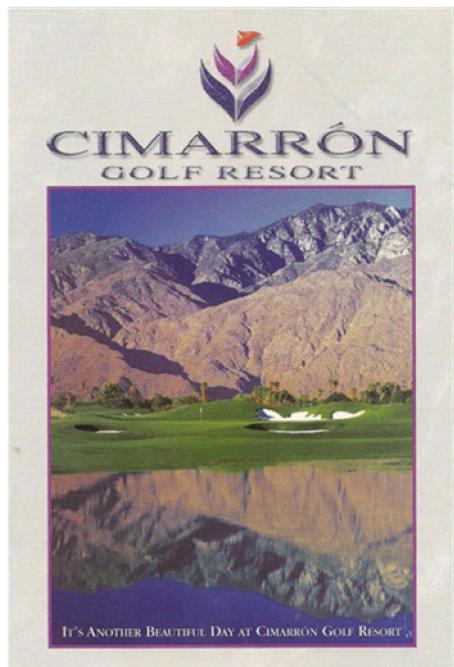


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6-05-09

Early tee time at the CIMMERON GOLF RESORT in Cathedral City (C 92, J 83). The course is laid out in a river-wash-flood basin so there is not much of a challenge in the elevation change department. We used our Red Dot book to play the Boulder course which was in excellent condition. Long drive through Blythe, beautiful downtown Quartzsite, Phoenix and ultimately Fountain Hill. The Fort McDowell Casino was featuring their Friday fish buffet. Don't ever recall seeing any of those attractive people featured on their advertising brochures in the casino or the restaurant. The place is mostly populated by withered, beer belied, tattooed, toothless, smokers reminiscent of the two old farts we frequently see in the mirror. Spent the night at the Comfort Inn after taking an evening drive in search of the tallest fountain in the world!



6-06-09

Today is the 65th anniversary of D-Day. We found the fountain this morning on a short cut through Fountain Hills and the reservation. Pleasant drive up to Payson which is reminiscent of Chester on the north side of Lake Almoner. The first twelve holes of the PAYSON GOLF COURSE (C 85, J 89) are absolutely flat,

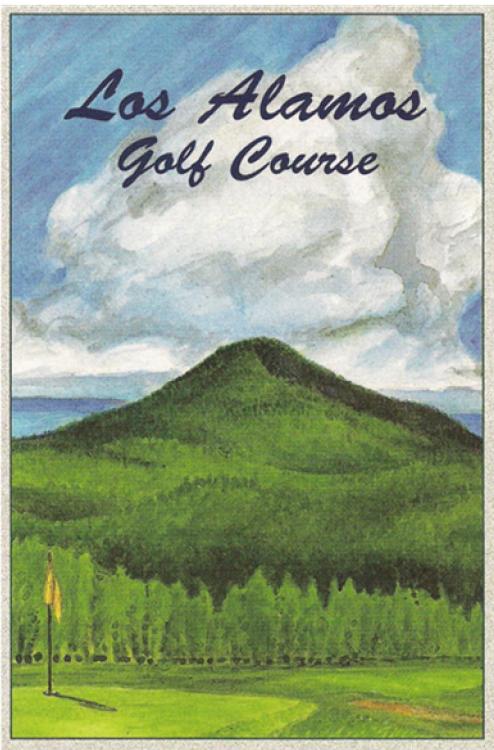
A rectangular card for the Payson Golf Course. On the left is a circular logo depicting a pine tree silhouette against a rising sun over rolling hills. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "PAYSON GOLF COURSE", "IN MILE HIGH COUNTRY", "At Payson, Arizona, 85 scenic miles northeast of Phoenix, via No. 87 Beeline Highway", "Telephone (928) 474-2273", and "PUBLIC WELCOME". Below this, it says "Open Year Round, Course and Lounge".

followed by several tight, narrow and invisible fairways. The drive from Payson to Show Low is very pretty, wooded, almost like the Flagstaff area. Show Low got its name from the poker stakes low hand. The fire of several years ago hurt the Tonto National Forest severely, but not irreparably. The Show Low Golf Course is now the Bison Golf and Country Club, good thing we did a drive by.

Called Mary and Judy Arnold, but they

were honeymooning in Colorado (35 years). Dinner at B.J.'s. Here we are up in the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and you'd think there'd be Indians behind every tree, but no, the only Indians to be found anywhere are straight from the black hole of Calcutta, behind the motel desk.

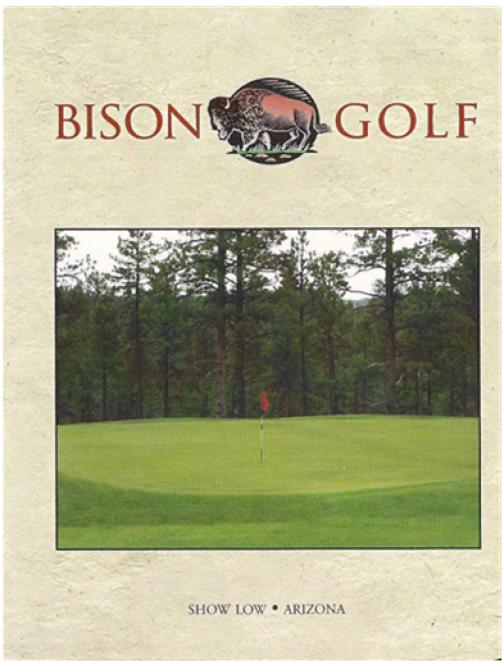
6-07-09 Semi free breakfast at B.J.'s compliments of the motel. Very unique door locks, no key slot to insert just hold the card up to the plate and it scans the card. Pretty much first off the tee, when two older guys let us jump them about 7:30. BISON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB(C 90, J 95) is very picturesque set in a forested housing development resort. Impressive bronze statuary of bison, elk, horse and eagle at the approach to the club entrance. Drive from Show Low to Albuquerque uneventful, followed by our usual barbecue dinner at Ruby's. Super 8, noisy, poor night's sleep.



6-08-09 Cheryl was the hero today doing the entire drive from Albuquerque through Santa Fe Los Alamos, Espanola, Taos (road to Angel Fire was closed due to a semi accident) so we had to detour all the way around the Wheeler Wilderness Area and Carson National Forest, Questa, Red River, Eagle Nest and eventually Angel Fire. Other than being an incredible inconvenience and exhausting on Cheryl, the majesty, grandeur and beauty itself should be recommended if not required touring just for the sake of the drive. LOS ALAMOS GOLF COURSE (C 97, J 93) was a pleasant hilly wooded setting, too remote to play again, but terrific if you happen to be there. Our room at the Angel Fire Lodge was bigger than our first apartment. The rooms were most likely designed for longer stays and lots of ski gear, spectacular view from the balcony (smoking), the closets were so big the kids could

have their own accommodations. Good in house pub grub and liberal libations were applied by Dr. John on our resident hero.

