite will be Casino Night, featuring Blackjack dealers "Big Tommy Casino" and "Jake the Snake" giving out HUGE prizes. Our 4th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Meet and Chili Contest will be on Sat Feb 25. Enter your Chile, and try to defeat defending Champ, Big Dog. Finally on March 24th we will burn down the Snowman at dusk and with it, winter and all the worries that have been put inside the big boy before he turns to ashes.



2011 Jack & Jill

Its hard to believe, but our Friday Night Jack & Jill completed its eighth season. Just as in the last few years the title was still up for grabs down to the last hole of the last night. This year enjoying the sweet nectar derived from a Wild Turkey is Dave & Kay Rutledge. If you see this Royal Couple out on the town, please

bow or curtsy and buy them a them a congratulatory cocktail!



**American Legion League Champs
Greg & Mary Kay Chisholm**



Who is this Man?

- A. An Insurance Salesman.
- B. Looking for shade after being stranded on U.S. 27 on his way to a golf tournament.
- C. Contender for 2011 Tamaracks Player of the Year.
- D. Eight time Tamaracks Club Champion who this year defeated Kim Van Pelt to take the title.

(answer will be in next years Daily Divot)

Moose Leagues Monday Men's

- 1st Jim Sage & Mark Gibbs
- 2nd Bill Stiverson & Jerry Morin

Wed Ladies

Mary Kay Chisholm & Kay Burton

Wed Men's

A Flight

- 1st Doug Detering & Ethan Carl
- 2nd Dave Knack & John Alden

B Flight

- 1st Jerry Bury & Don Peacock
- 2nd Woody Frank & Kieth Penton



Rick Foote Wins Shootout

Watch for this years event!

Notable Hole In Ones

Cindy Van Pelt #2

Al Post

Ed Van Voorst #17

Kim Van Pelt #15

News Item

Kim & Cindy Van Numb Knuckles forced to put clubs away after golf on Jan 12

**In the end, all you can do is,,,,,
Commit to the ones you love,
And hope for a little luck .
And..... good weather**

The Tamaracks Golf Course

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JUST A GREAT CLUB IN THE COUNTRY”*

Go to
golfthetamaracks.com
to find lots more information on tournaments, specials, and other events. Also, check out our new on line store to find all new Tamaracks apparel!!

Upcoming Events

Every Wed. at 1:00 thru March
14th Championship Euchre

Fri. Feb 17th

Casino Night- Featuring “Big Tommy Casino” & “Jake the Snake” dealing cards.
Valuable Prizes!!

Sat. Feb 25

4th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Run 10:00 AM
Prizes for ‘75 or older Snowmobiles
Chili Contest Enter Yours!! 4:00

Sat. March 24th

The Burning of The Snowman -
Dart Contest -\$1.00 Tacos &
Cheep Beer All Day

Wed April 4

Deadline for Masters Contest
Pick up an Entry Form

Tournament Schedule

Fri April 20 1:30

FP3-2 Person Scramble

Fri June 1 1:30

TAMAPALOOZA

Sat. May 19 10:00

Morel Open
Mark Carlstrom Scholarship
3 Person Scramble

Fridays at 6:00

Beginning June 8th
Jack & Jill Scrambles

Sunday July 15th 3:00

Par 3 Shootout
2 Person Scramble

Fri July 20th
Ladies Scramble
New Event!!!!

Thurs. July 26 2:00

Hooky Bowl
4 Person Scramble
(no further notice given!)

Sunday Aug. 12 1:30

2 Rounds of Men’s & Ladies Club
Championship

Tues. Aug 14 11:00

2 Rounds Senior Club

Sat Aug 18 9:00

Golfers for Kids Scramble
4 Person Scramble

Sunday September 9th 10:00

HARRISON SPORTS BOOSTERS

31st Annual TAMARACKS OPEN

“The Fall Classic”
“The Granddaddy of Them All”
“The Most Majorist of All The
Majors”

Wed Sept 12 10:00

Senior Scrambles
2 person Scramble
5 Flights or More

Sat. October 27

Halloween Party &
2nd Annual Maggot Races

Tues Nov. 7th Noon

4th Annual Election Day
Scramble
4 Person Scramble

Sat Dec. 15

Old Fashioned Christmas
Carol *(and Birthday)* Party
Featuring
“Slap-n-Squeeze”