

Summer 2015

6-27-15 TEES AND TREES Golf Course (C 46, J 48) is located on the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, CA. This summer's venture got us up and on the road about O dark 30 with a stop at the Apple Valley Denny's for breakfast. Golfing opportunities on the way to Las Vegas are few and far between so, this 9 hole course provided a pleasant relief from the tedious drive. It also provided an opportunity to further appreciate what our servicemen experience in the way of recreation when assigned to remote locations. Today was also the day our friend Mary Willenborg was able to upload the massive amount of text in order to create the web site golfingacrossamerica.com. This effort necessitated dedicating an incredible amount of time to bring this information into existence. Thank you Mary! The remaining highlights were gas in Primm, Popeye's in Mesquite, road construction through the Virgin Gorge and check in at the St. George Ramada Inn.

6-28-15 SUNBROOK GOLF CLUB (C 87, J 90) in St. George, UT. is a magnificently maintained, beautiful, lush, sculptured course where water doesn't seem to be an issue. Just guessing, but that's probably where the lush comes into play. Thankfully, our first out tee time, made the post golf, mind numbing 420 mile drive to Parachute, CO. a bit easier, where we had reservations courtesy of Wyndham Reservation.

6-29-15 RIFLE CREEK GOLF COURSE (C 89, J 94) is about 5 miles north of Rifle, CO. Both sides of the course are pretty, the front being for the most part flat and the back side quite hilly, some of the cart paths being a bit hairy, and most of the greens being a mite tricky. There are aqueducts intersecting the course and interesting rock formations which do not come into play but are distracting enough to put one in mind of either Toltec, Aztec, Mayan architecture. And of course not



being an archeologist it could just as well be Incan. Being second out behind a singleton got us back in plenty of time for breakfast at the clubhouse. The drive from Rifle through Colorado to North Platte, NE. was interesting. Why you ask? We surmise that all the highway construction throughout Colorado is courtesy of the incredible sums derived from

tax returns of the newly legalized sale of marijuana. What better use to apply this new source of revenue than massive road improvements? The state must be swimming in cash! A couple more years of this and they may be able to bail out all of the America's bridge reconstruction issues. Only a guess! Whiskey Creek and Day's Inn!

6-30-15 North Platte is home to Americas largest railroad switching yard and just north of Lake Mahoney which has a pretty nice course in its own right. Drove to Tim and Sue's getting into Omaha about noonish just in time for pizza lunch and catching up on family stuff.

7-1-15 A day dedicated to consuming prodigious amounts of donuts, Culver's, chicken liver and endless hands of pinochle.

7-2-15 Drove up to Sioux City to spend some time with Cathy and Larry, but our golf got aced out by a day of rain so the day was spent in their golf cave imbibing, some of who spent intimate time inspecting the floor. Barbecue tri tips and a few moments spent dodging rain drops.

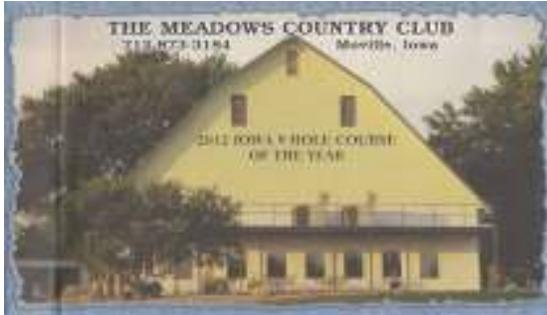
7-3-15 COVINGTON LINKS GOLF COURSE (C 96, J 86) is a very, and when I say very, I mean very, wooded course in South Sioux City, NE. We drove by the Twin Rivers course to check out wall space for my latest Martha Stewart golf thing creation. Larry, the master of barbecuing, did these special brats. We were all glued to the TV hoping Tiger could make a comeback, some of the old magic was there and some was not so magical. We absolutely relate to his game, as our erroneous shots are ours, sometimes leaving a feeling of futility, hoping the attempt to improve is not in vain. His are on a different plane, he is the epitome of golf, if he can come back then maybe so can we. It is a struggle, his is epic ours not so much.



