

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES STAY INSIDE

May 11 was another Mother Nature Surprise Day! Golfers this morning were not sure if golfing was a good idea. Edith Nelson, Karine Amundson and I (Pat) were not sure to golf or not to golf. Well it was not the nicest at 8:45 a.m. so we decided - Not to golf. Next week: hopefully! Ok - it has to get better, right? We did have a great group of ladies at luncheon - 23. This is fantastic since we at this point in time have 30 members and more yet to join us. The meal was great - love the casserole. Thanks Jon (Cherry Street Grille). Desserts were (and I did try both) great and I was tempted to have another. Today Agnes Mockler and Ann Stewart were our treaters! Thank you. Our latest new member is Virginia Johnson. Welcome Virginia - you will enjoy being part of our group of wonderful friends. Well, our first \$5 drawing was today and the lucky lady - Ann Stewart!

Quarters were won by: Jan Chapman, Edith Nelson, Sue Kappenman, Rose Mart, Ann Stewart (see what I mean - lucky lady), Marlys Jensen, Joan Olson (one of our new member this year), and Mary Bartels.

There is no Golf Report - some day I will have one to give - if Mother Nature is nicer to us.

Bridge Report: Last week - Ellie Davis was the winner. That is about all I have. High? Low? Today's card game will be in my report next week.

Dominoes Report: I am a bit behind. The game results for May 4 (there were three groups) are as follows:

Round I - Joyce Zimmerman, Beth Silvano, and Thelma Raines.

Round II - Rose Mart, Vaneta Youngworth, and Thelma Raines.

Round III - Rose Mart, Vaneta Youngworth, and Mary Bartels.

Total Score - Barb Boone, Beth Silvano, and Ann Stewart.

May 11 - (there were three groups again) What a turnout!! Today the game was GOLF. Well at least someone got to "Golf" and not have the weather get in the way...tee hee!!

Round I - closest to 18 - Ann Stewart, Darlene Engbrecht, and Karine Amundson.

Round II - closest to 72 without going over - Barb Boone, Joan Olson, and Janet Hof.

Round III - shortest hole is 90 yards so closest to 90 - Barb Boone, Rose Mart, and Sue Kappenmann.

Total Score - this was tricky - June asked me what the best score was this morning - well-tough - no golf today so I just threw out a score (which of course has never been my best ever) and chose 56. So the winners closest to 56x2=112 are: Ann Stewart, Agnes Mockler, and Beth Silvano.

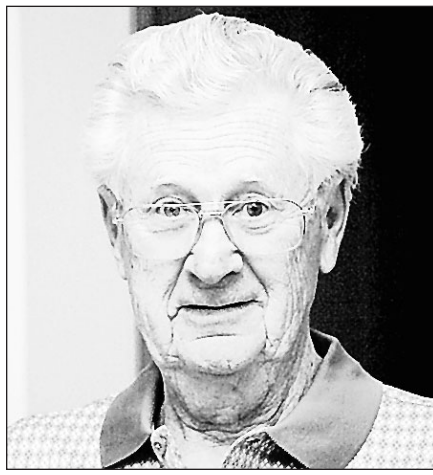
Many of the above winners are not and maybe never golfed. They did pretty good the dominoes way!

No doubt these was a lot of laughter! I wish to state that June Wagner is doing a fantastic job as our new chairperson.

Laughter is a great thing and there is never a shortage of that at the Wednesday Morning golf, luncheon, dominoes or any of the card games. Come join us and have a little or a lot of fun! Pat Steckelberg - Reporter

Vermillion man, 83, gets second hole-in-one; first since 1980s

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ELMER MOUNT

What it is, is a big surprise. There are many golfers that go through their careers without a hole-in-one, but for 83-year-old Elmer Mount, lightning struck twice. Mount aced the 90-yard fifth hole with a pitching wedge at The Bluffs Golf Course Tuesday, May 10 in Vermillion, the first ace for him since the 1980s. "There are some very good golfers much better than I am that have never had one," Mount said. "Sometimes the hole just gets in the way." Not only was this Mount's second hole-in-one of his career, but what makes this one a little more special is it was on his wife Beverly's, birthday. Mount's first hole-in-one came a little over 24 years ago at the Parkston golf course, which he

also hit with a pitching wedge from 115 yards away. "It was 24 years ago, but I was a little

bit younger than," he said. "It makes a difference." Mount golfs nine holes around two or three days a week and he was playing with his regular trio that he's been golfing with for a long time - alongside Vern Holter, Bob Lund and Don Baer. "These are people that I've been golfing with many years," Mount chuckled. "They suddenly got very thirsty." The golfing portion of his life has only been for the last 40 years in Vermillion and Mount said that he took one 30-minute golf lesson when he first started out. He didn't take any more lessons after that, but it seemed to work out well for him. He didn't play any sports during high school, because of not being big enough to play football or fast enough to be in track, but he does wish he would have

started playing golf when he was a little younger. "If you play younger, you're more limber, you get that setup and you will carry that for the rest of your life," he said. "If you wait till you're older, you look a little awkward and that is pretty much the way it stays." His hole-in-one might just be one moment in time, but he has memories that will last forever. Mount has created friendships thanks to senior day on Tuesday for people that are 50 and older. "The average crowd each Tuesday is around 25 people and Dick Kellogg assigns who you play with," Mount said. "We never know who we are going to play with and I know people now that I just wouldn't have known without this format."

