



Board President Ron Huster

The "official" golf season has ended, however there will be plenty of days left to get out and enjoy our wonderful golf course. Just keep it in the fairway and you won't have to invoke the "leaf rule".

At this time of year, the Board is seeking members who would like to serve on the Board beginning next year. This is your Club and your voice should be heard. If you would really like to be heard, consider running for the Board or serving on one of the several committees that assist the Board. So, if you are a Regular member, and have an interest, and want to be a part of ensuring the Club continues to move in a positive direction, please let any Board member know of your desire.

To bring you up to date on the sale of the land, the original offer that the Board accepted has fallen through. It wasn't a zoning or neighbor issue, it was an easement issue with a pipeline that runs through the property. We have received another offer, and the Board has countered that offer and are waiting to see if the counter proposal will be accepted. I will keep you informed.

I have stated this in the past but I can't say it enough. We have a uniquely wonderful Club that is special in Elkhart and the surrounding Communities. This is the sentiment of the Board, Committee Chairs, and Staff. Together, we will work diligently to provide the membership with an environment and experience that exceeds expectations. Be proud to be an Elcona member, and get the most out of that membership by utilizing the Club.

Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated, when you have one, please contact me at president@elconacc.com, or contact any Board Member.

I look forward to seeing you at Elcona.

Ron Huster President



Clubroom Manager Brandi Fought

I am happy to go through my second fall here at Elcona. We've planned some fun and exciting activities starting with our first annual Wine Walk through our beautiful back trails, this has been

rescheduled to Friday, October 20th. I'm looking forward to Dip & Decorate caramel apple night, monthly happy hours with wine tasting as well as thanksgiving cookie decorating, Also, please be sure to follow Elcona on social media for up-to-date videos, pictures, dinner and drink specials.

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The golf season may be winding down, but special events are gearing up. Have you made arrangements for your holiday party? It's not that far off and December dates fill up fast. One of the wonderful benefits of your membership is the ability to use any of our beautiful private rooms with no room rental fees. We can accommodate small, intimate affairs to large events. Don't spend time researching venues and comparing pricing; as an Elcona member, you already know we have the most scenic views, stellar dining and impeccable service. Call today to make your reservation.

Welcome to our New Members

... And thank you to their Sponsors: Mike Schoeffler, Mike Schiavone, Gavin Wilkinson





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Member Spotlight: Tom & Cherie Schmidt



1988 at a local dance club and got married in September of 1990. This past September was their 27th wedding anniversary. Thanks to Gary and Amy Zakiewicz for introducing them to Elcona in early 2012, they loved the atmosphere and joined the Club in May of 2012.

Tom and Cherie started Hoosier Crane in 2002 and have worked together for the past 15 years. What started out as a small company of 4 employees is now in 4 locations and nearly 75 employees. The Schmidt's have two adult children that also have enjoyed being a part of the Elcona Club.

Tom and Cherie Schmidt met in the summer of Alexis (Schmidt) Baker is 24 years old and currently working at Hoosier Crane with her husband, Conner. They have both worked with the company for over two years and recently moved from the Indianapolis branch back up to be a part of the Elkhart branch. Alexis graduated from Northridge High School in 2011, a year earlier than expected, and continued her education at Butler University. Alexis played three years of tennis on the Northridge team and in her junior year was playing number one singles for the varsity team. Alexis and Conner enjoy their three husky and malamute dogs, traveling, tennis and occasionally, golf. This November, Alexis and Conner are expecting the first grandchild

for Tom and Cherie. They are expecting a girl and Tom and Cherie are eager to start spoiling their little princess. Their first baby shower was held at Elcona in August.

Austen Schmidt is 19 years old and a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University

in Fort Myers, FL. He is studying Finance and hopes to get

into the private investment arena when he araduates. Austen is one of the main reasons the Schmidt family ioined Elcona back in 2012. Austen is an avid golfer and played for the Northridge High School team, all four years on varsity. It is very likely that you have seen him out on the course because any

free time that he has is

spent golfing out at Elcona. When asked what he wanted for his high school graduation party, his only answer was "Really, Don's Ribs!" Elcona Don and Austen have a very good understanding of each other and Don is not shy to tell his parents that he is really a good kid and very respectful when they are not around.

