

fjords of Norway and the Pyrenees in Spain of his “bucket list.” Of course, this is not to interfere with serious “retired golf.”

Until next time!

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Subscribers:

This is being written just after Christmas and you all will be reading it in the spring. Not a lot of verbiage this time but plenty of photos.

Al & Joanne Russo took a Hawaii vacation prior to the holidays and took the opportunity to hook up with Hawaii based classmates, Pete Elson, Bob Matsamoto, and Ken Sprague. The venue for the photo I recognize as the Ft. Shafter Golf Course.

Also in the traveling mode prior to Christmas were Andy & Helene Dykes who caught up with Bill & Ann Reynolds in Seattle prior to an Alaska cruise. Andy says they have upgraded their guest room in Mission Viejo in hopes of having visitors as we all round third and head for home.

Tom Curran’s son, Kevin, is working in White House West Wing and was kind enough to give a tour of that facility to two of his dad’s old classmates. The lucky fellows were Marty Michlick and Hal Hatfield and their drags.

This from Harvey Fraser. “Kitty & I just visited Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Amelia Island in Florida in December. We visited beaches; stayed at a deluxe high rise in downtown Jacksonville, a B&B in old town St. Augustine, and played a couple of local golf courses. The hospitality of George Jacunski, Ed & Jan Corcoran, and Mel & Hida Case was wonderful. A bucket of oysters at the Class of ’64 Golfing Grads hangout, Creek-



1964—Ft. Shafter Lunch Bunch.

side, more oysters on the half shell, wonderful steaks and great company.

Harvey went on to regale his readers with Mel & Hilda’s golf prowess and the disastrous round I had while playing with Ed, and Kitty & Harvey. I had a double digit hole to give you some idea. The last time that happened I got a hole-in-one two holes later. Yeah, you guessed it. This



1964—Bill, Helene, Ann, and Andy.

time, six holes later, I got another one! My total score will remain a State secret (Yes, I bought drinks for everyone!).

Norm Anderson gathered the West Point area group for a pre-Christmas luncheon billed as the “Stud Muffin Lunch.” Here with is his report. Seven studs showed up for lunch at Schades and we relived some great memories. 1st Regt was stand-

ing tall, as predicted, with Markowski, O’Donnell, Anderson, and Fraser. 2nd Regt showed up in the likes of Louis, Salvatore (a gimmee) and Hudgins. Kudos to Markowski, Fraser, and O’Donnell for driving an hour in bad weather. I think the class fund should

ante up for their portion of the bill. Notably absent was Banovic, the stimulus behind the lunch, who called in with a feeble excuse about “bad roads and a broken rear windshield.” Maybe he was planning on driving in reverse from Albany. Anyway,



1964—Case, Fraser, and Jacunski at Golfing Grads.

he unanimously was acclaimed “the ’64 2008 Muffin Man” for his weak b-ache. There were some other pathetic responses: Janario had some type of Ob-Gyn appointment, Lavoy had to work, DiNeno called the night before to report “it was raining.” I am truly embarrassed to report these lame responses but I feel a profound sense of duty, honor, country to record “the facts.”



1964—At the White House with Kevin Curran.

.. “nothing but the facts.” Perhaps the class scribe can take note of the “2008 Muffin Man” award and ensure it is duly noted. Thanks for the seven studs who perpetuated the myth “Stars in Store For ’64.” Some of us are still waiting. (Hudgins was thinking turnout stars.)

This from Chet Kempinski with accompanying photos. “Jim Kofalt and I had a blast on the streams here in Erie for two straight days from morning till night. Afterward, we of course celebrated the day with a few brewskis. Waldrop is joining us next year but Jim and I figure we have to confine him to the kiddie sections of the



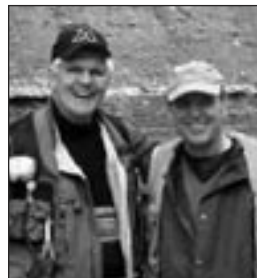
1964—Natalie & Jerry.



1964—Kempinski and Gesner ... outdoorsmen.

streams until he gets a little more experienced. With Jim’s infinite patience and coaching we are somewhat confident Ken may get it.” I have no idea what the photo of Chet and Bob Gesner is all about, but it seems to be from some similar outdoor adventure.

There was some extensive discussion in the past month on the Class Golf Forum about the pros and cons of various range finders. George Cromartie concluded his contribution, “Having



1964—Kempinski and Kofalt. . . fly fisherman.



1964—Christmas in Colorado.

said all that, I don't have one and have never used one, but Natalie Gulbis [Scribe note: one very attractive lady golfer], whom I have seen in person, promotes the Sky Caddy. I would buy whatever she was selling." **Jerry Werner**, never one to be out done, and exhibiting outstanding one-upmanship, responded with the following photo.

