

SUMMER 2016



6-1-16 DE BELL Golf Club (C 100, J 101) provided quite the challenge both as a course and fighting the traffic thru L.A. and on the 210 just to get to Burbank. The club house presents a nice breakfast and good value of play with the senior discount. Considering it is a somewhat short course check out the scores. The greens are in great shape but have subtle breaks that were difficult to read, anyway that's our excuse. Three little girls let us play thru, that speaks highly of their youth

program which seems to have been overly generous in the etiquette department. What would a stop in Bakersfield be without a visit to Buck Owens Chrystal Palace? Granger Smith was the featured entertainment, I must confess to a difficulty understanding the language spoken in Nashville, however this was made up by sufficiently loud volume and brilliant lighting. Cheryl was able to interpret the lyrics, something about the groom and bridesmaids and cigarettes and spending her life behind bars. Rosedale Motel.



6-2-16 DELANO Golf Course (C 38, J 39) is absolutely flat and in desperate need of attention excepting the greens. Once upon a time in the land of AT & T where we spent our careers there was a boss we both had the privilege of serving, Cliff Hansen. Well he passed away last summer and is missed dearly. Fortunately we were able to have lunch with Linda at Paine's in Hollister and have a great opportunity to do a lot of catching up. It was an incredibly cold night as Cheryl had the thermostat set on snowflake at the Executive Suite Inn of Morgan City.

6-3-16 MARE ISLAND Golf Club (C 91, J 89) in addition to a great harbor setting, views, a claim of being the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi (1892), there must be some naval history associated with the course. The Alameda streets bear names like Nimitz, Halsey and other great names associated with U.S. history as well as ancient facilities that serviced our ships during WW II. If Wrigley could own Catalina somebody here in the Bay area that really enjoyed golf must have bought Mare Island with a similar intent, probably early gold rush money or some such source. We were joined by Brian an RN at City General Hospital. Not a walkable



course but an excellent value we highly recommend. The drive to Best Western of Rohnert Park was a challenge as it was get out of town Friday afternoon rush hour.

6-4-16 THE LINKS AT BODEGA HARBOR (C 91, J 86) usually we try to get out as early as possible to avoid the heat, but this was ridiculous. The drive over the hill was special, but way too early to find anyplace for breakfast which turned out not to be a crisis as a coffee house, a gathering place for the local populace, provided spectacular blueberry muffins . So the cold ocean air and inland heat made for fog of the pea soup variety, accented by local harbor fog horns all morning. Caught up and played the back nine with Denise and Dick who are residents of both Bodega and Sacramento. Bodega, what we could see of it, is a very challenging hilly links style course with some really unique holes albeit a bit on the expensive side. Those dotted green lines in the Rand McNally road atlas portray Hwy 1 as a scenic drive. They are 95% correct, but they should insert a few red dots indicating curves that if you went thru the guard rail, Oh that's



right there are no guard rails as there is no place to put them, and over the side it would probably take four days before your car hit the rocks at the bottom of the cliff. Almost had to call AAA saying there was something wrong with my car, it won't go any further, which is an absolute sphincter challenge. The Pine Beach Motel has nice advertising, but pictures can be a bit deceiving.

6-5-16 LITTLE RIVER INN Golf Course (C 47, J 48) the morning began on the foggy and drizzly side, a very cute forested setting, but not quite as advertised. The greens have some disease. Cheryl drove from the course out to Hwy 101 as it is a bit troublesome driving with my eyes closed. The drive through the coastal Redwoods was once again spectacular. Eureka seems to have improved since our last visit. Super 8 in Arcata and the Pantry was our days' destination. Humboldt State University students must put in quite the mileage on holidays as the airport seems a mite compact.



6-6-16 BEAU PRE GOLF CLUB (C 100, J 88) which means beautiful meadow in French is a little hilly with trees aplenty, small greens, water coming into play on nine of the holes, but mostly flat and reasonably priced. McKinleyville hosts the world's tallest totem pole carved from one redwood tree. Hwy 199 through Grants Pass and then on to the Brookside Inn (which is nowhere near a brook) in White City was once again our destination.



6-7-16 EAGLE POINT Golf Club (C 87, J 96) rated the 11th best course in Oregon by Golf Magazine lived up to its rating. A very attractive layout, well maintained, but our partner Ray began to have medical issues and dropped out after the 15th hole, probably due to the heat or my deodorant. The short cut from Eagle Point, bypassed Crater Lake, took us to Chemult for an interesting lunch in a Swiss looking restaurant. We were thinking the waitress made a number of side trips through the bar area as the service was a bit slurred. There was a pretty powerful hail storm that lasted from our arrival, through lunch and deposited a good deal of icy slush. Our friends John and Phyllis Rollins are tremendous hosts, which we try to reciprocate when they come south, introduced us to a game of Wizard after libations and dinner.

6-8-16 MEADOW LAKES Golf Course (C 84, J 86) is a very nice course located in Prineville a little east of Redmond. Don't ever recall having breakfast made on the barbecue. John couldn't play due to stitches not yet healed and Phyllis has made a marked improvement since our last outing together or maybe it was just because it was her birthday . Being as we hadn't had any Mexican food or margaritas for quite some time and were beginning to experience withdrawals, their favorite restaurant in downtown Redmond was the choice, followed by the occasional vodka tonic back at the ranch. There was considerable smoke on the horizon north toward the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation. According to the news Donald Trump won the Republican primary election in California.



