

lowed to walk the entire 12 miles. He said that most of the participating grads were from '61 because 2011 is their 50-year class. John suggested that we start planning now for our participation in the plebe hike with the Class of 2013. The first ten miles of the hike is broken up into three segments with a 10–15 minute break between each. The final ten miles is downhill or flat. So, there is an option for each of us. Those marching the 12 miles are interspersed among the plebes so that you have a chance to talk to them during a march. He said it was a great experience. Lately, John has been helping his brother-in-law harvest his cotton crop in west Texas. That just goes to show you, there is no end to what you can teach a West Pointer!

**Bob Stidham** sent a photo of their recent D-2 reunion. They managed to get 14 in the photo. **Bill Clark** and **Terry Alger** were there but had to leave early and didn't make the shoot. They are lined up the same as in the first year howitzer. I looked in the *Howitzer*, and they all looked pretty much the same to me.

**Gary Coe** sent a photo. He & **Pat** spent three weeks this winter in South America with friends. Highlights of the trip included visits to the Inca Ruins at Machu Pichu and the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands.

**Bob Clements** has checked back into the net. I had a great conversation with him recently. He is doing well, living in Austin,



1963—Gary & Pat Coe at Machu Pichu.



1963—John Ellerson with Lou Sill and Dick Roberts on Long Island.

TX, and plans to attend the reunion in September.

This year's Golfing Grads was another great success for '63—27 classmates, eight sons, one wife, and three guests we played a fabulous new venue this year in Prattville, AL. The three Robert Trent Jones courses included the senator, judge, and legislator and provided all the challenge we needed. The accommodations and staff were the greatest ever. I'm sure we'll be return there next year. Attending this year were **Noel Brown, Bob, Dan & Rob Brown, Joe Blackgrove, John & Tom Byrns, Gary Coe, Dick Cole, Art Conlon, Jack & Mike Davis, George DeGraff, Lee Earnest, Miles Eberts, Herb Ellis, Curt Esposito, Bob & Jeanne Farris, Dick, Rich & Chris James, Mike Jenks, Charlie & John Kirby, Dewey Lafond, Bob Lewsen, Jim McCa-rver, Francis Nelson, Buz Rolfe, Gary Sausser, Dick Scharf, Karl**

**Schwartz, Bob Stidham, Dan Struble, Mike Vopatek, and Dan Willson Sr.** and Jr. '63 was victorious this year for the overall tournament. I'll cover individuals in more detail next issue.

We lost **Jim Doherty** recently, known to most of us as "Bugs." Trish, his betrothed, reported that he got up in the night to let out the cat, and returned to bed only to have a nearly instant fatal heart attack. **Lou Sill, Dick Roberts, and John Ellerson** went to the eastern end of Long Island to represent the class at Bugs' memorial service. Dick Roberts reported, "The service was beautifully done by the

priest, and superbly punctuated by Louie's eulogy. A reception followed where we all three enjoyed meeting Jim's family and friends with whom we shared many great stories (which were mostly true)." Dick said that if your ears were burning we probably included you in the stories. Well done brother Jim. Be Thou at Peace!

**Brad Jones** has joined the long gray line as well. Brad's good friend, **Don Murff**, says that he lived life to the fullest, and was not afraid to die in its pursuit. Brad chose a stem cell approach to the cure for his cancer. He went for the gold ring instead of prolonging a year or two with chemotherapy. The family expresses their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of the class in their time of need. Brad will be missed!

Until next time!

## 1964

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This is being written in April for publication in July. Once again you guys have overwhelmed me with information (not!) so it is going to pretty much be about my activities once again. Lucky for you all that I have been traveling of late, but this will not be the case in the future as I am mostly hang-



1964—Five guys not acting their age!

ing around Florida through football season. **Andy Dykes** did send along some photos of the Vail ski trip so I will include a few here for your entertainment.



