

Dunna's DirtDevil Classic XIII Golf Tournament

Golfer Biographies

The Rookie Class of 2022 (7)

Mesquite, Nevada – June 4-11, 2022



Scott “ ” Mills – Graduated from Sumner High school in 1991 where he played every sport except golf, currently lives in Puyallup. Married with 3 daughters, 19 and twin 12 year olds. Has been playing golf for 25 years, but only played 3-5 times a year until 2020. Scott has been in construction for 30 years, the last 15 years as a Construction Inspector for the City of Tacoma. He is looking forward to making the trip an annual event, and would like to retire in a golf community where he can drive his cart to the course.



John “ ” Munson – Has been with the Sheriff's Dept. for 31 yrs. Currently works as the Department's K-9 Trainer and a SWAT Team member. John has been married to his wife, Monica, for 10 yrs and they are raising their 12 yr old Granddaughter. He has really gotten into Golf the last couple years and is constantly trying to fix his slice! LOL!

Gary “ ” O'Conner – Gary has a 13 year old daughter and a 10 year old son. Born and raised in Tacoma & Proud Lincoln grad. He has worked for Pierce County for 23 years, and is looking forward to some great golf and getting to meet some great people.





Austin “ ” Pinard – Austin is a friend of Steve VanHorn, who’s played in our tournament before. He is really looking forward to joining us in Mesquite. The last time he played there, just to date himself, was one course, “Peppermill Palms”. 😊 This sounds like a blast!

Richard “ ” Stearns – Turned 65 in May and after 7 years of retirement and, with his wife’s blessing, he decided to spend more time on the golf course. So, Richard joined a local men’s club and was off and running. He played 70 rounds last year which is more than he played in the last 10 years. He is hoping to keep it going for the rest of his life. Friends of his have been doing this Mesquite trip for several years. This will be his first trip. The format sounds great shooting against guys his own age and skill level. Richard is looking forward to meeting new people on the course or in the casino, his other vice.



Corey “ ” VandenBoom – Corey has been a legalized drug dealer (Pharmacist) for 22 years. He has been married to Ameer for 19 years and they have three sons: Derek, Hayden and Gavin. Likes the outdoors, boating and fishing. He feels as though he is very famous for three putts! We shall see. Welcome to our trip, and good luck as a Division II player.

Justin “ ” Villagrana – Hey! Justin Villagrana is 26 years old (seriously bringing down the group average age!) and was born and raised in San Diego, California. He is the father of two, Daughter - Jennieann (2) and son - Vincent (7 months). Justin started playing golf in 2018 and immediately fell in love with the game. He currently works as an Account sales manager at Red Bull!



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David “ ” Bahner – David started playing with the POA putters these past few years and is learning quickly. He has been working in IT for the past few years, growing up in Southern California and enjoying the outdoors.

Jerry “ ” Bates – Jerry is 60 years old and retired in May 2020 after more than 31 years with PCSD. Hobbies: Golf, Seahawks season ticket holder, playing the drums, travel. Family: Married to Vicki for 33 years, two sons Kyle - 21 and Drew - 19.



Roland “Ro” Bautista – 30-year veteran of the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department, and has recently retired. Ro’s first trip to the desert was in 2019 and he is looking forward to more golf and more time on his new boat to fish/crab/shrimp from. He has a wife and two grown kids (out of the house), two dogs and 2 retired TFD firefighter neighbors that seem like they were retired 10 years before the really were. He spent 15 years in patrol (deputy/sergeant) and 15 years in CID/DV (detective/sergeant). Ro was also a SWAT negotiator for 21 years, so enter into any side-bets with him at your own risk! Ro is 3 years into retirement and is not finding enough time to do everything he wants. Also finding his interests cost more than he expected, so plans to get back into the workforce. Not for long

though since he hates that punch clock concept. Just needs golf and gambling \$\$\$ for Mesquite trip. Welcome back to our desert trip Ro, and best of luck!

Felix “El Gato” Bernal (aka: “Phil”) – El Gato has lived in the Tacoma area with his wife Kristine since 1988. He was born in Colombia, South America, and immigrated to the U.S. with his parents at a very early age, growing up on Long Island, NY and then moving to southern California for his adolescence. He served 6 years in the US Army finishing up at Ft Lewis. He was then hired by the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department where he served for 26 years as a Deputy. He is now retired and has transitioned to playing golf as much as he can. His advice to the “Rookies” is you better shoot straight or bring a bunch of golf balls. The desert is unforgiving!



Jimmy “unk” Brambila – Jimmy is another one of the Poa Putters, that loves to have a good time on the golf course. What that exactly means I will leave up to everyone else. All I know is that the rumor mill reports seeing him with 3 playboy bunnies hanging off of him in one recent tournament. He claimed he was just rabbit hunting. Plus, he has been seen kissing cart girls that he knew from somewhere. Oh Jimmy, Jimmy. On the serious side, Jimmy has strong family ties, is a soccer player and supports the local community of Ramona, CA. He loves to golf many different courses, some of them high-end, and will pretty much travel anywhere for a good round of golf. He's both a fun golfer and can bring his game when he needs to. He's your classic work-hard and play-hard kind of guy. He is

Archie's brother-in-law. Welcome back to Mesquite and play well.