6-09-09 ANGEL FIRE RESORT (C 95, J 91). Ron Oxman, the local pro played his first professional golf tournament at Porky's, now known as Red Carpet in Waterloo. We were sent out with a father/son pair. Dennis entered Matt in the Byron Nelson Amateur Tournament, (which his team won) as a graduation present from the University Texas Medical School. The greens were tiny



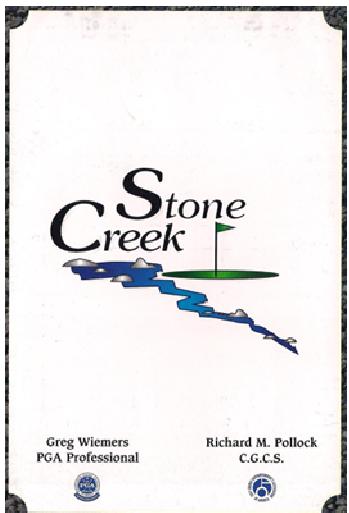
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and didn't hold anything, narrow fairways, tall grass. The local mountains are called the Sangre de Christo (blood of Christ) and present an imposing forested setting which we would highly recommend if you happen to be taking a short cut through this area. Nice drive from Angel Fire to Castle Rock. The manager of the Super 8 still tows around her oxygen bottle and her dog still barks at her during cigarette breaks, because he knows something she won't admit to. A gourmet dinner of M & M's, crackers with spray cheese and oreos all washed down with vodka and mountain dew. Mmmmmmmml

6-10-09 Played BUFFALO RUN (C 90, J 96) with Harold McBride who we were paired with last year at Murphy's G.C. Very, very nice greens, but they were faster than crap running through a goose, slicker than snot on a door knob, slippier than an eel, anyway they were very fast. Good breakfast at the club house served by a Hawkeye transplant who's boy plays baseball on a club team and was going to the college world series for a tournament in Omaha. Saw an incredible number of Burlington Northern coal trains. Must be a lot of naughty children out there this year if the coal cars are headed for the North Pole! Super 8 Gothenburg.

T-shirt sighting: I'm not a gynecologist, but I'll take a look if you want! Baseball hat sighting: My wife says I don't listen, anyway, I think that's what she said!



6-11-09 Drove out to the WILD HORSE GOLF COURSE north of Gothenburg, but once again we were denied by the rain. Looks like a Scottish links style course which we'll attempt to play on the return trip. Drove to Tim and Sues in Omaha! Pinochle marathon!

6-12-09 Suzy gave us the 25 cent tour of Omaha and we got to walk across the pedestrian bridge to nowhere which actually goes over the Missouri River to Council Bluffs. Paired up with a mother and daughter at STONE CREEK (C 86, J 96) who was practicing for some upcoming tournament. Had dinner at an Italian buffet style restaurant, followed by more pinochle.

6-13-09 Walked the dogs across the reservoir dam. The water level seems to be up considerably from last year. buffet lunch at one of the casinos in Council Bluffs, once again we abused our appetites and are suffering from distended stomachs. But the good news is our Bulemia is under control. God bless Tim for putting up with me as a pinochle partner. Ah can't stands what ah can't stands no moh! Called Kathy in Sioux City to reconfirm our tee time tomorrow in Onawa, which doesn't make tee times, you just show up and go out. Suzy drove me to Rosenblatt Stadium so I could say I'd actually been there. Quite an impressive crowd for the college world series!

6-14-09 Got an early start for Onawa which is just over an hour from Omaha! Kathy and Larry Henshaw met us about 9 and we got right out. Kathy is Jim Mercers daughter. Larry is not old enough to retire from Tysons yet. ONAWA GOLF CLUB (C 92, J 94) is absolutely flat with some tributary of the Little Sioux River running through the course, I think. We agreed to meet up again in Sioux City on the return trip. Very long drive getting to Highway 20 and onto Waterloo. Saw the turn off for Odebolt, Iowa where Loman and Barclay wouldfeat the imaginary Odebolt 500 tractor race which was usually won by Maynard Farmer. Got in about 5 and had dinner at, where else but, Culvers.

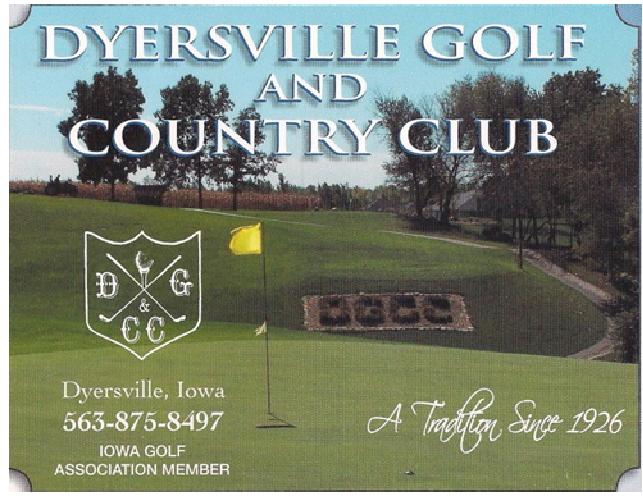
6-15-09 Round of golf at SOUTH HILLS GOLF COURSE(C 94, J 106) with Mickey, followed by pork sirloin lunch at South Town! Bought a ton of those barrel shaped tees! Short stay! Packed for our trip to Dubuque.

6-16-09 Began Cheryl's mini class reunion of four girls by meeting Barb and Steve Smith in the lobby of the Midway Inn where we were all staying. Breakfast buffet at the hotel! Then we began a tour of the highlights of Dubuque (Barb hadn't been back for a long time). We took one of my short cuts and hiked up a good half mile to the Julian Dubuque monument overlooking the Mississippi River only to discover there was a parking lot not 100 yards from the monument. Oh Well! Next was a real white knuckle ride up the 4th Street Elevator. The folks working the reception desk at Dubuque Senior High showed incredibly hospitality by allowing us a tour of the school. My highlight was the trophy case with the first Heisman trophy which was won by Jay Berwanger. The girls on the other hand enjoyed the gym with all its memories which my jealous nature is probably better off not knowing. Eagle Point Park with its spectacular views up and down dat Ol Man Ribber! Linwood Cemetery so Barb could visit her parents! The marina where their boat would get launched or tubing down the river to 9 mile island. Chip and Nancy Bliss hosted a terrific-party at their house; but a six-pack of Coors was just not quite enough for Cheryl and myself. Bob and Carolyn Gelpke made it in about 8. I am so happy for Cheryl that she was able to have this quality moment 20 years in the making. Of course the decibel level was off the charts. "So Cheryl, when did you start wearing a bra?"

6-17-09 Bob and Carolyn had to drive back to Ann Arbor as he flies for Nomad which is some kind of resort airline and they had a flight to prepare for the next day. Interestingly in the morning news there was a private airplane that landed on the fairway of the golf course they live on, probably just some copilot coming to pick them up. A little more driving around for Barb and Steve, followed by the river museum located in the ice harbor, a must see. Chip and Nancy met us for a prolonged lunch at the Dubuque Star Brewery on the river. Some pool time at the hotel followed by a few Blue Moons at Champs.

6-18-09 Breakfast with Barb and Steve, promises of not waiting another 20 years, which might be pushing the apron just a bit, and a generous helping of tears! Drove to the DYERSVILLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB where we got in 6 holes before the thunder and lightning suggested it might be an appropriate time to call it a round. Decided to ignore Chi-Chi Rodriguez philosophy of not even God can hit a one iron. Caution over valor! Stupidity over valor! But then again no one ever accused me of being the brightest spark. Dyersville is where the Field of Dreams was filmed. Drove

home to Waterloo and lunch at Panara's! Lots of storm warnings tonight.



