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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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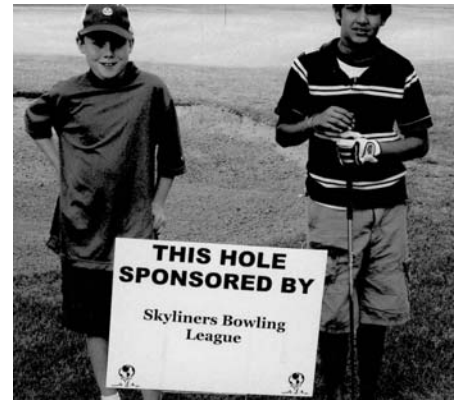
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Optimist Junior Golf

I have been in MSOC since 1977 and one of the really good programs that the Optimists run is the Junior Golf program. And the Colorado/Wyoming program is one of the best-run programs in the United States. Optimist members **Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, Ralph Pedersen and John Stoffel** are the main reason for the success of the local program.

John Stoffel just returned from the national tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida where he said it was hotter than Denver. Our Colorado-Wyoming tournament always sends as many or more young QUALIFYING golfers than anywhere in the country This year we sent and paid for all or most of the expenses of twelve golfers. One of those golfers was my 10-year old grandson, Austin Hardman. (Editors note: we are in need of 3 or 4 newsletter Editors for next year. If you sign up, you can write about your grandkids also.) Austin has been playing golf since he was four and gets better every year. He started beating me last year. For the last ten years, since I was working with the local program, I have had the opportunity to go to the national tournament but declined. This year, when I really wanted to go, I was unable to go but followed it on the web.



A picture from the local tournament.
Austin Hardman is on the left

There were 370 boys/girls ages 10 to 15 competing the first week and 250 boys/girls ages 16 to 18 competing the second week. These players were from 40 states in the US, six Canadian provinces and 30 nations. Joshua Martin from Pinehurst, North Carolina won the 10-11 year old category with two under for 3 rounds. Austin was only 120+ off the lead in the end. He had a wonderful experience. Windum Clark, from Colorado, finished 6th in the nation in the boys 13-year old category.

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Good Morning Optimist

Thanks to our greeters this morning, **Harry Johnson** and **Dick Cohen**, our troops were fired up when the meeting started.

Jim Brown said the blessing this morning and lead us in the Pledge.

Guests

Steve Yates was a guest of **Randy Marcove**. Steve's company markets an interesting product that looks like white cardboard. You put this in the freezer and it turns into an ice-cube sheet. It's called *Therma Freeze*. Steve brought one of the products to the meeting. Very interesting.

Ron Carlson brought Rich Mahoney, a retired Police officer. Rich, like Ron, is an avid sports lover and is living the dream. Hope you come back soon Steve and Rich.

Bingo Anyone?

Don StJohn needs someone to lead the Bingo gang. Don has been doing a great job leading this fund raiser for years and needs a replacement. A great "Self-Esteem" builder.

Meet Your Fellow Zone Members

Howard Fry wanted to make sure we are all prepared for the ZONE PICNIC It is this Saturday, August 9th at Eisenhower Park at 11:00 am in the morning. Call Howard at 303-300-4466 if you have questions about what to bring or for directions. Bring everyone living with you. All the clubs from this zone will be there. Good way to have a visitation to several other clubs.

Speaking of Picnics

Randy Marcove reported that at the picnic of University Hills Associated, they raised over \$500 for the Colorado Food Bank.

Announcements

John Young is heading a couple's evening out featuring Country Dinner Playhouse singers, on Tuesday, August 19th.

Les Larson has stepped up and joined the MSOC Board of Directors replacing **Jim Brown** who needed to step down at this time.

Thanks to both of you for your service!

Can You Write? "No matter!"

MSOC needs you. Three or four MSOC members are needed to write the newsletter next term.

One great thing about belonging to MSOC is there are lots of guys to spread the load around. If three or four guys write the newsletter, you only need to do the job every four months. Please put your writing skills to work!