Chris “Politician Jr.” Brown – I can’t think of anything new to ad. We all know Chris can hit the ball a TON! It’s just what fairway it will end up in? Like his political affiliation, Chris’s golf ball often flies a little Left of center, if you know what we mean? Unfortunately, the desert is not a fairway Chris! However, he has been taking serious notes from his long-standing roommate, Mark Elias, and the two have come down early each year for some extra desert golf practice. We hope that extra work may pay off for Chris this year. The Politician Jr. is a solid Division I player. Chris is always smiling, has a contagious laugh, and let’s face it, he’s a helluva guy! Good luck this year Chris, have a relaxing week for a change, and play well. Welcome back big guy!



Glenn “3-Putt” Brown - Born in Nebraska, 3-putt (not sure how he got the nickname) joined the Navy and retired in 2008 after 20 years. This former squid then spent a little over four years as a contractor for the Army overseas. Currently living on Whidbey Island and semi-retired, sources tell us he has more money than he knows how to spend. He may be ripe for a few on-course friendly wagers. During the summer he passes the time working part time at the Gallery golf course mowing the fairways. We are told that 3-putt is a fairly accomplished sports official and his hobbies would include officiating girls high school basketball and umpiring fast pitch softball for high school, men’s fastpitch and some college. I am sure he has familiarized himself with our rules so don’t try to pull any fast

ones with him in the foursome or he will ring you up faster than when Wags went down on the 17th green a few years ago! He enjoys doing things around the house and yard at home, but the jury is out on whether he will enjoy desert golf again this week. Welcome back Glenn!

Steve “unk” Bulthuis – He claims to be the world's greatest putter. There is some truth to that. It's the rest of his game that leaves something to be desired. He's a gambler. Loves the casino. And, is a worthy competitor at the poker table. Born and raised Tacoma. Graduate Lincoln High School. Currently owns a small delivery business. Been golfing for 35 years, although that fact eludes people who see him swing.



“Big” Brian Coburn - Brian is a retired PCSO deputy and returning to the desert again. Last couple of years were off years for Big Brian, but let's get the facts straight; he won it all in 2008. An off year for Brian is a good year for most of us. Big Brian, as his nickname indicates, is long off the tee, but after attending T-Bob's 911 short game school, he is sure to turn easy birdies into doubles or triples. After a long day on the course, you will always find Brian lounging at poolside (or at the craps table) sipping his favorite cool beverage (the one with the pink umbrellas). Will he shave his head this year? Wait and see what bets he comes up with. Ask Big Brian about this one. He is an 18 handicapper and you can bet the farm he'll play to it. Look out for this guy!

Corry “The Family Guy” Coburn – No longer the youngest player in our field (Hunter, once again, takes the honors), Corry is returning to the desert to defend his part as the 2009 team champions (ancient history!). Corry is a solid Division II player and rumor has it, has dropped his handicap a bit this year. That is, from a 27.1678 to a 27.0178, but hey, improvement is improvement. He consistently plays to his handicap and usually takes home some money from this event. If he would only spend a little of his winnings on some golf lessons, your thoughts? Corry enjoys the game of golf as a great excuse to bond with his father Leon, his brother Lee, and uncle Big Brian and is a pleasure on and off the course. By the way, the kid may not be as big a gambler as his old man, but one high roller is enough in the family! Good luck again this year Corry and please remember pace of play, because it's hot out there kid!!!!



Lee “Big Bro” Coburn, Jr. – Lee is Rooster's eldest son and, you guessed it, the Family Guy's brother, and another nephew to Big Brian. He is another one of the “Kin Folk” from the Poa Putter's. As a returning player, Lee brings another Division II handicap to the mix. In fact, he has lost the honor of being the highest handicapped player in the field (that award goes to his dad, Leon). Not to worry D2, as HB has said many times... “The guy is a 35 for a reason!” His goal is to beat his family at least one time in the desert. But if he misses that goal, no worries, Lee would much rather be poolside enjoying his favorite adult beverage anyways and spending time with family. As a four-year Army veteran, Big Bro served a tour in Iraq as a tank mechanic. He now works in San Diego and loves being one of the 28 fans who formally cheered on the San Diego Chargers...I mean the Los Angeles Chargers, and he enjoys classic cars with his old man. Lee has always fit right in with the Dirt Devil Classic crew. Welcome back Lee.