7-4-15 TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB (C 92, J 94) FOURTH OF JULY, Dakota Dunes, SD. The pro said he'd be happy to hang the golf thing somewhere on the club house wall, I'm guessing it'll end up in the men's room over the urinal where it can get the continuous attention it so deserves. After golf we drove over to Brown's Lake to visit Toby and Marcie's camp site. More barbecue from the masters grill, followed by more of the golf channel, followed by an early evening necessitated by the sinful imbibers.



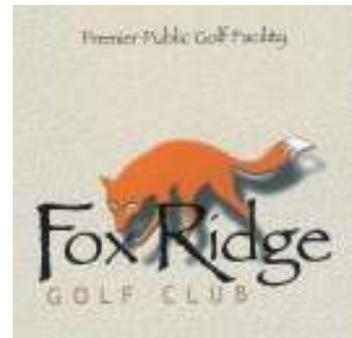
7-5-15 THE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB (C 45, J 49) Merville, IA Cathy and Larry joined us to play this pleasant 9 hole course east of Sioux City. Drove to Tony and Kelly's in Evansdale. Not being a barbecue person myself, I have a true appreciation for those who can actually



retrieve something from the grill that doesn't resemble a hockey puck. So you now have an understanding why I have been relegated to other pursuits than cooking. The grand kids refer to Cheryl's sister Mickey as aunt-mom, not quite sure how that nickname came to pass, but in any event she joined us for a fine repast and liquid refreshment.

7-6-15 A perfect rainy day in Iowa, perfect for visiting and taking grandma Audrey out to Panera with aunt-mom Mickey. Also not a bad day to catch up on the laundry, hang out in the man garage enjoying the rain which we don't get to experience in California.

7-7-15 FOX RIDGE GOLF CLUB (C 102, J 94) Dike, IA Maybe it was the huge breakfast at South town, anyway that's Cheryl's excuse. It couldn't have been the ultrafast greens or yesterday's rain, but who cares. Made air and car reservations through Expedia in anticipation of my forthcoming bucket list venture. The rest of the day was dedicated to an exciting visit to CVS pharmacy for distilled water, lunch at Diner 63, great left overs for dinner and staring at the dirtiest jobs TV show.



7-8-15 NEW HAMPTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (C 44, J 50) New Hampton, IA Once again



we are very fortunate to have gotten out before the men's club, the treasurer thought an exception was in order as we had traveled all the way from California just to play here. **PLUM CREEK GOLF CLUB (C 42, J 44) Fredericksburg, IA** was another pleasant 9 hole course.

Rounded out the day early on with breakfast at South Town, lunch was our annual burger fix at Maid Rite, CVS for lots of junk food for both of us, our hosts and grandma. Must have been the sugar overdose that made the rest of the day a blur, what else could have possibly caused the memory lapse?



7-9-15 VINTON COUNTRY CLUB (C 42, J 44) Vinton, IA Lo these many years of avoidance I have finally been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century. I am now the reluctant but proud owner of an AT&T cell phone. Is that a resounding SO WHAT or BIG DEAL I hear? In any event this purchase occurred after a lunch of chicken livers at Ron-d-voov and before our round of golf with Tim, Nicole, Quinton and Alex. Auctions are one of my weaknesses, but tonight's ventures to La Porte and Waverly were not productive. So dinner at Chapala's was a great fix for our Mexican food craving and substitute for my auctioneering disappointment.



7-10-15 Called Mountzoures, one of my old army buddies, to give him a heads up of my forthcoming visit and this all happened on my brand spanking new walk around telephone. Of course everyone wants to know my new phone number. Having never made a call to myself, or memorized the number, and being the technical imbecile that I am, this became quite the chore. Trying to make reservations while talking to the iron lady was a virtual impossibility! Press 1! Select option! There is nowhere to press one or a graph of options. Although there probably are options some of us geniuses are a mite challenged. And all this time I was under the impression that cell phones were supposed to make life less complicated. Silly me! I probably should have just returned it to the AT&T store and told them it doesn't work.