6-9-16 There is a bakery in Sisters which came highly recommended where we all had breakfast. If you are ever there you really need to try it out for size. Hwy 22 is a pleasant drive on the way to Portland. The University Motel is our choice as for walking location to downtown and our friends Bob and Carolyn Guelpke. We understand the motel will be coming down in the not too distant future for hopefully a newer version. A pleasant walk for a late lunch at McKenzies on the Willamette River.

6-10-16 Mothers in downtown Portland was another restaurant that we were fortunate enough to be taken to for breakfast. Powell's Book Store is an absolute must visit for those with a literary bent. After visiting the Rose Garden one begins to understand why Portland is referred to as the city of roses and by the way tomorrow will be the Rose Parade. The rest of the day was dedicated to Freddie's market, naps, a salmon dinner with local pinot noir and an evening of



conversation and catching up particularly as regards their cruises.

6-11-16 Google maps on our cell phone, is gradually weening us away from dependence on physical maps which on occasion can't tell you the nuances of certain neighborhoods. Glee and Charlie Draper are hosting a BBQ party for the patrons of their marina on Lake Union. All their family Rob, Christine, Sarah, and Marley were quite involved in the event and Cheryl was even invited back for next year's festivities, probably because of her being so helpful versus my consumption abilities. The view of Puget Sound from their front porch is quite something to behold.



6-12-16 GLEN ACRES Golf and Country Club (C 103, J 94) is a private course of nine holes with two distinct sets of distinctively elevated tee boxes accounting for it being played as an eighteen. Glee and Charlie treated as we were not members. I'm guessing the courses design was created such that the extraordinary views of downtown Seattle were quite intentional. We visited the Rainier C.C. for cake, snacks and drinks after golfing. Who's your Huckleberry, anyway we had salmon dinners at Huckleberry's.



6-13-16 RAINIER Golf and Country Club (C 95, J lesson) I received special instruction from someone who knows more about golf than everyone I know combined. Roll your hands, splay your feet, hands in close, cock your right knee began to approach overload for someone who was never known as a particularly terrific student. Sarah joined us on the back nine. The evening was a good visiting time, the wind was up and the sound was a bit choppy, The Drapers are incredible hosts.



6-14-16 ORCAS ISLAND Golf Course (C 44, J 43) is now home to Char Cameron or more precisely Eastsound. In any event after an early ferry ride from Anacortes to Orcas we picked up Char for breakfast at the Island Skillet. The course is quite nice very green, probably due to the weather and proximity of the sound. I'm claiming it was the weather because that's what we experienced, lots of wind, chilly, enough moisture to break, a car blanket for Char and umbrella for the just in cases. After touring the



island, Moran Park and visiting with Char at her new home it was off to the Rosario Resort to check in and experience a somewhat expensive dinner of bouillabaisse and duck. The view from our room's deck made for a relaxing setting and the vodka tonics may have had some contribution.

6-15-16 The ferry ride from Orcas was pleasant as are most ferry rides, but it was somewhat sad leaving this island paradise. The Ramada Inn Kent has a park/fly arrangement that suited our needs to perfection. It was also a long overdue laundromat day. Repacked out suitcase for the Alaska trip in anticipation of severe blizzard conditions and consolidated both sets of golf clubs into one bag. Mr. Tightwad resents paying two oversize baggage fees. Amazon was apparently using several hotel lobbies as application points across Seattle for their job fair. The Ramada lobby was packed with Africans, which I found to be a curiosity, as there were no black Americans. Interesting!

6-16-16 The Ramada airport shuttle got us to the Alaska Airline terminal, post haste however there were long, long lines which TSA seemed to manage. Crowd control is their forte! Although this was not really an international flight the majority of passengers to Anchorage were African and Latino. Interesting! Thrifty car rental gave us a free upgrade, we did a drive by of tomorrow's VRBO, checked out and had lunch at the Anchorage Golf Course where the ladies club was hosting a farewell to an honored member. Super 8 let us in early.

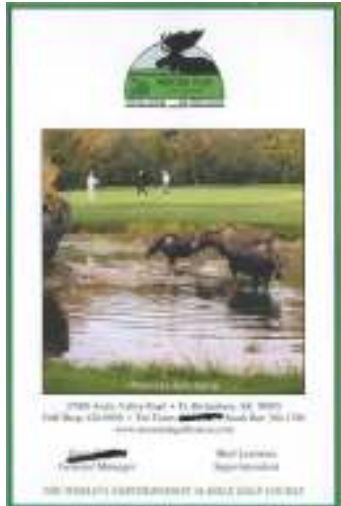
6-17-16 ANCHORAGE Golf Course (C 89, J 100) has spectacular views of downtown Anchorage from the clubhouse. David and Spencer who we were paired up with are long hitters but directionally challenged. They were sure to share the story of the moose and fox who grew up together and are often sighted cavorting together about the course, no such luck for us. The greens are slow, slow is spelt with all capital letters as in SLOW. The rest of the course is the world's largest Christmas tree lot. Moved our things into the Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO) a nice four bedroom, not too far out of town. Then it was off to Fred Meyer's the local supermarket to set in supplies for the kids. Some of them are voracious eaters and some partake of the grape. The kids arrived late and exhausted.



6-18-16 Although today was a stay in day for us old folks while Shannon, Cheech and Amanda went south for a Girdwood adventure we did make an additional foray to Fred Meyers for more ammo, of the liquid variety. Billy and McKenna arrived from Maui via Oahu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and finally Anchorage, 36 hours, can you imagine, thank God they are young.

6-19-16 A good home cooked breakfast followed by a drizzly trip to the Anchorage Zoo where we could be assured of bragging rights that, YEP, we saw all the wildlife Alaska has to offer and then some! Musk Ox, Red Fox, Siberian Tigers, all manner of Bears, Moose, Eagles, Wolverines and you got it, I neglected to write down all the other species. Went to an overcrowded

brewery followed by another where we had overpriced appetizers. LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers won the NBA title.



