

Dunna's DirtDevil Classic XV Golf Tournament

Golfer Biographies

13 in The Rookie Class of 2024

Mesquite, Nevada – June 1-8, 2024



Stan "Stan" Anderson – Division II player. No other information provided.

Odie "Odie" Carter – Senior Flight II player. No other information provided.



Justin "Reddog" Fields – Justin is a 28-year employee of Costco in the distribution side of the business and a longtime lover of the game of "Wack F@\$!" He's lived in Buckley, WA for the past several years and has recently joined the Riverbend Golf Complex, Men's Club. Division I player. Welcome aboard Justin and good luck!

Quishi “Wayne” He – Goes by Wayne. Wayne came to the US from China many years ago. He learned very quickly that people say the “F” word a lot over here, which he quickly adopted. Every time he makes a bad swing, he tends to say the “F” word. He also learned that it is frowned upon to graduate high school after becoming old enough to buy alcohol. He is no longer a junior golfer but he plays for Blanchet High School as a super senior. Wayne has had the wonderful opportunity to connect with a great friend...Hunter Olson. If not for Hunter and his wonderful family, he thinks he would have probably been deported by now. Wayne is looking forward to meeting new people and having a blast during this spectacular tournament. However, if anyone calls him “Mr. Chow”, he will probably tell them to suck his little Chinese nuts! Wayne is an accomplished golfer and will almost certainly be the low handicapper of the field. He also seriously drops the average age in Division I. 19 years old on his first trip still doesn’t top Hunter, who was 13 years old his first trip. Welcome to the trip Wayne! Enjoy yourself, and good luck in Mesquite!



Adam “Layman” Layman – Adam is originally from Eastern Oregon. He spent most of his life in the Puget Sound area until moving his wife and 2 sons to Northern Colorado 4 years ago. He is a project manager for a Plumbing company and also bartends at the local hockey arena when he is not skiing and golfing with my family. Adam played a couple of rounds with us last year, but was not officially in the tournament. This year he is a Division II player. Good luck Adam!

Matthew “Matty” Lee – Matty is a firefighter with East Pierce Fire & Rescue and has worked there for 17 years (we will try to not hold that against him!). He and his wife, Kate. Live in Buckley with their two kids, 7 and 9 years old. Matty has been playing golf off and on since high school. He and his family enjoy boating and beach trips in the summer. Welcome to our trip Matty, and good luck!



Lester “Les” Park – Les joins us this year through friends: Pat Olson, Richard Stearns, Steve VanHorn & Scott Mills. He retired 10 years ago and his hobbies include: hunting, fishing, playing golf, and classic cars. Not a very wordy guy! Welcome to our desert trip Les and good luck!

Louis “Fritz” Riddle – Fritz claims to be a part of the Degenerate Golf Crew that has been going with us for the past few years (wonder who that could be?). He is a 57-year-old father of 2 girls, 12 and 14, and was born and raised in Tacoma, but left in 1989 for school. Fritz came back to Western Washington in 1995, and currently lives in Thurston County. He has been golfing on and off for over 35 years and considers himself am a mid-level player that has good days and bad days. Don’t we all! Fritz is looking forward to playing down there with the Mesquite regulars. Welcome aboard Fritz!



Flavio “Flavio” Rivera – Division I player. No other information provided



Dennis “Denny” Spencer – Senior Flight II player. No other information provided.



Mike “Mike” Stevenson – Mike retired from Tacoma Power 16 years ago. Although he was a line electrician by trade, he retired as a line supervisor. Mike golfs at McCormick Woods and is a member of their Men’s club. Although he has never been on our annual trip, Mike has played in Mesquite many times. We shall see how much of an advantage that is! Welcome and best of luck!



Brian “Sickle” VanSickle – Brian is a police officer with Bonney Lake PD, and has been with the department for 18+ years. Where is Kelly Maras? He has been a regular for many years, but I see he recently retired and is relocating to the Phoenix area. Sickle started golfing 11 years ago for relaxation, and is self-taught, enjoying playing whenever he can. He grew up and lives in Buckley, WA and really enjoys cooking! Welcome to our Mesquite crew, and you should really enjoy these resort courses!





Kenneth “Ken” Walton – Ken is a plumbing contractor. His hobbies (when not fixing toilets, installing sinks, running pipe, etc...) include: Elk hunting, fly fishing, golfing, and spending as much time as he can in Montana (Seeley Lake). Welcome to the trip Ken and good luck!