7-11-15 LA PORTE CITY GOLF CLUB (C 88, J 91) We took equitable strokes on the last three holes as the Saturday men's club was beginning a shotgun tournament. The four of us attempted to put the pork loin sandwich on the endangered species list at South town. Yes it is that good! A drive out to the Tripoli auction was most rewarding, three log splitters, an axe, two brown jugs, a milk can, coal hod and a press. Not quite sure what the press presses, maybe vegetables, fruits, lard or perhaps even shirts. Shut up and drink your radish juice! Being the egomaniac that I am, there was the impression that Tammy, Will, Allan and Jordan came over to Kelly's to see me off, but in all probability they dropped by for her barbecued chicken loins. Began packing for New England!

7-12-15 JONES GOLF COURSE (C 89, J 89) Cedar Rapids, IA with Tim and Quinton at a very nice course where we were able to experience a somewhat hot and humid discomfort level generally not provided by our local weather man. Our first night in the party barn!



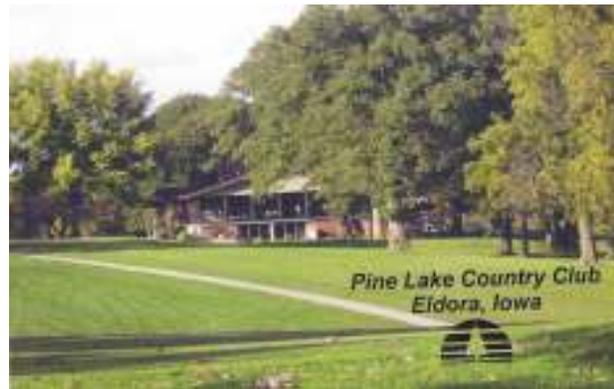
7-13-15 The day before leaving for New England on my two week “Get Out Of Jail Free Card” was spent checking out the Airport National Public Golf Course for a possible future golfing experience, plenty of junk and fast food consumption, and checking into the Cedar Rapids Airport Hotel.

SEE NEW ENGLAND GOLF OUTING

7-29-15 Laundry day after taking grandma Audrey to Chinese lunch and buying a new cell phone charger.

7-30-15 PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB (C 48, J 48) Eldora, IA is a highly rated, exceptionally nice, heavily wooded and hilly 9 hole course.

ACKLEY RECREATION CLUB (C 45, J 48) on the other hand is a short compact 9 hole community course squeezed into a few city blocks which you may not want to play during tournament or some other busy time as errant shots could be exceptionally dangerous. However don't expect a low score, because it is challenging. Great roast was enjoyed this evening.



7-31-15 Going to visit the Des Moines (Waukee) arm of the family, so a car wash, ATM visit, and gas were on the agenda this morning. Tony drove to a nicely appointed motel called the Wildwood. Cory, Holly, Bailey and Hillary have a terrific new home. Beside eating, the better part of the day was spent doing what adults do best around the hotel pool.

8-1-15 Having hauled a virtual nursery to the new house a part of the morning was spent digging and planting. Breakfast at Buster's Jumbalaya followed by an incredibly painful game of youth baseball! The attention span of the kids participating was noticeably absent. The parent participation was not quite over the top. Valley Junction is worth the visit, plenty of antique and other eclectic shops in addition to another Mexican lunch fix. After the return drive to Evansdale we spent the evening on the new patio enjoying the cooler than usual evening.

8-2-15 No auctions this Sunday, but there was a mission necessitating a visit to Menard's the gigantic hardware store. Made



a visit over to Rocky's, consumed a roast beast and called Skip Kelly to reassure them we would indeed be in Waterloo.