Tom moved around a lot in his childhood but has been in the area since 1978, where he lived in Niles and attended Edwardsburg Cherie has high school. been in Elkhart county her

> Northridge high school. When they met, Tom

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Conner & Alex Western Michigan University and Cherie moved to Kalamazoo to continue her education at Western as well. After they got married, and Tom graduated, Cherie continued her education at IUSB and graduated a few years later. As stated earlier, Tom and Cherie started Hoosier Crane back in 2002, so most of their hobbies were work related or coaching

> their kids in Little League, youth football or attending their high school sporting events. They also enjoy traveling and family trips are very important to them. Most every Thanksgiving they take a family trip, along with some of the kids' friends, to different and exciting locations. Hawaii, Bermuda, Mayakoba Mexico, Disney

attending



World, Scottsdale ,AZ are just a few of the family trips they enjoyed together. Austen likes to scout out the golf courses at these locations and makes sure that a few rounds are on the agenda.

Entertainment is also something the Schmidt's enjoy and utilize the Elcona Club for many of these parties. Several birthday parties, Hoosier Crane Christmas parties, and even Tom's 50th birthday party were held at Elcona. They also enjoy recreational golf together out on the course and are looking forward to becoming grandparents,



giving them the chance to enjoy Elcona as much as their own kids have.

Tom has been a board member for almost three years now and enjoys seeing the Club expand and being a part of the amazing things that Elcona offers. Friends, family, co-workers, and the Elcona staff are very important parts of the Schmidt's life and feel blessed to have special people around them every day. Lastly, the Schmidt's have a very close bond with many of the Elcona staff members and are very thankful to be a part of a club that they can feel like they are at home.



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Business Office Manager Laura Asbury

Last month was Lauree Brown's first full month at Elcona as Receptionist. Please see her Bio to follow. She comes to us with much enthusiasm and energy! I am sure everyone will enjoy her as she works with you in making reservations, answering questions you may have with your statement, or just pointing you in the right direction when you arrive at the Club.

Last month, we billed for the Evans/Purdue scholarship and turf research fund. Thank you to all who participate in this worthy cause.

Summer has wound down, but fall is just getting started! The Club is so beautiful this time of year, I hope to see you out here enjoying your Club.



Hi, my name is Lauree Brown and I am a mother of three great kids, Jacob (27), Ryan (14), and Rhiannon (11). Some of you may recognize me from the Annual Still Dancing in Elkhart event for the Samaritan Center where I danced and choreographed dance numbers for several familiar Elcona faces!

Before coming to Elcona Country Club, I worked with special needs students in the Middlebury School District as well as a ballroom dance teacher and choreographer in Elkhart and Goshen.

For over a year, I have driven past the beautiful Elcona golf course and thought about how fun it would be to work here...I was more than correct! I started working in the front office in late August of this year and enjoy the beauty of the Club, the energetic staff and the warm smiles of the members I have had the pleasure of interacting with. I look forward to a long relationship with all that encompasses this prestigious Club.







Golf Superintendent **Ryan Cummings**

One of my favorite observations at Elcona is how vibrant and gorgeous the trees start looking this time of year. This year's droughtu conditions may not lead to as bright colors, but the color change itself is a perfect complement to the green of the turf. Unfortunately, they do not stay on the trees forever and the staff is beginning to turn their focus to the never ending task of leaf removal. But in all seriousness, this is a perfect time of year to get out and enjoy your golf course.

Course aerification season has begun with our tee aerification on September 5th, which went really well and has healed in already. Fairways will be aerified the week of October 9th. While a short term inconvenience to ball roll and playability, aerification is the foundation of proper soil and turf health and a critical component of any agronomic program. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this busy and quite necessary time in our maintenance schedule.

Later this month, we will continue preparing and protecting our turf from whatever winter Mother Nature throws at us. Greens will be deep tine aerified on November 6th, which provides additional drainage for any moisture to go, as well as great areas for roots to grow and thrive come next spring. Two applications of topdressing sand will be applied to further Finally, October brings my Carhartt's out of the smooth out the green surfaces, as well as provide additional insulation to the crowns of the plant.





carbohydrate storage (think winter/late spring food), we will raise heights of cut slightly on greens and applying both liquid fertilizer and plant protectants to give the turf the best chance of surviving the winter. While these efforts will effect playability and ball roll slightly. they are the best management practices available today for Poa annua winter survival. If you have any questions on our winter golf course preparations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will be completing a couple small projects out on the course, which I will be providing updates o n via our blog. www.elconaccgrounds.blogspot.com. also be out this month spot treating any broadleaf weeds that are out on the course. If you maintain your lawn, October is a great time to be doing the same.

closet and the possibility of frost delays. Frosty mornings bring a rapid slowdown in the growth Finally, in an effort to maximize habit of turf and delayed tee times. If trafficked on during a frost, the leaf blades of the turf can be punctured by the ice crystals of the frost. potentially bleeding out the cells and killing the turf. On a morning with the potential for frost (low temps near or below 42), please call the Golf Shop to see if there is a delay or not.