Leon “Rooster” Coburn – What can we say about Rooster? The Rooster came to us several years back and quickly “fit right in”. He has become a fixture! After all, anyone who brings enough beer poolside for EVERYONE is truly a friend in deed. Leon owns and operates a golf club in California called “Poa Putters” and it’s a family affair. But with his handicap (36.9845) only a few clicks south of his son Lee’s, maybe a group golf lesson is in order? Oh well, it’s certainly not about the money for the Rooster; it’s about just having fun and spending quality time with his sons. Leon is a pleasure on and off the golf course and always has plenty of refreshments poolside, so no one goes thirsty. Seriously, good luck again Leon and welcome back!



Bill “unk” Darby – He claims to be the world's greatest putter. There is some truth to that. It's the rest of his game that leaves something to be desired. He's a gambler. Loves the casino. And, is a worthy competitor at the poker table. Born and raised Tacoma. Graduate Lincoln High School. Currently owns a small delivery business. Been golfing for 35 years, although that fact eludes people who see him swing.



Rob “Dingo” Day – As a first timer in 2019, Dingo did not provide a lot of information. You may think his accent is from New York but actually he is an Aussie, serving 20 years in the Australian Navy. As a former squid myself (in the American Navy of course!), he can’t be all that bad. He currently works for the San Diego Sheriff’s Department, where he has been for the past 23 years. He did tell me that if I were ever in the San Diego area, 15 minutes could save me 15% on green fees. Welcome back to the desert Dingo and the best of luck!



Todd “unk” Donato – Todd has been golfing since he was 12 years old. He plays in a Thursday night men's league at Meadowmeer GC on Bainbridge Island with his brother-in-law and they have been doing this for 15 years. Todd has been with PCSD for 26 years. He enjoys playing tournaments around the state and in Reno.



Mark “Marksican” Elias, (aka: “Marko Libre”) – With the “what happens in Mesquite stays in Mesquite” mindset, we won’t even talk about his nicknames. But Marko Libre has been seen on more than one occasion, massaging the feet and other body parts of several poolside “ladies” at the fabulous Eureka Hotel and Casino! OOOOOh La Laaaa!! We should see no more of that however! Marco is in love and recently moved to Boise, ID to be closer to the love of his life! She has asked us to “keep an eye on him” while in Nevada, and we are not going to Utah for a day this year! Lol. Returning to golf, this guy’s got game. He consistently shoots in the 70’s and always competes for low medalist. With a solid single digit handicap, look out Division I, here Marksican comes. The only knock we had used to be his 19 step, eight-minute pre-shot routine. Please Mark for the love of us out of shape hackers, thank you for correcting that, it’s hot in Mesquite!!!! Seriously, Mark is a good natured, fun, and mellow person on and off the course. He is a refreshing change from most of our Dirt Devil’s? Good luck Mark.



Dominick “Nick” Ferri – I see he uses his first name to create a nickname because “Fer” just doesn’t sound right. Born and raised in Detroit, MI with 4 sisters and no brothers, Nick played college basketball at the University of Dayton. We don’t know much about his golf game, but we are told his sisters taught him how to do Barbie’s hair and accessorize, so he should look good on the course. He moved to Sun City West, AZ in 2014. Married with no children. Loves casinos and sporting events. Welcome back to our Mesquite trip Nick & good luck (with your golf and your wardrobe), remember...plaids & stripes...NO, NO.



Art “Melon” Finch – I know that his picture looks like a deer caught in headlights, but don’t be fooled...this guy has a multitude of talents. Art retired from TPD on a disability; although rumors persist it was a hang nail on his big toe. He recovered quickly and went on to bigger and better things. Long-time recognition as a major league cribbage and pinochle player at TPD wasn’t enough for this guy. He quickly became the Assistant Pro at Allenmore golf course, offering advice to any hacker that would listen. Thinking the grass was greener on the other side, Art accepted the Assistant Pro position at Meadowpark. Being unable to produce credentials, he was immediately assigned to the business end of a lawn mower (which he seemed to enjoy and excel, mastering the infamous verti-cut). After a period of time, this didn’t bode well with Mel, so he decided to market himself as an expert driver. After producing his one year safe-driving pin from TPD (with at least a dozen chargeable/preventable accidents pending at the time of his retirement), he was hired as a 911 driving instructor. Are you serious? Mel is teaching our youth? ~~ NEWS FLASH ~~ Art left Meadowpark, returned to Allenmore, then moved to Queens Creek, AZ or Salem, OR, or Mesa, AZ, we’re not exactly sure where Art currently lives! Where will it end?! On a lighter side, Art is probably one of the most likable and optimistic guys in the field and you can’t help but root for him. Welcome back Mel and good luck...





