



MVE Golf Outing Review – Mike Lietke

It was wonderful to have so much fun with so many of you on a “perfect weather” Saturday. Thirty-two golfers battled for supremacy on the course and many more battled for Pulled Pork at our house afterward.

Ultimately, and this is the one usage of this term I can imagine not being cheesy, there were no losers. The grand prize winner – for best story – went to **Jim Cantrell**. Of note, 9 of the 32 players were women this year, which is certainly the highest number we have play in this event.



There was a lot of tag singing and *Hammerschlagen*¹, jokes, stories, and lies when we got back to our patio.



¹ Editor’s Footnote: As it typical of Mike Lietke’s writings, we need to include *footnotes*. **Hammerschlagen** is German (Hammer-Striking) or **Nailspielen** (Playing with Nails). Using a large Cross-peen hammer in your right hand and your favorite beverage in your left hand, then hit the nails in turn. The rules are at: [Hammer-Schlagen®: About Us, Rules \(hammerschlagen.com\)](http://Hammer-Schlagen®: About Us, Rules (hammerschlagen.com))

I know I will forget someone along the way so apologies first. But a special thanks to:

- **Carol**, for the great food and killer hospitality, and saying “yes” to hosting the afterglow. Also for some of the prize swag.
- **Dave Baxter**, for the great pulled pork.
- **Dick and Judy Marcus** for prize swag, great stories, and for recording the events.
- **Linda Johnson** for all of the swag, including personal hand sanitizer and sun screen for all participants
- **Chuck Crary**, for coming “out of retirement” and executing his role as Course Marshal flawlessly.



- New Berlin Hills, for the great prize contributions and preferable pricing.
- **Bruce Vitale**, for keeping the tags a-coming at the afterglow.
- **My Mom Sharon**, who took this year’s “most seasoned golf participant” as well as “(wo)Man of Miles” award for driving over from La Crosse to do this here thing.
- Everybody who did any task large or small on the day of the event. I would ask folks to do something, and the answer was “of course,” and that deed was done. Every Time. That made things so enjoyable.

Among others, it was great to reconnect with MVE folks like **Chuck, Matt McClellan, Mark Rutkowski, Bill Taggart, Bob Krantz** and **Mike Mularski**, whom we had not seen in a while. Fantastic to see and sing with **Brian Lynch** – who drove up from Kenosha just for the party. **Jake Umhoefer** and **Danny Gaulke** came just for the afterglow, and told us all of their wedding plans for 2022. **Josh Umhoefer**

came by for the party and had great news to share also – that he had his house offer accepted on a new house that day.

With this great day still close in our rear-view mirror, it is not too soon to look into 2022. Hopefully we can turn this 32-golfers



into 40 or more – to share more good times with more good people. Though not strictly a singing event, it points to our need to get back together and sing, and enjoy each other’s company.

All the best, Mike

The Ganswindt Gang on the Lovely Lietke Lanai



The Green Army Men Created via 3-D Printers

When the MVE were roaming around Montreal years ago days before our Green Army Men set, we left small green plastic army men on random planters, benches, and windowsills *as a hint* at what was to come. The art of making these green army men as gone 21st Century with 3-D printers. **Bob Fichtner’s** friend sent him a link to an article this September on people around **Tuscon** who were being recreated as green army men as the lead article in the Home and Life section of the Arizona Daily Star.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iMaoAfh0j7ip6cZv8dtOEGMXNUqg1Nf9/view?usp=sharing>



Do you think we can get one made of **Bryan Ziegler**?



Interview with New Member Nick Roe

MVEer asks: We are so glad you joined us as a Tenor. Can you tell us about your barbershop background?



Nick replies: My voice teacher in high school was the director of the local chorus in Kalamazoo, MI. After one rehearsal, and one short tag session, I was hooked.

MVEer asks: We are glad of that, but please tell us where you grew up and where you've been. Anyone else in your family a barbershopper or singer or musician?

Nick replies: I grew up in Kalamazoo, MI. No one else is a barbershopper or singer, but my brother plays the trombone.