6-20-16 MOOSE RUN Golf Course (Creek Course) (J 95) is located on the Elmendorf and Ft. Richardson joint base. Roy and Ethan, father and son were my partners this morning which they informed me was Solstice Day. One is retired military working on the North Slope and the other is a striker force member which was once part of the 101st Airborne Division. The course is nice and rated fourth in Alaska by Golf Magazine. The kids went off to visit glaciers and other sights. We packed our golf clubs and bags again for our flight to Fairbanks tomorrow. The kids introduced us to Huru Sushi where we ordered one platter of everything.

6-21-16 CHENA BEND Golf Course (C 46, J 52) is on Ft. Wainwright and I'm here to testify that the base security is first rate although a bit of an inconvenience for us old duffers. A visit to the base entrance necessitated a circuitous drive to the other base entrance visitor center followed by a return to the original entrance. The guards are armed to the teeth so it wouldn't be a good idea to get your panties in too much of a bunch. This is the top rated course in Alaska which is relatively flat with the Chena River coming into play on several holes. Unfortunately we only played nine holes as the heavens opened and kept coming through lunch and afterwards. Our rental car had a key fob to open and start the vehicle. Best Western was pretty well hidden in the forest. The kids drove from Anchorage through Denali and on to Fairbanks. Chena Pump House was nice but a bit pricey.



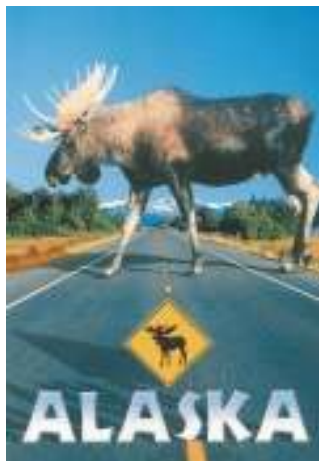
6-22-16 NORTH STAR Golf Course (C 100, J 86) is the northernmost golf course in America with some features unique from any other course. At this time of year it can be played 24 hours a day as the sun doesn't really set. Perma-frost necessitates verti-cutting some fairways so the melting water leaking up from underground has some direction to run off and help with evaporation. Water gathers in ponds, puddles and pools above the level of the fairways. Some humps and bumps on the greens are referred to as Dolly Parton because of their proportional shapes. Local club rules allow you to pick up after two putts on these greens. The volume of water makes for lush fairways, really tall grass in the second cut and rough and very slow greens. We met the girls for BBQ after they visited some dog sled place or maybe an Iditarod school.





6-23-16 Breakfast at the Cookie Jar on the recommendation of Diners, Drive Ins and Dives. The drive up to the North Pole for pictures with Santa Claus and other touristy necessities gave us the opportunity to see the Alaska Highway Patrol at their best. Thankfully it was only a warning. Somewhere along the way we took a paddle boat ride that involved the Chena and Tanana Rivers. The four time Iditarod

champion family put on dog sled demonstrations, every one of their forty or fifty dogs clamored to be chosen. There was a float plane that did several take off and landings in virtually 100 yards of water. An Alaskan Indian village whose tribal ancestry name has passed out of mind, my mind, was a timely stop. Dinner at the Turtle Club way out in the boondocks was another recommendation and reservation type occasion.



6-24-16 The 4 AM car rental return at the Fairbank airport did nothing to lessen the lines at the TSA check in. This must be the place where TSA recruits begin their training. The START HERE signs are fun to locate as they are camouflaged by the lines of humanity. Made good use of the in-flight bathroom! The Ramada courtesy car, pick up and park/fly arrangement worked great. The drive over the Cascade Range to the Leavenworth Howard Johnson was dramatic. After repacking our Alaska bag with Midwest summer clothes we ventured out for a Bavarian dinner of weiner schnitzel.

6-25-16 ENZIAN FALLS (C 59, J 59) is an 18 hole championship putting course, go ahead and laugh but if you're ever in the area check it out you will be impressed. The rest of the day was dedicated to driving across Washington to the Circling Raven Resort Casino course in Worley, Idaho. One of those slot machines with a golfing format was so generous to Cheryl that it offset our buffet dinner, golfing fees and a little bit more.



6-26-16 CIRCLING RAVEN Golf Club (C 91, J 104) the number one rated course in Idaho was not



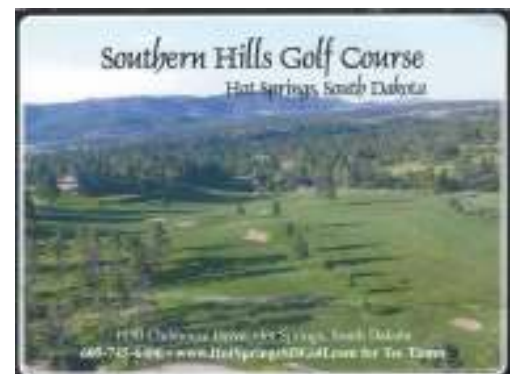
very kind to me. Although we were nearly first out eight balls were donated to the environmentally sensitive area from the white tees as I didn't have what was required to reach the fairways. It is a linkyish style course, beautiful setting, tall grass, large greens and a lot faster than the Alaskan putting surfaces. The intent was to dedicate a lot of windshield time crossing Montana, however an Ironman contest was in progress slowing traffic to a snail's pace. Consequently we only got as far as the Best Western in Bozeman.

