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December 31 2016

That is it for this year. Not much going on today. We picked up pills and some groceries. The snow is melting, so that is good for Monday golf. I set up One Exchange for the Lockheed reimbursement of the Medicare Part B premiums. That is a nice bonus of \$200/mo for 8 months tax free money. Thank you Lockheed!

Unlikely to stay up till midnight tonight.

December 30 2016

Pretty much vegetated today. Took some old 8mm reels to the post office to get them converted to DVD and sent Britany her gift card. Moved some stuff around to get ready for taking down the decorations. Wayched the races at Gulfstream and did some practice picks (no wagers). Got 4/5 on the early pick 5 and 3/5 on the late pick 5 so I will keep practicing.

December 29 2016

Did the strength class today. Was fairly easy today. I talked to Andrea and she said Mary could do the first part and stay in a chair for the crunches. She has another person with the same issues in the Monday class. Went home and helped get ready for dinner guests Steve, Steve III, and Kathy.

Great lasagna dinner. They all loved it and got some to take home. The Steve's are going to Atlanta for a conference next week and are driving. Steve III has a blood clot in his arm and flying is not a good idea at this time. They left around 9pm and were hoping not to get caught in the snowstorm.

December 28 2016

Steve Skype'd last night and said they could come to dinner Thursday. We went and got the ingredients for it at the grocery today. Should be fun.

Went to the Y and did 23min on the elliptical. I was going to do 25 but the guy next to me stunk to high heaven. I had to get out of dodge. The elliptical gets my heart rate up good and is easier on my left leg and foot than the treadmill. I intend to do more there and cut back on the treadmill. The only issue is the ellipticals don't have a good heartrate measurement as they somehow do not work as well. I met Mary after and we walked a mile on the track. Ran the last 1/10 of a mile lap.

Mary went bowling and I did puzzles/

December 27 2016

Back to the 30s today. Catherine packed up and was shuffling off to Buffalo around 9am as I headed out to golf.

Only Dick and I played golf down at Wilkshire. Not many there today. They said they had a banner day yesterday as it was in the 50s. Started off really bad, getting up and down in 2 from just off the green to save a 7 after hacking all the way there. I was worried but things got better quickly and I did a 43 on the front after a shaky start. I was awesome on the back, paring the last 7 holes. Great putting day and was smacking good drives on the back nine. The sun was shining on the back and the wind died down making the back very pleasant.

Got home before 2pm. The tree guys got there at 2:05 and were done and cleaned up and back on the road by 2:58. Awesome. One chain saw, the massive shredder, 5 goons, some rakes, and a leaf blower were all they needed.

Z-man is still down. He had an x-ray just in case to check for pneumonia but was cleared for that. Didn't have much to blog about for the previous 2 days so I did not publish, but they are here now.

December 26 2016

Warm up day. Supposed to hit 50 later. Went to the Y and did 20min on the elliptical and 30 on the treadmill. I was whipped. Got home and emptied gas cans into the car. Went later for the fuel perks and got 30 gallons for \$0.00, sweet!

Mary and Catherine did their usual after Christmas shopping pretty much for most of the day. After they got home we finished off the puzzle I had started and had $\frac{3}{4}$ done.

December 25 2016

Great Christmas! We had Catherine, Wes' family, Carolyn's family, and Sue and Ed. The kids had a ball, except for Z-man who had a slight temp at the start and petered out quickly. Kaetchen took him home while Wes and Kalix stayed till later. Everything wrapped up around 3pm.

December 24 2016

Holy busy day! Cooking of the roast started around 8am, followed by Jenna and Mary doing cookies. Catherine arrived and I had to bring in her stuff. Catherine drove Jenna with 2+ dozen home around 2pm.

Carved the beast and had one for lunch. Turns out I missed a lot of fat trimming. I pulled it all out and went through it one more time. Watched the Browns luck out with a win while the Bills blew another one in OT. The Browns blocked one FG and their opponet missed another to preserve the win. The Bills missed two Fgs to blow it and their opponent made a 55 yd FG to send it to OT. Their defense was once again the cause. I was ashamed rooting against the Browns getting their only win for the year. How low can I go?

Mary and Catherine tried to go to 4pm mass but it was full up and then some. They came home and did another cookie batch and made the potato salad. Cooking from 8am to 6pm was a full day.

December 23 2016

Took a day off from the Y. My triceps were killing me today. Lots of reps with 8lbs yesterday. Did some grocery shopping to pick up the rolls for the roast beast Christmas. Helped with the pie today, peeling and cutting apples and helping lay out the crust. It is good but a little overcooked.

Wes said he felt much better today so that is good. Catherine is coming tomorrow so she is doing the last minute thing. Knocked out another puzzle. No more till after Christmas.

December 22 2016

Did the Y strength class today. Good workout. Mary skipped it as planned. Got home and watched the kiddies till around 3pm. We all had a good time. Pooped us out. We watched them as it was snipping day for Wes. Ouch ouch ouch. I don't even want to think about it. He is supposed to stay still for 2-3 days.

Worked a puzzle after the kids left. More grass is showing so I called Wilkshire. No answer. Will try again tomorrow.

December 21 2016

Did the Y 20min elliptical and 20min treadmill. Mary skipped cause she was going to bowl later. They has a party too. I started a new puzzle which we finished around 7pm. Mary did a lot of family phone calls too. I veg'd most of the day.

The grass is starting to show so there is hope.

December 20 2016

Went to the dealer again to re-sign paperwork and correct my brain dead episode last week. Now have a reasonable car payment. We picked up groceries after and are almost up to 2.20 in fuel perks. Going to get free gas!

Watched the racing and did puzzle the rest of the day. Carolyn stopped in with Jenna later in the evening. All the ladies had their hair done today so I took a picture. Mary looks to be the shortest of the 3 at this point.

Weatherman says we might get a meltdown this week! There may yet be a golf round this month!

December 19 2016

Went to the Y this morning. Did 20min on elliptical and was 10min into the treadmill when Mary stepped next to me. She tried yoga but backed off. They were laying down and she felt weird while getting up so she bailed and went home. She had to come back to the Y because I told her I would hang around near her class toward the end in case she needed me.

We decided to wait and try again next week. No sense pushing it especially before Christmas. If she has trouble again next week we will contact the doctor.

Kalix and Lincoln was over this morning while Kaetchen got her hair done. Lincoln went home after an hour or two and Kalix stayed till later. She has a good time but was getting sleepy toward the end.

December 18 2016

Christmas is 6 days away. Glad I cleared the drive before it was frozen over. Saw a lot of them that were ice skating rinks today.

Did not sleep well so was a bit groggy all day. Carolyn stopped on her way to shopping and she did not sleep well either. We went to Walmart to pick up a couple of things. Then to Joann's for some material and then to lunch at 1pm. Brenda had given us a gift card for Longhorn and the food was delicious. A bit pricey there though. We picked the lower cost items on their menu and the Bill was still \$40 + tips.

Watched the Bills stomp the Browns, so Bob and I are even on our bets. Need one more win for a free lunch.

December 17 2016

This month is going quickly it seems. We went to the Y this morning. Real crappy day. There was kind of an ice on the drive that had melted a bit underneath as the temps were above 32. Gray all day. I think we used up our quota of sunny days. Anyway, Mary did the bike for 10mins then we walked a mile. The object was to see if she would be OK for yoga Monday. No dizziness at the Y nor when she was sewing and cutting material on the floor.

I did the driveway in 3 short sessions, mostly pushing ice around. Since it was not cold there was little risk to me. I did some wagering and had a rare winning day up \$250. I only put in 200 a month and thats my monthly limit.

I was reading the car dealer paperwork. Didn't look right. Turns out when I signed up for the extras I thought were a reasonable total but it was really the monthly payment. Guess I should have paid better attention. I did have to pay the 1st month and that was an amount I was expecting so that did not set off any red flags. I called them and told them to fix it or that would be the last Toyota they would ever sell me. The finance lady is going to call Toyota Financial Monday to see how to do it. Glad I did look back over the contract stuff and caught it before it was too late. Such a dufus. Felt pretty silly but I guess it will get worse as I get older.

December 16 2016

For some reason my uploads have not worked since the 13th. I will make sure today. We were off to the dealer this morning and got our new vehicle. Looks much the same but costs another \$8 a month and has a bunch of safety features. Lane change warnings and crash stopping are the main. Got to read up on the others.

Mary went off to knitting after and we worked the puzzles when she got back.

December 15 2016

Went with Mary to her doctor appointment. His assessment is she is likely done with the dizzy issue. Basically he ruled a lot of stuff out and his best guess was inner ear crystals moved around the wrong place. Lets see if it happens again. Makes sense to me for the time being. Wait and see.

Stopped for groceries in the frigid 12 degrees. Colder with the wind chill. Had to go back cause they didn't get the GE card. Reduced the bill by \$24. We picked up some roast beast for Christmas as it was on sale. Got home, put stuff away and left the kids an update email/phone message regarding the doctor visit.

