



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Good Morning Optimists

“T’is a privilege to live in Colorado” (Stolen from the old Denver Post front page)

#### Welcome

Early risers and golfers were greeted by **Ron Cisco**, our Past Distinguished Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District, and a co-chair of the Optimist International Junior Golf completion. Later arrivals were greeted by **Les Larson** and **Phil Perington**.

#### First Bell

**President Ed** was at his best as he gaveled the meeting to order and called upon another Past Governor, **Tom Overton**, to do the invocation and pledge.

#### Guests

Ed did remember to ask for guest introduction and **Ralph Pedersen** introduced his friend Bill Mutchler, who is visiting from China, where his wife teaches English in a school of 16,000 students, while Bill studies Chinese. Bill will probably not be joining us any time soon, but it was nice of him to share a Friday morning with us.

#### Seen in the Crowd

Among those whom we haven’t seen for a while were **Dan Hugo**, **Ron Carlson**, **Al “Phil’s Dad” Perington**, **Tom “Land of Many Lakes” Hoch**, and **Russ Paul**, who will be having gall bladder surgery in the near future. Good to see all of you here! Hope to see you next week!

#### FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PEACHES

Peaches won’t be here until after Labor Day.  
See attached article to email.



### Special Guests: Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC)

The Optimist Junior Golf Program is an exciting and unique junior golf program for ages 10-18. More than

5,000 boys and girls throughout the United States and Canada and in several foreign countries compete in official Optimist qualifying tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Held on July 21-31, 2011 at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, is dedicated to junior golf that few golf destinations can match, PGA National is the perfect location for the Optimist.

Commonly referred to as simply the Optimist, the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and most prestigious junior golf events in the world. In addition to top-level tournament golf, participants have the opportunity to meet new friends and to have a great deal of fun. Each year, more than 650 junior golfers from 30 countries participate in the Optimist.



Joe Marci introduces our Junior golf guests.  
Photo Don StJohn



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Meeting Place  
American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 - 8:00 am  
\*\*\*\*INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN\*\*\*\*

## Special Guests Continued

Our special guests were members of the contingent who represented Colorado/Wyoming at "The Optimist" golf tournament. Guests included: Casey Godwin and her mom Laurie (Participated in Girls 10-12); Jake Staiano and his dad John (Participated in Boys 14-15); and Austin Hardman and his mom Tonya who, in addition to acting as chaperone to Austin, helped keep score at the tournament. Tonya is also the daughter of recently deceased member, Bill Walters, who was surely looking down from above as Austin played the beautiful PGA course. All the participants and the chaperones commented on the humidity in Florida. Almost every tournament in the past several years has had some rain delays and this was no exception, but everyone had a great time and thanked the various Optimist Clubs in Colorado and Wyoming for their support.



Casey Godwin



Jake Staiano



Austin Hardman

Kudos to **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco** and **Bob Meyer** (Castle Rock Optimist Club) all co-chairs, for the

efforts they put in to organizing the District tournament in which 163 golfers from all over Colorado and Wyoming participated, as well as raising over \$20,000 to send 22 golfers to the tournament in Florida. Bob Meyer got the pleasure (if you can call it that) of accompanying the golfers and enforcing the 11 p.m. curfew for our golfers.

Thanks to all for a job well done!



Bill Walters' daughter, Tonya Hardman, thanks the Optimist for all we do.

Photos Don StJohn

### **Note from Alexandra O'Laughlin to Joe Marci**

*Dear Optimist Members, Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! I am so very thrilled to be able to attend Optimist Int'l. Golf tournament. I appreciate the help and am so grateful for your \$500 contribution. I plan on golfing at the collegiate level next year after graduation and this tournament will help me achieve that goal. Golf has made such a difference in my life and I'm glad Optimists support junior golf. I have a strong sense of honesty and integrity, hard work and patience, the ability not to give up, as well as set goals and be a good team member, because of golf. So than you again!*

*-Alexandra O'Laughlin-*

## Announcements

**MSOC Installation Dinner:** Installation banquet at Blossoms in Heather Gardens, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets \$26-please pay in advance, either to **Greg Young**, **Phil Perington** or **Ron Cisco**. Bring yourself and whomever else you can get to come with you!

**Memory Walk:** A fund raiser to further Alzheimer research will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> in Washington Park. MSOC members will be marshals for this event. See **Joe Marci** for details and sign-up sheet.