6-27-16 Bozeman, Billings, Sheridan, Buffalo, Gillette, Moorcroft and the Pine's Motel in Newcastle were points of interest or goals for the day. Isabella's for a fine Italian dinner and scouting the location of tomorrow's course rounded out the day's itinerary.

6-28-16 NEWCASTLE Country Club (C 43, J 49) Cheryl had 6 pars on a course that was relatively flat with slow greens. The starter was very helpful in that she gave us motel information and recommended Donna's restaurant for breakfast. The drive to Custer through the Black Hills National Forest was spectacular. It is easy to understand why the local tribes considered this place sacred. ROCKY KNOLL (C 46, J 46) is another beautiful forested setting with plenty of trees and hills, some ominous clouds and the storm siren were absolutely on time as we finished the last hole. A pleasant drive to the Super 8 in Hot Springs for an early dinner was followed by more sirens and a powerful hail storm. A subtle request and off I ran to made an excursion to DQ's for hot fudge sundaes that's as romantic as I get.



6-29-16 SOUTHERN HILLS Golf Course (C 93, J 86) I was going to suggest that this is a screwy course, but unique would be more appropriate. It was either the architect's first job or perhaps the developer gave him certain parameters that made fairways to be placed randomly with not particularly good cart path markings. The condition was great, the tee boxes were elevated, quick greens that were recently verti-cut, hilly wide fairways, the starter had us only drive on fairways and cart paths but not in the rough. We were done early enough to drive to the Super 8 in Valentine versus Chadron and had an excellent meal at the Peppermill and E K Valentine Lounge. North western Nebraska has ponds and extensive swampy low lands that I would never have expected or believed unless I'd have seen them myself.



6-30-16 AINSWORTH Municipal Golf Association (C 45, J 51) Because of our early tee time request the course manager left keys in one of the carts. Apparently there had been quite the storm last night so we did our due diligence and picked up and dragged many branches to starter piles. Good greens, flat course! ATKINSON-STUART Country Club (C 50, J 52) has good greens, beautiful rolling hills, a series of connected waterfalls and ponds and junior golfers who were very gracious in letting us play through. The Westside Restaurant in O'Neill is a generous family style place whose patrons are not accustomed to golfing attire. The Plainview Motel is where we spent the night. Billy had knee surgery today.

7-1-16 PLAINVIEW Country Club (C 45, J 46) was another hidden treasure, pleasant hostess with some connection to California. The remainder of the drive through north eastern Nebraska was pleasant. Kathy and Larry Henshaw are always terrific hosts, consummate barbecue experts and all around fun people to hang around with in their back yard until the mosquito population decides otherwise.



7-2-16 SOUTH RIDGE Golf Course (C 93, J 90) is a course in South Sioux City, Nebraska owned by the 2 Rivers course which we hadn't played before and Kathy was able to schedule a tee time for the four of us. Back to their house for big sandwiches, naps and as it was unseasonably cool, after BBQ we repaired to the basement for an evening of GOLF, the board game, and the occasional cold one.

7-3-16 OLD DANE (C 93, J 99) nice links course in Dakota City, Nebraska had so much links many of our balls just didn't want to be found. More super BBQ baby back ribs, more GOLF the board game, vodka consumption became a balancing issue.

7-4-16 FOURTH OF JULY After breakfast with the Henshaw's we drove to Nicole and Tim's in Vinton where they were hosting a 4th of July party for friends, neighbors, employees and family. The grand kids Keegan and Violet are getting comfortable paddling around the lake in the kayaks and canoes. Sean and Heather took us to the house they are renting for our new semi-permanent summer Iowa residence.

7-5-16 Mother Nature was celebrating the 4th all night long with a prolonged thunder and lightning display. Went over to the new house the kids are buying, they have good taste, the beginning of volunteering for wall paper removal detail began.

7-6-16 LA PORTE CITY Golf Club (C 50, J 54) Keegan was sick during the night and Violet opted not to play golf with us so on the way to golf we dropped off the Martha Stewart creations at Dysart and La Porte golf clubs. After lunch with Nicole at Ron d' View, a side trip to CVS, we

watched the movie "13 Hours" about the Benghazi fiasco. If the movie was accurate in what actually transpired, Hillary Clinton wins the Neville Chamberlain Award for abject failure of resolving an international incident.

7-7-16 This removing of wallpaper is great for strengthening the hands, wrists and arms. It should be noted that Cheryl did the yeoman's job of watching the grandkid's without which Heather would have been interrupted incessantly and this grand mothering went on for a majority of the summer.



7-8-16 LA PORTE CITY Golf Club (C 91, J 95) After visiting Audrey in Independence we played golf with Deb and Kevin, Tim and Nicole, and Kelly followed by dinner at Carlos O'Kelly in Waterloo.

7-9-16 Grundy Center was hosting an antique fest on the civic center grounds all I could come up with was a 1986 Iowa Rose Bowl banner. Made a short cut trip to Marion by way of Belle Plain and Marengo to locate their golf courses. Cheryl and Kelly dead headed and addressed the plant situation at the new house while I attended to some more wall paper removal.



7-10-16 No golf today due to rain so once again wall paper was the focus until James birthday party in Cedar Falls. Gary better than last year.

7-11-16 Dry wall compound for all the gouges left from the wall paper removal, prime paint the shelves for Violets room, a new baby tomato plant, lasagna and salad.

7-12-16 Paint shelves and checked out an auction in Mechanicsville which held nothing of interest.

7-13-16 Mount shelves in Violets closet and a trip to Menards for electric wire and insulation for the garage. There is a universal law that when the kids come and ask granddad for something it is not because they love him so dearly, but that they have already asked mom or grandma and not gotten the response they were hoping for or they already know what the

response will be even before asking. We learn this from our kids so the grandkids don't stand a prayer. Go ask your mom or grandma! That's my standard reply!