> Enjoy the spectacular views of Elcona this month and I hope to see you out on the golf coursel

Executive Chef Casey Hochstetler



Fall is officially here although the last couple of weeks felt like early July! While the year is coming to an end, our season is still in full gear with weddings, the family camp out, and special nights in the Club Room.

Saturday, September 23rd, was another amazing family camp out with thirty campers. Being out in the woods watching all the kids run around is always a blast.

For weekly fun, check out your calendar for events like happy hour, prime rib night, and even our turkey cookie decorating night next month just in time for Thanksgiving.

It's not too early to start thinking about Thanksgiving dinner; call in to make a reservation, have dinner with us! If the thought of being in your comfy chair at home is where it's at, look for an order form to have us make all the fixings, from the turkey to pecan pie. Pick up your feast or have us deliver it to you.

After all the holidays have gone, this January, my fiancée Kat and I will be heading to Haiti for a mission trip. This will be my second time going, Kat's first. When I went to Haiti in 2016, I got to share that experience with my family &

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now I'm looking forward to sharina that with Kat. My first trip was so life changing, having the opportunity to give to people who have nothing, changed how I looked at life.



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Head Golf Professional Tom Thome

I can't believe it is October already, where has the golf season gone? We only have a few more events for the remainder of the season. Looking forward to a very nice fall and hoping the weather will hold out as long as possible. The golf course is in great shape and as the 23rd Closed leaves begin to change colors, it should make for a picturesque place

Fall Aerification of our Greens and Fairways.

Starting October 1st, the "Guest Fee Special" is back and will run

through the end of the season with 18-Hole Guest Fees being only \$50.00, Cart Included. Hosting or entertaining family, friends, business clients & associates, you will be hard pressed to find a better Facility than Elcona Country Club.

Golf Shop - The Golf Shop is fully stocked with apparel from companies like Titleist, Callaway, Dunning, FootJoy, Adidas & Martin. If you are in the market for new equipment such as a set of clubs, we can still fit you for them, or if you just want to put some style into your Fall wardrobe, the Elcona Golf Shop has what you're looking for; or, we can special order an item for you. It's also never too early to start stocking up on gifts for the golfer in your life, and if you have GOLF SHOP SWEEPS MONEY in your account to use by the end of the year, birthdays, anniversary's & Christmas gifts are a great use for it.

Men's Club Champion:

Pat Mohan

Men's Senior Club Champion:

Pat Mohan

Men's Buddy Champion:

Ryan Canfield & Adam Alexander

Men's Match Play Champion:

Matt Christensen

Elcona Cup Champions:

Team VaHelluva

Hole-In One's:

9/4/17 Scott York - Hole #11

9/16/17 Jon Bonfiglio - Hole #8

10/4/17 Ron Huster - Hole #3

October Events

11th Aerate Fairways

12th Aerate Fairways

13th Aerate Fairways

15th Ryan's Revenge

16th Closed

to play golf this fall. Just as a reminder, please note the dates of the 30th Closed

Ladies' 9 Hole Club Champion:

Teri Feiler

Ladies' 18 Hole Club Champion:

Melanie DeGroff

Ladies' Fall Buddy Champion:

Shirley Shenk & Dianne Benko

Natalie Sims Champion:

Loanna Smucker

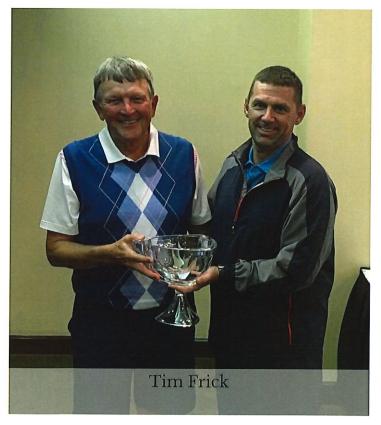
18 Hole Team Match Play Champions:

Dianne Cosentino & Sarah Mckee

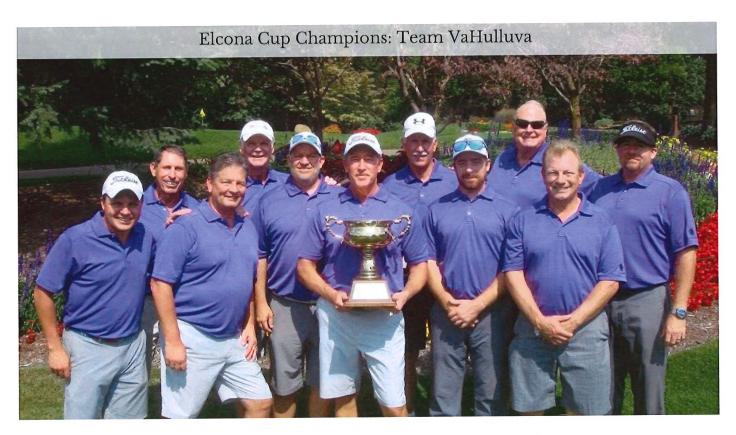




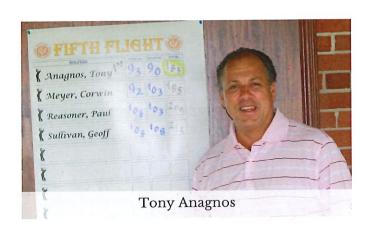






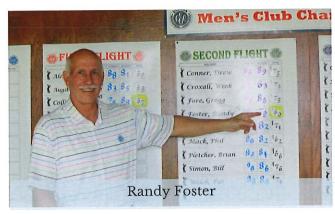


Club Championship















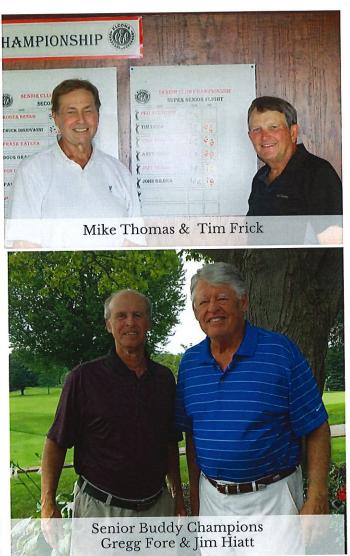








Senior Club Championship



Ladies' Club Champions





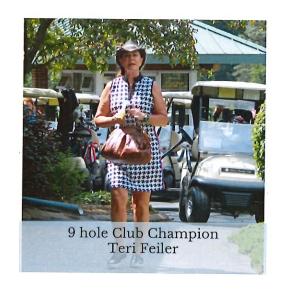
18-hole Ladies' Closing Day























Member Spotlight: Laura & Jack B. Smith Jr. and one Amazing Car Collection



In an unassuming warehouse on the south side of town lies a collection of cars that is the envy of many automotive museums. While the collection includes Ferraris, a Lamborghini, and a McLaren, not even those are the most unique or most valuable pieces in the collection. A collection that includes winners of numerous awards, including the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The collection's owner, Jack Boyd Smith, Jr. and his wife, Laura, have been members of Elcona for 35 years. The couple has twins, Jack III (affectionately known as three sticks) and Angelica. Jack is the President & CEO of Gaska Tape Inc. and has been a supporter of the Elkhart community for many years with an impressive collection of Elkhart archival memorabilia to prove it.

Upon entering the museum, you pass a collection of automobile posters before entering a room that includes a Steinway piano made in the first year and a half of production and a custom '56 Chevy, built to show, that has 2.2 miles on the odometer. The bulk of the collection then proceeds chronologically starting with a 1905 Cadillac. which actually has the steering wheel on the English side. The collection moves through more classic





Cadillacs, Studebakers, Packards, Rolls Rouces and others. The curation and collection of cars is impressive, but the work doesn't end upon acquiring the vehicles. Authentic and accurate restoration is the next step in the process.

It is important to note the significance of the restoration company that Mr. Smith partners with to rejuvenate these treasures, LaVine Restorations, Inc., in Nappanee, owned by Eric and Vivian LaVine. The detail a massive undertaking. Each car is stripped of the restoration work and seeing close up how the design and comforts of the

automobile itself developed over time is astonishing. Comparing the collection at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, it's easy to realize the truly outstanding quality and uniqueness of Mr. Smith's collection. After looking at the restored cars, and comparing them to one in its unrestored state, the restoration process is very interesting.

Depending on the state of the car, it can be down to each individual part (in the case of a Packard, about 5,000 of them) and each

> part is cleaned, re-chromed, conditioned, sanded, painted, etc. It is possible cars are in better condition upon restoration than when theu left the factoru! Standards for winning the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance are rigorous, the attention to historical detail is painstaking, and the car must be in FULL working condition, including having the clock set to the current local time.