Ducks Across The Rockies

Peter Diamond is again selling tickets to the Optimist Club of Ft. Lupton's Duck Race. This is their main fund raiser. For \$5 you get a numbered ticket and a same numbered duck . When your duck crosses the finish line first, the \$500 first place is yours. 2nd place thru 9th place also pay real money. Best bet is if you have the last place duck, it is worth \$100. The race is held at 2:00pm on September 7th at Weld County roads 6 and 19.

Colorado Peaches

The Palisade grower will be delivering the peaches around mid to late August. The price is \$20 per box or lug. Should you like to order call Bob Finkelmeier at 303-756-5829.

Super Market Sales

Cy Regan reported weekly sales of:

King Soopers—	\$950
Safeway—	\$150
Total—	\$1,100

Speaker for Today

Lisa Betchey, the Donor Relations Manager for Mile High United Way, was our speaker this morning. Did you know that Denver is the founding home of United Way? Yep, started 120-years ago in the Cherry Creek area during the Gold Rush. United Way's goal is to do together what no one can do alone. Combined with the collective strength of partner organizations, government, business, foundations, and individuals—create programs and projects to improve people's lives. Working together, they deliver long term solutions for individuals and families in metro Denver.



Some Items of Note

District convention—August 22nd
Year End Banquet—September 13th

It is well known that marriage is Grand. But divorce is \$50,000 Grand.

Member Profile: Fred Pasternack

Fred was born in Denver. Although his family was originally from Russia he is the third generation to call Denver home. Fred was active in four Optimist Clubs in the past. Fred also helped build over 10 new Optimist Clubs.

The project that Fred really loves is the MS150 Bike Ride. For years Fred has had his bike in the race, either on the road or in the pick-up vehicle. He has helped raise tons of money for this project. Fred graduated from North High School in Denver and CU in Boulder. Fred has three kids, daughter Phyll and sons Paul and Scott. Fred and Karen (who is a member of Tamarac Optimist) travel a lot now days.

At one time Fred volunteered for the Army in Israel. For years Fred did not miss a Bronco game, home or away. He once tried to beat a Bronco plane across Kansas on the way to a game in Kansas City. He loves to ski also.

Optimist International Foundation

The Optimist International Foundation was established in 1971 and is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. There are about 3800 clubs in the US, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean that support the OIF. The president of the OI Foundation this year is Ron Graves of San Antonio. 1.5 million youth are served annually by programs funded by the Foundation. The major programs that are supported by the Foundation

are:

- **Oratorical Contest Scholarship Program**
An annual speech competition with over 40,000 entrants. Scholarships are awarded in district level contests in the USA.
- **Communication contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Scholarship Program (CCDHH)**
A program that awards scholarships to district winners. Scholarships are assigned to each individual winner and are payable upon receipt of the correct paperwork from an institution of higher learning.
- **Essay Contest Scholarships Program**
An annual competition for high school students with over 25,000 entrants. Scholarships are awarded and attendance sponsored at seminars for district winners.
- **Youth Club Programs**
Scholarships to support Youth Club activities.
- **Charitable, Literary and Educational Programs**
Grants for magazine/articles, seminars/training, grant writing program, international initiatives and matching grants.
Each year someone in Colorado/Wyoming district is selected to be the OI representative. **Jim Brown** and **Fred Pasternack** are this year's representatives. Fred gave a talk on this year's fund raising initiative called "Give-a-dime-a-day". The goal is to have each member in the district donate a dime each day, or \$36.50 a year to the foundation. The push is on and your support is greatly appreciated!

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Noel Cunningham: <i>Ethiopian Kids</i>
Aug 9	Sat	11:00 am	Zone Picnic - Eisenhower Park
Aug 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 19	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Aug 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Second Wind, <i>Teen suicide resources</i>
Aug 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Judith Stucky, <i>Cochlear Kids Camp</i>
Sept 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sunne Reif, <i>Donor Alliance</i>
Sept 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>
Sept 13	Sat		Yearend & Installation Banquet - Time & Place TBD
Sept 16	Tue	6:30	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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.

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