7-14-16 Today we wired the outside garage wall so there would be outlets before insulating and dry walling. Prescriptions are running low so a trip to CVS and calls to the doctors were the order of the day.



7-15-16 INDIAN CREEK Country Club (C 46, J 44) is a very nice course in Marion. More trips to CVS were in order as there is a two hour time zone differences between Iowa and California. After dropping off more stuff at the new house we beat feet up to Tony and Kelly in Evansdale for some home-made lasagna.

7-16-16 JESUP Golf Course (C 49, J 44, K 64) Fortunately we were able to get out just before a men's tournament which is a curiosity, as we were told the course was wide open come on out, must have been someone's sense of humor. We were able to jackass Audrey into and out of the front seat of our car in order to take her to lunch at the Buttermilk Family Restaurant in Independence. Ice cream cones and driving along the river front was a pleasant respite for her. Dinner at Chapala's was well worth waiting for, sliding across the booths was another matter, they are unslideable, the material must be some version of Velcro.



7-17-16 RED CARPET Golf (C 95, J 94, K 133) the round was cut short after the 16th hole due to rain, thunder and lightning so we took equitable strokes. Even though Chi Chi Rodriguez says not even God could hit a one iron, I thought it prudent not to hold up said club as protection.

7-18-16 KERNOUSTIE Golf Club (J 48, K 75) first round of golf with my grandson Keegan Riley Waters on a nice hilly course in Mount Vernon! A bit on the humid side today in fact it was so humid we saw a couple of river otters.



7-19-16 Took the car in for a maintenance recall after which we made three trips moving stuff into the new house, so much stuff in fact that a trip to the dump was required in order to make some room in the garage.

7-20-16 TARA HILLS Country Club (C 95, J 96) in Van Horne is another nice course where we played with Tim and Quinton.



7-21-16 Today was, get Keegan and Violet out of town so mom and dad can get the big stuff moved and not be distracted with them being underfoot. The intent was to play golf in Monticello, but not being able to contact the clubhouse we did a drive by and guess what? The county fair was being held in Monticello on the golf course. Dyersville, home to Field of Dreams, the Ertl John Deere toy factory, toy discount mall and the toy museum were distractions enough until we got to Dubuque. Eagle Point Park has a magnificent view up and down the Mississippi River, stuff to climb which didn't hold their interest for very long as the humidity and comfort index were pegged and the big request was to get back into the car and enjoy the air conditioning. The Best Western with its indoor pool was just the ticket. Chip and Nancy Bliss, who have been blissfully married for well over ninety years met us at Marco's Pizza and surprisingly enough the kids were well behaved. Gave Chip the Iowa Rose Bowl banner! On the way back to the motel we rode the Fenelon 4th street elevator, had huge ice cream cones at the candy store, used the motel pool again, and went to sleep serenaded by another electrical storm.

7-22-16 No golf as it was still way to hot so we spent the morning visiting the Mississippi River museum which is well worth the stop. The Dubuque Bridge crossing the Mississippi is narrow and really provides an impressive view of the river. Nice drive back to Marion where we were just in time to move some more stuff from the rental, it's amazing how much stuff we Americans can accumulate, of course you can never have too much stuff. They delivered the new bed Cheryl had bought for the guest room and of course she was talked out of getting the king.

7-23-16 It was fortunate Sean was able to borrow his old neighbor Eric's truck to move more stuff, make another dump run and go by Menard's for drywall sheeting. We were able to get a few sheets up while Cheryl deadheaded the garden.

7-24-16 Drywall the rest of the garage was the days agenda.

7-25-16 CEDARS EDGE Golf Course (J 51) in West Branch, Iowa home of Herbert Hoover is the third name for this course as it has passed through several ownerships. The Herbert Hoover Museum and Library is interesting, but after so many presidential museums, maybe not so much anymore. How about being the first president west of the Mississippi? HI POINT Golf Course (J 42) in Iowa City actually has 18 holes, but the book I referenced had it as 9 holes so

that's all I played. Both courses are sculptured around ancient forested hills. The afternoon was a laundry day, setting some stubborn screws and begin taping the drywall.

7-26-16 QUAIL CREEK Golf Course (C 43, J 47) in North Liberty gave Keegan and Violet the opportunity to learn how to drive the golf carts with a little more assurance. Hurt's Donuts in Coralville wins the prize for best decorated, greatest variety and most delicious donuts we have ever experienced. Finished taping and began compounding garage walls.



7-27-16 HART RIDGE Golf Course (C 43, J 46) in Manchester is where Quinton competed on the cross country team, so Tim had no difficulty finding the course as he had been here before, just not for golf. Took Audrey out to lunch today at the Buttermilk Family Restaurant, stopped at A&W for ice cream and another drive around Independence, then back to Cedar Rapids for more drywall compounding and some sanding.



7-28-16 LAKE MACBRIDE Golf Club (C 44, J 44) is a nice course with manageable hills and a good clubhouse lunch where the kids got to drive carts again. I'm thinking they're more interested in going golfing with Gramma and Grandpa to drive the carts than to play golf. Best chicken salad sandwich ever! More dry wall compound!

7-29-16 Sand and primer the walls, straighten up our mess and spend the evening talking with Alan who spent the night.

7-30-16 Jerry Schmidt hosted another great barbecue at his farm. The kids are absolutely in love with his pond as it is full of fish, turtles and of course the great big inflatable trampoline float thing with a slide, in any event it kept them in the water all day and ALL is an understatement.

