

Dee & I just spent a week in Monterey visiting old haunts and especially visiting with classmates. We had the opportunity to spend time with the **Conrads, Guthries, Kelleys, Forsythes, and Bassetts**. It was awesome! We spent an evening with the Guthries in their new home in the Del Monte Forest at Pebble Beach. They have a great place, and Dick is quite the chef. The highlight of our visit was a sit-down dinner for 12 hosted by **Diane Conrad** (Don also helped some). Diane is truly the "hostess with the most-est." Nothing but the best for the Class of '63. The Conrads also have a really neat home. I haven't seen the Bassetts or the Kelleys since graduation and the Forsythes since Leavenworth. We had a terrific time.

The class also lost **Jon Allen** 30 Aug 06. **Art Meier** writes that he and Jon were roommates several times in E-2. They had many great times staying with Jon's relatives in New York and New Jersey. The greatest memory was beast barracks for Class of '65 where they were competing squad leaders. A bat flew in the room one night. They managed to swat it creating a blood splat on the wall about head-high. It created great fun with the plebes next morning at calls! Their motivation increased significantly! We tend to lose touch with classmates who have been great friends. We will miss you, Jon!

A few folks have been asking about the next reunion. It will be in the fall of 2008. The exact dates will probably be announced the summer. **Jerry P.** has a few scheduling issues to resolve.

Until next time!

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Some of those of you who are regular readers of this column have on occasion accused me of giving better coverage to those events and activities in which I have participated, especially those involving golf, than those in which I have not participated. I can assure you that nothing could be farther from the truth, and I will hold the balance of my editorial content up to that of the Fox News Network any day of the week. As further proof, this column will be principally about skiing, and the fact that I joined the '64 ski group in Aspen this year is purely coincidental.

Some 50 hearty souls, classmates, relatives, and friends, gathered at Aspen, CO,

in February to test their skiing prowess against the best that Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, and Ajax could offer. The weather was perfect; the socializing superb, and the organization by "the Bobs" (**Michela and Magruder**) and their spouses (**Cathy and Angie**) was outstanding. Unlike former years there were no injuries despite the best efforts of the kamikazes (**Fraser, McCoy, Carr, Kempinski, and Evans**). Not having skied in two years, I took it very easy and assumed I would be the wimp of the group (have to take it easy for golf, you know), however each day as I finished I found intelligent classmates had beaten



1964—Après-ski.

me down the mountain and were well into their margaritas.

Off-slope activities included the usual ice breaker, a wine tasting hosted by **Cliff Beasley** (who just announced his engagement by the by), a Mexican/Pool Hall night, the awards "dinner," and various outings to savor the alcoholic and culinary delights of Aspen. We also made the Aspen morning TV news wherein a local entertainer commented that, "there was a rowdy group from the West Point Class of '64 at the J-Bar last night!"

Dick Puckett won the Classmate Recognition Award, a story I will leave to him to tell as I was intimately involved and therefore disqualified to do so. Someone got an award for going to the ski slope one day without his ski boots, but for the life of me I can't remember who it was. This was a tough group folks and they even cooked up an award for some imagined indiscretion for poor **Dan Hornbarger** who had hoped to get by unscathed for the first time.



1964—'64 in Aspen 2007.

The only low point in the whole affair was that the group discriminated (it never ends) against Pollacks by making me and **Kempinski** roommates, segregating us from our fellows. Seriously, it was a great week. Next year it is back to Vail. You should note that this trip is not just for skiers and we had a considerable number who came merely for the fellowship and the off-slope activities.

Dick Puckett by the way, at the behest of **Dan Evans**, has undertaken an effort to update the class website and although it is a work in progress he has thus far done an exceptional job. He has set it up so it is a living document (not sure that's the right word, but) and there are reports and links to all manner of class

activities. What you now see at <www.west-point.org/class/usma1964> is a product that will shortly be the envy of all USMA classes and a model for the AOG. For example, you will now see links to **John Ward's** book, various class activities (golf, ski, bridge), reunions (minis and five-year reunions), and class archives (photos, documents). In the future, he will be adding links to other areas of interest to the class such as Social Security, Medicare, and insurance issues. What we need now are a few folks with some passion to help Dick Puckett and the class by or-

ganizing, coordinating, and developing these sub-sites. So, step up to the plate, and make a lasting contribution to the class! Get in touch with Dick Puckett <d.puckett@comcast.net> or Dan Evans <devans1964@aol.com> and they will get you started. Make the site your home page!

