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Thank you, Bob Avery, for your prayer and for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let us also keep Ralph and Lois in our prayers and in our hearts and minds this week, hope and pray for Ralph's speedy recovery, and, with confident minds rooted in our creed and in our various faiths, give him strength and health and a healed heart.

Of Guests there were several - Dr. Ed's guest - Bruce Miller; Duane Wehrer's guest - Mike Lively; Joe Marci's guest - Jim Dittman; John Young's guest - Dick Berry; and James Nicks, Curt Lorenzen's guest and speaker for today.

No guest, or guest sponsor, won the big jackpot this week so next week it will rise to the level of whatever Chairman Pat comes up with.

On behalf of the Arapahoe Little League Mike Miller presented a plaque to the club in recognition of the efforts that many club members have contributed to the club in the way of dollars and unpaid labor expended. Mike also presented to the club a framed picture of the team members. Thank you, Mike, Bill Swigert and many other members who have helped in getting this project going at Buckley and Kentucky. And don't forget that help is needed tomorrow (9:00 AM) for the layin' o' the sod.

Officially memberized and pinned by incoming president Tom Mauro was new member Larry Stevenson.

Citizenship Program - Charlie reports that the club has given 144 to special students in our citizenship program, thanks to the chairmanship provided by Mr. Korsoski and the time commitment of many other club members.

Gill's Golf Calendar - May 13 at Fitzsimons Golf Course (\$40 per player for carts and swings and awards. May 30 at Perry Park-~~Mountain-Range~~ Golf Course. Details later.

Colorado Open at Hiwan - Bob Avery told of a Boy Scout who for his Eagle Badge project is supervising the fore caddies at this year's tournament. This really brings back memories. During one summer when I earned money by caddying at Cherry Hills Country Club I was the first caddy to arrive in the morning. Warren Smith, the club pro and a super person, took me with him to caddy for him at the very first Colorado Open at Hiwan. The course was very new, hard, and dry, and pars were hard to come by. Warren shot a 78 the first day and swore that he'd never play the course again. Of course, as the course matured and became more playable over the years, Warren returned to the Colorado Open at Hiwan many, many times and played it very well. The money earned from the tournament has always been used for the benefit of Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, initially headed by a very close friend and neighbor of ours, Dr. John S. Young, who is now retired and lives in Arizona. I hope we can draw some fore caddies from our membership. Its fun. Maybe I can learn something from a golfer to help reduce my building handicap. Nah! Optimism doesn't extend that far, does it?

Family Bowling - Mark your calendar for May 25 - \$.50 for shoes and \$1.00 a game.

The regular jackpot - was split between Bill Litchfield and Curt Lorenzen's guest, James Nicks.

District Board Meeting - will be held in Golden on May 19 at Belle Junior High School.

If you want to attend the OI Convention in Albuquerque, registration forms have to be in ASAP.

Our speaker, Jim Nicks, was introduced by Curt Lorenzen. Jim talked about credit unions and their world-wide impact in helping people learn to help themselves. Formed as financial cooperatives, credit unions began in Germany over 120 years ago, coming to the U.S. from Canada. Pooled monies within the credit unions are directed to the betterment of poorer people who have special projects in mind but no money with which to carry the projects out. Credit unions make loans to people in needy communities. Jim Nicks showed us a slide presentation showing how people in Taiwan have been able to use credit union loans to build stronger houses and develop better crops. With a credit union loan poor farmers are able to buy three times the amount of fertilizer that they would otherwise be able to buy. The credit union in third world countries also tries to teach people how to handle the funds themselves and to handle them within a democratic framework, thereby trying to do, to teach, and to educate people about how they themselves can use the loans from the credit unions to become more self-sufficient, and, therefore, less dominated by political and other forces that restrict their freedom to provide for themselves, their families, and their own communities. Although disadvantaged people are the main target, loans are not necessarily based on income and are used broadly through world-wide networks in countries rich and poor. Thank you, Jim, for a very informative presentation.

They said it - Snatching the eternal out of the desperately fleeting is the great magic trick of human existence - Tennessee Williams; There is nothing like walking to get the feel of a country. A fine landscape is like a piece of music; it must be taken at the right tempo. Even a bicycle goes too fast - Paul Scott Mowrer; It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment - Ansel Adams; You know its gonna be a bad day when your twin sister forgets your birthday, your only son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business, you wake up face down on the pavement, you see the 60 Minutes news waiting in your office, you call suicide prevention and they put you on hold, and your horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a gang of Hell's Angels on a lonely country road - Bob Metzger.

 COMING ATTRACTIONS *

- May 10 George Silliman - How to be enthusiastic 24 hours a day
- May 17 Bob Caddoe - Rewards and Punishment of Money
- May 24 Bill Ford - Have you cleaned your plate?

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