Finally, **Randy Kunkel** sent along a photo of the Colorado Springs contingent at **Bill Annan's** annual holiday gathering. They are: **Harman, Dooley, Natvig '63, Annan, Olson, and Kunkel.**

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line!

Our 45th Reunion CinC, **Ken Yoshitani** ably assisted by **Tom Kovach** and many others, are well on their way to making this one of the best reunions ever. Company Rep volunteers have come forward to help coordinate everything at the company level, **Chuck McCloskey** has stepped forward to coordinate getting as many widows and other family members of our lost comrades to attend and our new Historian **Bob Frank** is working on updating the Class history. These reunions require an enormous amount of time and effort, so if you are so inclined, please contact Ken or Tom and offer your assistance. As of early January, the Class Survey results (about 158 responses) indicated that a majority (88%) wanted the reunion to be at West Point, where it will be held. Football weekends vs non-game weekends were still awaiting the 2010 game and parade schedules. Stay tuned.

Ken & Izumi also reported that she spent the first half of 2008 with their son's Shaw's family at Leavenworth and WP, while Shaw was in Afghanistan and his wife Gail completed her PhD. Shaw now teach-

es Math and Gail teaches History at our Alma Mater while their other son Dunn and his wife Laura are in MN. Our Reunion chief is still in to dancing contests, which explains my awe when I saw them dance at the last reunion.

A final reminder that the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, our own **Ric Shinseki**, will be the guest of honor and speaker at the WPS of Chicago Founder's Day Dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at the historic Medinah Country Club. We will also have a Class dinner that Friday night at a venue near Medinah, which is located in a western suburb of Chicago.

Some of you may have wondered why **Ric** would take on this most difficult task. In his note to our Pres **Clair Gill**, thanking all who had sent him congratulatory notes (and which was emailed to all classmates on our mailing list), Ric said it this way: "I had absolutely no plans to return to government (service) ... I personally felt that a former Chief of Staff still lived with the oath taken while serving ... I was asked to make a difference for veterans ... Knowing something of (their) challenges ... I have no idea how



1965—Barron, Pickler, and son.

big this elephant is, but I intend to take it apart a bite at a time and put it back together in a way we can all be proud of ..."

I am just now catching up with some mail from early last year, so my apologies for the delays due to the Mini, etc. At a gathering (#1) in Natchitoches, MS (I won't even go into the pronunciation), **Bob & Diane Doughty** hosted **Keyes Hudson** and his friend **Jane Green**, **Bob & Mary Frank**, as well as **Larry & Sue Bryant** with a splash of French, Spanish and Creole cultures and cuisine, all on display at the Doughty's new home there. Our thanx to the on-going efforts of **Terry Ryan** and **Ross Wollen** to make sure our Forum gets restored back to original after all of the construction work around it. **Chuck Shaw** reported on his visit to WP for the 50th anniversary of 150 Pound football (now called Sprint

football and never played by 150 pounders, but who's weighing in anymore anyhow??) where he dined (#2) with his lady friend **Denia, Dave & Rose Kuhn, and Jack Jannarone**. It was also **Pete Dawkins Day** and in addition to retiring his number, everyone got a PD bobblehead doll, a cherished possession sure to find a place in **Chuck's** memory closet! [Ed. Note: I can still vividly



1965—Steve Harmon.

remember the 150 pounders on the very upper rows of the very hot and steamy steam rooms on Thursdays after classes trying to make the 149 pound (did I get the day and weight correct?) weight by Friday.

Steve & Anne Harman now live in New Bern, NC (in the eastern part of the state with access to the Intercoastal waterway) on a golf course after retiring from Northrop in 2005. They have five married kids, nine grandkids and a daughter getting married in November. The photo shows Steve surrounded by **Kimberly, Jim, John and Kristy Kettles** at the Class Forum. **Bruce Clarke** (representing Raytheon) ran into **Kurt Adams** (who still works AFCEA) at the MILCOM conference in San Diego last November. Received a nice note from **Alex Alexander** who founded a business coaching network in the U.S. as well as Australia and New Zealand using a "Full Spectrum" program.

Pat & Alice Kenny were dining at Hilton Head when they saw **Dan & Nancy Benton** walk in. Small world. Dan, if you read this, how about an update? I really appreciate those of you who help with some of the tougher aspects of keeping track of everyone, like finding lost class emails. Our thanks to **Fred Smith** for this and several other successful efforts that resulted in contact info that we were missing. **Ross Wollen** attended a breakfast for the new CENT-COM CG, along with **Buddy Bucha, Reg Dryzga, Tom Barron, Jon Thompson, and Paul Kantrowich**. Unfortunately, no pho-



1965—Doughty, Frank, Bryant, and Hudson.