Coyotes ousted after two losses

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The University of South Dakota softball team ended its final year in the Great West Conference with an early exit in the Great West Conference Softball Championships.

The University of North Dakota clipped USD, 6-2, in the second round of the tournament on Sunday at Nygaard Field in Vermillion.

"Unfortunately, we didn't peak at the right time," USD head coach Amy Klyse said. "We've played much better games than that this year and that wasn't our best game. It was just really rough that it happened to be our last game."

The Coyotes started the day with a 3-0 loss to top seed Houston Baptist.

Emma Gronseth started the game for the Sioux throwing four and one third innings, allowing two earned runs, but striking out four. Michelle Frank tossed the last two and two third innings, giving up zero runs and striking out one.

"I think Emma (Gronseth) did a really good job for us," UND head coach Sami Strinz said. "Michelle (Frank) came in and did a good job as well. I'm pleased with both of our pitchers, they kept us in the ball game."

Mel Johnson took the

ound for USD throwing six innings, allowing six runs (three earned) and striking out eight.

"I think it was definitely an advantage for us to play on our own home field," Johnson said. "It was nice to have a good fan base and it was too bad we couldn't pull out any wins."

USD and UND both struggled offensively in the first round of the tournament each being shut out in their respected games. It wasn't until the second the Sioux got on the scoreboard with an error scoring pinch-runner Jessi St. Marie.

"I think it was just a difference in mentality the first game," Strinz said. "We were a little too timid and this game we left it out all on the field."

UND's Courtney Gonzales scored the second run of the second inning on a wild pitch by Johnson. The next inning the Sioux tacked on another run on a RBI double by Brittany Baker scoring Cami Bennett from first base.

The Coyotes finally got on the board in the fourth on a RBI single by Yankton native Christine Broders. USD continue cutting UND's lead in the fifth as Lindsey Boyd ripped a 2-1 pitch for a home run. The solo shot marked Boyd's ninth home run of the season.

"We started hitting the ball, we were scoring one run an inning and that was what our focus was,"



South Dakota second baseman Kassie Loe flips the ball to first base after diving for a grounder in Sunday afternoon's opening round game against Houston Baptist at the Great West Conference Softball Championships in Vermillion. HBU won 3-0.

(Jeremy Hoeck/P&D)

Klyse said. "We wanted to chip away, get one per inning and not go big."

The Sioux didn't wait long to regain their large lead due to come costly errors by the Coyotes. UND loaded the bases to start off the fifth as Krystin Jantzer knocked in a RBI groundout and the Sioux were just getting started.

"One mistake can lead to another," Johnson said. "We've seen that happen to many times and I think the mental errors have killed us. We know we can

compete physically." Gonzales knocked in the fifth run of the game and UND scored its final run on a double steal as Baker crossed the plate the sixth and final run of the ball game.

Neither was able to mount a real attack after the fifth, but USD was able to make it interesting in the seventh with two consecutive two-out hits.

Paige Policky led the Coyotes with three hits, followed by Boyd and Johnson each with two hits. Gonzales and Maggie O'Neal

each supped two hits for the Sioux, while Bennett crossed the plate for two runs.

The Sioux continue their hopes of a second straight conference championship as they face off against Utah Valley today (Monday) at 10 a.m.

"We've got to play our game, it doesn't really matter who we are playing against," Strinz said. "We've got to control what we can control and is our attitude and our effort."

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in school history.

Erickson won a highly-competitive women's 1,500 meters, edging Seattle's Sarah Bolce by .47 seconds for the win with a time of 4:37.32. Erickson later defended her title in the women's 800 meters with a time of 2:14.57, winning the race by more than two seconds.

Owens had an outstanding performance in the pole vault with an effort of 16-8 3/4, crushing his previous personal-best by more than eight inches. Owens won the event in 2009 as well.

Duling rolled to the win in the women's 400 meters, capturing the event with a personal-best time of 54.52. Wolter captured the women's triple jump with an effort of 39-4 for her first outdoor championship. South Dakota's 4 x 100 women's relay was second at 47.28. That consisted of junior Christina Roberts (Omaha, NE),

freshman Monique Williams (Kitson Town, Jamaica), junior Ashlea Johnson (Yankton) and sophomore Gabriel Williams (Sioux City, IA).

South Dakota's men's 4 x 400 relay team, consisting of Kovash, senior Bill Lane (Sioux City, IA), Kerswill and freshman Parker Erickson (Gayville) was second at 3:14.23. Freshman Cody Snyder

(Lake Andes) placed second in the men's discus at 157-10.

In the men's pole vault, besides Owens' impressive win, senior Bryan Braley (Howes) was third at 15-1, while freshman Stuart Charbonneau (Ballston Lake, NY) and junior Tanner Willard (Belle Fourche) was sixth at 13-9 1/4, giving the Coyotes 21 points in that event.

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