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Fifty States in 75 or so Years

By Rodger Page

I grew up in and around Binghamton, NY. My folks had moved there for a job for my dad, from Cleveland, Ohio where I was born. I can remember going out to Chenango Valley State Park GC (a really nice 9-hole course) at an early age to swim at the park while my dad played golf. At some point I was able to swing a club and took some lessons and soon was playing with my mom and dad and my older brother Ken once in a while. I am not sure when I might have played my first 18 holes, but it was certainly with my folks. As I grew older, golf gave way to fishing with my dad, but Ken continued to play a little.

Some years go by, I went into the Army, came home, and started college at a small local community college. Turned out that a couple of classmates played golf and I went along, maybe to humor them, but I did get more interested, and I did play with my mom and dad and my now two brothers from time to time. Then I graduated from Broome Tech and Jorene, our 3-month-old son Joe, and I moved to Livermore, CA. and I went to work for what was then Sandia Corporation. On arriving in Livermore, we did not have a place to live yet so we stayed with Jorene's cousin in San Francisco and I played Sharps Park, my first GC outside of New York and I guess I was on my way to playing in all 50 states but that was not in my wildest dreams at the time.

I joined the Sandia Golf Club and played a lot of GCs in and around the bay area with a lot of wonderful memories of fellow Sandians. In my travels for the company I played a few places in a few states, with Corey Knapp in Kansas and Steve Vasey in Alabama in particular. Some other great times were with Corey, Anton West, and Fernando Uribe in Arizona in the "Open". We tried to play 36 holes a day for a week, and did this for several years. Those were some really great times and I think we played on some 35 or so different GCs in Arizona and I made a hole in 1 on #8 at Ocotillo, and I still owe for drinks.

After retirement in May of 1994, I made a trip across country, Livermore to Tampa, FL with Corey. We played in Albuquerque, then Oklahoma City, Gulfport, Miss; Hot Springs, Ark; Mobile, Ala; and five courses in Florida. Then I put him on a plane for home and met Jorene almost at the same time after which we drove to Redington Shores to visit my mom for a few days. Then we headed north, with a stop at The Greenbrier in Virginia, to Binghamton to visit with Jorene's mom for a few days then back to California so I could get ready to fly to S. Carolina with Morey Reynolds, Corey, and Fernando to play in the World Amateur Handicap Championship. That was a great trip, we did not win, but had a great time. Guess I took a little time off then still played at home though. Then in 1996, Corey and I decided to work on this thing of all fifty states, (Steve Vasey had wanted to play in all fifty states but passed away so, maybe I just took over for him). We made another trip east, but this time a northern route, mostly I80, playing in Elko Nv, which did not really count as I had played in Reno and Las Vegas quite a few times, but it was on the way. The next stop was Park City, Utah, and then Rock Springs, Wy. Next was Omaha, Nebraska where we played two different courses in the same day because we needed a rest from driving. Next stop was a course called Bos Landen, named after a politician, in Pella, Iowa; then Augusta, Michigan and played a place called Stonehedge. From there we headed for the Chicago area to play at a famous course called Medina#3, but before that we played a muni in Aurora called Orchard Valley in the morning because we had a 3:00pm tee time at Medina. Corey had a friend whose dad belonged and he got us on, but guests were not allowed until 3 in the afternoon, but being summer there was plenty of time. After that we drove north to Kohler, Wisconsin and the American Club, a wonderful resort with 2

GCs-Black Wolf Run, Meadows and Black Wolf Run, River. Played both courses that same day as there was a price break, and in addition the lodge was very expensive to stay at. We then headed for Indiana and a course called Blackthorn in South Bend. From there it was on to Ravenna, Ohio, and Windmill Lakes GC. The next day we were in PA and it rained all the way across the state and Corey did not get to play in PA. We did stay overnight in Binghamton and played a place called the Conklin Players Club. Then I took Corey to Trenton, NJ and put him on a plane for home and I met Jorene and we headed south.

I need to put this in somewhere, all these golf courses were in a book called “Places to Play” and we used this to decide where we were going to go next and to call ahead for a tee time, and we really had good luck.

But this is not the end of “Travels with Corey”. Jorene’s Mom and Dad had built a cottage on a lake in Pennsylvania and she, as a kid, had spent her summers there. We had started “Going to the Lake” after my 1st trip with Corey in 1994 and we went again in 1995. Then again in ‘96. As we were planning for 1997, Corey had this idea that since we were already going to be on the east coast, maybe we could meet in Boston and do the New England states. What a great idea! With left over travel points with Marriott we made reservations. He would come with his wife and I would of course take Jorene. It turned out to be a great week and we got all six states in. That was a big step, and we had a great time. Both the golf and the eating were terrific. A little story, We stayed free at the Marriott, but it cost \$24 a day to park the car.

In order to tidy this up and get all 50 in, you just have to trust me. There were other trips across the Country with Jorene, the last one in 2002. I worked hard to get in S. Dakota, Rapid City and Southern Hills on two different days, and finally on June 21, 2002 in a place called Albert Lee, Michigan, I played the Green Lea GC.