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David “Dave” 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 several years and grew up in Southern California, where he enjoys the outdoors.



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 to our trip!

Jerry “Jerry” Bates – Jerry Bates, age 63. Retired in May 2020 after more than 31 years with Pierce County Sherriff's Department. Hobbies: Golf, Seahawk's season ticket holder, playing the drums, travel. He is married to his wife Vicki for 33 years and they have two sons, Kyle - 25 and Drew - 23. Unfortunately, Jerry can only make the first 3-days of our tournament this year due to other commitments.





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 a few years ago 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 a few 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!



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 2022. 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 back!

Jimmy “Jimmy” 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 add. 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 II 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!

Steven "Steve" Bulhuis – Steve grew up in Minnesota and left in 1989 to join the Navy. Yet another squid! He was in the Navy until April of 1996 when he was discharged and joined the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in August of 1997 where he has spent the past 24 years. Steve's hobbies include going to sporting events as he is a season ticket holder for the Padres. He also enjoys playing golf and has been lucky enough to play The Old Course and Carnoustie on a trip to Scotland. Steve was referred to our outing from the other San Diego crew. Welcome aboard and good luck!



Robert "Bob" Carlson - Bob has been a member of Allenmore Golf Course since 2000. He retired in July 2018 from Boeing after 38 years and plans to become more involved with the golf course and Elks. He lives in Kent close to Meridian Valley Golf Course but believes Allenmore is by far the best course around and the golfers are great. You will see Bob wearing a lot of Michigan Wolverine gear since that is the only true college and has the best sports program ever, well this is his opinion. GO DAWGS! He enjoys golf more than any other hobby and one day would like to meet Phil Mickelson since he and Phil both are right-handed but golf left-handed. Now that he is retired, and for long as he can do it, he will be golfing every day. The only knock I have on Bob is he

hits from the wrong side of the ball! Good luck in the desert Bob!

"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 III 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 III handicap to the mix. In fact, he has lost the honor of being the highest handicapped player in the field (that award goes to newcomer, David Bahner). Not to worry D3, as HB has said many times... “The guy is a 36 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 (26.9845) only a few clicks south of his son Corry’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. It’s rumored the Rooster is quite a gambler too, betting a few coins on the Dunna Super Bowl Squares,

and competing in our Football Survivor Contest every year. And we thought Scooter was the big gambler in the desert? Seriously, good luck again Leon and welcome back!

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!





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 22 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 “Todd” Donato – Todd has been golfing since he was 12 years old. He currently plays in a Thursday night men’s league at Meadowmeer GC on Bainbridge Island with his brother-in-law, and they have been doing that for 15 years. Todd has been with Pierce County Sherriff’s Department 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. 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.

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 second 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 back to our desert tournament Dave, and good luck!





Kerry “Bert” Filbert - Bert, formerly known as Pretty Boy, is returning to the desert after being absent for a number of years. As a previous regular fixture to our desert outings, he was formerly considered to be one of the best actual ball strikers in the group. He tends to fight his draw (which quickly turns into a big hook) but when he keeps it under control, wow! He takes his game very seriously, but still never lets his emotions show on the course. We look for Bert to do some serious damage in the desert this year. Especially since he has now settled down for the past few years as a married man. A bachelor for about 20 years, Bert never had anyone to talk to, and certainly no one cared at the end of the day just how well (or poorly) he played that day. He and his lovely wife Lisa are such newly-weds that

she will probably actually listen to him when he calls her EVERY night to let her know how his round of golf went. That could translate to unexpected positive results on the golf course, only time will tell! Another advantage is that he is rooming with Dick “The Stick” Jamison, who is always willing to give a few lessons on and off the golf course, and has a calming influence. Bert retired from the Tacoma Police Department in 2010 and moved to Arizona immediately to play golf and enjoy the Valley of the Sun with his wife Lisa and their two dogs and horses. When it gets too hot in Arizona Bert and the family get away from the surface of the sun and bug out to the Oregon coast near Lincoln City where they spend the summers.

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 back to our summer event Ben, and best of luck!



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!





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 46 years. He could be the "old guys rule" poster child. at age 66. He started golfing about 15 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 first" type of guy. He can be depended on to support any type of fundraiser, especially when the cause is for children. Another one of those gentle giant's kind of guys with a big heart. Welcome back!