8-3-15 IRV WARREN MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE (C 102, J 89) after a breakfast at Junie's Truck Stop and a side trip to Target. Skip and Nora got into town about 7:30 after a 650 mile jaunt from Stow, OH so they were in no mood for an evening of carousing anyway we went across the street to South town for dinner and a touch of the dew.

8-4-15 SOUTH HILLS GOLF COURSE (C 88, J 95) Picked up Skip and Nora About 9AM at the Fairfield and headed out to the course. Following the 10 cent tour of Waterloo, lunch at Morgs, which you have to admit has kind of a neat ring to it, not quite the traditional menu you would find at the county morgue, but the play on words was worth the visit. The John Deere Museum, a tour of Prospect Street which is my favorite street in Waterloo, a nice visit to Tony and Kelly's, Chapala's Mexican restaurant for dinner, followed by total immersion into Iowa rural culture with a visit to Jerry's farm, and a long drive back to the motel, quite the day.

8-5-15 A fond and affectionate farewell to good friends, followed by shucking 30 ears of sweet corn from last night's visit to Jerry's. Skip brought me a beer glass all the way from the Cuyahoga Brewery in Cleveland. What's so important about that you ask, well the Cuyahoga River caught fire once from all the industrial pollutants and only stopped burning when all the affluent were finally exhausted. The brewery emblem captures this proud moment of a burning river in Ohio history. Probably be some time before Ohio wins any ecological awards.

8-6-15 WAVERLY GOLF COURSE (C 90, J 92)
Visited grandma Audrey, Target, Fairway and hung out in the garage discussing Heather's text regarding Sean's phone interview with Click stop. Corn on the cob, BLT and did I mention corn on the cob?



8-7-15 Why did we get up at 3 AM? Oh that's right the carbon dioxide or some such alarm battery warning kept reminding us that maybe the batteries were getting a mite tired. Lack of motivation and a bit of sleep deprivation turned this into a pajama day. Rocky came by all tricked out in her motorcycle gear, riding a man size Harley Davidson, were talking motorcycle outfit maven, lavender blue dilly-dilly. Oh yes, corn on the cob and soup with rice and chicken. Word is out our daughter Shannon has arrived in Cedar Rapids and is staying at her cousin Nicole.

8-8-15 RED CARPET GOLF COURSE (C 93, J 107) the horrendous score absolutely must be blamed on the voluminous consumption Casey's donuts. Anyway that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it. Following a lunch at The Other Place, where the beginnings of a class reunion were getting under way, we headed out to the Country Inn in Cedar Rapids. What with the whole clan arriving tomorrow for Allan's wedding and grandma's 90th birthday the rental car



will need to be swapped with our Honda Pilot. The kids will absolutely need the extra kid room it provides to jackass all the kids and the kids kid's around. They got in at 11PM. We were regaled with great flying experiences provided by the lightning storm.

8-9-15 Precipitation, that's what it was, the rain did not bode well for the coming week. However being retired phone company employees with lots of connections we were apparently able to put them to good use because the big guy stepped up to the plate and subsequently the sun broke over the Guenther compound and all was right with the world. Kelly brought a veritable Thanksgiving feast. All the grandkids took to the lake in kayaks with the confidence of years of experience of which they had none, just a wee bit of trepidation felt by all the adults. The next generation is in good hands, our replacements are here, reminiscences of us being them, the idea of being made in his image and likeness apparently applies to us as well.

8-10-15 MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE (C 44, J 44) Sumner, IA the WEST UNION COUNTRY CLUB where we had intended to play first turned out to be some sort of golfing enigma. The phone rings with no recordings, a drive by for a physical check that the course actually exists, and yes it appears to be well maintained, building locked up tight and not a soul in sight. As it turns out the course went belly up and was repossessed by the bank. The bank subsequently sold the property to an investor, but because of zoning laws, the property cannot be redeveloped for a year and must be maintained as its original recreational use indicates. Cheryl and Kelly joined the ladies arboretum group who were preparing scarecrows for their annual autumn festival auction over at Jerry's farm.