Paid the bills and reluctantly brought the clubs in. How sad.

December 14 2016

Started slow today to make sure Mary was OK. She was. I fixed scrambled eggs and toast and went off to the Y. Told them she was OK and did 20min on the elliptical. Lots of aches and pains from strength class this morning. In the 20s today and expected to be in the teens tomorrow. Brrrr.

Did the wash and started a puzzle Carolyn brought. She brought us 4. Not much else doing. Watched some horse races and stock market stuff. This is looking like the year I profit and end the year with more than I started with even after the withdrawals. That would be a first.

December 13 2016

We went to the strength class and Mary had to sit and then lay down the last 5 minutes. She was dizzy for around 10 minutes she puked. The Y called the paramedics to check her out and a nurse came over and stayed till they arrived. By the time they got there she was able to sit up. They did an ekg and took her vitals and they were OK so we went home. The Y staff was great.

Wes stopped over to check her out and gave her the thumbs up. She rested the remainder of the day. Had toast for dinner. She was kind of burping the rest of the night and took a pepto. Hope that helps.

I got her a dr appt Thursday, moved the car turn in to Friday, and canceled our trip to Pittsburgh for the concert. Must be a curse on that thing. We had to cancel 2 yrs ago when mom passed away and had to cancel again.

December 12 2016

Did 20min on elliptical and 20 on the treadmill today. Left foot was hurting so I cut it short. Did some reps on the 2 ab machines. I managed to get a few aches and pains ahead of the strength class tomorrow. Mary went off to Red Hats. They have switched to lunch meetings. That is a good idea for a few reasons. Its cheaper and its daylight.

Of course this had to be the day Kalix wanted to hang with Grammy, but it will have to be another time. Wes was putting up a new mailbox so he came over to get a few tools. I pushed around some melting snow and the neighbor came over and finished it for me.

Started a new puzzle but only did about 1/3 today.

December 11 2016

This month is whizzing by. Got up to 2" of light stuff. I pushed it off the driveway sometime after breakfast while getting the newspaper. Not allowed to shovel you know. Carolyn and Jenna stopped in for a bit during the news. Worked on the puzzle while like they were actually the Browns lose, and listening to the Bills lose to the Steelers.

Neither team played like they were actually getting paid to win, just paid to play. Rumors are the coach will be fired. I welcome that. He took a great defense and turned it into crap in 2 years.

After dinner, pushed a shovel to the end of the drive so I could get the dumpster out. We had gotten another 2" but it was getting heavy.

December 10 2016

A few days ago John Glenn passed away at 95. What an individual! 147 combat missions in WWII and Korea. Test plane pilot and astronaut, finishing it off with another space trip at 77. Married for 78 years. Holy Cow. So impressive I just had to have him in the blog as someone to look up to. Also had to add some thoughts of him to my Getting Old mini blog.

Brenda was off to Florida this morning. I saw her around 8:30am as I was cleaning out Mary's car. Tuesday or Friday we are likely to turn it in for the 2017 model. I pulled the mower battery and took it downstairs and ordered some fuel stabilizer for pick up at Walmart. I could have picked up my 2 items at Autozone for \$13 but at Walmart for \$7. Quite a difference, eh?

Tossed another puzzle this morning. When I opened it it had several pieces where the top paper has separated from the cardboard base. Into the dumpster she went. Started a decent one. We are about 80% done. Watched Army finally beat Navy after quite a few years.

December 9 2016

I woke up thinking the puzzle we were working was a dog. It was an older puzzle of 500pc. We had it 2/3 done with all trees and grass left. We were maybe doing 10pc/hr at the end of the night. I decided I would put everyone out of there misery and load this undone puzzle into the dumpster. The box was marked 25 cents so no big financial loss. By everyone, I meant Mary and I and any other poor schmuck who might get it if we passed it on.

Freezing mid 20s with lots of snow up in the snow belt. Just a trace here. We mostly stayed in. Mary went to knitting and then we picked up a few groceries.

December 8 2016

We did the strength class again today. Did OK. Can't keep my legs up doing bicycle crunches for very long with my lower abs. They quickly give out way ahead of the number of reps they usually do.

Ipage finally credited my account for the 3yr vs 1 yr renewal. I got an online chat going and found out they never did anything after my call 10 days ago. It took 45 minutes for the chat person (sounded like India) and her "specialist" to change it and process a refund. I asked for an itemized email which I doubt I will ever get. I put a note on my calendar to start with a new web host in the fall so I can get the cost back down. It will be a pain because I will have to create it all over again.

Spent the rest of the day on a puzzle. Small pieces make this one tough.

December 7 2016

One day closer to February! Did 20min on the elliptical and 30 on the treadmill this morning. I felt I needed to get back to my routine cause even though I go more often I don't get my heart rate up high enough walking the track. Dick called and said the course was open for walking. Normally I would have gone but I had to take the Boost in to the retiree lunch for Batcher. Worked up a good sweat so I showered and got ready for the retiree lunch.

John R made it this month after a few months missing. Batcher was there looking a little more ragged than usual. I helped him on with his coat after lunch and he is still weak for sure, expecting help with everything. But he is stronger getting into the car these days. He is still around almost 1 year since the family put him in Hospice (he is out of Hospice at the moment).

Dabbled in the next puzzle. Mary has done about half so I will leave her the last 20% (trees). Turned out to be a nice sunny day. With the rain all day yesterday, I don't see how it could have been better than the last two times they were closed.

December 6 2016

Rained all day so I figure the golf course will be closed tomorrow. Last decent day before the snow flies this weekend. I went to the strength class today. Did OK except at the end. Leg bicycles on your back for 30 seconds plus other like ab exercises on your back. Can't do that very long. She causes me to laugh when I start doing something like this that is a struggle and she says just 30 seconds more. Mary went with Brenda to Alliance so she skipped these.

Did another puzzle last night and today. It was a hand me down that said all pieces. They lied. There was one missing. It was a hard one with pieces that fit in many directions instead of just n/s/e/w.

Not ready for being shut in. Wish I could go to sleep and wake up in February. I had better find something else to do besides puzzles.

December 5 2016

No sun today either but it wast bad. Went to the Y and walked 1.2 mi with Mary then did the elliptical for 15min. Seemed tough today for some reason so I cut it short by 5min. I did 25 reps on the ab machine. Course was still closed with cold approaching. Very disappointing! Did a 300pc puzzle but it was done by 2pm.

Still have not listened to WNIR for even 1 minute since the election. Don't think I ever will. Paul Ryan on TV said he will be working with Trump Rump on things important to Americans. Too bad he didn't see fit to work with Obama the past 8 years on things important to us Americans.

December 4 2016

No sun today either but it was a little brighter. Worked on a new puzzle most of the day, Kaetchen called and invited us to the Evening in Hartville with the kids at dusk. They saw Santa, ate hot dogs, cookies, and hot chocolate. They went in the train car for a story and took a ride on the wagon. I picked up a 4' ladder at the tool exchange for \$20. Super sturdy but a bit heavy to lug around.

The Bills gave it a good try till the QB self destructed with an interception and followed it up with a fumble. I am not hopeful for golf tomorrow based on the forecast.

December 3 2016

Yet another crappy day. Don't think we saw the sun since a week ago Friday. We worked a little on the puzzle we started last night then set out shopping. We "saved" \$116 on a purchase of \$56 at Kohl's. Stopped at a couple of other stores to pick up stocking stuffers and had lunch at Chic Filet. The food is good there and it is bright and cheery. Have to eat there again. We were going to do chinese but they were not open yet.

Wrapped the gifts put labels on the gifts. Mary did church as usual and I cooked the spaghetti. Jus have to pick up some gift cards and a gift for Sue and Mary. We will visit Sue the 14th so we will look around and see what she needs.

December 2 2016

Total bumner. We were going to play but they said it was closed. I don't think they are getting enough play to make it worthwhile. Mary and I went over to pick up the 2 piles of leaves I left yesterday. Took 15 min and we scared the crap out of her when she brought one of the dogs out. She is a riot.

I pattered around doing some touch up painting and decorating, but basically was a veggie today. Mary went to knitting class and is knitting off and on. Winter sucks!

Oh yeah. Forgot to mention I came out of my chess slump the other day and amazed myself. I had dropped from 1250s to 1100 but finally rebounded to 1190. Hope I can get over the hump.

December 1 2016

New month! Last one for this year. We went to strength class at the Y. Wasn't too bad. Told the instructor that when I started I could only do about 5 crunches. Now I can almost make it through the many she does in 2 or 3 sets. Got a puzzle out. No dr appts this month and most of the gift shopping is done so its veggie time.

Since we are playing tomorrow, I got on my winter golf gear and gave it a good test raking Brenda's lawn. Was out there close to 2 hrs and was plenty warm. Hope the wind stays down.