Clifford “Cliff” Hammer – Cliff grew up mostly in Copalis Beach, WA. He joined the US Navy in 1978, was an Electronics Technician for 8 years. He was married in 1984 to his wife Lisa, and they have one son, one step son, and 4 grandkids. After his time in the Navy, Cliff has been working in high tech at Qualcomm, Inc since 1994. Welcome to the trip Cliff!



Michael “Mike” Hefty – Born in Maine, raised in the army. Went to the university of South Alabama. Mike is 64 years old, 6’2”, 230ish, bald (can’t be all that bad). Married to Teri for 29+ years with 3 children, all adults except the baby, who’s in college. Retired army active duty and national guard, 28 total years, highest rank attained: Colonel. Two tours to Iraq. 26+ years as deputy sheriff for Pierce County, and is currently assigned as a Detective Sergeant supervising proactive property crimes unit. Loves to golf, fish, hunt, hike, and travel, not necessarily in that order. Loves good red wines. Meet Reggie Frederick!! Welcome aboard.

David “Dave” Hetzel – 45-Year-Old Electrical Contractor that has been playing golf for 11 years and likes snowboarding and the Elk Head Brewery. Welcome Dave!



Rick “Hutch” Hutchinson – Married for 38 years with three grown children. One grandchild and another on the way. Retired this past December after 30+ years with TPD. Prior work includes 6 years with Pierce County Corrections, Warehouse work and sales for Harris Conley Golf. Hutch has been playing golf for over 50 years and still trying to put it all together. Right! This guy is a stick who can lay off for 9 months and then shoot 74! 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. His good 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 tag along to see his big victory dance.” Welcome to the trip 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 30 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!



Dick “The Stick” Jamison – No, that’s not his porn name it’s his golfing nickname (although we have been told he was once quite the stud!). The Stick used to be a truck driver and was loosely associated with a former Dirt Devil named Uncle Steve and is the brother-in-law to Bill “Tutu” Webb (oops I did it again!). Dick is a steady golf player honing his skills lately at Fort Lewis (and in sunny Arizona) with his playing partner Mike “Woody” McDonald. Dick is taking a break from Woody and rooming with returning vet Kerry “Bert” Filbert this year. The Stick should be putting steady coin in his pocket from Senior Flight II and even has a hole in one to his name just like Uncle Steve; not a handicap weighted birdie on a par 3 like The Mystery Man! Anyways, Dick is a pleasure on and off the course and a nice fit in the desert. Welcome back, good luck Stick and play well.

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!



Brian “Brian” McCauley – Brian recently retired from law enforcement officer after a 40-year career. 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 an 18 hdp, Brian could be someone to deal with in Senior Flight II, and something to prove as well...making the Senior division cut for the first time. These officers (both active and retired) from San Diego are a welcomed addition to our tournament. We are happy to have them join our annual event. Welcome back 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, 21 and twin 14-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.





Gregory “Greg” Munford – Greg has 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. He thinks the Washington rain finally soaked in and through his bones. Greg has participated in a golf outing to Mesquite over the last 15 years with 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. He is looking forward to joining our group and meeting everyone. Tom Dolan

brought Greg to our group, but Tom was forced to cancel. Welcome aboard Greg!

John “John” Munson – Has been with the Sheriff’s Dept. for 33 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 back Steve.





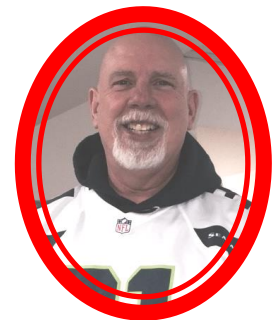
Corey “Die Hard” Olson – His nickname reflects his striking resemblance, in this photo, to Bruce Willis. Let’s hope his golf game doesn’t Die Hard. Corey is a solid Division I player and has made it to the Match Play finals on more than one occasion. He should be towards the top of the leader boards again this year in his division. And afterwards, look for Corey and his lovely wife (if she attends) poolside for their special “Lemonade”. Die Hard also has his son, Hunter, in tow again this year. Hunter is an avid 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!) and a Junior in High School. 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 a couple of years’ ago, so watch out for The Kid! He has (as we expected) moved into 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 over 25 years and played in High School and College. He started having kids (2 girls ages 9 & 11) and got married, so he doesn’t golf near as much as he used to. Pat’s handicap typically is between the 2-6 range (the low end of Division I!) He will be 44 years old on Wednesday of our trip, June 5th, (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 welcome to Mesquite, Nevada! Welcome back to the trip Pat, as long as you are not a Steeler fan like your buddy, Kelly Maras!