8-11-15 I guess the day's highlight would be the gathering of the clan at Chapala's for dinner. Casey's donuts, Walmart, fast clips, Barnes & Noble, Culvers for lunch with grandma Audrey, and Fairway grocery provided some busy time, just so many honey do's. Us old retired folk just get up in the morning with nothing to do and go to bed at night with not having got it all done.

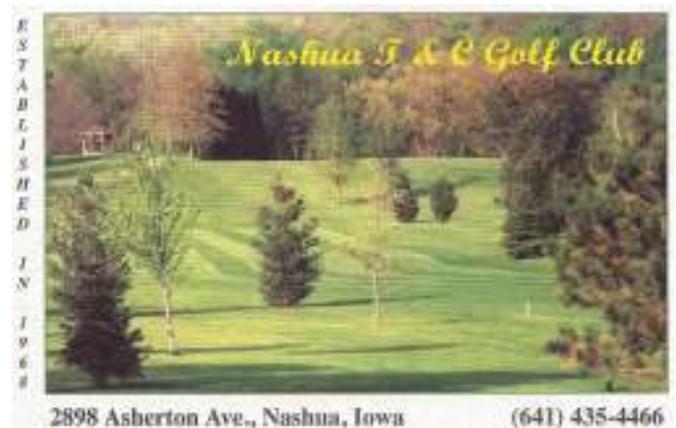
8-12-15 DYSART GOLF CLUB (C 100, J 92) another round at my favorite 9 hole course with Tim and Kelly whose scores will remain anonymous. Perhaps passing within striking distance of the club house every three holes for screwdrivers might explain the astronomical scores. In any event a good time was had by all. Almost everyone went to the waterpark and spent the night in Vinton.



8-13-15 APLINGTON RECREATION COMPLEX (J 49) thank you Mr. Grounds keeper for being able to get me out at 8AM as the course doesn't open until 9AM. A sizeable 3300 yard stretch for this old guy! HAMPTON COUNTRY CLUB (J 42) is one of those private clubs that folks from outside the community can play and by the way a very nice course. My first experience at playing phone tag was not very propitious. All those recordings "leave a message", "unable to leave message", "no cell site available", and to find out that after sending messages she of great phoneology had a dead battery, further proof that the phone should be returned to AT&T as useless.



8-14-15 NASHUA TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB (J 42) another private club that was very, very friendly to me. All the fairways on the long holes were downhill making my spectacular drives even more extraordinary. RALEIGH HILLS GOLF COURSE in Ionia was another unique golfing experience. The phone rang but there was no business recording, or not in service recording, and of course it went unanswered, this should have been a clue. The course is now a cornfield. So the attempt to play two 9 hole courses was again futile.



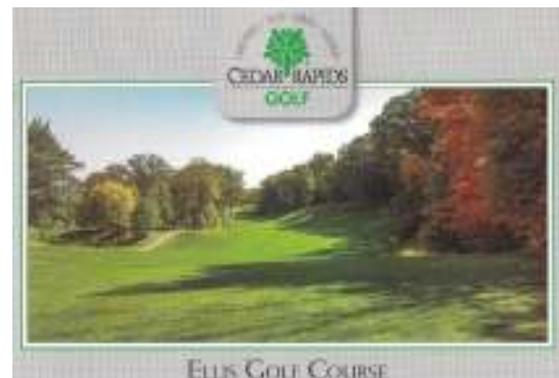
ALLEN DEHECK's WEDDING DAY! When you see his **JORDAN CAROLINE WAGGETT** in her wedding dress you put your hand over your chest and say "Be still my heart". There is no doubt in my military mind why this day is happening. Ten Maids of Honor, ten groomsmen, family members by the train load, friends, who knew there were this many people in Iowa. The Rotary Reserve outside Cedar Falls was an ideal setting. Mickey, Cheryl and Kelly did a yeoman's job keeping everyone fed and hydrated.

