

Dunna's DirtDevil Classic XIV Golf Tournament

Golfer Biographies

The Rookie Class of 2023 (13)

Mesquite, Nevada – June 3-10, 2023



Steve "Steve" Bodine – Steve was born and raised in Southern California. Spent 4 years in the Air Force (Las Vegas) after graduating high school. Joined the San Diego Sheriff's Department in 1990 and after 32 years he's hung up his cuffs and retired in February of this year. Father of 4 with 3 grandchildren. He has lived in San Diego since 1990, but Steve and his wife will relocate to Texas to be near the kids/grandkids at the end of the year. Enjoy's hiking, biking, golfing, and traveling. Welcome aboard!

Francisco "Frank" Brambila – Another San Diego native, Frank enjoys the outdoors, especially when hacking it up on the golf course with friends. He belongs to a golf group "Loose Impediments." When not golfing, Frank stays busy camping or traveling with his family. He supports and gives back to the community he lives in. Frank has family members and friends who have attended this trip for years and enjoys this golf outing. Welcome to our trip Frank!



Robert "Robbie" Burke – Robbie is married with one daughter Sophia, who is 4 years old. He has been playing inconsistent golf for years, but recently joined High Cedars Men's Club last year in an attempt to develop some consistency. Formerly, he only played for the social aspect of golf, but now he is getting into it a bit more seriously. Robbie is a Physical Therapist by profession and, unlike playing partner (and buddy) Rich Stearns, he is still working! Take some time off and enjoy our golf outing! Welcome to Mesquite!

Melvin “Mel” Ceccanti – I'm a pilot first and foremost!!! Currently in charge of helicopter flight operations for Coulson Aviation based in California. I love my mid-day naps, even if company is present. I love my Ram truck, cause I'm tough as well. Looking forward to making my presence known on my maiden voyage to Mesquite, cause I'm a PILOT!!!



Bryan “Bryan” Cordes – Bryan grew up in Wisconsin, spent a few years in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho and moved to Seattle in 1997. He manages Crystal Soda Blast with his wife, Kerry. Bryan enjoys getting outdoors as much as possible and spending a lot of time at Crystal Mtn in the winter as well as playing in the sand dunes in the summer. Travel and beach time are high priorities! He is always planning the next fun trip somewhere warm and is looking forward to playing golf and getting to know everyone! We are looking forward to meeting, and playing golf, with you. Welcome to our Mesquite trip and best of luck!

David “Dave” Elmer – Dave is married and has lived in Tacoma his entire life. He was a City of Tacoma firefighter with over 30 years of service, retiring as a Lieutenant. Good friend of Bob Jackson for 34 years, and this is his first trip to Mesquite with our crew. As far as golf is concerned, Dave feels like he is a hacker but constantly trying to improve. Welcome to our desert tournament Dave, and good luck!



Ben “Ben” Fowler – Ben lives in Spring Creek NV and works for Midwest Hard Facing (International Sales/Consultant). He is married with two children. Ben has been playing golf for 20 years but also enjoys hunting. Loves spending time with his family. Welcome to our summer event Ben, and best of luck!

Ken “Jake” Jacobson – This old duffer may be new to the Dirt Devil Classic but not the game of golf. With his eyes on retirement, he is excited to start tearing up the links. If you are in the boating world around the Pacific Northwest you might also know him as the all-time great marine electronics guru. Purple and Gold are Jake’s go-to colors as he is a die-hard Dawg fan. Wags, his might-as-well-be brother-in-law may still have him beat on total purple, however. He is looking forward to the sun, golf, partying by the pool, having an IPA, or for that matter, any good cold beer. Welcome to our trip Jake!





Chad “Chad” Lovett – Chad hails from Puyallup, WA. He is married with three kids. When he is not golfing, he is thinking about retiring. When he is not thinking about retiring, he is usually golfing. Being an excellent multitasker, Chad sometimes does both at the same time. He finds great satisfaction in carrying his buddy Scott Mills to the winners’ circle in two-man best ball and two-man scramble tournaments. Chad claims he doesn’t do it for the trophies, or the glory.... he does it because he knows Scott needs the money! We shall see how you do on your own in our desert tourney Chad. Welcome aboard and good luck!

Gerald “Jerry” Oakes – Jerry Oakes has been golfing with the POA Putters group for about 20 years with his good friend, Archie Naranjo. He has 3 sons who love golfing as well. Jerry is 61 years old and this is his first trip to Mesquite. Rooster Coburn, and all of the players from Poa Putters over the years, have been a welcome addition to our annual trip. Glad you could make it this year Jerry, and I wish you the very best of luck.