6-19-09 Pretty much of an uneventful day what with the weather holding! It took 5 different stops shopping for MSM-Glucosamine, but eventually Sam of Wal-Mart fame came through. Post card stamps, no USHL yearbook at the Young Arena, getting the zipper replaced would have cost more than a new pair of pants so the resident cheap skate took a pass, the Waverly auction didn't have anything compelling, Culvers lunch with Audrey!

6-20-09 Partook of our regular Saturday morning breakfast at the Village Inn! Really put on the mileage checking out auctions in Independence, Sumner and Cedar Falls all to no avail. Missed Nicole while having lunch at the local sports bar! Haircut!

6-21-09 Don't know if it was the 1st day of summer that prompted us to lunch at the Ponderosa Steak House and Buffet or an attempt to fight off a recurrence of anorexia. In any event both Gail and Danny's girls were working there. Cheryl and I picked up ten bags of shredded bark and some grass seed at Menard's to dress up around the house. Cement mixers and lunch at Culvers!

6-22-09 Drove out to BEAVERS MEADOW AND GOLF COUNTRY CLUB in Parkersburg (C 97, J 89) for a very- hot and humid round! The cancer book saved us a ton as it was only \$15 for the cart rental. We were the only group out today unless you count the swarms of gnats and horseflies. Parkersburg appears to be nearly entirely rebuilt, which is truly amazing considering last years devastating tornado. Dinner at the Mexican restaurant I can't remember the name of,

6-23-09 RED CARPET GOLF CLUB (C 100, J 90) sweltering is putting it mildly, it took Cheryl a half hour to pee, what with peeling off her bloomers and then trying to reapply same. Audrey had visitors, friends of her step brother Steve, Shelly and Ron from Antioch, CA were in town for a wedding so they stopped by. Several opportunities, to watch the cross state tractor rally, which we later found out Jerry Homewood drove in with 800 other enthusiasts. You know how long it takes 100 tractors to make it through an intersection? Patience is a virtue held by many, but practiced by few. Stopped by Tony's on the way back from the Evansdale auction, because I thought he might be scared what with the sirens and huge black clouds and thunderstorm looming, pitch black sky, tornado warning and all. Anyway he allayed my terror with a few beers. The Jackson auction house is quite upscale a la Christy's!

Joke alert! If your donkey ate both my rooster's claws, what would you have? Two feet of my cock up your ass!

6-24-09 IRV WARREN MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE (C 87, J 86) The weather and temperature held. Had lunch at The Other Place where Allan works and it was quite good. Shopped for Kelly's party, guacamole fixings, worst case scenario we'll go by La Marguerita and buy a gallon of the stuff. Spread some wood chips in mom's planter.

6-25-09 FOX RIDGE GOLF COURSE in Dike (C 87, J 88) paired up with Jerry a junior high principal who recommended Spring Valley a course in Livermore, IA. Lunch at the Red Lobster! Shopped at Wal-Mart for duct tape that Cheryl is going to make a gag gift from, which she won't tell me about, but just keeps giggling! Cheryl went wining and weeding at the arboretum with Kelly. The lightning bugs or fire flies or box elder beetles are out in force this evening.

6-26-09 DYSART GOLF CLUB (C 94, J 90) At first blush it would seem that Absorbine Jr. is not one of the top ten favorites of horse or deer flies, in any event no bites. Lost my hair hat to one of my new best friends at the Dysart bar! "I just gotta have one of those." Ordered another two dozen from George Chen! Lunch at South Town, followed by a beer nap and one of those medical emergency dinners at the China Buffet!

Joke alert! Farrah Fawcett was dying and her last wish was that all children would be safe. Ten minutes later Michael Jackson died.

Joke alert! Is it true that Michael Jackson read an advertisement that little boys underwear was half off and he immediately had a heart attack?

6-27-09 Saturday breakfast at The Village Inn followed by a tour of the Cedar Falls industrial park!

Their city council must be extremely progressive or make offers that these companies just can't refuse. I won! I won! 5 boxes of books, some tools and a Pepsi container at the Raymond auction! Denise birthday party at Kelly and Tony's, 50 years! Jerry Schmidt's 4th of July party, volleyball (you'd think someone my age would know better) fireworks, the occasional shot and a beer or twelve. Found out what the duct tape was for! A giant sized Madonna like bra for Denise.

6-28-09 Cheryl spent the day in the bat cave as a recovering alcoholic, venturing all the way out to the garage at one point, which was incredibly daring as it is over 50 feet from the nearest bathroom. I on the other hand walked all the way to Walgreens drug store ostensibly to get the film developed, but realistically it was to see if I could really in fact walk that far, almost a ¼ mile.

6-29-09 GATES PARK GOLF CLUB(C 97, J 97) Paired up with Chuck and Mike two local teachers. Chuck used to be the baseball coach at East Waterloo where Cory Goldsmith is the current coach. Tri tip at Famous Daves followed by, what's getting to be more than an occasional event, The Nap. Of course The Nap has been known to have a detrimental influence on the normal night's sleep pattern necessitating a three beer relaxitive.

6-30-09 PHEASANT RIDGE GOLF COURSE (C 97, J 87) very cool, cloudy and windy, seems like summer is over. Lunch at Zsaook's a sports bar followed by a shopping tour of Blains Farm and Fleet. Nada!

7-01 -09 Golf with Quinton at Vinton, rhymes rather nicely, Aye! VINTON COUNTRY CLUB (C 93, J 91) He has a good natural golf swing. The course has recovered nicely after last year's flooding, no flopping fish in the fairway puddles, no slime, no mosquito's the size of hawks, must have taken quite an effort to bring it back. Lunch at Pizza Buffet! Toured Tim and Nicole Gunthors newly expanded shipping facility and offices. They obviously have grown what with all the new employees, facility and office space. Mickey got me entry to the Waterloo Bucks baseball stadium from someone at work (Standard Golf) whose son is a coach, p.s. they are in desperate need of a batting coach. Very imaginative between innings entertainment! Rubber chicken toss, pizza box stack, large shoe and electric car races, something every half inning, dollar beer, if it ain't one thing it's another, always something to keep your mind off baseball.