While all of the cars in the collection are special in their





own way, three come with particularly unique stories. The 1932 8-100A Auburn Boat tail Speedster was manufactured by the Union City Body Company of Indiana. This was the automobile for the playboy going to the club who wanted to impress. A true driver's car, it has dual ratios for each gear, the ability to reach 117 mph, and a masculine growl that ensured everyone knew it was coming. Interestingly, the engine was a repurposed aircraft engine. The Speedsters broke all the speed records of the time and the car had an



audacious design that was years ahead of its time. The name emanated from the shape of the car that started out with a straight hood and shot straight back to a sharp V between the pontoon fenders. There was effectively no trunk, although there was a small door on the side for your golf clubs! This car has won 25 car shows, despite originally being called "the most impractical car ever built."



The 1934 Packard Twelve Convertible Victoria is one of three remaining in the country. Despite the Great Depression, some of the greatest cars of all time came from this time period and Packard as a company was in the enviable position of being financially secure the entire time.

The Victoria holds a place of pride in Smith's collection, as it has garnered first place finishes at Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, St. John's, and Edison, amongst others. The attention to detail starts with the Lalique bald eagle hood ornament and











continues with the beautiful Dietrich interior that showcases the styling of the era. It is important to remember, much like in the RV industry now, these cars started with a basic chassis from the auto



company and then would be sent to a coach/carriage works for the handmade body work.

The final car is a truly special automobile that was the envy of the other luxury makers and was sold to princes, Hollywood stars and tycoons as the most expensive car in Europe. The 1929 Hispano-Suiza (Spanish-Swiss) H6B in a unique plum color is a spectacle to behold.

This was the first car to have 4-wheel power brakes with power assist. This was also one of the most advanced engine manufacturing companies around. They invented the first practical "Cast block" engine and produced half of the engines in British and French fighter aircraft in WWI. The H6B had a 135 hp straight inline engine, which made it a powerhouse with a top speed of 85 mph.





However, at \$8,000, its body is what made it a real luxury at a time when a Ford sold for \$350. This was the car that set the standard for others to follow. The carriage work was done in Paris by Hibbard & Darrin craftsmen who understood their métier. For those not familiar with the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, it is the ultimate car show—not only in the United States, but the entire world. Cars are flown in from all over the world to compete.

Mr. Smith's goal is to attend the event each year and Mrs. Smith also enjoys the trip. The Smith's cars have taken home awards three out of the past four years!





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Orders must be received by 12:00pm Thursday, November 16th. Orders may be picked up on Thanksgiving Day from 10am—2pm.

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Please note the quantity of each desired iter Charges and sales tax will be billed to All menu items are prepared and packag	your member account		
Main Courses	Appetizers		
Maple Basted Whole Turkey with Traditional Pan Gravy, \$54.95	Shrimp Cocktail Platter, \$49.95		
Honey Glazed Smoked Spiral Sliced Ham with Horseradish Mustard, 854.95	Fresh Fruit Tray, \$29.95		
Herb Crusted Prime Rib Roast (cooked med-rare) With Horseradish Sauce & Au Jus, \$119.95	Elcona House Salad, \$29.95 Dinner Rolls and Butter, \$7.95		
Side Dishes, \$18.95 each	Desserts		
Whipped Potatoes	Pecan Pie \$15.95		
Sweet Potato Casserole	Pumpkin Pie \$13.95		
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Elcona Country Club is a premier family-oriented social and recreational organization, proud of its history, dedicated to fostering its traditions, and committed to providing outstanding facilities and excellent services for the enjoyment of its members and their guests.





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Pizza & Beer Night		Rib Night	Wine Down Wed.	Club Closed	Club Closed	
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	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night Gingerbread Family Cookie Decorating	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night Cookies & Canvas	4	SATURDAY



DECEMBER 2017

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Club Closed 31 New Year's Eve Dinner	Santa Brunch	10	3	PRO SHOP 9:34 - 4:00 Tuesday-Sunday	SUNDAY
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Wine Down Wed.	Wine Down Wed.	Wine Down Wed. Holiday Lunch Buffet	Wine Down Wed. Ladies' Holiday Lunch Bazaar		WEDNESDAY
28 Rib Night	Rib Night	Rib Night	7 Rib Night	Rib Night	THURSDAY
29 Happy Hour	22	15	Prime Rib & Wine	1	FRIDAY
30	2.3 Members' Holiday Celebration	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night	2	SATURDAY