8-15-15 Grandma Audrey DeHeck is having her 90th birthday celebrated today and she has more than that many family and friends here to help blow out the proverbial candles. The tent, tables, chairs have arrived, been set up and decorated. Cheryl and I picked up enough brisket, chicken, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and buns from the caterer to feed an army. Keeping the coolers iced also fell under my auspices, brrrrr! With 8 children Audrey had to sit through a number of photo ops with each family as well as Audrey and her girls. What a truly wonderful opportunity to visit with her friends and ours as well!



8-16-15 Today was spent taking everyone on a short cut through Cedar Falls to see the University of Northern Iowa campus, formerly known as Teachers College of Northern Iowa, why you ask, because that is where the girls all went to college. Of particular interest was Bartlett Hall their old dormitory, which to their amazement still stands after years of announcing it was to be demolished. Bidding adieu at the hotel was kind of emotional as we are all approaching that age and with the infirmities that allow us admission to the short timers list. I'll see your by-pass and raise you two stints! A well deserved nap was had by all, followed by an early night.

8-17-15 **ELLIS GOLF COURSE (C 87, J 90)** we have decided that this is an exceptionally nice municipal course well worth recommendation. Lots of character, hills, unique holes one and all. We played as two threesomes what with Tony, Kelly, Quinton and friend Linda making six. Mapquest, navigating us through Cedar Rapids was of no use as the turns came



up before we could react, but we did get a decent tour of the downtown area. Lunch at Ron-d-vous in Vinton followed by an emergency run to the dump as the birthday party stuff was beginning to ripen.

8-18-15 A rainy day made for timely visits to Vinton and the return of borrowed cookers, Nicole gave us a tour of the house on Riverview that Sean and Heather had made an offer on, Sean had a meeting-interview with Click Stop manager, stopped by Jerry and Diane Homewood's before heading out to Eddie Cahill's tractor barn to see his hobby transitioning from fixing up collector cars to fixing up collector tractors, acquired some tractor auction magazines, Kelly made beef stew, Cheryl gave me marching orders for our return trip. How's that for a run on sentence?

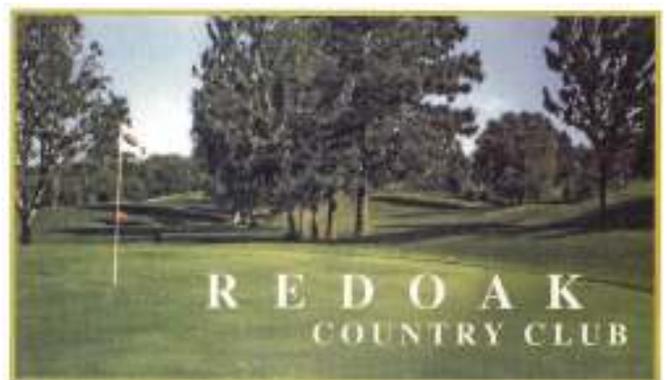
8-19-15 PHEASANT RIDGE GOLF COURSE (J 48) Cheryl and Kelly went to the University of Iowa doctor's hospital in Iowa City for a second opinion about frozen eye surgery that Kelly's doctor is recommending. Today was windy and cold not the appropriate day for shorts for



this thin blooded Californian. He's lost his head! The shaft on fairway wood has apparently fatigued lo these many years and informed me that it was quite through supporting the head. So that was a good enough excuse to chicken out after 9 holes. Stopped by the Waterloo Bucks baseball office for some information regarding how the league acquires college freshmen players for their teams. Miller's general store out in the Amish

community near Littleton had some chocolate bars. Said bars are twelve pounds, 12 by 18 by 2 inches diameter and will make terrific Halloween candy for the midget trick or treaters. I can see the headlines now "child crushed by chocolate bar". When that two year old gets to adult size she'll stretch out her arms and relate the size of just how big the chocolate bars were when she was a kid. Gas and load up for the return trip.

8-20-15 RED OAK COUNTRY CLUB (C 86,J 94) Red Oak, IA rolling hills and fast greens and home to Iowa's freshman Senator Joan Ernst. Pinochle and barbecue steaks were the order of the day at Tim and Sue's, followed by a long yearned for good night's sleep.