Russ “Rusty” Olson – This Allenmore crony doesn’t seem “rusty” when it comes to his golf game! The 13-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 his recent 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, 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 as a past Executive Board member. 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. First year in the Senior division! 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 new 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. Brian has added a few of his buddies from San Diego to our trip this year. Welcome back to desert 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! Welcome back Austin!

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!





Kelly “Kelly” Rickard – Kelly is a golf fanatic and loves to play as often as possible. He has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 35 years and has 2 children, a 32-year-old daughter and a 27-year-old son. Both are still living at home and should be moving out anytime now. Lol. Originally from Michigan where his wife owned a dance Studio for 22 years, he relocated to Nashville, Tennessee in July of 2013 to help his 87-year-old mother and get away from the cold/snow. Kelly and his entire family, including his mom, moved to Las Vegas in 2017 where he works as a manager at CarMax. Lastly, his roommate Bob Carlson was his older brothers’ best friend growing up. Bob was always bullying Kelly as a young kid (Bob, a bully? can’t see that!). Anyway, Kelly is hoping to get into Bob’s

wallet in Mesquite! Good luck with that Kelly (we hope so too!), and welcome to our golf trip!

Greg “G-Money” Rylaarsdam – “G-Money” is a 34-year veteran of the San Diego Sheriff’s Department and recently retired. Greg runs a golf group with many of the San Diego crew playing with us this week, but this trip is always the highlight of his golf year. He hopes he can shoot a number better than the temperature this year! As always, Greg and his crew have been a great addition to our trip! Welcome back and good luck!



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 I 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 “Old Guys Rule” Stearns – Hello all, year three and counting. Thanks again to Jim and everybody for doing a fantastic job organizing this event. Utah courses and Wolf Creek are great additions. Great format and great group of guys to play with. Shout out to all the guys from High Cedars. Looking forward to playing in the sunshine. See you in the casino.

Joe “Big Daddy” Stevens – Big Daddy was raised in the mean streets of "Philly" back when bangn' was bangn'. He retired from TPD after suffering a career ending pinky toe injury...oh wait that was "Mel". You see, Big Daddy, Mel, and I attended the Police Academy together more than 48 years ago and, it's no secret, Big Daddy would have never made it through if he didn't copy my papers all the time. In any event, Big Daddy knows his way around the country...having served as a "Wing Nut" in the Air Force for a spell. He's sure to bomb a few long drives and keep the best competitors on their toes. He recently moved for the 46th time since retiring and currently resides in the Longview, WA area, but is no stranger to desert golf. Big Daddy, or Daddy as some affectionately call him, is always on the cutting edge of golf technology. He stays up until 2:00am scouring the infomercials looking for the latest and greatest golf gizmo. He's tried the stand-up putter...the anti-slice driver...the anti-hook irons...and the alien 3000 sand wedge. You name it he's tried it...rumor has it he has so many gimmick clubs only one car fits in his 3-car garage. While Big Daddy isn't much of a swimmer, he's looking to make a big splash in Mesquite and, (if he's ever found floating in the deep end...it's a homicide)! Big Daddy's always looking for a game! Welcome back to Mesquite Big Daddy and let's see some of those desert skills.



Bodie “Bodie” Thompson – Flooring Contractor, Likes Golfing, Boating and snowboarding.



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 Shamble Team this year. Good luck Squid and try to keep your balls dry (if you know what we mean) this year, after all, we're playing in the desert!





Corey “Corey” Vandenberg – Corey has been a legalized drug dealer (Pharmacist) for 25 years. Born and raised in Wyoming but currently living in Graham, WA. He has been married to Ameer for 21 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 III player this year.

Mike “Mike” Vandenberg – 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 37 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 is Corey’s big bro and has been married for 28 years with two daughters that also live in University Place. Welcome aboard.



Steve “Hornet” VanHorn - Married with one son. Steve has been a drywall worker for 28 years and actually owned his own drywall business for 11yrs. 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!



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”) – Wolfman has the honor of being the senior attendee this year and should be afforded the appropriate respect! 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 Division 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 19 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.



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!

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 65+ 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! ...bio courtesy of Hillbilly & Scooter.



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 Senior at UPS and a Senior 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 back to the desert Troy, and good luck!