Dick is not the only one who is making cy-



1964—The Polish falcons.

berspace work for us. **Al Russo** spontaneously has created the '64 Golf website (now linked, of course, to Dick Puckett's site) where one can find everything one needs to know about our golfing activities. Golfing Grads will just have taken place when you are reading this and the golf website will be the place to go for info and photos <www.west-point.org/class/golf64>.

In other news, appearing here is a photo taken at the wedding of Derek Odom '99, son of our own **Ron & Kathy Odom** on 28 December. Derek is a captain of Special Forces; Ron & Kathy have been living the good outdoor life in Bozeman, MT, since Ron's retirement in 1994. **Joe & Maryellen**



1964—Enjoying the good life.

Mastriani, also pictured, were able to spend a few days with the Odoms following the wedding. Maryellen & Joe are still "working" on a limited basis in a coastal community halfway between Boston and Cape Cod. Joe comments that as a member of the Board of Governors of the New England WPS, he finds attendance at Founders Day and the business meeting very lonely and would love to see more of the class join the WPS. I think the reason he doesn't see any classmates is that those who used to be up there have wised up and moved to warmer climes!

From **Hal Winton**: Shortly before Christmas, **Barbara & I** motored to Ft. Stewart, GA, where on 22 Dec 06 I had the privilege of swearing in our son Douglas '91 as a lieutenant colonel, AUS. This makes our second O-5 in the immediate family, with Doug's brother Eric (USAFA 1989) a lieutenant colonel, USAF. On 3 January, he deployed to Kuwait to take charge of staging the brigade through its port of debarkation on to Ramadi in Iraq's Anbar province. We anticipate he will be in or around Ramadi for about a year.



1964—Odom wedding.



1964—Winton promotion.

Finally, from Ft. Benning came correspondence from my old high school classmate, **Huba Wass de Czege** who had been invited down from Leavenworth to participate in a review of the Army's new doctrinal manual. He is still in the business of mentoring on the subject of how to think about military operations and Dave Petreaus has put him on a ten days a month retainer for the next two years to help the Army rethink its business. He has also not been able to disengage from exploring the Army's future and does about 50 days a year of conferences and war-game-like studies to explore possibilities. He says he has been trying to disengage, but is still having difficulty letting go of work. Of course it's not all work and no play as **Huba & Elaine** are still much into horses and at his writing, despite it snowing and 18 degrees out, they were off to do some fox hunting with the hounds and horses. An honest man, Huba did confess he was thinking of Florida!

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line! As many of you know, we have lots of "chatter" on one of our two class nets (the WP.Org net) on various and sundry matters. Many of you actively and wholeheartedly participate in these exchanges. Some have complained that it generates far too much traffic and as a result, delete the e-mail. This could be a problem if we/the

class officers, are trying to communicate important and timely information such as a recent death, on which we need your help. This topic is being addressed by the class officers and will hopefully be resolved within the next few months. If you have an opinion as to what should be done, please e-mail me with your thoughts. I would appreciate receiving it in as short and concise a form as you can generate, certainly no more than 1/2 e-mail page. It would help if you would address these key issues: 1) Do you think it (the heavy "chatter" traffic) is currently a problem? 2) Do you delete classmates' e-mail if you think they are "chatter?" 3) Would you be in favor of us limiting these types of e-mail to just the WP.Org net and keep the other net (AOG) just for class business and emergencies? 4) Do you have any other suggestions on how to handle this problem? I would appreciate your honest and concise

comments within 15 days after you receive this copy of ASSEMBLY. I will then "bundle" them for the class officers to review.

As mentioned last time, **Joe De Francisco** was sworn in by the SA as the Civilian Aide (CASA) for Virginia



1965—Joe DeFrancisco.

in a neat ceremony at the Pentagon, according to our class rep (my son Brian). Joe observed that he went into consulting to free up some time, but that this and other "pro bono" activities have him right back to a full plate.

As you have heard me often say, I love this (scribe) job and one of the reasons is that every so often, I receive a letter that starts off something like this: "Denny, my apologies, but I have been meaning to write you for a long time [Scribe's note: Translate that to "...meaning to write you for 40 and a butt years"]. Now, I am not complaining, because these are usually the most fascinating letters that I receive. And so it goes with my old buddy **Dennis Sellers**—"Finally broke down a bought a computer. I



1965—Moseley.