MVEer asks: Tell us why you're up in Wisconsin now and where you are living.



Nick replies: I now live in Wausau, WI because my wife (Elizabeth) got her first job as a physician here. She is also originally from Stevens Point (Plover actually) so we are now living close to a lot of her family.

MVEer asks: What do you do for a living?

Nick replies: I am a private tutor and teach classes online. I specialize in upper-level math and science and test prep for the SAT, ACT and GRE.

MVEer asks: I think you've been in a quartets before. Tell us about one of your quartets.

Nick replies: I was an original member in Michigan in the "**Detroit Sound Machine**" L to R, George Jackson Jr, Me, Jason Hall, and Dave Ebersole.

MVEer says: Nick, we are so glad to have you in our chorus. Even as we wear masks in practice, it is great to have you on the risers.



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Christmas Show 2021 – Tom Rogina

Plans are progressing for our **Saturday, December 11th, 2021 Christmas Show**. Our initial plan is for a late afternoon show at the Greendale HS Auditorium. We will offer "reserved", "general admission", "general admission senior citizen", and "children's" tickets. If you'd like to help with our show, we can use people to

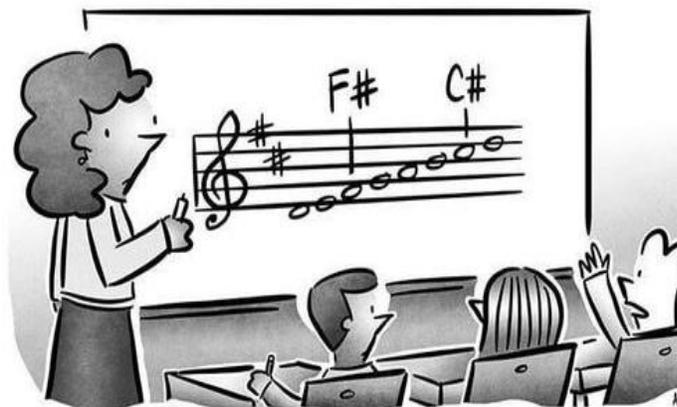
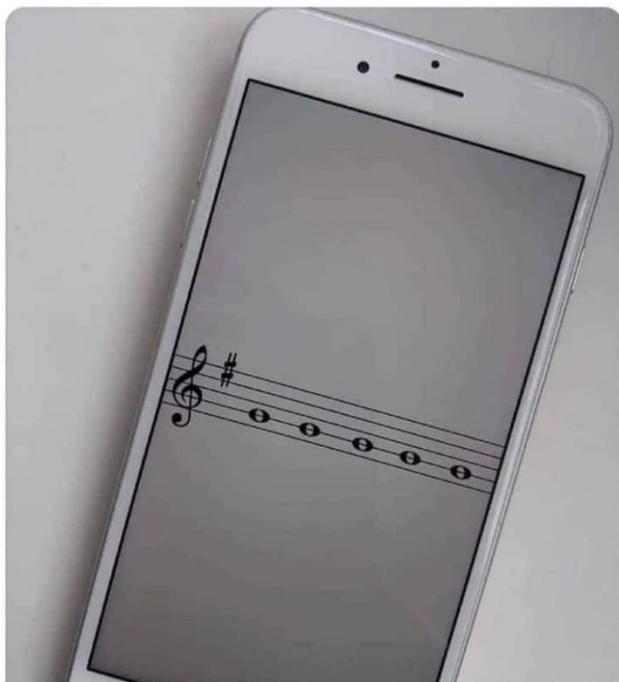


serve on the "Show Committee Team" in positions of responsibility IE: "Stage & Setting", "Ticket Sales", "Sound & Lighting", "Set-Up & Take Down", "Programs & Publicity".....etc. Please send me an email to express your interest to: rogina.tom@gmail.com.

We have new and old Christmas music and we will debut our Welcome Back Set as well.

Music Humor Corner

Impressing my friends with my new 5G phone.



"Normally the hashtags go in front."

And a COVID Related music joke:

