



# Readers Theater Comes to Our Stage

By *Tara Western*

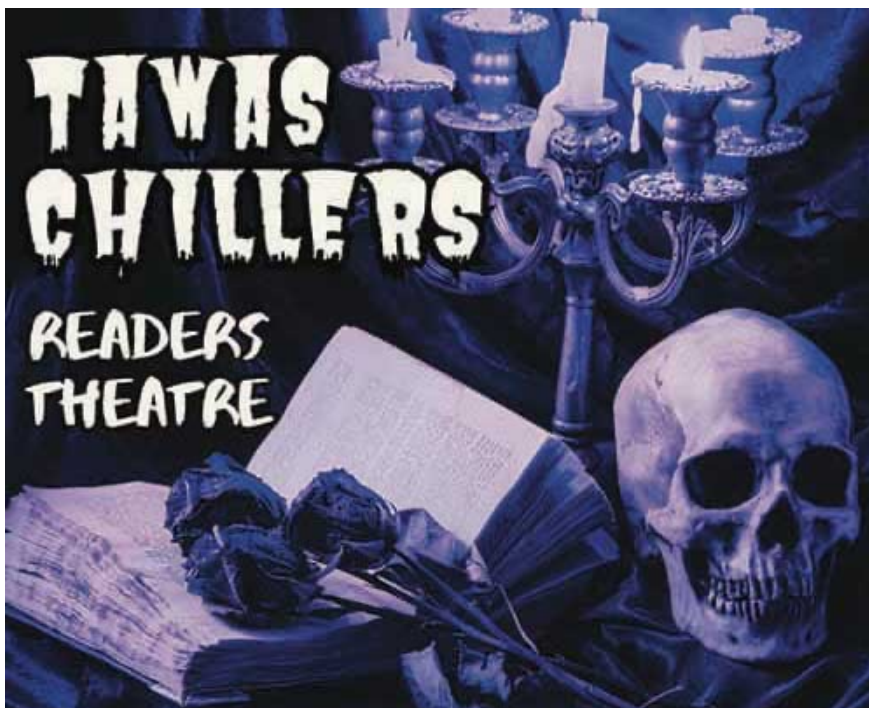
Tawas Bay Players has cast their fall production, *Tawas Chillers: Readers Theatre*. Show dates are October 13,14, 15 and October 19,20,21,22. All shows are at 7 pm except for the two Sundays which are at 2 pm.

In Readers Theatre, actors use their voices to tell the story. This is a new endeavor for the Players and they are looking forward to entertaining the Tawasites with short stories, skits, and one liners with a Halloween theme.

Producer **Jolene Grusecki**, and directors **Suzan Nemeth** and **Tara Western** are creating a night of chills and laughs with a Halloween theme.

Actors involved are **Bill Archer, Michelle Crossley, Alan Dalton, Tina Dalton, Juli Engle, Keith**

**Frank, Pam Frank, TD Haskin, Barb Hunter, Ed Krebs, John Mitchell, Chris Mundy, Stacy Perrot, Eric Toth, and Reesie Whitford.**



Taking place at the Tawas Bay Playhouse at 401 Newman in East Tawas, tickets can be acquired now by going to [www.tawasbayplayers.com](http://www.tawasbayplayers.com) or one hour before each production. Questions? Call (989) 362-8373.

## ***It's My Wedding, Dear Grandpa* Cancelled**

TBP's fall offering, *It's My Wedding, Dear Grandpa*, was cancelled due to lack of turnout at auditions.

The comedy, which was to be directed by **Michal Jacot**, needed 12 people for the cast, of which half of that needed to be young adults. While there was enough people to fill the older roles, there weren't nearly enough actors in the age range needed to fill the cast. Lots of calls were made, but in the end it didn't work out and we had to cancel the show and go with another plan.

Our thanks go out to those who volunteered to work backstage and to those who tried out.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting took place on August 25th at Father Rushman Hall (the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Tawas). A quick overview of the meeting:

- We heard reports from the secretary, treasurer, membership, and TBP Singers.
- We touched base on *Disaster*, Shining Stars, and adjudication policy.
- **Sue Duncan** discussed the Theater Advisors project; **Laurie Jacot** discussed the Production Handbook project; and **Ed Krebs** discussed Lighting Workshops and Inventory projects.
- President **Keith Frank** informed the membership on the previous year's fund raising efforts. Giving Tuesday, headed up by **Judy Quarters**, netted \$1,105.00 for the Players. Trivia Night, a project from **Laurie, Michal and**

**Gregory Jacot** earned \$470.00. And various murder mysteries, produced by **Michal and Laurie Jacot**, put \$2454.45 into our account.

- Three Board seats with 3-year terms were open. **Chris Mundy, Stacy Perrot and Ed Krebs** were elected to these positions.
- Next year's meeting will be held August 9, 2024 at the K of C Hall.

On the subject of the annual meeting, our sincere thanks to *EuFloria* and *Precious Petals* for the donations of the beautiful centerpieces that became part of the raffle!

## **FOUNDERS AWARD WINNERS: ALAN AND TINA DALTON**



**Alan and Tina Dalton** were honored with the 2023 Founders Award. Both of these members have done an extraordinary amount of work in the Players for years, onstage and behind the scenes. They have both given their time, above and beyond, to many of our shows. It is with great pleasure that Alan and Tina are the recipients of this annual honor. Congratulations to you both!

# Peter Fletcher Visits TBP Playhouse

On August 25th, Peter Fletcher, an internationally-acclaimed classical guitarist, entranced the audience at the Tawas Bay Playhouse.

This was Mr. Fletcher's third time performing at our venue (as a program sponsored by the Iosco-Arenac District Library), and once again he did not disappoint. The music was mesmerizing and beautiful!

Afterwards, he took the time to meet and greet audience members and chat with them. He stated that he really loves playing his music on our stage as the acoustics are very nice. We invited Mr. Fletcher back for another evening of music, and hope we'll see him again in the future!



## Tawas Bay Players / WE Players Season

*Readers Theater*, by TBP  
October 13-15, Oct. 19-22

*Sherlock Holmes*, by WE Players  
December 1-3, December 8-10

*Christmas Songs & Stories*, by TBP Singers  
December 12

*The Play That Goes Wrong*, by WE Players  
February 16-18, February 23-25

*The Subject Was Roses*, by TBP  
April 26-28, May 2-5

*Leaving Iowa*, by TBP  
July 12-14, July 18-21

# ARCHIVE PROJECT

By *Michal Jacot*

Thank you to the members who helped me with my TBP Archive Project (especially **Pam Frank** for filling in a LOT of holes!) I'm trying to get a list of the cast and backstage crew from every TBP play. Old programs are ideal as they list both. I can also use newspaper reviews that list cast and backstage personnel.

If you don't want to give up your treasures, no worries; I don't have to have the originals. Copies of the information are just fine. I'll gladly borrow your stuff, copy it, and return it to you. Listed below are the shows I'm still hunting for; I need lists of **backstage crew only**, unless otherwise specified. Thank you!

1981 - 1982 (Season 3)

**The Mousetrap**

1983 - 1984 (Season 5)

**Who Dunnit?**

**Arsenic & Old Lace**

**Fiddler On The Roof**

1984 - 1985 (Season 6)

**Move Over Mrs. Markham**

**Fools (cast & crew)**

**Prince Who Wouldn't Talk (cast & crew)**

1985 - 1986 (Season 7)

**I'll Get My Man**

**The Music Man**

1986 - 1987 (Season 8)

**Tangled Webbs**

1987 - 1988 (Season 9)

**A Country Christmas Carol**

**Brighton Beach Memoirs**

1989 - 1990 (Season 11)

**Tangled Webbs 2**

**The Nerd**

1990 - 1991 (Season 12)

**Steel Magnolias**

**Oklahoma!**

**Same Time Next Year**

**Fractured Mother Goose (cast & crew)**

1991 - 1992 (Season 13)

**Foxfire**

1992 - 1993 (Season 14)

**Rumors**

1993 - 1994 (Season 15)

**3 Murders & It's Only Monday**

**Saga of Dead Dog Gulch (cast & crew)**

1996 - 1997 (Season 18)

**Bye Bye Birdie (cast & crew)**

**Best Christmas Pageant Ever (cast & crew)**

1997 - 1998 (Season 19)

**West Side Story (cast & crew)**

**Play On**

**Deadly Deal**

1998 - 1999 (Season 20)

**Marital Blitz**

1999 - 2000 (Season 21)

**Natalie Needs A Nightie (dinner theater)**

2000 - 2001 (Season 22)

**Musical Comedy Murders of 1940**

**The Chalk Garden**

**Annie**

**Stages of Death (cast & crew)**

2001 - 2002 (Season 23)

**Nunsense II**

**Cinderella (cast & crew)**

**You Can't Take It With You**

2002 - 2003 (Season 24)

**Kiss Me Kate**

2004 - 2005 (Season 26)

**Meshuggah Nuns**

2010-2011 (Season 32)

**Jack And The Beanstalk**

2011-2012 (Season 33)

**Escanaba In Love**

2019-2020 (Season 41)

**Virgil's Wedding (cast & crew)**

2021-2022 (Season 42)

**Professor How Could You (cast & crew)**

2022-2023 (Season 43)

**Disaster (cast & crew)**

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Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.

# TBP Singers Appear at Local Venues

On September 19 The Tawas Bay Players Singers presented a musical show to the residents of Iosco Medical Care Facility. The group, headed by **Pat Casey**, has taken their show “on the road” all over the state for decades, and have entertained the people at local assisted-living facilities for a long time now.

About 25 people showed up to watch the mini-concert, and the Singers delivered a terrific show that ran a little over half an hour. The residents enjoyed

the show greatly.

Ladies

in the audience were especially delighted when **Chris Mundy** approached and sang personally to them!

On September 22 the crooners visited Tawas Village for another show. Once again, the residents were appreciative and entertained.

The TBP Singers have been an ongoing fundraiser for our group for decades. In addition to raising thousands of dollars over the years, the group has also volunteered time to bring a little

musical sunshine to our local assisted living homes. They will be spreading the joy this holiday season with their annual Christmas programs in December. Hats off to the TBP Singers for their work in our community!

## Looking For Biographer

*Tawas Chillers Readers Theater* is looking for someone to write the biographies of cast and crew for the program. If you’ve never done this before, it’s a fun and creative job, and an easy way to contribute to the production. Fourteen biographies are needed for the program. If you’re interested, contact **Tara Western** at [tarawestern@hotmail.com](mailto:tarawestern@hotmail.com).

### *Your 2023-24 Board of Directors*

Keith Frank (President)	Judy Quarters (Vice Pres.)
Pat Casey (Treasurer)	Stacy Perrot (Secretary)
Chris Mundy (Trustee)	Penny Zacharias (Trustee)
Jolene Grusecki (Trustee)	Pam Koepke (Trustee)
Ed Krebs (Trustee)	



Who remembers the days of the annual softball playoff between Tawas Bay Players and Shoreline Players? Those were always fun! We'd enjoy a day of baseball, outdoor park activities, and food and drink with all our theater friends. Our friendly rivalry involved the traveling Sam Lippert Trophy. One of my biggest memories of those days was when, during one game, with bases loaded, I nailed not one but TWO home runs, bringing the grand total of all the home runs I've ever hit in my life up to two.



This was back in the days when we were still in good enough shape to play softball, of course. These days, we might want to get together with Shoreline for a rip-roaring shuffleboard tournament, or a cut-throat corn hole playoff!

Meanwhile, here's an old newsletter article by **Keith Frank** detailing one exciting game. I'm not sure what year this was, but it was from the Good Old Days.

### ***TBP RE-CAPTURES TITLE TROPHY***

Following a hard fought match-up on Sunday, August 25, the Tawas Bay Players emerged as the number one theatrical softball team in Iosco County as they downed Shoreline Players 18-15.

The TBP, coached for the second straight year by **Keith "Not Me Again" Frank** with expert assistance from **Sharon "What Do You Mean We Can't Make Up Our Own Rules?" Miller**, went on the offensive early, leading by a score of 3-0 after the first inning.

Defense sparkled in the early part of the game as the local favorites held their northern opponents scoreless for the first two innings, while increasing their lead to 7-0 after two innings.

Disaster struck in the third as Shoreline sent 8 batters to the plate while scoring 5 runs with only one out. However, Umpire and Assistant Coach Miller implemented the first of the home-town rule at this point. She declared that each team could only bat through the batting order one time per inning. Therefore, since Shoreline had batted all of their players at this point, they were out and it was TBP's turn to bat, thus enabling the locals to retain a 7-5 lead.

The fourth inning exploded for TBP as they sent all of their batters to the plate, scoring 7 runs in the process to take a 14-6 lead. The lead bulged to 17-6 in the fifth inning. In the sixth, Shoreline batted around once again, this Lime scoring 5 runs to pull within 6 at 17-11.

However, in their half of the fifth, the locals added a run to take an 18-11 lead. The game ended after six and one half innings as Shoreline was only able to muster 4 runs in the top of the seventh to close within 3, making the final score: Tawas Bay Players 18, Shoreline Players 15.

The local contingent was paced by **Tom King** with 5 hits and some expert defensive play, while **Keith Frank** and **Dennis Szatkowski Sr.** each contributed 4 hits. **Pam Frank** and **Diane King** each contributed 4 hits to the winning cause. For Shoreline, **Dennis Szatkowski Jr.** paced the attack with 4 hits, followed by **Dwight, Paul, Jim Carr, Harry Roberts** and **Tom O'Malley** with 3 hits each.

Following the game a picnic lunch and the keg of beer was enjoyed by all participants. **Tom O'Malley** presented **Deb DeBois** with the Sam Lippert Trophy.

Thanks to all members who participated.

Personal Note to **Frank Brewer**: *NEXT TIME LEAVE BECKY HOME!!!*

*(P.S. About that last line Keith delivered to Frank: Shoreline didn't have enough players, so we lent them some from our group. **Rebecca Brewer** was one of those loaners. As it turned out, Rebecca was, at the time, on the high school JV softball team, and collected a couple key hits for Shoreline!)*