November 30 2016

Warm but misty crumby day. Might be the last warm day. To the Y early. We walked 1.5 miles, then Mary went to yoga, and I did 20 on the elliptical and did the ab weight machine. Changed and got a haircut, got stamps, picked up prescription and groceries. After a shower, I got to all the rest of my outdoor flower clearing. I am whipped at 2pm.

November 29 2016

Luckily the rain didn't pour last night so the course was open. Dick couldn't play due to some legal business. Mel was going to play but Joann was ailing this AM. It was Bill and I. I started off great with a 41 on the black with a short birdie putt on 7. Bill had 48 on the front. He bested me on the maroon with a 45 to my 48. I had 3 penalties and a few 3 putt green. Oh well. I hope to play again and wash away the memories of that ugly nine.

Mowed and raked when I got home. That was a chore. We put away the xmas boxes till January. Pretty much whipped.

November 28 2016

We set up golf for noon but the radar looked bad this am. I went to strength training and warned Bill to check before he left. When I got back he had dropped out but the radar was breaking up. Dick and I teed off at 11:30 and flew aound in 2 ½ hours. The fast play was good for me as I went 41-38 =79. Only the 2nd time I broke 80 this year I think. Birdied two of the easiest. An 18 inch putt on maroon 5, the short par 4, and a 10 footer on gold 6, a reachable par 5. Went even par the last 5 on the gold.

Not sure about tomorrow. Will depend how much rain we get. They have removed the tee markers and seem ready to close soon.

November 27 2016

Up early and did pancakes from scratch since we had no mix. Catherine packed up

and headed back to Buffalo. We shall see her at Christmastime. Got right to getting the tree stuff out. Had the tree half decorated when Wes called. We slowed down and left the bottom half of the tree for the kids to decorate.

The kids helped but lost interest pretty soon so we were off to other things. Played outside in the gator garden, did the mermaid on the computer, this and that and other things too. Wes got them about darkness. He had been doing leaves all day. The kids had finished off the turkey, so we had the left over ribs for dinner.

Turkey must be bad for my brain. Benn losing bigtime since we started it. Down from mid 1250s to mid 1150s. Pretty pathetic.

Bills won again to get 1 game over .500. If they hold true to form they will lose next week.

November 26 2016

We went to the Y at 9am. Sister Catherine went as well. We did a 2 mile walk on the track followed by 10min elliptical and a few weight machines. After we got back, the ladies went Hartville shopping. I did some Iris clipping for the winter and may finish tomorrow.

Carolyn and Wes stopped in and I got them to take away some of the leftovers. We had ribs for an early dinner and off they went to church.

We watched some VHS tapes of the old 8mm I had done quite awhile back. They were pretty bad. Catherine packed up the 8mm reels and sent them off for processing.

November 25 2016

The ladies got home with many packages. We all had lunch and then set out to wrap. Must have taken an hour and a half. Veg'd till dinner time. We filled a plate with leftovers and egad there is enough for at least 2 more meals. We also have an equivalent to about 3 pies still to eat.

Boy, everyone wants what little money I have. First, there is someone trying to steal my identity the last couple of months. Second, I just straightened out a double charge on the DC hotel room. Now, checking my cc statement, I found a \$350 charge. I checked it out and my web host, ipage, has jacked up their rate and charged me for 3 years. I had to get them to scale it back to 1 year. What crooks. Their intro rate was 60/yr and now they have jacked it to 150/yr.

November 24 2016

Opps. Didn't get to do the blog till the morning. We had 14 plus Lincoln for turkey and we had leftovers. Wes' kids were great, not shy this time, and very well behaved. I told Zander and he was very proud. It was a great get together. We saw Kathy Gagola for the first time in 2 years. She looked great and has a good job as an HR assistant in Middlefield Amish country. Not sure how she got that with no experience in that area but that is great and just what she needed.

Carolyn and family was a great help with table, chairs, kitchen help, taking dessert orders. Mary and Catherine are out as usual shopping away. Sadly, the golf course is closed. Too wet after the snow and the greens are semi frozen.

November 23 2016

First thing I peeled apples for mom's classic apple pie square. I cut them thin and then got out of the way while Mary crafted the dough and spread it on the pan. We loaded in the cinnamon sugared apples and covered it with dough. It went into the oven and came out looking good. Tasted just like mom made it! Mary has outdone herself this time.

Twas a sad day for us golfers. Not enough snow melt to play. I went to get the turkey dinner at the Hartville Kitchen around 9am. There was 50 people there so I decided to come back later. I went after lunch and there were about 100. Tried a 3d time around 2:15 and it was down to 40. I waited 45 min and got it done.

Catherine arrived a little after I got home. We had dinner and next up is gift wrapping.

November 22 2016

We did the Y strength class at 10am. She said she was going to push us but it wasn't too bad. I have no problems anymore with the 3/5lb weights. I need to move to 3/8lb. I can only do 3lbs for the shoulders with the number of reps they usually call for. He curls are too easy with the 5lb.

We went to Beilers Market to get some rutabega but we picked up some other interesting items. Cut up and cooked it when we got home. The ones from Marcs were pretty bad and I think I put some of the woody pieces in the pot. I tasted some before it was totally mixed up and I got a woody chunk. Hopefully we mixed it enough to smooth it out.

Had to get new crackers for the cheese. The old ones had dec16 and mar15 expiration dates. Mary got her hair done. Dick was emailing me about golf but he doesn't have all the snow cover we have here. Will call the course tomorrow but I am not hopeful.

November 21 2016

Did the Y today. Put in 20 on the elliptical, 20 on the treadmill, and did some tricep and ab weights. Freezing this morning. When I got back I pumped up all the tires on our cars and left the compressor out and did Carolyn's and Wes' car when they stopped in around noon. Cold cold cold!

Wes left Kalix here and she had a ball playing grocery shopping several times and doing a play tea party. Jenna was big on the tea parties back in the day. My side started to hurt when I took the rocker downstairs. Feels exactly like my gall bladder pain. Got to keep an eye on that. We shall see how it feels tomorrow before I go to strength class.

November 20 2016

OMG. You could hear the wind howling all night and in the morning there was 2" snow on the ground. So much for good golf weather. We had blueberry waffles then puttered around while Jacob did his homework. Each student gets their own laptop to do homework on. Time marches on!

We went to Rockne's for an early dinner, picked up some things I ordered at Walmart, dropped Jacob off and headed home for a warm house. Nasty cold out there.

Somehow, the Bills held on for a 16-12 win over the Bengals.

November 19 2016

Jacob was over as he did not want to go to Columbus with the family for Don's brother's bday. We put in the furnace cold air intake to the outside using PVC. Jacob did the cutting and pipe assembly and cut the hole thru the outside wall. We had a few problems to solve along the way. We didn't glue the pipes since its just cold air being sucked in thru there.

They winter storm came in while we were working and blew strong all night. There is a couple of inches on the ground this morning as I post yesterday's blog.

November 18 2016

The last good day of the year. Supposed to storm and get cold tonight. Great day for golf. I shot 42-41 = 83 marred by 3 penalty strokes. Everyone played well. John 84, Dick 86, Mel 96, and Bill lowest with an 81. I got 2 of John's dollars and one of Mel's quarters! We might get lucky Wednesday if the rain holds off otherwise it will be a no golf week.

Did a little leaf pickup before the crappy weather hits.

November 17 2016

Watched the kids last night while the adults and Lincoln played trivia. Zander doesn't want to go to sleep when we watch him cause we had only been over an hour and a half before bedtime. They read some books and played with the ipad.

This morning we put in 2 more outlets with USB chargers. We now have 6 of those installed. Also have 4 with nightlights built in now.

Had lunch with ye olde Larry Ross, my golf partner for several years at Cisco. He has gone mountain man with beard and long hair. Anyway he was telling me his mom had Alzheimer's and I told him my theory that golfers do not get it cause they are constantly trying to figure out how to play the different shots they face so they keep their brain busy with new problems. He piped up and reminded me that golfers also have to figure out how to get home after 6 beers and have to think up good excuses as to why they are late getting home, further exercising the brain.

November 16 2016

Great Thursday golf party last night. Did not get home till bedtime at 9pm. The commish keeps the stats which is nice. For the Thursday golf I had 0.6% eagles, 3.9% birdies, 28.1% pars, 44.2% bogies, 17.2% doubles, and 6.1% others. I need to reduce those 23% doubles and over. Hdcp index is 14.6 which is a 16 for foxden. John T has a 12.6 index, a full 2 strokes lower.

Did the Y. Walked the track with Mary for 20min then 20 on the elliptical followed by some tricep and ab machine work. Got my heart rate up to 120 on the elliptical which is higher than usual.

November 15 2016

Posting early cause we are going out to the retiree golf banquet at 6pm and won't be home till late. Lazy morning waiting for the 10am strength class at the Y. It was a demanding workout with a substitute trainer today. We had to run out quickly to get to Fairlawn for dental cleanings. I only had one crown that needed resealed. The dentist said she had some time, so it was fixed then and there. Sweet! I was expecting a grand on two of crown work but now that is off the table. Things are looking up.

