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**Message from the President**

*Keith Milhiem*

Happy Holidays to all members. May the Christmas spirit be with us not only through the holiday season but all year long. We have some exciting events planned for our chapter this month: gift wrapping pizza party December 3rd, progressive dinner on December 17 and the Hockey/New Years Party at Wings Stadium on December 31st. Come join the fun. Remember -- participation is what keeps our chapter strong.

**New Board Elected**

Welcome all new committee chair people. Read the minutes to see who they are.

**Chapter Happenings**

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**Local Chapter Information**

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND WED. of each month
Next Meeting: December 17th Progressive Dinner
Meeting Location: Gallagher's on Stadium Drive
Our Website: www.kalamazoo.singlesgolf.com
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Social Chairperson report: chairperson not present. Carol offered to be in charge of the Chihuly Art display at the Kalamazoo Institute of Are, Nov. 11. The group will meet at 5:30 at KIA with dinner after. Cost is $12/$10 seniors.

New Member Chairperson's report: Barb suggested having a committee to develop a new brochure about our chapter to be given to people who first join us for golf, to explain what we are about. Chris, Pat & Barb will meet Oct 19, 4:30 at Pat's.

Golf Chairperson's report: None
Communication Chairperson's report: none

Old Business: Dave Fitzjohn was sighted bowling at Airways and says he is doing well.

New Business: Shaye offered to contact Full Circle Singles Group to give them information about ASGA-Kalamazoo.
Carol and Pat will be in charge of our Christmas family. Dec. 3 will be gift wrapping and Dec 17 will be the progressive dinner. More information will follow.

Elections: Keith was elected president for 2006. Next meeting Keith will appoint chair people for next year.

Minutes-11/9/05
ASGA-Kalamazoo Chapter
Gallagher's Eatery

As your secretary lost the minutes, Pat Whittaker was kind enough to have taken notes and shared them with me. Thank you Pat!

General Meeting was held at 6:00-present; Keith, Pat, Carol, Judy, Helena. Barb, Shae, Chris, Geoff, Jean.

Treasurer Report; no report
Golf Chair; no report
Membership; no report
Social Chairman; Carol reported on when & where to meet for the KIA art exhibit.
Newsletter: No newsletter for Nov. as Bonnie has been traveling.

Christmas Family: Marcia & Judy will shop for the 12 year old girl. Helena & Pat will shop for the Mother. Barb will shop for toys for the 10 year old girl. Pat & Carol will shop for food. Voted to allow up to $50.00 to be taken out of treasury for Christmas Family.
Gift Wrapping; December 3rd at Carol's-

time to be announced. Pizza and cards to follow wrapping.

Progressive Dinner; December 17th. Appetizers at Chris' with Keith, Pat, Helena helping with food. Dinner at Shae's with Jean, Marcia, Barb helping with food. Desserts at Mary's with Jean, Geoff helping with food.

Carol will e-mail members asking for donations for gifts (if not shopping) and for Progressive Dinner Meat (if not bringing any food).

Chair people were nominated and voted on as follows:
New Membership Chairperson – Chris.
New Golf Chairperson – Carol.
Newsletter Chairperson – Bonnie.
Social Chairperson – Geoff.
Secretary & Treasurer will be appointed by the president in the future.

Gimme Putts
From the October issue of Golf for Women magazine

This is included to answer the question frequently asked about how close should a putt be to the hole to be granted a "gimme." Response from GFW editor, Stina Sternberg.

"Inside the leather' refers to the length of you exposed putter shaft, from the club head to the bottom of the grip (putter grips used to be made of leather, hence the term.) When players agree to give each other putts that are 'inside the leather', they essentially mean putts shorter than 2 feet. Technically, gimmes are not allowed during a round of golf—at least not if you're posting your score for handicap purposes or playing in a tournament. Like 'mulligans', they are free shots given by one player to another, usually during casual rounds. Putts longer than 3 feet should never be conceded."

Message from the Editor

The earlier you get you information to me via email, the more time I have to prepare the newsletter articles. Though I am on line daily, I cannot (or will not) spend more than an hour staring at the screen and typing. Because of the holidays, I would like to submit the January newsletter to national by Dec 21. Any pictures from the Christmas party would be great to include as well as photos of new committee people.

Caddy Humor

Golfer: I've played so poorly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake.
Caddy: I don't think you could keep your head down that long!

Golfer: You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!
Caddy: I doubt it, that would be too much of a coincidence.

Golfer: I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 on this course.
Caddy: Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth.

Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a 5-iron?
Caddy: Eventually

Golfer: This is the worst golf course I've ever played on!
Caddy: This isn't the golf course sir. We left that an hour ago.

Golfer: Well, I have never played this badly before.
Caddy: I didn't realize you had played before, Sir.

Golfer: Caddy do you think my game is improving?
Caddy: Oh yes sir, you miss the ball much closer than you used to.

Golfer: Please stop checking your watch all the time, caddy, it's distracting.
Caddy: This isn't a watch sir, it's a compass.

Golfer: Caddy do you think it is a sin to play golf on Sunday?
Caddy: The way you play sir, it is a crime to play any day of the week.

Irate Golfer: I want you to know that this is not the game I usually play.
Caddy: I should hope not sir. But tell me, what game DO you usually play?