Jimmy “JR” Foster – This Walla Walla native currently lives in Olympia, Washington. Retired, US Army, Parachute Rigger – No Sky too high! Duty Stations: Fort Bragg, NC; Camp Darby, Italy.; Fort Lewis, WA; Fort Lee, VA; Fort Lewis, WA; Yuma Proving Ground, Airborne Test Force, AZ. JR currently works for US Army MWR Human resources. Married to Janet Foster (The most patient woman he knows). Children: 2 Daughters, 1 Granddaughter. Expert Land Navigation skills, but don’t ask JR to get you anywhere in a car. Can you say, “Recalculating”? Little known fact: he does not like having his picture taken (Paula/Reggie your project!) Although he doesn’t smoke... he has been known to partake in an adult beverage occasionally, (or that’s what he tells his wife).

Pet Peeves: Don’t ask him what he is ordering at a restaurant before he orders and don’t ask him for a bite off his plate, AND being late for a tee time & noise on the box. (Reggie & Pedro would make a foursome with JR GLOW!). Not much of a sports fan since the 49ers are his favorite team! Need I say more? JR says he is on this trip to golf in the sun while enjoying new and old friends! And give his wife a vacation. Welcome back and good luck!

Reggie “The Man” Frederick – Over the course of this event, Reggie has been one of the steadiest Senior Flight I players out there. That is without much golf practice either. You see, “The Man” spends most of his time and energy as owner/operator of Chalet Bowl, and still keeps up his single digit handicap! Reggie can even bowl and play golf both left and right-handed. Wow!!! And beware, Reggie has been playing quite well as of late! The only shot at breaking his concentration would be with a glass of wine. And maybe, just maybe you can break him down. You can’t distract him with noise, because he is one of the only golfers we know that talks during his own back-swing! Don’t be surprised, however, if he gives you an education about golf, bowling, and that glass of wine! As an avid wine connoisseur, Reggie will be first to say “A Merlot, on a Tuesday, Paleeeeeeeeeeeez!” Whether he is picking up the 7-10 split, sinking a 20-foot birdie putt, or sticking a green from a buck fifty out, Reggie will still be a true gentleman and pleasure to be around both on and off the course. Welcome back to the desert Reg, it would not be the same without you. We were afraid you were not going to make it this year!



Larry “The Grunt” Freeman – Originally from Louisiana and a 26-year Army veteran as a Military Policeman, retiring in 2004. Came to Fort Lewis in 1996 and was deployed to Iraq in 2003 for the 2nd Gulf War. For the past 15-years Larry has worked as a civilian at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and is currently the Installation Physical Security Officer. Married to his wife, Sigrun, whom he met while stationed in West Berlin, Germany. She is a Brit and they have been married for 36 years. No kids. Instead, they go with cats and a dog. Larry is a regular at Allenmore on Saturday mornings (before daylight) and plays with Mayfield, Olson, and Steve Freeman (no relationship). Welcome back to the desert Larry, and good luck!

Steve “Freebird” Freeman - Originally from Central Illinois (Girard), Freebird has lived in the Tacoma area since 1997 (but just recently relocated to Copperas Cove, Texas) after serving 11+ years in the Army Military Police & serving as a recruiter in Japan, Chicago, Germany & Bosnia. He also worked as VIN Inspector for WA State Patrol between '97 & '00 and 10+ years for Group Health IT Dept. He has been married 30 years to Lynn and has the furry version of kids, Chow-Chows, Booker & Bindi. Freebird has been golfing since 1987 and his best round was a 68 at Allenmore, with a one hole-in-one on #2 at Allenmore in his resume’. One issue did arise in our pre-trip investigation. You see we are all men-folk golfers and fully understand that every golf course in the world serves as our personal urinals. However, Freebird has (at least on one occasion) forgotten to remove his man part from his shorts before relieving himself on a golf course! We were told it may have had something to do with the number of “road cokes” he had consumed. Let’s keep it respectable in the desert Steve! That type of behavior is a violation of our code of conduct! Welcome back, and good luck!



Ronald “Ron” Gardner – Ron is another one of the Poa Putters in San Diego and has always reminded me of the typical So. Cal lifestyle. Does anybody see a trend with these San Diego folks?? He's a surfer, golfer, biker, and was a steady softball player back in the day. He can be seen riding his bike into work, while attending a meeting at the same time. He's a highly respected and dedicated employee at CDG, an employee of 44 years. He could be the "old guys rule" poster child. at age 64. He started golfing about 13 years ago and did the right thing by getting "fit" to his clubs. His game and course management just keeps getting better and better. He has recently been adopted into the Poa Putters "gambling" gang or "the other games" as some call it in San Diego. Ron has always been

another great "family

Clifford “Cliff” Hammer – Cliff grew up mostly in Copalis Beach, WA. And joined the US Navy in 1978, serving as an Electronics Technician for 8 years. He married in 1984 to his wife Lisa, they have one son, one step son, and 4 grandkids. After his time in the Navy, he has been working in high tech, working at Qualcomm, Inc since 1994. No picture provided, Senior Flight II player.