7-31-16 LA PORTE CITY Golf Club (C 91, J 95, K 118) Cheryl played a great round considering the amount of pain she is experiencing. Mickey came over for left overs, she is going under the knife tomorrow for a new hip.



8-1-16 SOUTH HARDIN Recreation Area (J 41) is another nice absolutely green hilly course set in the town of Union. MEADOW HILLS Golf (J 45) in Iowa Falls was fun to locate what with road construction, but worth the delay. Caught up to the men's group having a tournament play off so there was no playing through. Tonight was sweet corn and Fairway pork chops. Sad news, our friend John Litton passed away last night.

8-2-16 Visited Mickey at Allan Hospital, she seems to be doing okay, but maybe it's the drugs. Dawn was there visiting at the same time. Stopped by the AT&T store but they weren't able to help retrieve the voice mail messages left on our home phone. Cheryl went to Covenant for a scheduled massage in hopes of alleviating her pain. Naps, pizza and the Evansdale auction!

8-3-16 MARENGO Golf Club (J 43) is a nice hilly course with a creek, which prompted me suggest that Iowa golf courses are not, in fact, flatter than your first girlfriend's chest. BELLE PLAINE Country Club (J 48) is not flat, but more open. I cheated a little bit by jumping two foursomes. Drove up to Waterloo to pick up Mickey from the hospital and take her home.



8-4-16 Visited with James, Audrey, Mickey, CVS, Culvers and the La Porte auction. Cheryl had really bad leg cramps last night exacerbated by getting all tangled up in the sheets causing her to tweak her knee.

8-5-16 SOUTH HILLS Golf Course (J 93, K 124, T 102) spent morning picking up sticks and branches from last night's storm. Cheryl's hurting and bad leg cramps. Olympic opening ceremony from Rio tonight!

8-6-16 Auction in Raymond was a bust for me. Took the kids to the Irishfest in Waterloo where we all met at Jameson's. Good Irish music, but I left early as I was to be the designated driver. Picked up the little ones and went back to Kelly's for a sleep over. Watched a little of the Olympics and wasn't called upon for driving duty, someone else picked them up.



8-7-16 Sean Heather and the dogs came by early to pick up the kids. The auction in Raymond had predominantly fire truck toys which I was able to acquire some for Randy Smith. Some guy from Cedar Falls must have dropped a good \$10,000.00 hording all the bids.

8-8-16 Finally went to the car wash to get the impacted bugs removed and began packing to clear up our mess at Kelly's.

8-9-16 IRV WARREN Golf Course (C 91, J 95) back down to Cedar Rapids for some more time with kids. Sean and I brought the cabinets up from the basement in anticipation of hanging them in the garage.

8-10-16 mounted a ledger board for cabinets and hung the cabinets, disassembled some platform and hung dry wall behind where the platform had hung and above the garage door. Today's discomfort level was substantial. Olympics

8-11-16 PLEASANT VALLEY Golf Course (C 43, J 58) thankfully we were rained out after 11 as my golfing skills had abandoned me. The run off in the parking lot was ankle deep. The ledger board under the garage cabinets was replaced with a 1x3 strip. Laura came from Indiana.

8-12-16 Cheryl and Laura went to Menard's with a shopping list to build the work bench. The work bench is up, so now the project is complete and the garage has some semblance of order. Trimmed some dead branches in anticipation of tomorrow's party!

8-13-16 The whole family showed up for the house warming party, everyone got the tour, all the nieces and nephews aunts and uncles were well fed and lubricated. For a girl who doesn't like corn Violet was able to put away a considerable amount of sweet corn.

8-14-16 We all went to breakfast at Riley's after which Laura had to head back to Indiana. It was a laundry day and I made reservations at the Riverside Resort Casino Golf Course.



8-15-15 KALONA Golf Club (C 55, J 52) is another nice hilly forested course. After breakfast at Riley's again we headed south to play Kalona and checked into the Riverside Casino. Although



Cheryl is really hurting she is in her realm among the slot machines, they just seem to sympathize with her discomfort.

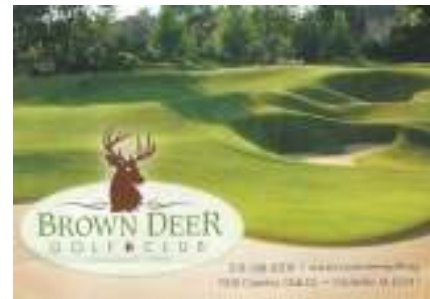
8-16-16 BLUE TOP RIDGE At Riverside (C 99, J 94) is the 3rd ranked course in Iowa and understandably so, the bunkers on the back 9 had not recovered since the big rain. The car couldn't seem to get passed the Hurt's Donut Shop so another calorie heavy shopping spree ensued.



8-17-16 MONTICELLO Golf Club (J 46) drove up to Independence to visit Audrey this morning before golf. Heather left for the airport real early to fly back to L.A. to attend some concert that she had made reservations for a long time ago. On the way to Urbana, Click-Stop-Cares, we stopped for lunch at Montana's in Center City. They do not scrimp on their portions.



8-18-16 BROWN DEER Golf Club (J 45, S 49) has been upsized to a regulation size course, we only played the front nine. Keegan and Violet got another opportunity to drive the golf carts. Sean had not seen the Lake McBride State Park yet so we took a detour through it and lunched at the Lake McBride golf course clubhouse.