7-02-09 LEGEND TRAIL GOLF CLUB, Parkersburg (C 82, J 93) with Mickey! Cheryl got her first eagle today and her lowest score ever. Drove through the old downtown which was spared from last year's devastating tornado! It is amazing how there is a veritable line drawn through the community where mother nature

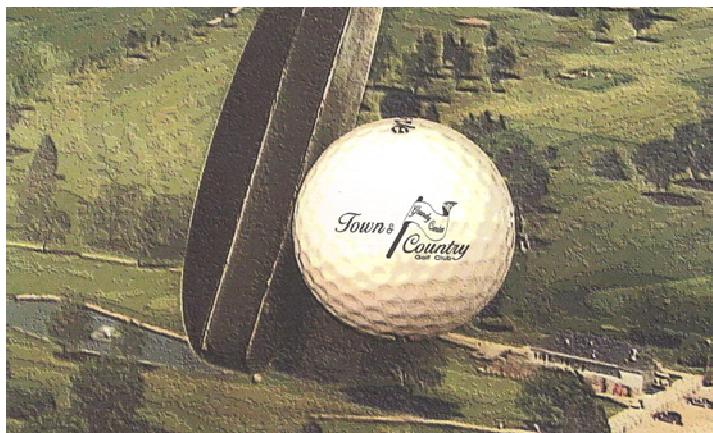
clear cut everything on one side of the line and spared everything from devastation on the other side. New homes erected since the rebuilding began on one side, existing homes and mature trees on the other. Curious what the kids did for a high school last year, but subsequently found out they used some middle schools. Picked this up from the Applington-Parkersburg vs. Dike-Hudson game recently televised on the high school game of the week channel, which also honored Coach Ed Thomas who was murdered by one of his former players. Lunched at the course clubhouse! Met Dawn for an early dinner at The Other Place, she has led quite the disjointed life.

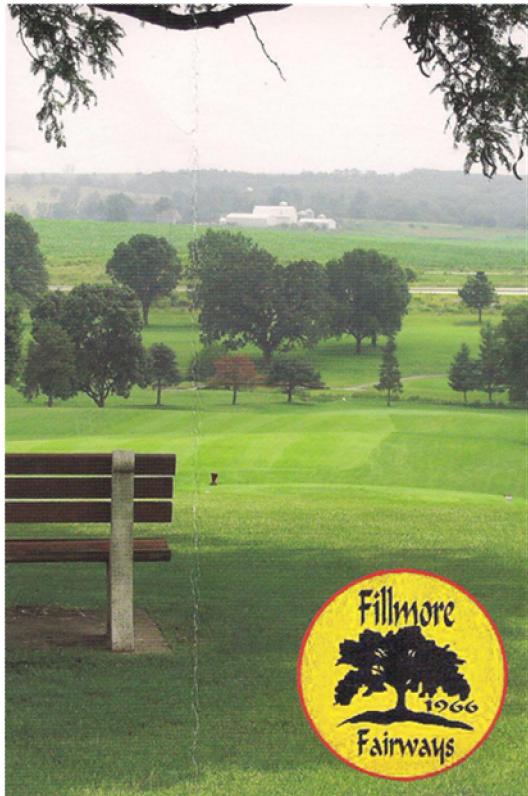
7-03-09 WAVERLY GOLF CLUB (C 86, J 86) Hurry home for leftover grindage and The Nap! Heather called about the prescriptions. Dessert at Culvers, watched the televised fireworks from Dubuque, which is a very popular event in the tri-state area. Quinton called to let us know he got his own golf clubs for which he had to pay half, his half coming from working.

7-04-09 Breakfast at Village Inn, lunch at Famous Daves, seems a lot of restaurants are closed on the 4th of July. The Nap! Rain! Fireworks on all the channels Washington D.C., Boston, New York as well as locally in Waterloo and Cedar Falls. Poor snoopy has probably been shivering all night, he doesn't do well with fireworks. Speaking of shivering, it brings to mind Don commenting on picking me up at the Cedar Rapids Airport one frigid January day. You should have seen John, he was shivering worse than a dog shitting razor blades." You have got to picture this dog squatting, trying desperately to pass razor blades painlessly, ain't gonna happen, just a lot of quaking and teeth chattering. Oh Well! You had to be there!

7-05-09 SOUTH HILL GOLF CLUB (C 88, J 88) with Quinton and his new store bought golf clubs. That boy is a real ball striker, hand eye coordination, whatever, he's a natural. Game two with his new clubs! Actually hit into the group in front of us because we told him to go ahead and hit, thinking he couldn't get there. Silly us! Needs a little range time with his driver to work on direction, the shafts are a little long and his grip was two fingers separation between hands. Jerry Schmidts for a beer and photo opportunity, but the tall grass is gone. Knee high by the fourth of July!

7-06-09 GRUNDY CENTER TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB (C 88, J 95) was a little muggy, sometimes referred to locally as humidity. \$45 for three players on the cancer book, not bad Aye! Lunch at the Corner Café in Reinbeck! Alvin retired from Western Bell this year, dropped by on his way from Colorado to visit Audrey.





7-07-09 OAK LEAF COUNTRY CLUB, Reinbeck (C 87, J 94)

Just a little rain, not enough to stop us! Cheryls hair dresser was playing here just as we were finishing up. Lunch, left overs, don't remember much else!

7-08-09 LA PORTE CITY GOLF CLUB (C 85, J 84) Avoided the rain perfectly and lunched at South Town.

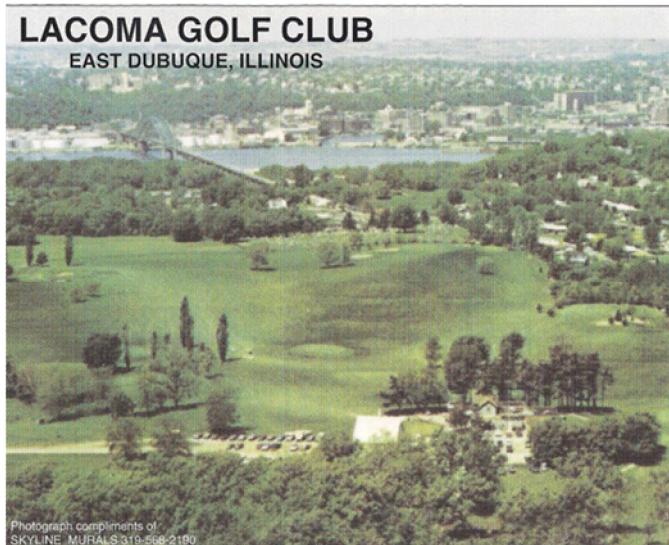
7-09-09 FILMORE FAIRWAYS GOLF CLUB just outside of Cascade (C 87, J 95) Dinner at Pat and Pattys with Pearl and Jeremiah. Hard rain all night!

7-10-09 Did not play BUNKER HILL as it rained most of the morning! Visited Chip and Nancy, they are having their basement bathroom updated. Lunch at the West Dubuque Tap! Benjys softball game was at 8 PM between the Easy Street Tap and the Superior Siding or Alcoholics Superior.

After a close 26-3 mercy killing the players still showed

great sportsmanship by high flying each other and offering each other a fond and affectionate Fuck You, Fuck You instead of the standard Good Game, Good Game! During the game at one point the announcer commented "Mike Kelly at bat, police cruiser in parking lot, Benjy Kruser in the on deck circle." Nice and subtle!

7-11-09 Breakfast at the Village Inn of Dubuque and a nostalgic drive through the old neighborhoods! Walked the farmers market in downtown and then picked up Pat and Patty. LACOME GOLF CLUB over in East Dubuque (C 91, J 104) Got berry, berry beery as the day wore on, anyway there's no excuse. Pat wasn't taken with my idea of having Patty go to the John Deere Open. I thought what with all the quiet signs the volunteers are always holding up she might get the idea not to talk during putting and tee shots, but she'd probably just get escorted off the course. Didn't make a good first impression on the typically challenged pro at Lacoma! Apparently he takes his male pattern baldness quite serious He must



have a ton invested in Rogaine and hair transplants, anyway he took exception to our hair hats Patty was the designated driver for the trip up to the Petosi Brewery for dinner and sampling the product. Why do people actually put up with me? Got a free tour of the camp ground they like and actually witnessed May flies.

7-12-09 TIMBERLINE GOLF COURSE in Peosta (C 92, J 89) still ranks as a 5 star course for its forested topography. Lunch at the Heartland restaurant in Independence where we've been threatening to stop for some time! Nap!

7-13-09 The IRV WARREN MEMORIAL GOLF CLUB(C 92, J 85) really got hit by the storm. Trees were down everywhere, volunteers raking the fairways, city trucks with branch grinders are making progress, but with three courses, roads and highways to clear it seems a daunting task before the Waterloo Open. Hope they can get it all done, because it's quite an event for the city. Met Audrey at Culvers, but their grills were all down so we had to settle for a salad and cement mixer.

7-14-09 GATES PARK GOLF COURSE(C 90, J 98) was threatened by rain, but fortunately it held off. There was not as much tree damage here as there was at Byrnes. Had lunch at Maid Rite! Quite clever of me taking a picture of Cheryl in front of the Maid Rite sign, implying she is made right too, Aye! Signed up at the Covenant gym! Man did it thunder, lightning and rain.

7-15-09 RED CARPED GOLF COURSE(C 92, J 92) was quite saturated by the rain yesterday. Southtown for lunch followed by a light workout! We've got terrific entertainment. Across the street the Amish are replacing the neighbors roof and next door they are getting a new driveway. Marty says our roof needs to be replaced too as it was feeling soft in spots when he was clearing heavy snow and cleaning the gutters. So I went across the street and asked if they could give us an estimate, which will be forthcoming on Friday. Cheryl met the neighbor, Melissa, who is getting the new roof and they had a flagon or two of Captain and coke.

7-16-09 MAPLE HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (C 99, J 98) was not as difficult as the score indicates. Tried to have lunch downtown at Morg's, but there was standing room only. The idea of eating at a place with a name like that intrigues me. No seats in the morgue! Nothing much to eat at the morgue! Get it? Oh Well, that's just my sick sense of humor at work! Taco Johns was the alternative, but we don't have to go back there for Mexican.

7-17-09 Finally made it for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Cedar Rock, which is just west of Quasqueton. Don't think Audrey had been there before. You have to ride in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor from the parking lot to the house the weather was a little brisk. This was our fourth attempt at

the tour (closed Mondays, too early, construction on the property). Took everyone to the Heartland Restaurant in Independence for lunch! Tony and Kelly took us to the fish fry at Am-Vets in Waterloo, met her friend Rocky, but the neighborhood wasn't all that attractive, probably was very nice at one time, pre or post WW II.

7-18-09 Village Inn breakfast, spent a little time at the Waterloo Open, checked out local auctions, it took 4 trips to the green waste dump to disposed of the 40 foot Black Hills blue spruce in the front yard that was suffering, which was a bit of a work out, what with digging out the stump, the soil in Iowa is very conducive to tap roots getting a good hold in mother earth. Missed the stock car races in Independence as myself was somewhat spent.

7-19-09 Spend a few hours watching the big dogs at the Waterloo Open, then took off to check out auctions in Raymond and downtown. Once again patience is a virtue held by many but practiced by few. Patience my ass, stubbornness is more like it, had to wait to the bitter end for my two milk cans, a person can never have enough milk cans, Aye, a collection of Iowa license plates, handkerchiefs for doll dresses, a vase, and pink depression era dinner ware. OH YEAH! OH YEAH! I WON! I WON! Tony and Kelly had sweet corn, barbecue ribs, chicken and the occasional beer for dinner. The prevailing philosophy on drunk driving is that the faster you drive, the sooner you'll get home, thus less exposure time on the highway, and if you close one eye then there is only one center line to contend with.

7-20-09 WAVERLY GOLF CLUB (c 88, J 82) Kelly rode along today while we played and we were paired up with a guy who works at the Nestle chocolate company. Lunch at the Hong Kong Chinese next door to Famous Daves! Cheryl, Audrey and I visited with Jerry and Diane Homewood. Nap! Work Out! Crummy night's sleep!

7-21-09 Rained out at HICKORY HILLS GOLF COURSE in Oelwein! Storm passed as we were coming back through Denver so we played the WILLOW RUN COUNTRY CLUB. (C 85, J 87) Finally had lunch at Morg's. Lots of one liners kept popping into my mind.

Sign alert! On the way out of Oelwein "Kittens, Puppies, Fish Bait" which put me in mind of one we saw years ago in Tijuana. "Dancing, Marriages, Divorces"



7-22-09 WAPSIE RIDGE GOLF COURSE, Fairbanks (C 88, J 93) The short cut to Standard Golf took us just

north of the Waterloo Airport, most of the corn had been destroyed by hail. Lunch at Zsaooks again! Took my driver in to have the shaft extended! Too early for hockey tryouts at the Young Arena! Lots of company for dinner, Tammy and Taylor up from Missouri, Allan, Marty and Debbie, Gary and Marlis Hanks, Tony and Kelly, Nicole and Tim, Quinton and Alex, Holly Cory and Bailey, Dawn, Cheryl, Mickey, Audrey and John. Cheryl had planned on making a little extra chili for five but it turned out to be the miracle of the loaves and fishes, with a side trip to KFC.

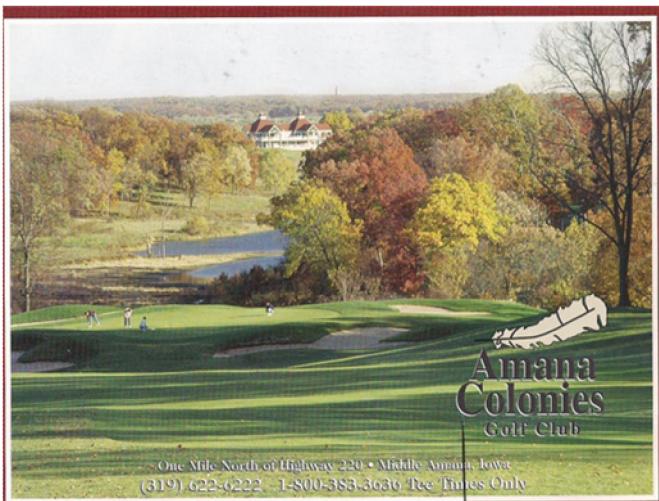
7-23-09 AMERICAN GOLF, Waterloo (C 84, J 88) was as Cheryl so eloquently remarked about the course condition "Piss Poor". Mariah came by with Nolan, Brandon and Milton which I had erroneously assumed was just a visit. Patty came later to supposedly watch the kids, while Mariah went to Cedar Falls for a Tupperware party. The boys display absolutely no discipline

7-24-09 DYSART GOLF CLUB with Quinton (C 91, J 91) is my favorite 9 hole course, it must be the oak forest, hills and lake or that you pass the club house after every third hole. Lunch at Ron Da Vou in Vinton the only other dining choice beside Pizza Buffet and Chinese! Picked up my elongated driver and had a quality nap.

Tee shirt alert: Please tell your boobs to stop staring at my eyes.

7-25-09 After breakfast at Village Inn the girls took Audrey looking at retirement home options. Worked out and used Tonys computer to look up courses for our return trip. Mickey got her panties in a bunch about Audrey looking for a place. A day for reading and TV, guess I won't be seeing the stock cars this summer.

7-26-09 Scott should be coming in sometime tomorrow on his way from Pennsylvania to Denver to Texas. Tried out my driver at the range, really something when it goes straight!

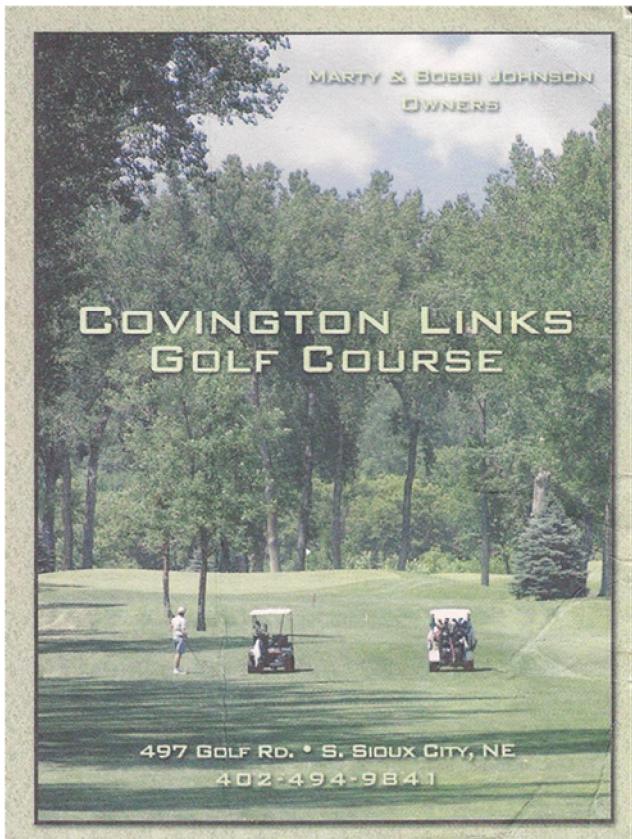


7-27-09 AMANA COLONIES GOLF CLUB (C 92, J 102) Well worth the drive down here, one of the prettiest courses we've ever played, another 5 star. It was kind of interesting to hear Steve a local marshal we were paired up with say he really liked Morro Bay. Ain't that something? Come all this way to hear that. The male enhancement procedure I had done on the driver only increases the distance of the slice or moon shot. Scott Kruser and his girlfriend

Chia stopped by grandma Audrey's for a terrific visit and everyone in town came by for pizza.

7-28-09 CEDAR RIDGE GOLF COURSE (C 92, J 86) in Charles City was nice, but too far to drive for the experience. Word must have got out we were movie stars from California considering all the stares and deferential treatment we received. The sprinklers on the greens worked just fine, somewhat reminiscent of Fort Leonard Wood where I'd swear a greens keeper was on a mission to keep us moist. An amazing 3 hour round, The Nap and no sleep deprivation.

7-29-09 FOX RIDGE (C 85, J 84) an exceptional round (9 pars and 1 birdie) in Dike where we played with Cory and had lunch at another sports bar called Peppers, which is across from the Am-Vets of Cedar Falls. Another big Nap, maybe we're getting some version of the African sleeping sickness, or perhaps it's too many beers after golf. Mickey brought home the red tee caddies and we began packing.



7-30-09 No golf, took Grace Peterson and Audrey to lunch at Culvers after a little driving misdirection. Did a few drive bys at Young Arena, the Grout Museum, tobacco-magazine store down town for the Sports Illustrated featuring Coach Thomas life, worked out and packed the car.

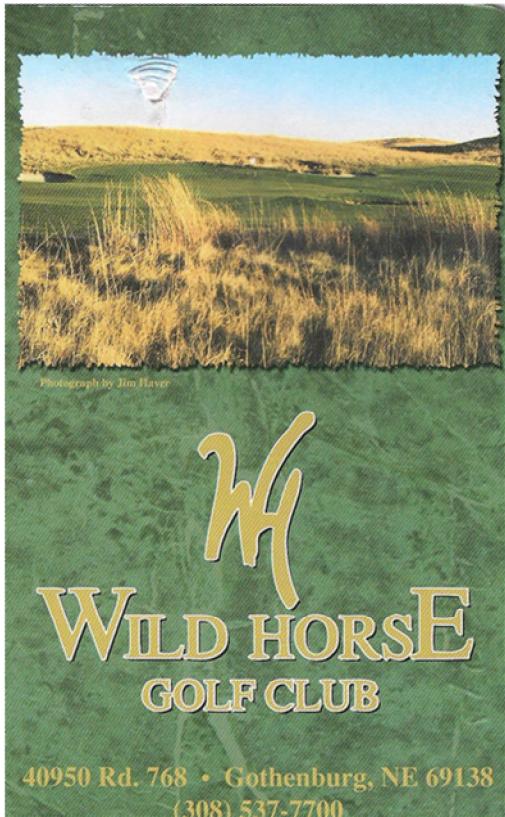
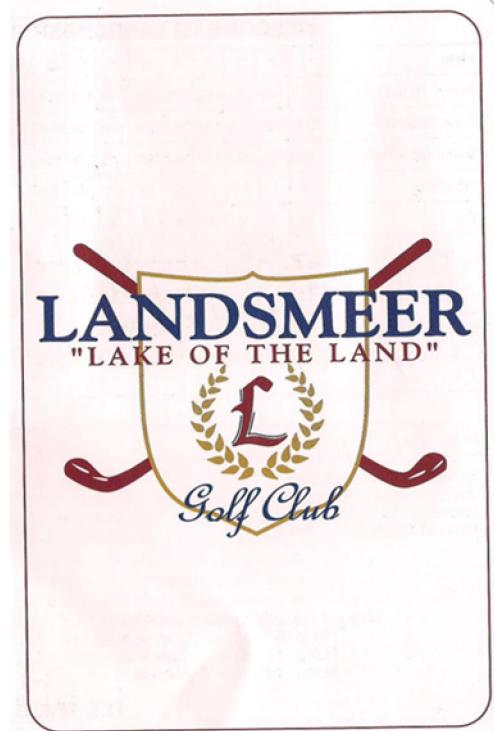
7-31-09 SAC CITY GOLF CLUB (C 94, J 97) is a very hilly flat wooded open 9 hole course. Is that a contradiction or what? We had to pass on Storm Lake as they were hosting a High School football tournament, but wait until next year. Driving into Sioux City was quite the challenge, the city is old. Kathy and Larry Henshaw took us to COVINGTON LINKS GOLF CLUB (C 98, J 90), thank goodness Larry has owl eyes and can see in the dark because we couldn't follow or find our balls without him, and I'm almost positive it had nothing to do with the 24 beers we put away on the course.

Larry barbecued, dispensed beer and was an altogether great host.

8-01-09 Drove up to Orange City and played the LANDS-MEER GOLF CLUB (C 97, J 99) we played a good game but the course is just that tough. This is an exceptionally clean Dutch town, probably what Solvang was like pre tourism. Famous chicken lunch in Le Mars! Drove to Tim and Sues for another barbecue and pinochle marathon!

8-02-09 Lisa, Kevin, Cassy and Jacob Sarver came over for brunch which was entertaining as the kids have limited eating habits. "I'm not eating that, I'm not eating that, etc, etc." All day pinochle and eating marathon!

8-03-09 Played MIRACLE HILL GOLF CLUB (C 88, J 92) with Jacob who is 12 and will be good some day as his parents have invested heavily in lessons! We've played this course before, on one of our first trips after retiring. Ripleys Believe it or not has it holding the record for the longest hole in one, 444 yards.

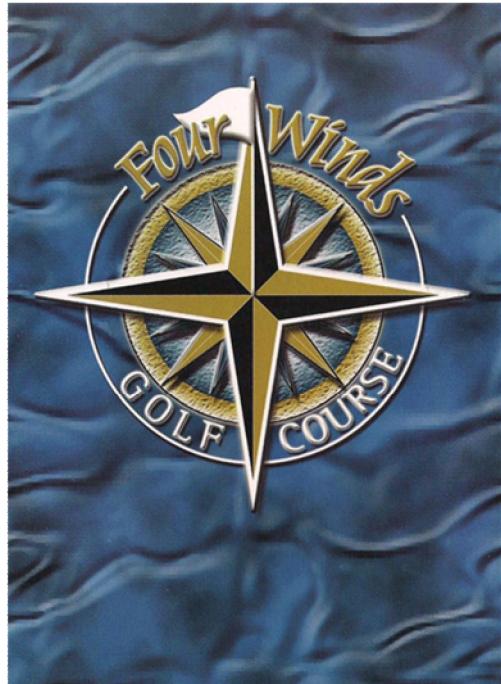


8-04-09 Raining pretty hard on the way to the lightly hilled links style HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB (C 88, J 96) just past the Lincoln Airport. Drove to Gothenburg where, after napping we had another gourmet dinner of Cheetos, Oreos and M & M's. These naps sometimes necessitate a beer or so to induce a state of narcolepsy. Super 8

8-05-09 WILD HORSE GOLF CLUB (C 107, J 104) has received rave reviews in many of the golfing magazines, even considering its remote location. It took 3 tries, rain outs, for us to finally get to play here and the storm this morning gave us pause as to whether we would ever get the best of the weather, Aye! This is a true links style, with Scottish bunkers, large slick undulating greens and beautiful fairways. But, if I never play here again that will be too soon! What with so many lost balls, truly, next time Mr. Driver will stay in the bag. Drove to Kimball, Super 8! Cheryl counted all of her ball strikes, but I'm not sure John did.

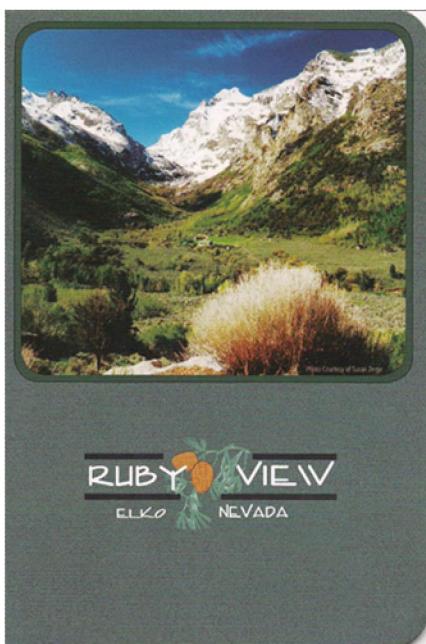
8-06-09 FOUR WINDS GOLF CLUB in Kimball(C 94, J 97) the name is appropriate, because that is the direction the gusts come from, constantly, as in all the time. Another nice course, who'd have guessed Nebraska had this many fine places to play. It came recommended by someone on a previous trip and even Cheryl said she'd play it again. Drove to Rawling, Wyoming, Super 8.

8-07-09 ROCHELLE RANCH GOLF CLUB (C 93, J 106) in Rawlins claims to be the 29th most difficult course in America and I wouldn't disagree, unless it was 28th or some such rating. The fairways are mowed so uniformly, that from a distance they look like Astroturf, and once again it's a links rough situation. Nothing but the 3 wood worked for John today. Lunch at Little America! Cheryl drove to Salt Lake City, Super 8, downtown!

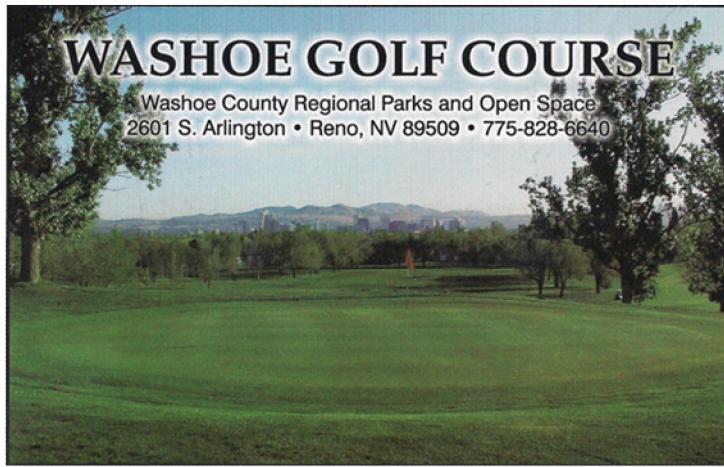


8-08-09 Hadn't been able to get a tee time for today, Saturday, anywhere. So we had planned on doing a tour of Salt Lake City! An excellent young Mormon tour guide showed us, famous buildings, Olympic venues, arena, rail station, Latter Day Saint historic locations, university, lunch at some famous downtown hotel, after walking through the capital buildings rotunda we even witnessed a large gathering on the state capitol grounds, with addresses by their representatives. The drive to Elko was long and tedious. The Great Salt Lake is probably in its last dying agonizing stage of some prehistoric ocean,

Bonneville Salt Flats, central Utah would make a great aqueduct to California once we acquire all the water rights in Canada. JR's for steak and Scampi! When Pigs Fly! Well they have flown along with the chickens, goats and cows! Cheryl won \$31 on the penny slots.



8-09-09 RUBY VIEW GOLF CLUB (C 94, J 94) Nice round with Mike and Sandy from Bountiful, Utah after an enormous ham steak breakfast at JR's. Long drive to Reno, checked into the Sands for 3 nights, where once again the bar provides free beer and captain and coke while we wile away the evening. We just missed a huge rally where vintage car owners cruise Virginia Street all day, which explains why it was closed coming into town. Dinner in Mels Diner!



8-10-09 WASHOE GOLF CLUB (C 97, J 100) is the oldest course in Reno, vintage 1930's, somebody must have had a few bucks before the depression hit. Plenty enough depression for me! Put Mr. 1 iron in charge of anger management as my new and improved version of the extended driver seems to have been a bad venture. Cheryl took my \$12.50 chit from the 1st night and never used any more cash for the 3 days and cashed in \$39.24

before we left. That's kind of like breaking even with hours of entertainment and free beer thrown in at the poker bar. Dinner at Fuzios!