I ordered a bronze sculpture from ebay for a xmas gift for someone to be un-named. It arrived with a few broken pieces. The seller offered me a significant rebate if I would take it. After some research, I decided to take a chance and repair it myself. Hope that works out.

Couple of names have been proposed for our unqualified president. The 2 choices are T-Rump.....and.....Trump Rump.

November 14 2016

Running out of warm weather. Today was OK and Friday is supposed to be better. However, 40s next week. Played well today. Went 41-41 at Sable Creek this morning. Bill shot 86 and Dick 95. I used the swing I found yesterday and it served me well. Shortened my backswing (of course) and stayed over the ball. I had an impressive 4 birdie opportunities from under 10 feet. Sadly missed them all by being short or not firm enough.

Raked some leaves Jacob had pushed together while mowing. He did an impressive job doing that yesterday.

November 13 2016

The kids had a good time here last night. Jenna worked on a surprise sewing item for Catherine and Jacob mowed Pete's and my yard and did a nice job. Dang forgot to call Dennis last night so will try to remember again tonight.

Played with George and Kirk at Windmill. Kirk edged me by 2 and I edged George by 5. Seventeen got me. I did a baseball swing off that tee and sailed one OB to the left. That 2 strokes was the difference. Kirk parred 4 of the last 5 holes to top off his winning

round.

Niece Dawn in New Zealand was 50 mi south of the 7.8 quake that hit there this morning (our time) and said all is OK there.

November 12 2016

Called Bro-in-law golfer Dennis in the hospital again. He got 2 new stents and they put him on Plavix to prevent a stroke. Problem is his internal bleeding returned. He got 2 units of blood when he went in and it's holding but with a slight loss. He is being watched closely to see what will be next. They took out half his colon earlier this year but obviously didn't fix the problem. I will call him later tonight if I remember to break up the boredom.

Lots of dreams last night but I slept good. We had 2 furniture trucks in our driveway late at night that were to deliver stuff the next day. Since we had not moved any of the old stuff out, I was wondering where it all was going to go in the morning. Such are my dreams.

Got started on piping the fresh air to the furnace, but need to wait for the bug/rodent screen to arrive before finishing. Also changed an outlet in the sewing room. We did grocery shopping and picked up a few things at HH. After that we did 3 bags of leaves and raked some of Brenda's under the pines for her. I was surprised how nice it was outside. Sunny but cool with modest winds.

Jacob and Jenna are staying the night. We watched Angry Birds movie and had some good laughs.

November 11 2016

Forgot to mention Mary had her eye exam yesterday and her old glasses are fine. Sweet! That is a big \$500 savings. I will probably need it for the dentist again this month.

Couldn't sleep last night so got up to watch 1/2 hr of TV. Big mistake to watch Rachael Maddow. She said the Ruskies admitted being in contact with Trumps campaign. Of course they hacked Hillary's emails and made them public to embarrass her.

After thinking about this for awhile, I figured I better come back to the blog and make sure I didn't say anything about Trump that the internet powers that be and the Ruskie internet hackers would find of interest as they scanned what is out there. I did make a few edits this morning to safe up. I am positive they will have their hands full with all the social media posts, so I am most likely well down the list.

Skipped the Y this morning. Way to sleep deprived for that. I went over to HD and picked up some PVC for my furnace cold air intake project. Raked a few leaves and went back to vegetating.

November 10 2016

Colder today. Heavy frost but it melted off with the sunshine. We had 4 today at Sable Creek and no one played very good. Dick and I had 89, Bill 91 and Mel 101. I had the chunks. Chunk this one and that one. Drove the ball well and putted good but that is it. I did get 3 of Mel's quarters which have been hard to come by lately.

Got 4 more bags of leaves bagged and to the recycle. My feet were wet from golf so I figured why not bag wet leaves. I was on the 4th hole on the back nine when my approach ran across the green and close to the pond. As I stepped back to look over my chip, my feet sank down into the pond overflow. This resulted in 2 wet and cold feet. On the plus side, I did save myself from falling in and really getting wet. Next golf is Monday.

November 9 2016

Holy crap, a real piece of crap won the election. I think Hillary blew it when she threw in with Obama late in the campaign. I am guessing the republicans that were going to bail on Trump came back to him cause they wanted no part of more Obama.

I went to the Y this morning and did 20min on the elliptical and the treadmill and then did a couple of weight machines for triceps and abs. Overheard an old guy saying he was looking at cemetery plots. I figured he might not need it cause we could all be blown to smithereens should Trump starts a nuclear war. Then I wondered why I should stay fit for the same reason. I guess it will help with my golf till such a doomsday hits. I shall be very fit on doomsday.

To get my mind off the election debacle. Always of high interest is my mollie count, especially since they are not being manufactured any more. My mollie count has increased this year thanks to Bill's wife Judy.

Here is the latest count (93):

scary long - 28 (be scared) , 422s - 17, titanium power -16, 322s - 16 (6 yellowed), plain black # - 5 (1 yellowed), plain red # - 6, power - 1 , extra distance - 1, in the bag - 1 mollie power

Also of interest are 2 "retired"

1) Extra Distance Mollie marked with 80 Avalon Lakes 7/11/98

I remember it well. Long tough and tight course with lots of old trees and fast greens. I believe Tom, Kirk, and Neil were there. We had 2 groups. I was hitting straight tee shots (very unusual) and crisp irons.

2) Power Mollie marked Hawks Nest Ace 5 iron 164yds 4/28/01

Not sure who was in the group. Hit a low liner that hit short and rolled onto the green. I figured it went over and couldn't find it in back of the green. The I heard Neil say something like "oh hell no" as he glanced in the cup.

November 8 2016 update

Update: I had forgotten to comment on the Bills game last night. The officials cheated the Bills out of 3 points at the end of the half. They lost by 6 but were down to the 10yd

line at the end of the game. If they had the 3, then another FG would have tied it but that was not an option given they stole 3 from them. Glad I went to bed at the half cause I would have been mad I stayed up. On the other side of the coin, they would have probably lost anyway in OT.

Another nice day! We hung around till 9:45 and went to the Y strength class. It was brutal as usual. When we were putting stuff away the instructor said she could tell I was working hard from my facial expressions. She probably looks at me to check if she is pushing us hard enough. I do do a lot of extreme grimacing during the class.

We got home and changed to go vote and Brenda tagged along. There was a Canton newspaper person in the parking lot asking if we would tell who we voted for and why. I asked her if they were going to quote me. She said yes, so i told her she wouldn't be able to print my response in the paper.

The softener guy brought the salt and I went out to rake leaves before it rained. It is so much easier to rake dry leaves so that was a good move. Bagged up 4 leaf back. Likely 4 more to go but we were out of energy.

I wonder if they will call an election winner before I git the sack tonight?

November 7 2016

Sable Creek was balmy. No wind at all and around 50 when we started. Dick and I played in under 3 hrs. He got a new phone golf ap but didn't have it figured out yet. I was surprised no one else joined us.

I hit the ball well but went 45-43 for 87 and Dick shot 88. A couple look ups led to double bogeys. I putted all around the hole today missing many by an inch or two and rimming out 2 or 3. Finally made a 4 footer on 17 for a par. I firmed it in. I think that is it for the warm weather. We will try again Thursday.

Last day before the election. It is about time! Oh yeah, the Bills are on tonight. I will watch them for an hour or so.

November 6 2016

Yet another nice day! We put away the Halloween decorations early. Jacob came over and I had him saw up the remainder of the metal chairs. After that we cut down the tall grasses, stuffed them into the trunk, and headed off to the yard recycle. Jenna went along too. We dumped the grass and the kids went around and grabbed 6 – 7 pumpkins that were left there and proceeded to smash them all. I took some videos and hope to see them later on. This is kind of an annual event and the kids have a ball every year.

I told them I feel bad for Wes' kids. By the time it comes smashing pumpkin times I may be too old. Maybe won't even remember my name by then. Jacob said he would step up and take them. Maybe he would even give me some catsup and a straw at McDs (you had to be there).

Jacob cut Pete's lawn. We took him home and stopped out to eat at Grinders. After dinner we picked up a few groceries and called it a day.

November 5 2016

Another nice day but a frosty morning. I was up at 5am but went back to bed around 6 and slept in till 8am.

Decided to put the yard stuff away. Got the swing down and into the garage. Mary felt the chairs had outlived their usefulness so we started to take them apart. There were 6 bolts per chair. She did 4 and I did 2 and we tossed the seats. I got the reciprocating saw out and put in a metal blade. It ripped thru the metal with ease. I ripped 1 apart and will leave the other 3 for Jacob tomorrow. We also have to cut down the tall grass. Maybe we will find some pumpkins to smash at the recycle.

Neighbor Larry Copen went in to AGMC. Seems to be having issues controlling his legs. Stroke?

