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Hal Winton provided a photo of him & **Barbara**, with their son **Douglas '91** & wife **Gabrielle** immediately following Doug's assumption of command of the 2d Bn, 5th FA, at Ft. Sill, OK, on 13 Mar 09. Son **Eric** (USAFA 1989), who now commands the Imagery Analysis Squadron at the National Air And Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), was also present as was **Dan**, an honest American taxpayer living in Leavenworth, KS. Son **Mark**, Chaplain, 1st Bn,



1964—Winton change of command.

75th Ranger Regiment, was unable to attend due to conflicting duties.

On 7 March, the Delmarva WPS celebrated Founders Day with a dinner in Dover, DE, organized by **Tony Janairo**. Also in attendance, **Nick Nichols**, who was enticed to forgo his usual trip to the DC function by Tony's choice of **Elizabeth Samet** as the keynote speaker. I assume most know Dr. Samet as the author of *Soldier's Heart*, a recollection of her first ten years as professor in the English department at West Point. Nick, who from my experience, is not one easily impressed, was quite taken with Dr. Samet's presentation, to the point of writing to recommend that if any of you have responsibility for selecting a speaker for any kind of West Point function get her on the list.

There was at least one other Founders Day gathering this spring. **Joe Mastriani** provided the evidence. Attendees at the



1964—New England WPS.

New England affair were **Will Brucker**, **Joe & Maryellen Mastriani**, and **Pat & Don MacIsaac**.

John Traylor and **Tom Butler**, Firstie roommates, got together with wives **Gail** and **Ann** in Frisco, CO, for a week in March to engage in their shared passion for skiing at Beaver Creek and Breckenridge. I



1964—Traylors and Butlers in Colorado.

told John that there was a lot of passion in the '64 Ski Group as well and that he and Tom should mark their calendars for next years outing which will be in Park City. As an added inducement I will include here a few photos from the 2009 event. Before I move on, here is something I picked up on the internet: "LocumTenens.com, a headhunting company, is increasing its depth of knowledge about the practice of psychiatry by naming John A. Traylor, MD, MS, FAACAP, to the newly created position of Medical Director—Psychiatry." Pop it up, John.



1964—Aspen 2009.



1964—Aspen 2009 après ski.



1964—Brinkman and Bryan.

Enough of skiing. The aforementioned **Tom Butler** also joined a hearty group of 24 classmates and two spouses (**Joanne Russo** and **Hilda Case**) for the 2009 gathering of the Golfing Grads of USMA at the Robert Trent Jones Capitol Hill courses just outside of Montgomery, AL. Our group also included LTC **Tom Bolen '92** son of our **Bob**. I had hoped to be able to present the Grad's championship trophy to the class at our re-

union, but alas, despite my exhortations and the best efforts of our classmates, it was not to be. It was a great time anyway. **Harvey Fraser** set up a pre-Grads event at the Grand National RTJ courses near Auburn which attracted twelve players. **Sam & Sandy Burney** who live in Auburn graciously hosted the group for dinners at both their home and nearby lake place.

In what has now become a tradition, **Larry Bryan** ran a post-Grad event the day following for '64 only. The competition



1964—Gainesville Grads.



1964—Golfing Grads 2009 .

here was especially fierce with Team **Brinkman** (**Hinshaw, Russo, Bolen**) winning both money and bragging rights.

Last weekend, I attended the 50th reunion of Gainesville High School Class of '59. This normally would not be worthy of note in this column, but I mention it because I was joined there by fellow GHS and USMA classmates **Lass Mason** and **Huba Wass de Cezge**. The three of us, probably anticipating rigors we would eventually face, spent an idyllic year at the University of Florida, the antithesis of the institution in which we would find ourselves in the following summer. I found out only recently that **Al Russo** did the same thing. Lass is in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and Huba is still hanging around Ft. Leavenworth.

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

Ken Yoshitani reports that planning for the 45th continues at full speed and that his many requests for help and assistance have been enthusiastically met by S&D. By the time you read this, we should have decided on the 45th Reunion weekend in 2010. We are expecting over 500 attendees, probably the largest in Class history. We are planning great programs such as attending classes with cadets (**Tom Barron**), lunch at Buckner (**Hank Mickells**), tour of new facilities (**Rich Boerckel**), Friday social (**Joe Barkley**), 5K Run and Walk (**Paul Schultz**), lunch at Kimsey Center (**Jim**

Harmon), Saturday night dinner/dance (**Tom Henneberry**), Sunday brunch at Cadet Mess Hall (**Tom Croak**), and fabulous entertainment staged by **Step Tyner, Duncan MacVicar, Jack Cooley, Jim Ferguson, Terry Tutchings, Ed Armstrong, Ron**



1965—Yoshitani.

Walter, DC Troubadours, and hopefully a host of ladies. **Preston Hughes** and **John McCullough** will lead the Memorial Service for our fallen classmates. We have very proactive Company Representatives who are augmenting **Chuck Nichols** and the Scribe in communicating the Reunion planning to all classmates and widows. Our diligent support team which includes, among others, **Tom Kovach, Mark Sheridan, Gene Manghi, Jack Jannarone, Johnny Wells, Howie Reed, George Seaworth, Fred Laughlin**, and many more are on a roll. Thanks to all.

We sometimes forget how much assistance, support, insight and wisdom we receive from our “better halves,” so you



1965—Executive Committee dinner at Colls.

might consider this edition to be our “tip of the hat” to the ladies. The first photo shows the Class ExCom meeting in Chicago during the Founders Day weekend where we are being briefed by Ken on the reunion plans. **Bob Harter, Clair Gill, and Harry Dermody** (shown) were joined by other members **Bob Frank** and your Scribe (not



1965—Ric dinner-ladies.

shown) as well as **George Seaworth** (shown) and **Tom Kovach** (not shown). The distaff side attended all the ExCom meetings, as can be seen in the next photo showing **Marilyn Kovach, Izumi Yoshitani, Mary Harter, and Kay Dermody** with their guys. Also attending and extremely helpful were **Mary Frank, Sherry Gill, Jill Seaworth, and Cathy Schulze Coll**. The next photo shows Mary Harter, Izumi, and Sherry with **Patty** at the private dinner we had for the **Shinsekis** on Friday night. We received a very different and insightful perspective by having the ladies sit in and participate in the meetings, especially since many of them had been to nearly all of the previous reunions. Thanks, ladies!

Another photo shows **Ric** with the Friday night group at the private reception: (Front) **Ron Layer, George Seaworth, Art Hester,**



1965—Ric and the boys at Maggianos.

Mitch Bonnett, Ric, Ken Yoshitani, (rear) **Bob Frank, John Roseberg, Tom Kovach, Walt Oehrlein, Tom Croak, Jack Cooley, and Harry Dermody**.

On Saturday, **Ric & Patty** were fantastic, as usual in meeting and greeting more than 200 at the Chicago's WPS FD at the fantastic Medinah Country Club. Because of our significant attendance numbers, S&D was the host for this FD. The Secretary and his lady held a private session with