8-19-16 WAPSIPINICON Country Club (J 40) is located in the Wapsipinicon State Park on the south side of Anamosa. How nice was that to drive cart #1? A monument placed by the ladies club read "Lovers of golf, Lovers at home, out on the course, leave us alone." And "Just remember, when you close your eyes you are not alone, I'm always there, now" The course has an old log cabin for the clubhouse and the setting is perfect. FAWN CREEK Country Club (J 41) is set just off the highway, flat but well maintained. Anamosa is the location of the state penitentiary and I'm not convinced that over the century plus of its existence some of the populace hasn't been genetically influenced by those who are paroled but remain.

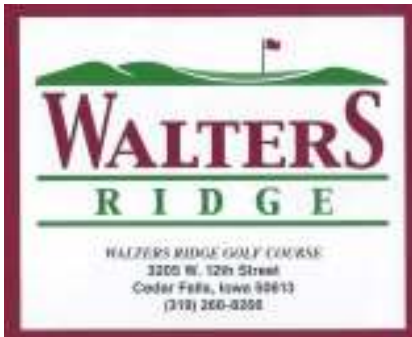


8-20-16 Somewhat of a drizzly Saturday so book stores and antique shops and reading were the order of the day. Sean had a soccer meeting for new coaches.

8-21-16 Another heavy meeting day for Sean, Click Stop for the fantasy football pool, his assistant soccer coach, Heather's American Airline return flight was ridiculously late.

8-22-16 DYSART Golf Club (C 48, J 99, K 121) Kelly had the day off so we played Dysart, my Martha Stewart golf memorabilia picture has not found a place on the wall yet. Chinese left overs!

8-23-16 WAVERLY Golf Course (J 97, K 121) Kelly had never played Waverly so we came up for a round. Cheryl had another massage at Covington. Kelly treated for lunch at the Fainting Goat which is kind of a college town watering hole which has the biggest and best tenderloin sandwiches ever, they are beyond huge.



8-24-16 Picked up Mickey to give her a chance to get out of the house, so Red Lobster was the luncheon choice.

8-25-16 WALTERS Ridge Golf Course (J 33) is a nine hole executive course. Cheryl went for another massage at Covington. Met Marty, Deb, Mickey and Kelly at some rib joint for dinner, then we went over to Rocky's for a visit where we met Greg and Gary from another zone.

8-26-16 CEDAR VALLEY Golf Center is another nine hole executive course which I could only play four holes as there was grading under way for some new business complex. A visit to Fairway so Cheryl can make chili for dinner! IS THERE A FAIR WAY? Yes Santa, just as there is a SAFE WAY! I don't get it.

8-27-16 Cheryl, Kelly and Mickey drove out to Independence for a visit with Audrey and Cheryl could bid adieu to her mom. The antique stores in Evansdale didn't have anything I absolutely needed. Chapala's Mexican 14 of us for dinner not all of which help consume pitchers of margaritas. ADIOS MUCHACHOS !

8-28-16 Up and on the road by 6 AM the drive took us through Clear Lake and into Forest City to see the Winnebago plant which wasn't open yet. The purpose being to see where to pick up



Winnebago's to drive back to California relatively free. After lunch at the Brook's Country Club we did some shopping at Hy-Vee for essentials before checking into our cabin at the Fillenwarth Resort on Spirit Lake! Took the 4 O'clock booze cruise around Lake Okoboji with Terry and Gayla James, they have some very comfortable acquaintances. Tweeters was our place for dinner with the James' and friend Russ.

8-29-16 EMERALD HILLS Golf Club (J 97) is a special course in West Okoboji where I got to play with Terry and Steve. These folks are

early risers as I went to sign up for this afternoons booze cruise, but my name was already first on the list. Cruised another part of the lake and marveled at the magnificent homes edging the entire shore line, more than Lake Arrowhead. Who are these people, where do they all come from, and how can so many afford these places, I mean it's Iowa. After vodka tonics overlooking the lake it was off to the Brooks Country Club for dinner with Gayla, Terry, Steve, Russ and Mick.



8-30-16 SPENCER Golf and Country Club (J 95) the point of getting to Spencer early was to visit the golf pencil factory only to find out it never existed as all of America's golf pencils are made in, wait for it, wait for it, that's right MADE IN CHINA. Any way their golf pencil division was sold to a Texas company. The good old boy restaurant, great conversation, in downtown Sidney is located right next to a store front with the House of Representatives emblem in the window. Played the course with Terry and his friend Dick, the down side was the news that last night's dinner companion Mick had some medical issues and was to be flown out to Rochester. Today was a long drive to Omaha as Hwy 71 had a bridge out and would be closed for several days.

8-31-16 Sue took me antiquing and visiting two pawn shops, after Tim barbecued we played marathon pinochle.

9-1-16 Hit the road about 6 AM and clocked an uneventful 700 miles from Omaha to the Best Western in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

9-2-16 Another day of 600+ miles of windshield time and numerous pit stops along the way to Whiskey Pete's in Primm, Nevada. The price is right but the place is pretty tired and seems to have fallen on hard times. The monorail has been replaced with a courtesy van, the air conditioner in our first room was not operational, the IHOP was the casinos version of an upscale restaurant, sport's book was across the way at Buffalo Bills where once again I put the kiss of death on Notre Dames' chances for a BCS title. This will make about the 20 time I've tried to put my money where my mouth is. Like they used to say in Brooklyn, pronounced Bwuuklin, "Wait'll next year". Maybe I should give them a fighting chance and not bet next year.

9-3-16 Primm to Lake Forest by 10 AM including a breakfast and several Pee stops.