Mike “unk” Hefty – Born in Maine and raised in the army, Mike went to the university of South Alabama and then joined the army. 60 years old, 6’2”, 230ish, bald. Married to Teri for 26+ years. 3 children, all adults except the baby, who’s in college. He retired army active duty and national guard, 28 total years, highest rank attained: Colonel. Mike spent two tours in Iraq, 26+ years as deputy sheriff for pierce county, currently serving as a Detective Sergeant, supervising proactive property crimes unit. Loves to golf, fish, hunt, hike, and travel, not necessarily in that order. Also loves good red wines. Meet Reggie Frederick!! Welcome!

Dave “unk” Hetzel – 40-Year-Old Electrical Contractor, has been playing golf for 6 years and likes snowboarding and the Elk Head Brewery. After this bio, I think it’s obvious this guy likes to talk a lot! Welcome aboard Dave!



Robert “Bobby” Jackson – Born in Michigan, (another Wolverine fan?) his dad was Air Force and he has lived all over the east coast. Moved out here in Junior High. Graduated Curtis and UPS. Played football and swam at both. Became a cop in 1986 and retired in 2016. Bobby has been playing golf for 29 years and loves it. Married with 1 son who is out on his own, and two wonderful mutts from the pound. Keep an eye on this guy. With his new clubs and recent lessons, Bobby has moved from Division II to Senior Flight I this year! Good luck Bobby!

Stephen Johnson - No Information provided. Senior Flight II player.



Ernie “unk” Kala – No Information provided. Senior Flight I player.

Robert “Bob” Klemkow - Bob lives in Buckley WA and formerly worked as a Logistics Analyst for Northwest Door in Puyallup WA. Bob is now the proud owner of his own company, Plateau Garage Doors, LLC located in Buckley, WA. His business seems to have weathered the turbulent 2020, and 2021 looked promising hopefully 2022 was even better! He has been golfing since he was 12 years old and played golf at Auburn High School and then one year at Green River Community College. Bob has been married for almost 16 years and has 3 daughters. Twins that are 13 and a 5-year-old. He has also played competitive softball for the last 17 years. He has decided to retire from softball and dedicate all of his time to the game of golf (and it shows). This low-handicapper could shake up Division I. Bob also enjoys traveling with his family and coaching his daughters in the various sports they play. He is really looking forward to this trip down to Mesquite and hopes to continue the trip in the future. Welcome back to our desert crew Bob, and good luck!



Brian “unk” McCauley – Brian recently retired from law enforcement officer after 40 years. Way too long! Currently, he is an adjunct community college instructor with 20+ years of classroom experience. I’m not sure how this translates to golf but as a 15 hdep, Brian could be someone to deal with in Senior Flight I.



We will have to ask these 4 cops from San Diego how they got wind of our tournament. In any case, we are happy to have them join our annual event. Welcome aboard Brian, and good luck to you!

Greg “ Munford – Lived in Tacoma for 50 years before retiring after 34 years, from Tacoma Power in 2016. He decided to move to Las Vegas in 2019 after visiting many times over the years and bought a home in Sun City Summerlin. Greg thinks the Washington rain finally soaked in and through his bones. He has participated in a golf outing to Mesquite over the last 15 years through another group originally started at Tacoma Power. He thoroughly enjoys the area and the weather. The opportunity to golf pretty much year-round makes the move worth it. Greg was a member of McCormick Woods in Port Orchard for many years but the courses in Vegas area are certainly just as challenging. Looking forward to joining the group and meeting everyone. Welcome back Greg!



Arcadio “Archie” Naranjo – A member of the San Diego Poa Putters Golf Club and a member of Rooster’s Super Bowl crew. Archie’s golf game can be summed up in one word: Inconsistent. Every once in a while, he can make a difficult hole look easy, but most of the time he makes the easy holes look difficult. He puts up with all the frustrations of golf to have a good time with good people... it’s all for the brotherhood (and the beers, of course). Archie has been a friend of Rooster Coburn since 1990. He’s an old baseball diehard like Rooster. They built an awesome softball team with Ron Gardner & Mark Gray. They started golfing in 2007 and wound up playing at Turtle Bay. They headed to the first tee - the tips, the blacks. At that time, they didn’t even know what black tees meant,



just the first ones they saw. Never-the-less, their tee shots landed somewhere between the white tees and red tees. The group waiting behind them turned and left. Arch is a great family man who probably attends a birthday party every weekend. Welcome back.

Steve “Nutty” Newsome - Steve Newsom is a Broadcast Engineer currently working as the Chief Engineer at KBTC-TV (PBS) in Tacoma. Steve is a member of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, Allenmore Men’s Club, and a league bowler. Welcome aboard Steve.