November 4 2016

Nice day. Mary did Yoga, knitting class, and a Chinese buffet while I went golfing at Sable Creek. I played pretty good but could not seem to get on a roll. I won one dot on the 2nd hole by getting on in 2 and two putting from somewhere upwards of 50 feet. That was the last dot I got all day? Every time I got a par someone dried me. I thought surely I would win on 18 until Mel dropped one in from off the green. I missed my birdie putt and ended up tied again. I had to pay Bill 3 quarters, Dick 2, and Mel 2. That is not right.

I did OK in spite of my cold that is going on day 5. I suppose it will hang on for the usual 10 days. Next golf is Monday.

November 3 2016

The Indians lost in extra innings but the sun came up anyway. I went to bed at 9:30 and checked in later to see them go to extra innings. Back to bed and up at 12:30 to see the last out. They gave their all. I think their defense cost them big time.

Boy did the broadcast suck. I thought I was at a trivia game. Amazing how much useless crap I heard about. Did you know that one of the Cub pitchers threw 7 and 1/3 scoreless innings in his college world series game? Al Capone was 9 when the Cubs last won? We got a rundown on which teams forced a game 7 and in what year? Give me a break! As I went to bed I wondered why sports is so out of whack in our lives. Check out my Getting old blog update for my thoughts there.

Mary went to the strength class but I went back to bed. Spent all day lounging around to keep some strength for golf tomorrow. Will see how I feel in the morning but will most likely play.

November 2 2016

Definitely coming down with a cold. Lots of kleenex and scratchy throat last night and today. The Indians lost last night but went down big early allowing me to get to bed early.

Started early today with my 1 yr follow up appointment at the cardiologist. He said I was doing great. Next up was the retiree lunch. Batcher looked a little better today. Scarfed down his fish. Jr said they have taken him to church a couple of times. He can get out of the bed with the walker with a little help and is getting stronger with PT.

Finally, my family is following the Parker tradition of minimal planning. I stopped at Giant Eagle to get Mary some flowers and a small 4" square cake on my way home from the lunch for her birthday. Wes called and was wondering how long Mary was at the bowling ally cause he might run out and take her a balloon and cookies. Next up Carolyn called and wondered if she should bake a cake or plan a cookout later this week. All this activity after the noon hour.

November 1 2016

The Indians are going into game 6 in a few. Best of luck to them. We did the strength class today at the Y. It wasn't an easy one. No aches and pains though this evening. Guess I am toning up.

Went and got a haircut. Got Tony this time. He likes to talk and cuts much slower than his wife but I survived. Picked up the Thanksgiving menu at Hartville Kitchen and ordered Dinner for 12 again. It always seems too much but we send the guests home with some leftovers. Dinner for 12 is \$120, so it is \$10 a plate and we eat on for a couple more days. Well worth it I say. I got tired of cleaning up the roasting pan and the all day cooking.

When I got back home I got that "i am coming down with a cold" feeling. Must have been those filthy little diseased Trick or Treaters.

Jake and Jenna came over after school. Jacob mowed and Jenna did homework. Raked up a bag of leaves and Mary did the bagging. Busy day with a Dr. appt, retiree lunch, Mary's bowling, and her birthday.

October 31 2016

The Indians lost by 1 run to send them back to Cleveland with a 3-2 game lead. Looks like the Cubs got a couple favorable strike calls that hurt but I am sure it all evens out.

Played Fox Den in the Monday finale. I really enjoyed the round. It was low 50s but the sun was out and the wind calm. Had a poor start but finished strong with good chipping, going 44-42 for an 86. I had to par 3 of the last 4 on the front to get to 44.

I lost to Dick and Clyde. Dick just gets way too many strokes. Clyde was putting really good. I may have to get myself one of those 3 ball putters. Tried it once and it was easy to line up the short putt I used it on. I did get Ken's dollar and will be hanging that on the fridge all winter.

Got 1305 holes in and am likely to be back at Bob 2.0 levels from 2014. With the nice weather it should be doable.

October 30 2016

Wow. Indians won again and are now ahead 3-1 needing only 1 more win to be World Champs. I watched the pregame show for game 4. They had 5 guys pretty much acting like morons for 30 minutes. Pete Rose was the worst of them. Hard to believe they get paid and hard to believe the guy in charge of this fiasco will ever work again.

Made Mary breakfast for her birthday Wednesday. Yes, a few days early. Going to do it again tomorrow cause I cracked 4 more eggs while putting them away. Cooked them already. Guess I could have just stored the cracked eggs and cooked them tomorrow.

Saw on the news that Bobby Vee passed away, a victim of Alzheimer's. He had a couple of good songs like rubber ball and devil or angel. Such a horrible disease. At least you don't remember yesterday's pain. Robin Williams didn't want to go that way. He must have seen special fears ahead so he offed himself. Wonder what his fears were based on. He was a bit odd. Perhaps that had an influence.

Mowing was aborted this morning due to the rain. Trick or Treat in the neighborhood today. The kids came over to help. The ugly rainy morning chased away the crowds and the expected 100 kids ended up to be 50. Way too much candy left over. Maybe I will take some to golf tomorrow. We both got to spend some time holding Honest Abe. He is one quiet kiddo.

October 29 2016

The Indians won game 3 for a 1 game lead. I watched 5 innings then went to bed 10ish. Woke up and came out to check the score at around 11:30pm. It was 1-0 Tribe so I watched the last 3 outs. I figure to watch 5 again today.

Picked up some groceries and cleared out more flowers today. Put up a shutter that the wind had blown off. I will need to get a few more washers to do some of the others. Not much else doing. Got out the Halloween candy for tomorrow. I have 180 pieces which should be plenty.

October 28 2016

Golf went OK today. It was chilly 45ish but no wind and the sun broke out, after we finished of course. John edged me by 2. Bill and Dick played well also. Bill was awesome till he got around the green. Mel played well on the front but had some issues on the back. I was happy with 88 since I played so poorly the other day. Looks like we will give it a go one more week.

Another FBI look at Hillary with 11 days left has caused a furry today. The right wingers are all pumped up today. Gawd, this is getting ridiculous. The Indians will try to win game 3 tonight. We shall see.

October 27 2016

Indians lost 5-1. Next game is Friday. On top of that, golf was rained out. What a crappy day! So....back to the Y today for the Thursday strength class. Mary went too. It was brutal today. After we got back Mary went and got her new drivers license which is good for 4 years.

I fixed the mailbox flag this morning. Drilled out the plastic mount and bolted it on. Brenda's is half broke and will need fixing soon.

Saw my labs posted. My A1C and glucose was up too high. I had the test Tuesday early and didn't recall eating a lot of candy but I did get some Halloween candy that weekend and had more than my share over the weekend. Guess the 12 hr fast didn't help. Doctor is in a couple of weeks so will see what he has to say.

October 26 2016

Indians won. I went to bed with them leading 3-0 and they won 6-0 so I didn't miss any real drama. Sweet! Another game tonight if the rain holds off.

We went to the Y today. We walked 1.1 mile before her yoga class and I went off to do 20min on the elliptical and then a couple of weight machines for triceps and abs. Mary went bowling while I did the Lockheed enroll for next years Medicare supplier. What a pain that was.

Chilly and sprinkling today so I mostly stayed in. Doesn't look good for golf tomorrow. Might have to do the Y class again.

October 25 2016

Not a bad day. Frost till 9:30ish but it warmed up OK. The difference was no wind today. Went to get a blood draw for my next doctors visit and then did the strength class at the Y. Mary went as well. Lets see who is sore tomorrow.

Mary was off to town and I cleaned out all the plants by the garage. With them cleared out the GP Tree guys will not have any obstacles in their way when they take down the dead tree. Not sure when they are coming but I checked and made sure I am on the list.

Had to send another letter to the credit bureaus as one of them has a bogus address down for me. Game 1 of the World Series tonight as the Indians try to match the Cavs.

October 24 2016

Hi of 51 tday and the wind was a killer. Played Seven Hills today and played miserably. Did not hit a decent iron till the 5th hole. Had kind of a baseball swing going. Was not making a good turn at the start, then was not staying stable over the ball. Finally got it down with about 4 holes to go. Shot a pathetic 98. Poor play in the cold is a bad omen for the rest of the season.

Went up to Macedonia Winking Lizard to have dinner with Al, Jane, and Bob. Al was in from LA for a week. Was good seeing them. Mary went as well.

Z man's birthday today. Waiting on a party notice.

October 23 2016

Not a bad day. The kids slept in and got up about 9am. Jacob did the mowing and I cut back some flowers. Didn't sleep well. The pizza was bubbling all night and I got up at 5am. Was groggy all day.

The Bills lost. Their star runner had some hamstring issues and was totally ineffective and they didn't seem to have anyone else useful with a lot of injuries going around. Not good going forward. Looking ahead to finally playing tomorrow. It will be cold so it is winter gear time.

October 22 2016

Nasty cold rainy day. We hung around till 2:30 then went to the district XC. Jacob ran a great first mile then a little slower then a little slower. You had to climb a big hill all 3 miles and it was cold and windy. He ran a nice 18:49 and came in a close 3d on the team.

This was Carolyn's Halloween party so they stayed with us. We did pizza for dinner then popcorn for the newest Ice Age movie. Jenna wore her new cat's pajamas.

October 21 2016

Another golf rain out, 2 days in a row now. Crazy dreams last night. One had me riding around with the late Rudi Faiss. Others a little fuzzy too. Too tired to go to the Y given the rain out. No real pain after the strength class yesterday. Maybe I am rounding into shape? Went grocery shopping around 11.

Fixed up the other vacuum that has been sitting around here for years. It just needed the hair removed from the brush. Hair tends to wrap around the brush and builds up so the brushes are not as effective. This vacuum is bagless. Not a popular model cause there was almost nothing on it on the internet. No parts either. We did 2 rugs after and it was amazing the dust it picked up. Rained all stinking day.

Finally got thru to the Myid people on the 3d credit inquiry. Took 1/2 hour on the phone. No credit was given and Synchrony bank said someone would call me. Someone trying to get credit for Hhgreg over the internet.

October 20 2016

We were whipped last night and were to bed early. Woke up late after last night's T-storms. Most of the rain had passed but it was very wet and there was a threat of more, so I bailed on golf. Others did as well.

So I went to the Y and did the Thursday strength training. I did better than expected. This instructor was not into the exotic stuff either which I was thankful for. I didn't get enough weights though. When she said shoulders I grabbed the 3lb weights which is all I can do, but the bicep and tricep curls were too easy. I should grab 2 sets in the future.

Mary was out to help with a funeral so I did some weed pulling and flower cut downs and some wash. Also did the fuel perks snagging 30 gallons for \$1.20 off. Good savings. Hope the rain clears out and things dry up for Friday golf.

October 19 2016

Went to the Y. Did 20min on the elliptical and 15min on the treadmill. Did a little weight exercises on the machines. Boring day digging weeds thereafter. We did get to go over and watch the little ones for 3 hours. Missed them since we haven't seen them for 2 weeks.

Supposed to rain tomorrow so golf is iffy.

October 18 2016

Went to the strength class today. There was a substitute instructor that I liked. She kept it simple with just weights and not the ball and 1/2 dome and we still got a good workout. Mary was at the doctors and got a booster shot. Saw Wes when I got home. He dropped off the boost for Batcher and was off to pick up Kalix after pre-school. Kaetchen's parents were over and her sister too. We won't get to see the kids till later in the week or next week.

Carolyn and family was over to watch the Indians lose. Another nice day but a cool down is coming.

October 17 2016

Beautiful day reaching 80 in October. I shot a mediocre 87 at Oak Knolls. This course always is frustrating. Many holes I can hit it to 100yds from the green or less. Lots of my shots always roll across the green and over the back. If you ease up you come up short. Then I can never chip it close enough. Made only 1 decent putt as usual. I did par the last 2 though. One more warm day expected before we get back to fall temperatures.

October 16 2016

OMG, the Bills won again! That is 4 in a row. With a little luck they could make the playoffs this year. We got busy early today cleaning weeds and cutting back flowers. Pretty much filled the dumpster in 1 day.

Jacob mowed and I let him drive home. He can steer the car ok but needs work in getting the speed right and using the brake properly. I talked him thru each braking as we went. Hope it helps. His car looks pretty nice. They will be ticketing him for any little miss-step with such a hot car.

We got the Halloween stuff out and up as well today. Tomorrow is golf. It's been awhile so I don't figure to be a stand out.

October 15 2016

We are back from the week in DC. We left early Friday to beat the rush and were very tired when we got back. In bed last night by 9pm. I don't know how many miles we walked for the week but it was a lot. Here is what we saw:

monday - space museum and manassas battlefields

tuesday - other space museum, lincoln and wash monuments, arlington

wednesday -american history and 2 art museums

thursday - zoo, ford theater, american history again

We learned a lot about the early Civil War. Saw the MPP I worked a bit on at Lockheed in the space museum. Saw 3 other projects I worked on as well: Subroc, Pershing, and Tomahawk. Saw the Ruby Slippers at the history museum.

We took the Metro rail Tuesday thru Thursday and got around OK. It was amazing to look at those nearby. 50% were on their cell phone all the time and 50% were not. Everyone under 30 was on one. Quite a contrast.

Jacob had a tough go at the XC race, running 18:40. He had a great year regardless and was a help to his team all year finishing anywhere from 3d to 5th.

NO blog till October 15 while we vacation in the nation's capital

October 8 2016

We had a good time watching Jacob at XC this morning in Medina. The map was wrong but we found it. No parking left so the streets were jammed with parking. Jacob was 18:02 and didn't quite make his goal of breaking 18. He has just got to go for it sometime and if he flames out that is Ok. It is worth a try.

We had lunch out and picked up some things at HD and the grocery store. Brenda has the fish so we pack tonight. We will be in DC till late Friday so no blog till Saturday.

October 7 2016

Lousy round at Barberton Brookside today. Couldn't stay focused. Got it going a couple of times to only have it fall apart. Bill wore a neon yellow vest and took a picture of us. Looked pretty good. We played behind some slow seniors playing the white tees when they should have been on the senior tees. I reminded them they were behind on the 7th tee and they picked it up a little. When we got around in 2.5 hrs I suggested we replay the front nine. We did that and finished in under 2 hours. My highlight was a 6 iron to 2 feet on #9 the second time and then ringing up a birdie.

October 6 2016

Played Fox Den with the Lockheed guys. Front 9 was excellent 2 over 38 with 2 birdies on the finishing holes. This was odd cause they had the grass real short and they had disc'd the ground. Almost no grass to hit off. On the back my putts were not going in and I looked up 4 times. All that resulted in a 44 for a total of 82. Tomorrow is Brookside which is a tougher course.

October 5 2016

Another busy day. Went to the Y and did 20min on the elliptical and 15 on the treadmill. Did a couple weight machines for the triceps and the abs. Showered and went to the retiree lunch. Batcher was there but Wes forgot the boost for him the second month in a row. Junior said he took him out of Hospice and has the nurse stopping in and PT working on his strength. Going to take him to church this week if it works out. Terry Brady has to do a stress test so his problems are not over yet. He pland to golf tomorrow though.

I tried some more with the mower to check to see if the battery was charging ok and it was. Broke up the mower wood cage and loaded it into Carolyn's trunk for the fire. Wes was supposed to pick up the skid but he did not show. First golf in awhile tomorrow at fox den.

October 4 2016

Sure was busy today. Went to the Y strength class. The exercise for the triceps immediately made the left arm cramp up. I got some exercises that might help from the instructor. Told her I couldn't do the leg lifts very long. She said that was my core. The squats are getting easier and the bicep curls as well. Long way to go.

Cleared out some old flowers by the garage. Took me a long time. The new mower came on a skid and had a box around it. It must have took an hour to pull the box apart and get the mower off the skid. Now I have lots of wood for Carolyn to burn. After hooking up the battery and putting gas in it it ran like a champ. The powerful engine cut thru the tall grass like butter. Very impressive.

Finally the Sears mower from hell was picked up around 5:30pm. Good riddance.

October 3 2016

We slept in so we skipped the Y this morning. We went for groceries to get us to Sunday when we leave for DC. Cleaned out the cupboard. Checked the expire date on the canned food and pretty much half of the cans went to the dumpster. Mary was busy most of the day doing wash.

I did the lawn raking and Mary helped me bag it. There were 3 full leaf bags which I took to the yard recycle. Jacob cut last night and it was real heavy. Btw, my new mower from HD should come tomorrow and another truck should pick up the Sears unit. Should be a busy day.

October 2 2016

Got an email before we left for Buffalo indicating I had 2 credit alerts from MyID. Of course they didn't open till later, so I called once we got to Buffalo. They were impressive and connected up to this bank someone was trying to establish credit at with my name. Also someone was trying the same with Verizon. Both were denied and we will keep an eye on it and they will investigate further.

Back from a bizarre trip to Buffalo for Robin's wedding. The wedding went well Saturday then it was cool heels for 2 hrs and then the reception. That went well but the food was bizarre. There were fish taco's using tuna which I don't like. Not a lot of people crave fish taco's. There were 2 other items for the taco I never heard of. The other main item was turkey stew, which to me looked like creamed turkey. I would gag on any creamed dish. The most popular dish was mashed potatoes if that tells you anything. Contrasting that were the best cupcake tray I have ever seen and a cookie table to die for.

Kim and Dave hosted a brunch Sunday and picked up the tab. Seemed like their way of apologizing for Alex's (the groom) food selections the night before. Began heading home when Carolyn called. Don had locked her keys in the trunk. Cost them \$75 to have someone come and unbolt the back seat and drag the keys thru. We brought Jacob home to do the mowing. He got done 6ish.

Monday golf is at Chippawa, so I won't be going. No golf till Thursday.

No blog Sept 30 thru Oct 3 while on Buffalo trip for Robin's wedding

September 29 2016

The Lockheed guys all wimped out on golf last night because of the rain forecast? Could have played but maybe would have gotten a little wet. My barber was closed the third day in a row cause they had a new grandson. Maybe there were problems but 3 days seems excessive. I went to the one in N Canton and got a quick cut. The sisters went to get their nails done. Going to pack up tonight for the Buffalo trip tomorrow morning.

September 28 2016

Went to the Y this morning and did the elliptical and treadmill. Am a bit sore from yesterdays class. Not much going on today. A little yard work perhaps. Mary and Ginny finished sewing up the drapes and now they are at bowling. They will go out after and I will eat the leftovers.

Some of the Lockheed guys are in a dither about rain tomorrow. I told them I never decide till I see the am radar. They are often wrong about the rain.

I have added a new blog called Getting Old to the web page. It could be more of a weekly or monthly thing. Not sure about it just now. It will be non golf and have some of my random thoughts about life as we get older and face the grim reaper. Speaking of such, Arnold Palmer RIP at 87.

September 27 2016

Well, tried to get a haircut but there was a sign saying they had their first grandson and to call first. Crikey! Stopped at HH and looked at their cheap John Deere \$1500. Ouch! We went to the Y for the strength class and got a workout. I had to skip a few when the muscles were burning. Got a cramp on another and had to skip that too.

After lunch went to the range and hit my new irons. They seemed OK. Ran over to HD and looked at their mowers. For \$1400 I get a 46 vs 42 cut, 20hp vs 17.5hp, a v-twin engine vs single engine, and hydrostatic drive vs automatic. No brainer. I ordered it and it should be here next week. Shhh- stopped at Stricklands for a waffle cone.

Spent the afternoon clearing flowers and weeds as I waited for them to come pick up their mower. They went over the edge calling yesterday wanting to delay delivery again till Oct 4 (the third delivery date). I told them to cancel the order cause I didn't believe they could make that date either. Guess what? Got a call around 4:30 saying their truck broke down so I rescheduled till next Tuesday. The Sears mower from hell.

September 26 2016

We got real lucky today. The rain held off till the golf round was over. I had hit the ball well just last Friday but not so good today. Shot 43-44 =87 and really didn't hit many good shots. I would just like to forget about it right now.

Got home and paid a few bills. Just before dinner got a call from Verizon regarding my new Verizon account. Say what? Told them I didn't order the 2 iphones nor the account. Checked with both my credit accounts and everything looked OK. Chase put a hold on my account and I can call them back to restart it. I think I will wait a few days and see.

My new clubs came today. I hope I get a chance to hit them before I play again.

September 25 2016

Jenna spent the night and said she liked the down guest room bed. It seemed kind of damp this morning so I turned the heat on for the first time. Jacob was over early to mow then went over to help Pete reseal the driveway. By that time 2pm had rolled around. Carolyn picked up Jacob and we headed to Rockne's for a late lunch/early dinner. We all got Rockne salads and stuffed ourselves. It was Ginny's treat for her stay, although she went way overboard with stuff for the grand kids.

After dinner, we went to my favorite store, JoAnn Fabrics. Just kidding.

September 24 2016

Went to Jacob's XC in Sandy Valley. It was a smaller meet, division 2 or 3, maybe 5-7 schools. Once again he was in the top 10% finishing somewhere around 10 to 14. Don't know the time because they didn't have one of those big timers for the spectators. They won the title and Stuart was was ahead of the others at the finish. Jacob ran well finishing 4th on the team I think.

We got home and had lunch and the ladies took Jenna out shopping all day. They got home for pizza later. I pulled up some spent flowers all afternoon.

September 23 2016

Wow this month is flying by. Played Mayfair again today. Went 41-44 =85 which is a decent score there. Hit the ball very well today but putting was again my downfall. Missed a short putt for par on #1 and it didn't get any better. Never made a putt all day except a 1 footer for birdie on the #11 par 3. My tee shot was right at the flag but checked up a foot short of another ace. John tied me on #18 with a nice putt while mine missed.

I rode with Bill and have now begun to needle him a little after bad shots. I always did this to Neil, and now that Bill is his replacement, he is fair game. We do have fun.

The ladies went to yoga and then knitting later on. It is now after dinner and they are down working on their Pumpkin craft item. Next Friday we will be heading back to Buffalo for Robin's wedding.

September 22 2016

Arm was a little tender today from the flu shot yesterday but no biggie. Played Maplecrest today. Quite a shame. It was the most beautiful landscaped course around. But with the new shopping mega center across the street they are selling it. They put weed killer on all the flower beds and the course maintenance went downhill. Quite dry and some greens burned out. Hear they couldn't get it rezoned for light industry so their deal fell thru. I think I played my last round there.

Hit the ball really well all day but my short game was poor. Went 45-39 =84 but gave away more than a handful. Was just off the green several times and never got it up and down for birdie. The ladies went to Kalix preschool for grandparent day and then did a downtown Hartville walking tour. They had fun at both. It is after dinner now and they have vanished to the sewing sweatshop downstairs.

September 21 2016

We did the Y this morning. Mary and sister Ginny did yoga and I did 20 on the elliptical and 25 on the treadmill. I was pleasantly surprised there was little pain following yesterdays strength class. Sweet! After the Y I went to Giant Eagle to pick up groceries and get my flu shot.

Mary and Ginny were out to bowling today. Guess they did good. They stopped out for lunch/dinner. They borrowed Jenna's sewing machine but it was missing a bobin case. They picked it up at her house and when they came home it was straight down to the sewing machine. Been 3 hrs now.

September 20 2016

Mary was off to get her hair done at a new hair place. Sister Ginny went to offer 2nd

opinions. I went to the strength class and it was brutal. I still couldn't balance on the 1/2 ball. It was quite a workout. I can actually feel stomach muscles. Wow! Lets see how it feels like in the morning.

We went over to Carolyn's for dinner. She cooked pesto pasta and it was very good. I just had a taste since I am on the no carb diet. The cake looked real good but I held my ground today. The ladies had some wine and were feeling no pain.

After dinner we strategized about the weekend XC race, shopping, and mowing.

September 19 2016

Foggy start to the day. I played really poor at Tannenhau. Almost another no putts made day until I made ones on 17 and 18. Went 44-42 =86. Had 3 birdie tries with no luck at all. Hit about 1/2 my tee balls good and about 5 good iron hits all day. Do not seem to have the timing down on my irons lately. Dick played for the first time in 3 weeks and did ok at 94. Not bad for a bad back.

Wes brought the kids over while there was a meeting at the school. Got here at 5:30 and picked them up at 8. Looks like Z will be up late tonight.

September 18 2016

Good rain last evening so the grass was pretty wet when he came over to cut at 9:30. He had to be done by 12 so he could get to the XC fundraiser. He did get the 2 lawns cut in time.

He finished the Boardman race yesterday second on his team. He said he was around 148 out of 740 runners which is absurd. His time was 18:38 which is his slowest because of the big field. Maybe he learned something. You have to get out quick cause with a narrow course you get stuck behind a pack. He said there was a lot of pushing and bumping and almost at a crawl at times.

The ladies went to 11am mass. Guess the kids tired them out last night and Ginny slept in. When they got back I never saw them. They were downstairs doing their crafting. They did stick their heads out for the steaks I grilled. Then back downstairs. Maybe I will see them later.

September 17 2016

Busy busy day. Jenna was over by 8:30 and they helped her do the sewing of Catherine's curtains. She was done by 10:30 and did a great job. Right around lunch time Wes, Kaetchen, Zander, Kalix, and Lincoln came over. He is one quiet baby.

They loved all the gifts they got. Kalix was jumping up and down with joy. They changed into their favorite new outfit for the rest of the day. There was lots of playing this and that, inside and outside. Mary cooked up some burgers and they left around 5pm. We are all whipped.

September 16 2016

Up early and off to golf at Windmill Lakes. It's a fabulous course but tough with tough greens. Hit some good shots the front nine but the sand got me too many times. At one point I had tried to play left of the bunker 4 times with each going right of my intended line and into the bunker. Went 47-41 for an 88.

Bill and Mel also played well. I have to note Bill said he pulled off another great shot on 16. He had hit his drive close to the trees on the right. To set up his third, he had to hit right and hook it around the trees. He said he pulled it off and got a lot of ground roll to set up his next. Unfortunately I was with Mel on the other side of the fairway and did not see this one. We had talked on that tee box about my memory of him hooking his 2nd around the trees long ago. I have that memory recorded somewhere in my blog the first year.

We did the Greek Festival at 5pm and got back around 8pm. The food and pastries were yummy and we watched all the Greek School kids dance.

Oh yeah, the Bills did indeed go 0-2 last night. I missed an exciting 2nd half as I went to bed (ie figured they were going to loose it based on what I saw in 1st half) for the early tee time.

September 15 2016

I went golfing and Mary and sister Ginny went shopping for curtains for the bed and breakfast guest room. They did find some curtains but brought back several other bags full of gifts for kids. It must be Xmas in September.