**Sullivan Scholarship:** Joe also mentioned, once again, that those who would like to help raise funds for the Sullivan Scholarships, which are given each year to students at TJ should help him sell *Entertainment Books*. See Joe to obtain books.



**Hand Out Tulowitzki T-shirts:** Curt Jefferies reminded us of the T-Shirt handout at the Rockies Sunday afternoon game on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants need to be behind the "Rock Pile" (North side of field), by 10:15. You might want to consider car pooling, since the Broncos are also playing that day and parking will be at a premium. Minimum of 25 needed, so if you know anybody who would like to see the game for free, invite them to help. The Club makes \$500!



**MSOC Cub Scout Pack:** Frank Middleton talked about the startup of a new Cub Scout pack at Bradley International School, which he and **Randy Marcove** have been spear-heading. With the number of scouting enthusiasts in our club, this should be a premier activity within a few years. They already have a great start, with 10 boys signed up.

**2011-12 Budgets:** **Greg Young**, our money man, said that anyone who has a project for the next fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2012) needs to submit information to him or plan to attend the budget session planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, anyone wanting to do a new project next year is encouraged to submit or present a description and budget to President-elect Randy Marcove (copy Greg) for consideration at the September Board meeting and during the budgeting process in September. Any member who wishes to be on the Finance/Budget committee should contact Greg. See Greg for details.

**2011-12 Dues:** **Greg Young** reminded us that annual dues billing will go out in early October. Dues will remain the same next year as this year: \$122 for regular members and \$88 for life members, but anyone paying the full year in October/November will get a \$5 discount! Anyone wanting to pay quarterly will be billed each quarter for ¼ of the full annual dues. If you have been paying quarterly you will continue to be billed thusly. Last, any member who is in arrears for dues/fees must pay up in full or schedule a time payment plan by September 29, 2011.



**Announcements Continued:**

**School Supply Project:** Oscar Sorensen suggested that members take advantage of the Office Depot sale on school supplies in order to fill the backpacks for students this year. Office Depot has some great buys on rulers, pencils, scissors, folders, and composition books. For less than \$4.00, you can buy five each of these items and Oscar will see that you are reimbursed—or you could be generous and just donate the items.

**Weekly Speakers:** Paul Bernard, our Speakers Chairman, said that although he has plenty of speakers, and he would be willing to share with someone else on contacting and making arrangements for future speakers. *Kudos to Paul on the interesting speakers for the past several months!*

**OCMS or MSOC Shirts:** John Young suggested that it is important that we be identified with *Monaco South Optimist Club* when we are performing our myriad of community service activities and that he can get more of those spiffy blue Monaco South polo shirts. Check with John for size (and perhaps a different color?)

**Brent's Place Activities:** Joe Marci said he was sending around a sign-up sheet for Brent's Place projects. There are two activities taking place on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for set-up and moni-



toring of the *Urban Navigator* course, which will have teams navigating through downtown Denver completing mental, physical, and sometimes zany challenges. You can get more details on this by visiting their website at [www.AdventuresForCharity.org](http://www.AdventuresForCharity.org). As a separate activity that same day, painters are needed at Brent's place to refresh some of the rooms. Talk to Joe for details on this one or call him at: 303-771-3748.

**Super Citizen School Principal Visitation:** A reminder that next week we will have a visit from the principals of the schools in which MSOC sponsors a Super Citizen Program. This is always a great opportunity to learn firsthand about what's going on in these schools. Additionally, see the attached PDF file reprint from Denver City Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann, District 4 August 2011 newsletter, *Focus On 4*, for some interesting highlights of the past academic year from some of our Super Citizen Schools.

**Closing Bell**

Since Phil Perington won the big pot last week, this week's pot was only \$10; however, there were only 6 cards to draw from. Needless to say, there were not a lot of takers, and those who did were unsuccessful in drawing the lucky card. When Tom Overton's name was called for wearing his nametag he too got a chance. Tom also drew the wrong card, so next week's pot will be a big \$20 and with 5 cards — Look Out!



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
8/26/11	Kari Tae & Gary Strowbridge
9/2/11	Don Thomson & George Buzick
9/9/11	Ron Carlson & Tom Hoch
9/16/11	Doug Arnold & Jim Easton
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul



**MSOC Banquet**  
**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
**Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way in Aurora**

**Monaco South Calendar**

- Aug 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen School Principals
- Aug 26-28 Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado
- Sep 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Sep 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Maximize Social Security Benefits
- Sep 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Sep 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Sep 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ann Rowe, DPS Board
- Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
- Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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## THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.