Corey “Die Hard” Olson – His nickname reflects his striking resemblance, in this photo, to Bruce Willis. Let’s hope his golf game doesn’t Die Hard. Corey is a solid Division I player and has made it to the Match Play finals on more than one occasion. He should be towards the top of the leader boards again this year in his division. And afterwards, look for Corey and his lovely wife poolside for their special “Lemonade”. Die Hard also has his son, Hunter, in tow again this year. Hunter is a junior golfer that he says will light up some of the old guys again! By the way...his lemonade has always been a hit and leads a couple of our members and past members towards their second Manifesto. (Your welcome Wags). Anyways, welcome back Corey and enjoy yourself.

Hunter “The Kid” Olson – Hunter is 16 years old this year (still bringing down the group “average age” significantly!) and an 10th grader in High School now. He currently sustains a 3.6 GPA (behind his sister) and is an avid piano and saxophone player. Hunter was lucky enough to play on Chambers Bay's first Junior PGA Golf Team which consisted of 10 boys and girls all together. He is currently practicing there to prepare for the next season and his unforeseen future. Hunter took home some desert coin in last years’ event, so watch out for The Kid! He will almost certainly be threat in Division I! This kid hits a long ball! Anyone playing with Hunter may pull a love-muscle just watching him swing! Show the old guys how it’s done Hunter!



Patrick “Pat” Olson - Pat has been golfing for 25+ years and played in High School and College. He started having kids (2 girls ages 10 & 12) and got married, so he doesn’t golf near as much as he used to. Pat’s handicap typically is between the 0-2 range (the low end of Division I!) He is 39 years old, turning 40 on day-2 of the tournament (another Gemini, nice!). Pat was lucky enough to go to Ireland in 2017 and play golf for 2 weeks as you will be able to see from the attached picture. You can scratch that course off your bucket list, and in June you can do the same for Mesquite, Nevada! Welcome back to the trip Pat, as long as you are not a Steeler fan like your former roommate!

Russ “Rusty” Olson – This Allenmore crony doesn’t seem “rusty” when it comes to his golf game! The 10-handicapper has plastered a few scores in the 70’s on his card, with a low of 74 a couple of summers ago! But that was in the liquid sunshine of the beautiful Northwest, and prior to a foot surgery. We shall see what kind of a desert game he brings this year! Currently retired as a former corporate operations manager for 3 companies in Bellevue, overseeing 16 different locations all over the NW, 2 wholesale companies (HVAC and muffler/tailpipe) and 1 manufacturing location in Portland. Rusty is a retired police sergeant from Renton PD (1974 to 1994) and loves to play golf, hunt and fish. He is single and happily so! Welcome back to the Mesquite crew Rusty, and good luck!



Mike “The Sleeper” Painter - Mike is a returning veteran to the desert also by way of the Allenmore group and getting involved with their Men’s Club and even sitting on their Board. He has become one of the “go to” guys in the desert for Dunna too. Don’t worry Bones; no one can take your place. The Sleeper has quietly turned his much-improved golf game into contention for some Division II coin. Not quite a card-carrying member of the single digit club yet but a solid competitor. As long as The Sleeper doesn’t have to putt! You see, he has been known to turn a 15-foot birdie putt into an 11-foot double-bogie saving putt. Giving a real meaning to “leaving it short”! Anyways, Mike is fun to play golf with and another good fit to the poolside banter after the rounds. You can

usually expect to see him and his better half (Paula) at poolside each day, with Mike sporting a smooth smelling cigar in his mouth and a cold beverage in his hand. Welcome back Mike and best of luck in the desert.

Brian “Bogie” Patterson – Bogie is another player from San Diego. He is the founder and President of the "Britt Edmondson and Frank Yancey Foundation" ... BFF – "Continuing to support and benefit today’s youth". Sounds like a great charity but it won’t keep your drives in the fairway. Welcome back to the trip Bogie, and good luck!





Jim “Shorts” Purkey (aka: “Quirky”) – Yep, as his nickname states, Jim wears shorts 365 days a year. However, don’t be fooled by the Shorts. Jim is a low handicapper who can compete with anyone in the field. He will even show off his patented “reverse Happy Gilmore” swing. And after he hits another one long and straight down the fairway, he will be seen walking the desert finding your golf ball and many more. “Quirky” because this guy just marches to his own beat. You see, a couple of years ago “Shorts” engaged in an official match-play tournament competition at Allenmore while carrying 28 golf clubs (2 sets) on his power cart. This, alone, would not have taken him down, but he decided to use clubs from both bags. Wrong! His opponent called him for the violation and won the

match by having a 2-hole penalty assessed. I bet he doesn’t do that again! This guy’s got a sixth sense about finding golf balls! He once told us he had a little over 3,000,000 golf balls in his garage. Anyways, the guy even brought his “questionable” 12.4 index to the desert again but we will have to see how he performs. You see, Shorts will be sporting a brand-new bionic knee this year with less than 5 miles on the gauge. We are also told he opted for the model PINGTITCALMADE 5005, specially designed for those golf fanatics! Yes, the boy can play. He also can gamble. A true high roller is he (unlike the imposter from the KPN), with numerous black and green chips in play at the Craps Table. That’s \$100’s and \$25’s we’re talking about boys! Let’s just say the Hotel and Casino is comping Jim for the remainder of his Dirt Devil Classic days. Welcome back Jim and have fun.

Greg “unk” Rylaarsdam – Greg also works for the San Diego Sheriff’s Department. He carries an 13 handicap and runs a SCGA affiliate traveling golf club for 36 members. He is usually the one setting up the golf trips, so it’ll be nice to simply be able to relax and play for the first time in several years! By the way, anyone who feels they got a raw-deal, or great-deal with your Match-Play seeding...we can all blame Greg! LOL. Thanks for the help Greg. Glad to have you back to our desert crew and I hope you enjoy the format and organization.



Jim “Shinbones” Shin (aka: “Bones”) – Bones is still sporting the “Assistant Group Leader” title and has been appointed the official tournament treasurer. But he could moonlight as The Big Guys bodyguard, and you will soon know why. You see, Bones is a 27th degree black belt in more variations of martial arts than you can shake a golf club at. Let’s just say he knows more ways how to kill you than you know how to die! He is not new to the casino’s either. The past few years, Bones has been seen sitting at 3rd base at the Black Jack table, Center Field at the Pia Gow table, and pinch hitting at the 3 Card Poker table, making some noise and coin too. Rumor has it, Bones has also greatly improved his golf game with some new clubs and possibly lessons too! His Allenmore golf

game has gotten him into the single digit club but, unfortunately, he has had a little slide as of late. He should still be a real threat in Senior Flight 1 this year. You heard right, Senior Flight I boys!!! Good luck this year Bones and play well.

Pete “Stray Cat” Shoop – Pete comes to us through his friend, Bob Jackson. He is married with one son, living in Lakewood, WA and snow-birds to Surprise, AZ during the winter months. Pete is retired from the Tacoma School District and enjoys golfing, spoiling his two Black Labs and cooking. Having played a few rounds with Pete, I don’t know if his nickname applies that often. Pete could be a serious contender in Senior Flight II. He is really looking forward to the Mesquite trip so welcome back and good luck in the desert!





Bodie “unk” Thompson – Flooring Contractor, Likes Golfing, Boating and snowboarding. A wordy guy!

James “The Squid” Tilghman – His nickname suggests he likes water, and well, probably does being a retired Navy veteran of 26 years. However, the Squid took up a “land hobby” called golf a few years back and has had the golf bug ever since. Though he still finds the water quite a bit (a 21+ handicapper) he can play to it and is a likely candidate to take some money in his Division. As a member of the “Poa Putters” his only goal at Mesquite is to whip the snot out of “Rooster” and make him buy the beer. We won’t tell James that Rooster brings the beer anyways! James did very well for himself a couple of years ago in the team game and should be a welcome addition to his team this year (oops, no teams again this year James, you’re on your own!). Good luck Squid and try to keep your balls dry this year, after all, we’re playing in the desert!



Steve “Hornet” VanHorn - Married with one son. Steve has been a drywall worker for 25+ years and actually owned his own drywall business for 12yrs. The Hornet is a member of Linden CC and we are told he will travel almost anywhere to play golf. Welcome back Steve! The Hornet could definitely contend for some serious D-I coin this year. We will see!

Jim “Wags” Wagenblast (aka: “The Blaster”) - Wags has been a regular to the desert for as long as we can remember, and we love him like a red headed step child, who also has a Manifesto named after him (make sure you stay cool and hydrated out there). Wags likes a few “pops” and poolside lemonades, and knows how to have a good time. A fun guy is he to be around. Though his golf game may have more “Yards” in it than the grid iron, Wags can play to his (much improved) Senior Flight II handicap. He has even been seen hitting a draw or two, unlike the banana we have grown accustomed to. The Blaster is another one that likes to take what’s left of his golf game seriously and will be in the money hunt for his division. Good luck Blaster and Cheers!





Wulf “Jr” Werner Jr. - Wulf Werner Jr. currently resides in the Chicagoland area working in facilities maintenance. He retired from the U.S. Navy (what? Yet another squid!) in 2007 in Jacksonville, FL after 20 years of service. In 2012 he met his wife LeeAnn, exchanging vows in 2014. They live in Oswego where he is a member of the Fox Bend Golf Course. With a little better handicap than the old-man, Jr.’s main goal is to beat the speedo off of dad this week. Welcome back Wulf, and good luck in the desert!

Wulf “Wolfman” Werner, (aka: “Wulfy”) – We asked for a biography photo from Wulfy and got his 1939 picture just prior to his flight to the Blitzkrieg! The Red Baron even remarked “those goggles look great on that Kraut”. Wulf took a couple years off from the desert to fine tune his golf game but is back and ready to put his 30+ handicap to work. Our sources report he is no sandbagger either. One of the nicest guys in the field, Wulfy is fun to play golf with and socialize poolside. Just be prepared, as he is a full European through and through, and will be sporting his “Speedo” around. Hopefully, only at the pool this year and not at the banquet! Another player whose son (Wulf Jr.) will be attending this year, so don’t embarrass him! A couple of years back, HB was heard saying “those are the sexiest legs I have ever seen on a 103-year-old man”. And he’s right! Welcome back Wolfman.