There were other adventures and business trips that allowed me to play in Tennessee, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington, another almost trip with Corey. We had it all worked out to play the “floating Green” at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho in September 2011. Jorene and I heard about 9-11 that morning in Roseville and since we had planned on driving to Idaho, we decided to go anyway and actually left on the 13th, but Corey was in Albuquerque, NM and grounded. He did play there sometime later and has also got to play in Pennsylvania which he had missed in ‘96, I asked him the other day if he had all 50 in and he said he was still missing Alaska.

I had played in Alaska in 1991. Jorene and I flew up for a week mainly so I could get Alaska, just in case I went to work on this quest, before I had retired and in Hawaii in 1974 when Jorene and I went for our 15th wedding anniversary and played with Don Bohrer. I have been to Hawaii since to play with my son for a week. He and I made another trip back to Binghamton 6 years ago. I had this desire to play Chenango Valley one more time so that is what we did and we had a wonderful time together.

Another out of the way place was Grand Forks, N. Dakota, on business, took my golf shoes, and some tees, just in case, on a trip to Minot AFB really for work, but I was able to get 2 9-hole rounds in at Ray Richardson GC after work at the base.



Altogether there are approx. 460 golf courses with 191 in California

Sunol Train

By Dick Jones

One of the fun things that I worked on for quite awhile was the Sunol Train. I have several videos and thousands of photos. I decided to make a video for YouTube with a combination of some photos and one video for all to see. It is one of the best sites in California to ride and visit. Hope you enjoy it? Feel free to forward the link to those who might enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgaWmt8R3Ys>

Here is a revised procedure for transferring funds to RASCAL

Log in to your SLFCU account. In the top line select Transfer & Pay Bills, then in the drop down select Transfers.

Once in Transfers go to the right and click on More Actions, then select Add Account.

Add Account should then pop up, click on that, then select Send money to another SLFCU member, Recipient information should then appear where you enter "Ret Assoc of Sandia California" in the last name box.

Under verification method select "Account" then pick "Savings/Checking" for the account type.

Under account number enter "1069440", Under product ID enter "9001"

Under nickname enter "RASCALS", then click Save.

If all goes well it will indicate Success and SLFCU will send me a New Transfer Account Added" message.

When you want to transfer funds for dues or events, RASCAL should show up in your list of transfer recipients.

Saves writing a check and a stamp.

Our Treasurer, Roger Everett, will be able to see your name in the transaction when our SLFCU account is checked.

Blue Spanish Eyes played by Lou Selder

Who is Lou Selder?

Lou worked at Sandia Livermore in Plant Engineering for 24 years. He retired in 1988 and is now age 90. His new hobby is playing piano. A sample of the music he plays is in this YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/CrDZesADMm4>

*RASCAL Picnic
Asbury Methodist Church Patio
June 1, 2023*



Dick Finn, Tim Sage, Sandra Lormand



Carolyn Pura, Kevin Schroder, Larry Brandt



Karen Scott, Jim Berry,
Jane Ann Lamph, Ed Cull



Gail Bryan, Suzanne & John Didlake



Sharron Norris, Christy O'Shea, Joel Lipkin



Bonnie Ladd, Jim Muir, Jim Dremalas



Joe Vieira & Glenda Muir



Dick Jones, Joanne & Ray Culy

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Nancy & Mike Rogers



Paul Nielan, Ron Stolz, Ed Cull



Jim Muir, Kit Schmitz, Dave Neustel



Jim Berry, Young Seiden



Bernie Marx, Christy O'Shea,
Karen Cardwell, Marie Dremalas



Jane Ann Lamph, Ed Cull, Rena Zurn



Young Seiden, Martha & Rich Campiotti,
Jim & Vivian Wang



Rosemary & John Tootle, Jolene Abrahams

Recent Deaths:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lewis "Bud" Clauson	03-02-22
Jim Barham	08-30-22
Paul Simmons	09-09-22
Frances Cunningham	09-24-22
Albert Sandoval	10-07-22
John Seuser	10-28-22
Lorena Schneider	11-05-22
Robert Chan	01-17-23
Cliff Potthoff	02-05-23
Dan Dawson	02-06-23
Hilary Jones	02-05-23
Doris Guntrum	02-11-23
Bill Peila	05-04-23
Elton Mederios	08-05-23
Diane Diemer	08-14-23
Wayne Chrisman	11-03-23
Jeff Manchester	11-04-23
Pete Oliver	12-08-23

RASCAL Dues

It is time to renew RASCAL dues for 2024. Send your contact information along with your \$5.00 yearly dues or \$50.00 lifetime dues to Retirees Association of Sandia/CAL, (RASCAL), P. O. Box 18, Livermore, CA 94551. If you would like to transfer funds from your SLFCU account, please see the article on Page 4 or contact our treasurer, Roger Everett at: roger.everett@sbcglobal.net



Retiree Resources

HR Solutions - 505-284-4700
 Via Benefits: 1-888-598-7809 (TTY:711)
 Sandia Retiree Website: <https://hr.sandia.gov/sandia-retirees/>

Death Notification Procedures:
https://sandiahr.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/8677

Thank You

We want to thank all of you who have contributed articles and photos on your vacations, hobbies, moves to new locations, and other informative subjects. We really appreciate your excellent contributions to the Newsletter. Keep them coming!

Also thanks to Jim Muir and Ken Marx for all the party photos.

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