



THE PIKES PEAK CLUB
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Today should have been **Dana Franzen's** last day to act as our esteemed President, however through an insightful act of pure genius, he was out of town. Instead, he left the leadership role in the capable hands of our President-Elect, **Sam Rush-Walton**.

Mike Verble asked for God's help in troubled Iraq, good health for our members, and guidance for our club endeavors.

Rod Wells led us in the pledge.

Announcements

Terry Zebarth is trying to schedule a meeting for the *Scholarship Committee* in the next couple of weeks or so. A definite date and time will be announced.

Frank Ulrich reminded us to try to Eliminate Political Comments from our weekly meetings. We have lost valuable members because of this in the past and we are about to lose another unless we tone it down. It has been our policy to keep political and religious views, and programs, away from club meetings. Simply put, respect the ideas and feelings of your fellow club members.

While holding the floor, **Frank** gave us an update on the *Octogenarian Golf Tournament* to be held July 14th. It was originally estimated that we would get about 25 players at the most. The registration is now up to 45 players, who will enjoy a round of golf for free with the cart included. Also included free of charge will be a lunch, practice balls, and maybe coffee and doughnuts. **Mike Holder** has already volunteered to sponsor the tournament for \$500.00. Now that we have almost double the number of players estimated to play, Frank is asking the board to consider sponsoring the tournament by chipping in \$300.00. The board has agreed to hold a brief meeting after the general membership meeting to consider this proposal as a sponsorship.

John Whitten supplied us with the income numbers for our club from the recent *Celtic Festival* fund raiser. We sold \$4256.00 in beer and tips. (We had about \$900.00 of that total in tips) Of the grand total, our club netted \$2615.00 and the Kiwanis club netted \$1645.00. The money was divided according to man hours served. **John** thanked all who volunteered along with their spouses and friends. Even our great wait person *Angie* showed up to lend a hand.

A few ideas were thrown out in order to make our next Celtic Festival a better event. The following is a summary of some of the suggestions aired out from the members present, and the board last Tuesday.

1. We could use more advanced notification for the event in order to give our volunteers a better opportunity to schedule and sign up.
2. We talked about lowering the gate cost and/or throwing in a free drink with the cost of admission.
3. Getting a better percentage for our beer sales, the cost of beer has gone up, but our cut has remained the same.
4. **Sam** would like to see beer pouring and service training before our next event so we're "all on tap".

Mark your calendar now, *Oktoberfest* will be held the last weekend in September. It will be returning again to Sky Sox Stadium. There will be 5 beer stations, 1 wine station and 1 for Yeager.

It was announced that **Jim Ondler** has resigned from the club. We wish you well and hope you reconsider your decision.

I would like to personally thank **Eric Scott** for stepping up and writing the bulletin last week. It was deeply appreciated by me and I'm sure that everyone enjoyed reading it.

Dave Tyree, who only reads the bulletin to see what, was said about him. Announced the slate of officers and board members for the coming year. So, ... here we go

Chairman	Dana Franzen
President	Sam Rush-Walton
Vice President	Skip Hale
Secretary	Mike Cimino
Treasurer	Mark Elliott

Board of Directors

John Poyzer	Dick Wilhelm
Dave Tyree	Jim Clark

The offer to nominate from the floor was presented to the membership. ... Everyone was paying attention; ... no one else was nominated.

Terry Zebarth moved to accept the nominations as presented.

Jim Clark seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Sam Rush-Walton reminded us that there will NOT be a meeting next week.

Culture

Rod Wells told us a heartwarming story about a golfing husband and wife on the 9th green. During the course of their play, the wife suffered a heart attack and a physician was "handy" on the course to attend to her.

Keeping with the theme of beer pouring, **Mark Elliott** enlightened us about the difference between an Englishman, and Irishman and a Scott, when a fly lands in their beers.

Discussion

We opened the floor today with a discussion on where to go on from here concerning membership and joint projects with other clubs. At one time, **Dick Wilhelm** reminded us that we were on tap to have joint meetings with the Kiwanis club. Originally, we were supposed to have a meeting at their club one day a month at the Warehouse, and one day the next month at our venue. This is still in the works.

So, the next questions to consider were; do we actually want to join forces? How do we bring in new people? Where should we meet?

The discussion on membership and venues was highlighted by the following points.

Pros – 1. We need more people to help with our fund raisers.

2. Our venue has great food; we should stay at McKenzie's.

3. There are other clubs that are suffering (worse than we are) for members and for ways to raise and/or spend their money. We could work together to help each other.

4. We should make an effort to attract new members.

Cons – 1. Our meeting room is not the best for harboring a large group. Acoustics are bad.

2. We have not had programs at our meetings. Because of this, current members are not prone to bring in guests to attend one of our meetings. Lack of guests means lack of perspective new members.

3. Service Clubs are a dying breed. How many years do we have left? Our assets could eventually be put into a trust to distribute over time, without the club's existence.

Conclusion – We plan to contact and invite other struggling clubs into our group at this time to see if they would like to join forces.

Drawings

Small money - **Dave Tyree**

Big Bucks - **Jim Clark**

Dates to Remember

July 3rd

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 14th

Octogenarian Golf

Cherokee Ridge Golf Course