Harold “” Soares – Harold picked up the clubs again last year after not playing for over 15 years. He loves the sport and wants to start playing more often. His goal is to get better and shoot in the 90's. He did upgrade to a new Tsi1 driver and 3 wood, now needs some new irons to go with it. That will do the trick Harold! He comes to us as a friend through our veteran, Steve Freeman, and is looking forward to playing in Mesquite. Welcome to our summer event Harold, and good luck in the desert!

Mike “Mike” VandenBoom – Mike lived in Wyoming for 38 years before taking a transfer in 2005, and now resides in Eatonville, WA. He has worked for Advance Auto Parts for 36 years. Mike’s activities, when not working, are attempting to golf, hunting, and fishing. Probably his favorite activity is attending Las Vegas Raiders Football games in Vegas! He has been married for 27 years and has two daughters that also live in University Place. Welcome aboard.





Kendall “Colonel” Workman – Kendall is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Utah Army National Guard. He served part time and active duty for a total of 36 Years. He has been assigned throughout the United States and traveled to more than 24 countries during his career. Kendall also worked for Boeing Corporation in Salt Lake City for a total of 25 years at the Commercial Airplanes Spares Facility and is currently a small business owner in Mesquite, NV running a painting contracting company. He describes himself as a fairly new golfer but is excited about getting better. He is married with two grown children and 2 grandchildren, all of whom live in the Salt Lake City area. Kendall learned of our trip through veteran player, Felix Bernal, who has relocated to the Mesquite, NV area.

Welcome aboard Colonel, and good luck in our tournament!

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John "T-Bone" Barta – Like a fine country song, T-Bone grew up huntin' and fishin' in a small town in North Dakota. He was fortunate enough to have a 9-hole, sand greens golf course which is where he was introduced to the game of golf. The son of a coach, T-Bone became an avid sports fan at a young age and actively participated in whatever sport was in season. After spending 4 years on the ski slopes of Colorado, he moved to Washington in 1994 and has lived in the Pacific Northwest ever since. T-Bone is a father of 2 daughters and 2 sons and currently is employed in the office supply business. Good luck in Mesquite, and welcome back!

Jerry " " Bates – Jerry is 62 years old and retired in May 2020 after more than 31 years with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. His hobbies include: Golf, Seahawks season ticket holder, playing the drums, & travel. Jerry has been married to Vicki for 35 years, two sons Kyle - 23 and Drew - 21.



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 4 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”) – Happily retired after 26 years of service as a deputy sheriff for the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. Phil moved to Mesquite with his wife Kristine in January 2022 after falling in love with the area following his attendance at his first Dunna’s Dirt Devil Classic. He continues to enjoy golf although these desert courses still frustrate him to no end. He passes on a hardy welcome to the “Rookies” and some simple advice for desert play. Control your shots or bring a bunch of golf balls.



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

Frank’s brother & 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 usually 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.



Wayne “The Professor” Carp – Wayne was born and raised in Kew Gardens, Queens, New York City. Played basketball for 55 years (when he was 6’ 3”), including on his junior and high school teams. Passing on a career in the NBA, Wayne was drafted into the US Army for two years, 1966-1968, where he served as a Company Clerk in the 502nd Admin, at Fort Hood, TX. When he got out, he went to California and in 1981 earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley. Taught US History at Pacific Lutheran University for 30 years until retiring 6 years ago, and has written a number of books on the history of adoption. He still conducts research and writing about adoption when he is not golfing. Wayne is a high handicapper, who has been serious about golfing for the last 8-10

years. Welcome back to the desert Wayne!

“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!



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!



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 24 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 27 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.

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 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!

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. Cliff is a die-hard Seahawks and Mariners fan! After his time in the Navy, he has been working in high tech, working at Qualcomm, Inc since 1994. Hobbies are off roading, fishing, shooting, and mostly golf! Oh, and craft beer! No picture provided, Senior Flight I 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. 63 years old, 6’2”, 230ish, bald. Married to Teri for 26+ years. 3 children, all adults except the baby, who’s in college. He is retired army active duty and national guard, 28 total years, highest rank attained: Colonel. Mike spent two tours in Iraq, 28+ 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 8 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!



Rick “Hutch” Hutchinson – Married 36 years with three grown children and two grandchildren. Recently retired after 30+ years with TPD. Prior work includes 6 years with Pierce County Corrections, Warehouse work and sales for Harris Conley Golf. He has been playing golf for over 50 years and still trying to put it all together. Grew up with some short stints in Wichita Falls, TX and Spokane, WA. before dad exited the Air Force and settled down in the south end of Tacoma. Friend, Bob Jackson, has been talking up this golf outing up for the past few years and stated that this is his year— thought I better make a return trip to see his big victory dance. Welcome back Hutch!