8-21-15 Sue is getting a free update on her computer from Windows 7 to Windows 10, wonder if they'll get around to me someday? After a platter of homemade crumb cake she drove me over to the Classic Clubs Golf Store in Omaha where

they have every imaginable hickory stick you could want and information on hickory tournaments. The Union Pizzeria and Sports Bar has a product called the Mobster. Get it! Sol's Pawn Shop had a picture not for sale. It was signed Jackson Pollack, but they could neither confirm nor deny that it was an original. Based on the size and the way the paint was splattered willy-nilly I probably would have paid \$1000 just to have an original forgery. Their automatic rifles are affordable, but not for sale to Californians until after a reasonable waiting period like, oh say ten years.

8-22-15 Today was a dedicated driving day of 540 miles from Omaha, NB to Days Inn in Castle Rock, CO with the occasional or so pee stops. Picked up an hour time change from central to mountain, this made the mileage average look better.

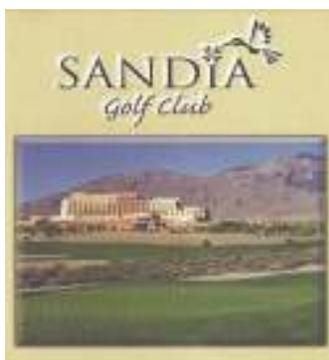
8-23-15 RED HAWK RIDGE (C 81, J 100) Castle Rock, CO second out on a nice course with excellent greens at 6:45 with

Patrick and Steve two very nice entertaining young men who work for Star TV and Visa, both of which claim to have trophy wives, but I'm just guessing neither of their wives could hold a candle to my trophy wife. Cheryl has won an absolutely real faux Waterford crystal trophy as



champion of her club, but I'll bet neither of their wives has ever played golf. I rest my case! They did give her a nice complement though. Death, taxes and Cheryl's drive are the only absolutes in life. After lunch with the boys we undertook another long drive, by our standards, of 450 miles from Castle Rock to the Days Inn in Albuquerque, NM. PF Chang's take out for house flied lice and soup.

8-24-15 SANDIA GOLF CLUB (C 93, J 97) Albuquerque, NM another good desert course, a bit



too long for me from the white tees. We were paired with another couple of nice young men Randy and Alexander, who is a med student at Ohio State. Should have checked out the Sandia Casino rates as the course is on premises and has what was described by the starter as a rooftop bar with a view to die for. Okay drive of 350 some miles to the Flagstaff Travel Lodge. Cheryl's blood sugar was down around 80, made a McDonalds malt and burger run.

TOWN	COURSE	TOWN	COURSE
Barstow	Tees and Trees	Keene	Bret wood
St. George	Sun Brook	Bennington	Mt. Anthony
Rifle	Rifle Creek	West Point	West Point
S. Sioux City	Covington Links	Bushkill	Fern wood
Dakota Dunes	Two Rivers	Newark	Weequahic
Moville	Meadows	Eldora	Pine Lake
Dike	Fox Ridge	Ackley	Ackley
New Hampton	New Hampton	Waterloo	Irv Warren
Fredericksburg	Plum Creek	Waverly	Waverly
Vinton	Vinton	Waterloo	Red Carpet
La Porte	La Porte	Sumner	Meadowbrook
Cedar Rapids	Jones	Dysart	Dysart
River Vale	River Vale	Aplington	A R C
New Haven	Alling	Hampton	Hampton
Westerly	Winnapaug	Nashua	Nashua
Middleton	Newport	Cedar Rapids	Ellis
Hyannis	Hyannis	Cedar Falls	Pheasant Ridge
S. Yarmouth	Bass River	Waterloo	Gates Park
Nantucket	Miacomet	Waterloo	South Hills
Oak Bluffs	Farm Neck	Red Oak	Red Oak
Kennebunk	Webhannet	Castle Rock	Red Hawk
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