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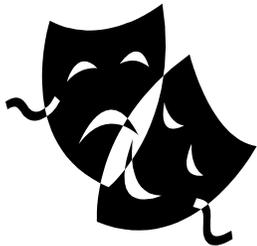
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Greetings to our BSP members,
Many thanks to all of you Black Swamp Players members who supported our February musical by coming out to the show. We had very good crowds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Thursday's group was small but enthusiastic! From an actor's perspective, I would have to say that the Sunday afternoon crowd was the 'rowdiest' Sunday afternoon audience I have ever seen...Of course, if you came Friday or Saturday---you were great, too. Audiences are crucial to a successful show. What good is a show without an audience??

Bob Marzola's contribution of his time and talent creating the choreography was wonderful--as always. Huge thanks go to Guy and Janet Zimmerman for giving of their time and talent to direct a show right after finishing the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever". They did a wonderful job directing and creating the set. The multi media feature added to "Nunsense" with the video presentations made it truly a Zimmerman production. Our pianist, Jeff Manchur, has the character of a saint and is a phenomenal pianist which made the whole show flow.

It was fun to be in the show and BSP thanks the ladies who stepped in to fill the parts on short notice. I am sure I can safely say that we all had fun!!

*****Now is the time of year when the Black Swamp nominating committee is on the prowl for anyone who is interested in being on the BSP Board of Directors. Have you ever thought about participating in this way? Please send me an email and I will forward it on to the nominating committee if you would be interested in being a director on our board.*****



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Let me encourage you to come out to Bob Hastings last show with Black Swamp--"Fox on the Fairway". It is another Ken Ludwig play, so you know it will be riotous fun! Bob has that gift of finding the laugh in as many scenes as is possible--you are guaranteed to have a really great time...bring all your friends!!

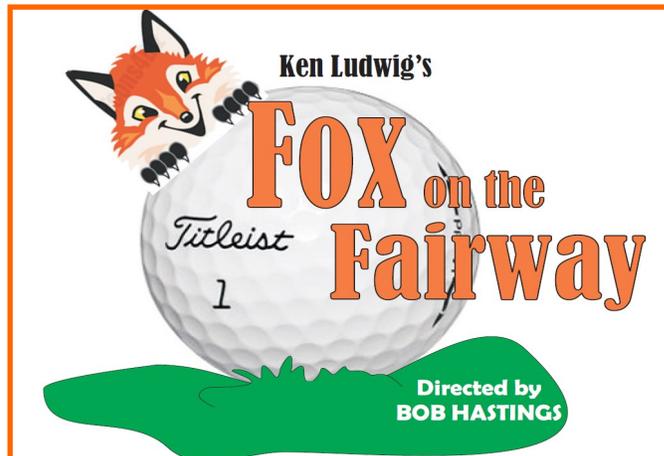
We will all miss Bob's tireless energy and his passion for taking care of every little detail of a show. He has been a tremendously valuable addition to the history of the Black Swamp Players for 33 years. He has directed tons of hugely successful musicals and for the last few years, he has brought hilarity to our season by directing several Ken Ludwig plays.

Hats off to Bob Hastings and his wonderful wife Micki! You two definitely deserve a standing ovation for your great contributions to Black Swamp Players--both acting, serving on the board and directing--over the last many years.

Deb Shaffer
BSP President

BSP's Very Funny *Fox On The Fairway* is Next Up

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Lane Hakel and Kent McClary are nose to nose again as Bob Hastings has pitted the two veteran funny men as opposites in a Black Swamp Players golf farce to please both duffers and non-duffers. In this most modern of Ken Ludwig comedies, Hakel is Henry Bingham, manager of Quail Valley Country Club and McClary is Dickie Bell, rival manager of Crouching Squirrel Country Club. The double crossing duo are up to their argyle undies in deception and diabolical skullduggery trying to win the coveted loving cup and year long bragging rights at the annual golf competition between the two clubs. Enter brain dead lovers, Ben Forman and Hali Malecki. Ben is Justin, a gofer hired by Hakel who turns out to be a golfer...I mean a REAL golfer shooting high 60's. Hali, as Louise Heindbetter (love this name), is his waitress/fiancé who kisses his golf balls for luck! Sara Swisher is Pamela, the promiscuous, sex starved, near alcoholic vice president of Quail Valley who slinks seductively through most every scene and manages to lure the easily lured Bingham away from his podgy, and less than homely wife, Muriel (played by petite and pretty Peggy Keyes...figure out that casting).

Bob suggests that you will certainly enjoy this show, his last.....he says.....as he expects to ride off into the theatrical sunset whooping and screaming, "no more visits to that damn storage shed" where the rats, snakes and various critters live year 'round in our soggy sofas and old curtains. Bob will have directed five comedies, twenty three musicals, and appeared on stage in 52 productions since joining Raul Ascunce's *Felix* as *Oscar* in the inaugural First United Methodist Church Dinner Theatre in 1982. There, you have it...two reasons to come see Fox On The Fairway. It's a very funny comedy and say goodbye to Bob.

March 28, 29, 30, April 4, 5, 6, tickets on sale at Grounds For Thought, \$12 Adults and \$10 Seniors and Students.





Directed by Kathy Barnes

Set in 1935: Mr. Shaitana (**Bill Perry**) is a strange and wealthy collector of snuff boxes and other objects d’art. One evening he invites two specialists, Supt. Battle of Scotland Yard (**Leroy Morgan**) and crime novelist Ariadne Oliver (**Deb Shaffer**), to a dinner party to view his special collection: Four people who have committed murder and gotten away with it. As they play bridge after dinner, Shaitana is daringly murdered by someone at the party.

Potential Suspects

Everyone. However, as far as the bridge players go, first, there is the young Ann Meredith (**Emily Waters**). Then there is the charming local doctor, Dr. Roberts (**Anderson Lee**). Next, there is the dashing adventurer, Major Despard. And finally there is the respectable and dignified Mrs. Lorrimer (**Becky Hansen**). Each of the suspects has a mysterious or questionable past. Not only that, but during the bridge game, each of the suspects admits to having left the table at some point in time.

Supporting Characters

Rounding out this stellar cast of characters is Ann Meredith’s roommate, Rhoda Dawes (**Alyssa Pike**); Serg. O’Conner (**Nate Miller**); Dr. Roberts’ secretary, Miss Burgess (**Jaime Barnes**); and Mr. Shaitana’s maid, Mary, and Mrs. Lorrimer’s maid, Doris (both by **Fran Weith**).

Battle sets out to solve the crime apparently aided by Mrs. Oliver. All-in-all, Battle must balance his hand throughout the many red herrings and skeletons in the cupboards before he can ultimately lay his “cards on the table.”

Performances: May 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8:00 p.m. and May 11 and 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green.

Tickets: \$10 for Student/Senior and \$12 for Adults, and can be purchased ahead of time at Grounds for Thought.

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