Ed “Steady Eddie” Wesolowski – Born and raised in Chester, PA & Cape May, NJ. In his youth Ed loved going to the beach and still does to this day whether it’s Cape May, NJ, Cabo or Hawaii.... just loves being around the surf and doing beach time. Enlisted in the Air Force in June 1968 and retired Nov 1990. Ed’s military background was in Civil Engineering/Heavy Equipment Career Field. He also did a tour of duty in Vietnam 70-71. Although he was stationed at McChord 3 times, he also had tours of duty at Shemya, AK / Aviano, Italy / Hickam, HI. After retiring from the military Ed worked at Whispering Firs Golf Course for 20 years, before retiring from his position as Golf Ops Mgr. He really enjoyed his position at the golf course, learning a lot about the golf world of business, what

it takes to maintain of a golf course, how to deal with the staff, and performing customer service the right way. Before moving to Sun City West, AZ. (May 2012) Ed lived in Graham, WA for 34 years. Moving to the valley of the sun was the best move as he was simply getting tired of all the rainy golfing weather. Now, he plays about 125 rounds of golf yearly under sunny skies, and the beer is always 34 degrees at his favorite pub “Fuzzy's Bar & Grill”. Ed loves to travel, being around good friends, and having a few cold ones at the 19th hole. He considers himself a +3 handicap at beer-drinking! Welcome back Ed!

James “The Reaper” Wilson – James has settled into a nice Senior Flight II fit. And, as his nickname says, death follows him. Not in the literal sense, but in his golf game. Our sources tell us; this 21+ handicapper has trouble off the tee, in the fairways, and especially on the greens. And his “Yard+” scoring average a couple of years back seems to support that! Don’t be fooled though, he is definitely improving! He did make some money that year playing to his handicap, so we all know it’s possible! Off the course, The Reaper has a heart of gold and is a real pleasure to be around. Just ask his long-time friend and fellow Pierce County Deputy “Big” Brian Coburn. And a word of advice, one shouldn’t flip him too much s**t judging by his size in the photo! As a former drill sergeant, The Reaper should keep what is left of his golf game on track and has a good chance in his Division. Welcome back James.





Jim "Dunna" Young – Dunna has been organizing this early summer event since 1998 and it keeps getting better every year. Retiring from the Tacoma Police Department in 2005 after 29 years, you can expect the big guy to go "Beast Mode" and be in the mix at whatever he takes on. Whether it's an all you can eat contest at Old Country Buffet or getting down on the 48oz. Porterhouse at the Lucky Eagle, or going deep in his football pools, Dunna is always up for the challenge. Dunna has even been known to go low; we know what you're thinking, Limbo stick, right? WRONG! He has had some pretty special rounds in the desert over the years and a few not so memorable rounds. Who else could shoot a 77 one day and a 97 the next day on the same course? Regardless, he's as competitive as they come and is

always even par when he puts the first peg in the ground on golf day. The big guy is silky smooth around the greens and can chip and putt with the best of them. Also, being the tourney director, Dunna has to be a babysitter of 60+ guys every year (kind of like herding cats), whether its Don Juan falling asleep naked in his bed, watching Wulfy prance around poolside in his Speedo or having HB always trying to pull some sort of tomfoolery, the Big Guy is ready for the challenge. And if he needs assistance, he always has the "Sleeper" to crunch the numbers and "Bones" who knows more ways to kill you than you know how to die. All kidding aside, Dunna must be doing something right, 60+ guys come back year after year! As always, thank you for putting on such a great golf vacation and JOB WELL DONE BIG GUY.... Side Note: Dunna became a proud Great-Grandfather of a beautiful little girl (Leighton Grace, born 11/12/2020). He always thought he was an "okay" Grandfather, but now he is officially a Great-Grandfather!

Troy "Z-Man" Zamira – Troy has lived in Tacoma his whole life. The last 24 years have been spent married to his beautiful wife Jenny "JZ" Zamira. He has 2 boys, one a Junior at UPS and a Junior at Lincoln H.S. He is a life-long baseball player so the transition to golf was easy, as he is used to failing. His golf game is a lot like a train wreck but with less control. His best shot is a 5 iron from the fairway right back to his fairway, but only because it is his most often used shot. Someone overheard him say he is planning on bringing his own rake to clean up after his self on these amazing desert courses. His only goal for this trip is for everyone involved to dislike Chris "Politician Jr." Brown as much he does. If he can get half of you converted to haters this first year it will be consider a success. Welcome to the desert Troy, and good luck!