TOWN	COURSE	TOWN	COURSE
Burbank	De Bell GC	Dakota City	Old Dane
Delano	Delano GC	La Porte (3)	La Porte City GC
Vallejo	Mare Island GC	Marion	Indian Creek CC
Bodega Bay	The Links at Bodega Harbor	Jesup	Jesup GC
Little River	Little River Inn G C	Waterloo	Red Carpet GC
McKinleyville	Beau Pre GC	Mount Vernon	Kernoustie GC
Eagle Point	Eagle Point GC	Van Horne	Tara Hills CC
Prineville	Meadow Lakes GC	West Branch	Cedars Edge GC
Seattle	Glen Acres GCC	Iowa City	Hi Point GC
Seattle	Rainier GCC	North Liberty	Quail Creek GC
Eastsound	Orcas Island GC	Manchester	Hart Ridge GC
Anchorage	Anchorage GC	Lake McBride	Lake McBride GC
Elmendorf	Moose Run GC	Union	South Hardin RA
Ft Wainwright	Chena Bend GC	Iowa Falls	Meadow Lakes GC
Fairbanks	North Star GC	Marengo	Marengo GC
Leavenworth	Enzian Falls	Belle Plaine	Belle Plaine CC
Worley	Circling Raven GC	Waterloo	South Hills GC
Newcastle	Newcastle CC	Waterloo	Irv Warren GC
Custer	Rocky Knoll	Iowa City	Pleasant Valley GC
Hot Springs	Southern Hills	Kalona	Kalona GC
Ainsworth	Ainsworth MGA	Riverside	Blue Top Ridge
Atkinson	Atkinson-Stuart CC	Monticello	Monticello GC
Plainview	Plainview CC	Coralville	Brown Deer GC
S. Sioux City	South Ridge GC	Wapsipinicon	Wapsipinicon CC

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Waterloo

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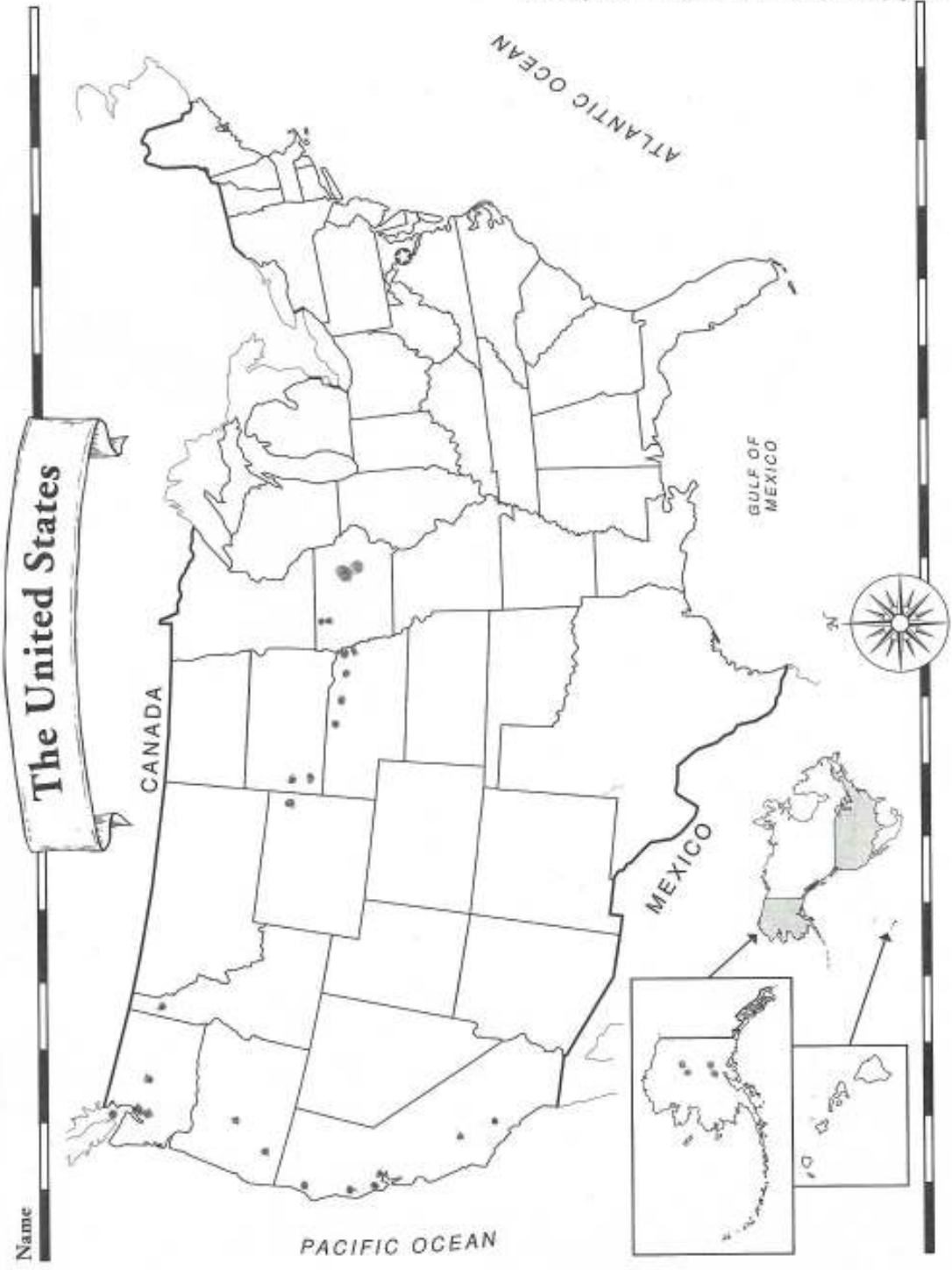
Waverly Waverly GC

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