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!



Ernie “Ern” Kala – “Ern” joined his bowling & golf buddy, Steve Freeman in Mesquite for Dunna’s Dirt Devil Classic a few years back. He enjoyed it so much that, after he retired last year, he bought a house and took up residence in Mesquite. If you want to meet one of the easiest going and friendliest dudes in the world, Ernie’s that guy! Always glad to have you join us each year Ernie! Welcome back!

Rich “Teen Wolf” Maskule - Just one look at Rich poolside with no shirt on and you’ll get the picture! No, that’s not a fur coat he’s wearing. In fact, he roomed with HB on a long-ago golf trip and the hotel screwed up the reservation leaving them to one double bed. As Teen Wolf approached only in his tighty-whitey, HB was heard screaming “Help! Sasquatch is coming to get me”. Rich took a hiatus for a while from the Dirt Devil Classic but is back and “howling at the desert moon”. A friend of the Allenmore gang and no stranger to the golf course, Rich appears ready to take some money from Division III. Cause even though he hits from the wrong side (yes, another lefty) he usually gets it close to the hole and is capable of posting some low scores. Rich is a welcome back addition and a real pleasure to have on our desert trip. Play well and have fun. Also, can you pick up the pace a little more this year Teen Wolf, especially around the greens? Please.....





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 hdp, 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!

Scott “ ” Mills – Graduated from Sumner High school in 1991 where he played every sport except golf, currently lives in Puyallup. Married with 3 daughters, 20 and twin 13-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 32 yrs. Currently works as the Department’s K-9 Trainer and a SWAT Team member. John has been married to his wife, Monica, for 11 years and they are raising their 13-year-old Granddaughter. He has really gotten into Golf the last couple years and is constantly trying to fix his slice! LOL!

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.

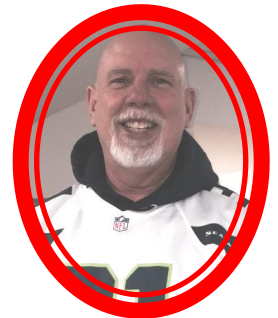
Corey “Die Hard” Olson – His nickname reflects his striking resemblance, in this photo, to Bruce Willis. Let’s hope his golf game doesn’t Die Hard. Corey is a solid Division I player and has made it to the Match Play finals on more than one occasion. He should be towards the top of the leader boards 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 19 years old this year (still bringing down the group “average age” significantly!) He is a Freshman at Pacific Lutheran University, and is a Junior academically, as he graduated from high school and earned his AA in Business. Hunter was 1 of 46 boys selected across the nation by a panel of judges to play in the Pure Insurance Championship. This is an official PGA Tour Champions event at Pebble Beach. Hunter is an avid piano player and is honing in on his Guitar skills. Hunter has caddied at Chambers Bay Golf course since he was 16 years old and you can find him there this year as well. Hunter is the low handicapper for the field, and has taken home some desert coin in the past at our event, so watch out for The Kid! This kid hits a long ball! Anyone playing

with Hunter may be at risk of pulling love-handle just watching him swing. Show the old dogs how it’s done Hunter.

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 Senior Flight I 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!



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!



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.





Darrin “The Bull” Rayner – This guy is pretty hush, hush about his bio. All we know is he retired in June of 2021 after 21 years with the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department and moved to Arizona for the sun and more golf! He also spent 5 years with the Washington State Patrol and he was a Fire Department medic prior to that. Darrin has all the tools when it comes to keeping you clowns in-line AND treating you when you go down with heat stroke! Other than that, we don’t know anything about his golf game. I’m not going to say anything negative because, look at him! He might break my ankles! But I have Shinbones watching my 6! Welcome back to our desert crew big guy! Good luck!

Greg “unk” Rylaarsdam – Greg also works for the San Diego Sheriff’s Department. He carries a 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! Glad to have you back to our desert crew Greg. 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!





Richard “ ” Stearns – Hello all, back again for another year. I hope to continue this for the rest of my life. Jim and everybody do a fantastic job organizing and running the tournaments. Great format and great group of guys to play with. I hope to give all you old guys in my division a good run this year. Looking forward to getting out of this NW weather and finally warm up. See you in the bar.

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!

Corey “Corey” VandenBoom – Corey has been a legalized drug dealer (Pharmacist) for 24 years. Born and raised in Wyoming but currently living in Graham, WA. He has been married to Ameer for 20 years and they have three sons: Derek, Hayden and Gavin. Likes the outdoors, boating and fishing, and chasing the golf ball around. He feels as though he is very famous for three putts! We shall see (you’re not alone)! Welcome back to our trip, and good luck as a Division I player this year.



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 gold 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.



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!