8-11-09 WOLF RUN GOLF CLUB (C87, J 87) in Sparks where we were paired up with Mark, whose wife is 8 3/4 months pregnant, and Alex. They got a phone call and had to leave after 15 rounds, probably just tired of our company, or something. Joined the following twosome Ray and Tom, who suggested we eat at Louis Basque and order a Pecan Punch, which we did. The Basque restaurants serve family style, the lamb was great. Good thing we had taken a taxi! Back to the poker bar for more free drinks.

8-12-09 EAGLE VALLEY WEST COURSE (C 91, J 95) Turned out not to be as flat as it initially appeared. We left plenty of balls for the marshals to find later. Although Reno isn't very far from Carson City it was still a challenging drive with all the 395 detours. Drove through Carson City the capital of Nevada on the way up to Lakeside Inn in Stateline on the south shore of Lake Tahoe!

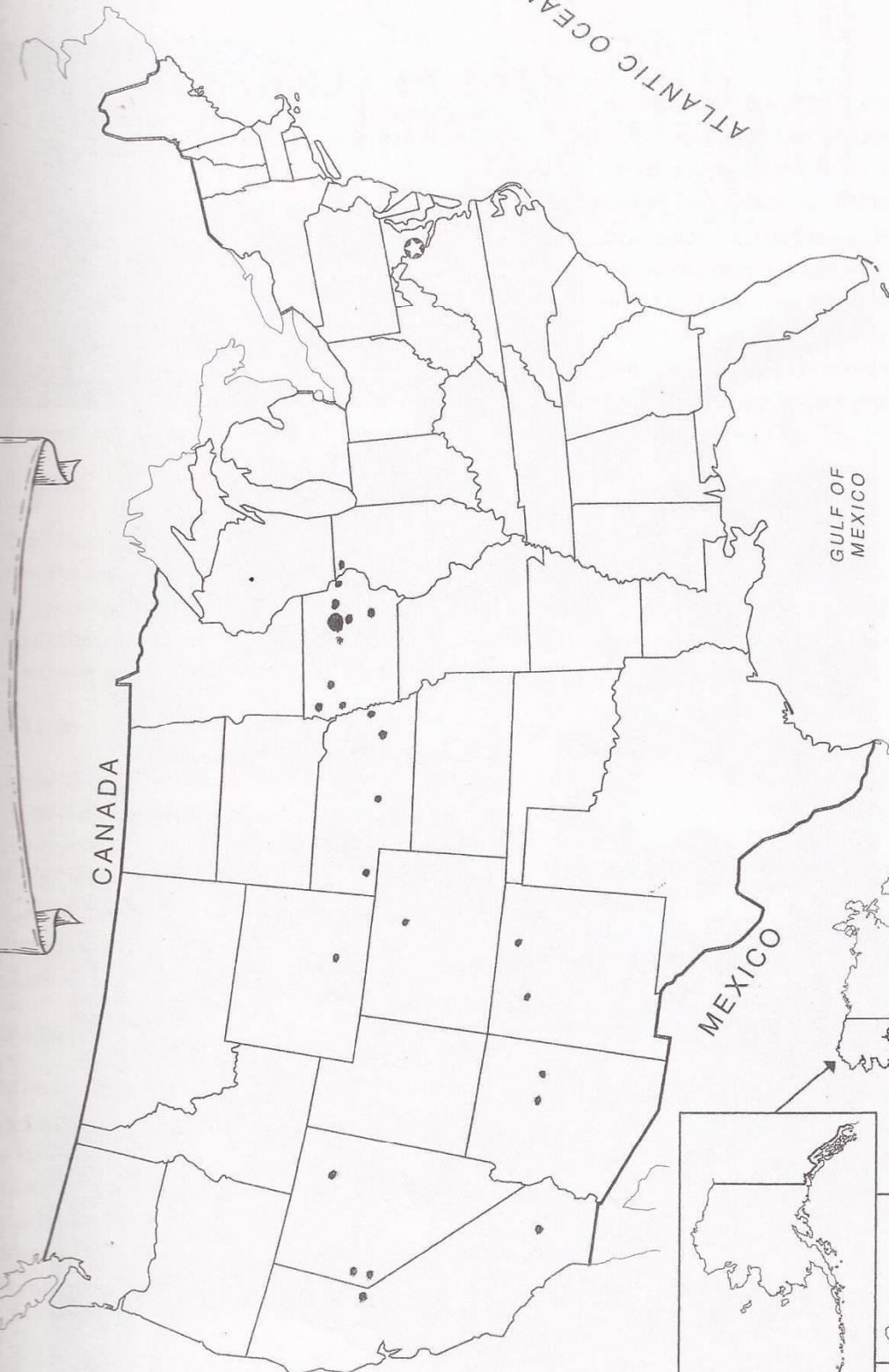
8-13-09 MOUNTAIN COURSE IN INCLINE VILLAGE Lake Tahoe (C 76, J 79) is a spectacularly situated executive course. The drive over from Stateline stirred many memories of our camping and skiing ventures. Once again Cheryl did all the heavy lifting, as the drive from Truckee to Sacramento was nearly all construction area. Spent the night in Fresno and drove home the next morning.

An advertisement for Eagle Valley Golf's West Course. At the top right, the words "WEST COURSE" are written in bold, black capital letters. The main image shows a wide, green golf fairway with a yellow and black checkered flag on the green. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a range of mountains under a blue sky. At the bottom, there is contact information: a phone number "775-887-2380", a website "www.eaglevalleygolf.com", and the course name "EAGLE VALLEY GOLF" in large, stylized letters. Below that, the address "3999 Centennial Park Drive • Carson City, NV 89706" is listed. To the left of the contact information is the Eagle Valley logo, which features a stylized eagle in flight.

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Cathedral City, CA	Cimarron	Waterloo, IA	Gates Park
Payson, AZ	Payson	Waterloo, IA	Red Carpet
Show Low, AZ	Bison	Tripoli, IA	Maple Hills
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Angel Fire, NM	Angel Fire	Oelwein, IA	Hickory Grove
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Waterloo, IA	South Hills	Dysart, IA	Dysart
Dyersville, IA	Dyersville	Middle Amana, IA	Amana Colonies
Parkersburg, IA	Beaver Meadow	Charles City, IA	Cedar Ridge
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Dysart, IA	Dysart	Orange City, IA	Landsmeer
Waterloo, IA	Gates Park	Omaha, NE	Miracle Hill
Cedar Falls, IA	Pheasant Ridge	Lincoln, NE	Highlands
Vinton, IA	Vinton	Gothenburg, NE	Wild Horse
Parkersburg, IA	Legends Trail	Kimball, NE	Four Winds
Waverly, IA	Waverly	Rawlins, WY	Rochelle Ranch
Waterloo, IA	South Hills	Elko, NV	Ruby View
Grundy Center, IA	Grundy Center	Reno, NV	Washoe
Reinbeck, IA	Oak Leaf	Reno, NV	Wolf Run
La Porte, IA	La Porte	Carson City, NV	Eagle Valley
Cascade, IA	Fillmore Fairways	Incline Village, NV	Mountain Course
Dubuque, IA	Bunker Hill		
East Dubuque, IL	Lacoma		
Peosta, IA	Timberline		
Waterloo, IA	Irv Warren		