1963—(Front) Clark Ballard, Jack Davis, John Goorley, (2d row) Jim McCa-rver, Bob Stidham, Bob Mayer, (3rd row) Ray Klopotek, Frank Cardile, Hi Warder, Al Christensen, (4th row) Bob Farris, Don Reid, Rudy Ehrenberg, and Will DeMaret.



1964—'64 at Vail.



1964—Apres golf at Brinkmans.

Speaking of skiing, the kamikazes of our group, **Harvey Fraser**, **Bob McCoy**, **Richard Carr**, **Bob Hillyer**, and **Dirk Schou** apparently didn't get enough of a challenge at Vail and embarked on a helicopter skiing expedition to Revelstoke, Canada, in April. Harvey reports the snow and weather were incredible and that Mr. Inshape, McCoy, skied more than 100,000 vertical feet, 85% prime untracked powder. All survived.

While they were skiing, I traveled to Perth with stopovers in Bangkok and Bali, to participate in Inter-

hash 2008 with my brother-in-law and our former classmate **Ed Corcoran**. As you might imagine it was a very interesting trip. As we did in Chang Mai at Interhash 2006 we linked up with **Marty Michlik** and his companion **Debbie Allnut**.

Interhash is a world wide gathering of the Hash

House Harriers an organization which bills itself as a drinking group with a running problem, very popular with expats and overseas military outfits. I made sure that I ran at least 100 yards on each of the runs so I could qualify. Marty on the other hand, paying tribute to the running part as well as the drinking part, did a credible job of both. We are assured that when we gather for Interhash 2010 in July

in Sarawak that we will be joined by **Hal Hatfield** who has recently caught the hashing bug.

I just returned from the 2008 and the 20th edition of the Golfing Grads of USMA as this goes to press. We were a group 22 strong including

our stalwart supporter and cheerleader, **Joanne Russo**. New member of Team '64, **Tom Butler & wife Ann**, joined regulars, **J. McCormack**, **Hinshaw**, **Haydash**, **Russo**, **Murray**, **Case**, **Cromartie**, **Brewer**, **Stapleton**, **Werner**, **Brinkman**, **Fraser**, **Bryan**, **Magruder**, **Hall**, **Bolen**, **Anderson**, and **Banovic**.

It was an entire week of golf as Harvey Fraser arranged a pre Golfing Grads event which included a round at Brinkman's

home course in Columbus, GA, and two tune up rounds at the nearby Grand National, part of the Robert Trent Jones golf trail. Dinners were hosted on various nights by **Ed & Chu** and **Sam & Sandy Burney** who live in Auburn close to Grand National.

Larry Bryan once again put on a fantastic five team '64 only event the day after Golfing Grads ended. For the record the winners were team Captain **J. McCormack**, **Jacunski**, **Brinkman**, and **Hinshaw**.

We were treated royally by the folks at Capitol Hill where the event was played and the RTJ golf courses lived up to their billing. The "Class Dinner" was held at a private home which served up southern style home cooking that had even the Yankees going back for more. **Ed & Chu Brinkman** by the way will be moving to Sun City near Charlotte later this summer.

**Bob & Jean Reich** headed south in April from frigid Wisconsin to visit family and friends and to enjoy some spring like weather. Along the way they stopped for a visit with **Dick & Penny Heydt** in Johnson City, TN, and had a great time catching up on things. It had been 18 years since they had last got together.

Also in the traveling mode were **Chet & Phyllis Kempinski** who while on a southern swing took the opportunity to visit your Scribe in our nations oldest city shortly after I returned from Golfing Grads

This just in. **Howie Bachman** has just announced that the Second Annual Fall Brawl will take place at Foxfire, Hyland Hills, and Southern Pine Golf Courses in North Carolina on 9-11 September. He has a good looking three day package put together for both golfers and non golfers. Last years event turned into a mini reunion of sorts and this years should prove to be the same.



1964—Reich and Heydt.



1964—Cognito Ergo Imbibo.



1964—Typical polack.



1964—Michela wins the pig pool once again!



1964—Kempinskis.



1964—Team '64 golfing grads.