The Bills are on TV tonight. They could go 0-2 just 5 days into the season. The defense looked good the first game but the offense was offensive, punting 7 of 9 possessions.

The golf was messed up. The course had us scheduled next week and had a tournament today. We called around and got to play Oak Knolls in Kent. I played very poorly till the last 5 holes. I had 3 pars followed by 2 bogies to finish. All I did is slow the swing down and smooth it out. Shot 46-44 =90.

September 14 2016

Cable was out last night so I missed doing the blog yesterday. We did the strength class yesterday so there is pain today. My inner thighs used for squats are killers. Tough to put on my socks and dry my feet after the showers. I cut the grass yesterday and Mary and Ginny did the shopping. Started my all protein diet and am missing the tasty carbs.

Had to fix Open Office again. What a pain. Today we did the Y. I dropped a paper and had a tough time getting down to pick it up. Mary did her bowling and did good. She did some shopping and had dinner out with sister Ginny.

September 12 2016

We had a good time in Buffalo this weekend. Didn't sleep so good as usual. Played

Glen Oak from the whites at 6300. Spent the round in the sand or in the water. Other than that I hit the ball pretty good. Went 49-46=95. Jim beat me by 1 and Jr beat me by 6. That course has a ton of sand!

The 50th anniversary party for Mary's sister Ruth and Dennis was very nice. Dennis got a nice new driver from one of his brothers. I couldn't get out the door with it though. Back home around 2:30pm today.

No Blog till Monday 9/12 or Tuesday 9/13 when we return from Buffalo.

September 8 2016

Spent the day getting ready for Buffalo. Borrowed Brenda's mower and cut my grass. Checked the registers and cleaned one up, changed the furnace filter, gassed and packed the car, and so on.

Later on, we took fish over to Carolyn's and stopped at Handles for a hot fudge sunday. Yummy! Still need to pack a suitcase and grab a shower. Heading to Buffalo to attend Ruth and Dennis 50th anniversary. Wow!

September 7 2016

We did the Y early. Mary did yoga and I did 15min on the elliptical and 30 on the treadmill. I was OK with 30 on the treadmill cause it wasn't as elevated as usual. I should use that treadmill more often! After showers, I was off to the retiree lunch and Mary to bowling. She did OK. Batcher was brought once again by his son which was nice. He seems to enjoy the food and the change of pace.

We have an interesting evening with the kids. We watch the little ones and have to get Z to bed on time for school tomorrow. Jenna will be with us as Carolyn Don and Jacob are going to the Indians game. When Wes gets home we will take Jenna home and she can hit the sack till they get home from the game.

September 6 2016

We went to the Y at 10am. Saw Wes and Kalix (her first day of pre-school). She looked adorable. Anyway, we decided to try strength training class since Mary needs to do weight bearing exercises and I haven't done much in that area.

Wow! Other than weak arms not being able to do more than 4 pushups, no balance, and cramping thighs, it went well for me. The aerobic stuff I usually do is good for the heart and legs but all the other muscles are toast. I guess I will continue to go Tuesdays for this. The whole class is women except for me. We are up near the upper edge of those taking the class but there are other seniors in there.

Hit 90 again today. Stayed in till the sun was setting and it was cooling off.

September 5 2016

Labor Day! We went to the Y this morning. When I got back I cleaned the windows in

both cars. Don't recall when I did that last. Could be 2? years. Driving in the morning, you could see the film on the windows. Cleaning them should help.

We went over to get the long table from Carolyn's. Mary and Ginny will need it for their sewing activities when we get back from Buffalo next Monday. I washed it off and set it up in the sewing room.

September 4 2016

We did the neighborhood walk this morning. Nice day 60ish to start. Went to Macys and Kohls for womens tops and bras. Cashed in some gift cards and free Kohls cash. Nice dinner at Panda Express and shopped at Acme for food. Picked up an outdoor pot from Ollies.

Jacob and Jenna came over 6ish while Carolyn and Don went to a party. I gave Jacob some lessons on sine cosine and tangent. I was shocked that I still remembered that stuff.

September 3 2016

I was off to Jacob's XC meet while Mary was helping at church with a funeral. Jacob was feeling better and took 50 seconds off last week's time. He was 38th and 4th on the team. He came over later after resting and did my mowing and Pet's lawn as well.

September 2 2016

Another beautiful cool day. I was on today shooting 40-38 =78 at Sable Creek. Seven over with 2 unexpected birdies. Had reasonable chances on 4 others and just missed. One was a long putt I might have made once out of 100 tries. The other was an almost eagle chipping to 2 " or so from the cup on a par 5.

The new mower arrived and I went to it. Cut 1/2 the front and it stalled out and kept stalling. Sears will send a new one but it will be 3 weeks. Yikes.

September 1 2016

Nice day with cool down. Played Paradise Lakes against my better judgment. Was an up and down day. One birdie and one 9. There were lots of roots here and there that messed up some of my shots. Plus they have a few insane holes. It has been a long time since I played there. They really fixed up the cart paths, tees, and landscapes. Never the less, I won't be back.

Sears finally called. Mower will be delivered tomorrow.

August 31 2016

Last day of the month. We did the Y this morning. I was slacking. Did 15min on the elliptical but only 20 on the treadmill. I get so bored on the treadmill it is a struggle to do 30min. We went to the fair and had a burger for lunch followed by an apple fritter and fudge. Earlier we split an elephant ear.

We went thru a few of the buildings and watched 3 harness races. They usually have 2yo at the fair as they did today. I was surprised to see Don McKirgan driving a couple he trained. He is 75 now. They use to put the drivers weight in the program but now it is their age. He did win the 3d race.

After we got home, I googled him. Turns out he was paralyzed for some time with a rare something something syndrome and had to learn how to walk again. An old owner buddy gave him a 2yo to train and it ended up a state champion. There was other 60ish drivers I remember from Northfield that were in the sulky today. I guess you can drive for a long time.

August 30 2016

The month flew by; only one more day to go. Got my haircut and then set up the hotel for the wedding in October. Got us and Carolyn a room. She was over later and paid me for it already!

Cooked up a pound of bacon for BLTs. We had them for dinner tonight. They were yummy. Vegetated most of the day and recovered from last weeks golf. Tomorrow the Y and the Stark county fair.

August 29 2016

Played Mayfair today. Went 45-41 and birdied the long par 5 over water. My putt just caught the cup else it would have been 5 foot by the hole. Houle had a rough time of it since it is 5900 yds. He was uncharacteristically mellow today.

Mayfair must be having a rough time. When we left there were only 20 cars in the lot and some were workers.

August 28 2016

Jacob cut the grass early and was done before I went to play in Little Flower's scramble with Matt Schafer. It was a good time. I was hitting 250+drives and we finished at 66. The winner was at 63 and there were 2 others at 65. Close but no cigar, The storm waited till we finished too!

August 27 2016

Today was Jacob's first XC race this year. Unfortunately he has been under the weather with a cold or sinus or allergy this week. He toughed it out and finished 4th for the team not too far out of 3d. Their star, Stu won the race in 16+ and Jacob was in at 18:57. Next race is a week away. He should be over tomorrow to mow.

It was to be 90 today so it was a good day to spend inside, so I did. Was out a bit on and off to weed a bit. Gotta keep up with them dang things.

August 26 2016

Played Tammy Dales today and shot 41-42=83. I was striking the ball fairly well and my short game was a little better. Picked up a birdie with a nice chip and a 4 foot putt. Finally beat John. He went 39 on the front but faded on the back to 47. Bill shot 40 on the back which is wonderful for him.

Mary was doing some more spaghetti sauce and we went to Giant Eagle when she was done. We had to look at the new ankle biter wiener dog Brenda now has. Mary warned me to tighten up my belt. I did but not enough. They dropped while I was at the service desk so I must be on tape. No one was around thankfully. Hope that doesn't show up on the internet somewhere.

August 25 2016

Another hot one. It hit 90 and you could feel it. Played Tammy Hills today and shot 42-42=84. I was striking the ball well but my short game was not up to it. Couple of 3 putts and a 4 putt chapped me. Missed 3 or 4 birdie tries. Playing the Dales tomorrow. Hope I do better around the greens.

Not much else was going on. Too hot to do much outside after golf.

August 24 2016

We did the usual at the Y this morning. Mary had a bowling meeting then we did the fuel perks. We saved \$48 on 30 gallons of fuel. Sweet!

After dinner we watched the kiddies at their place. We watched Disney Jungle Book 1. It was done in 1967, almost 30 years ago. For some reason it just struck me that all the people doing the voices were already dead.

August 23 2016

Another beautiful cool day. We were surprised early with a plant delivery this morning. We had to move some plants to put it into one of the pots, so that took more time. While we were out, Brenda had us take one of her plants so we had to replant that too. While we were at it, I trimmed up the bush. Glad Mary helped cause it was a lot of work. Just think, we use to have 6 bushes to trim.

Mary tried a sauce recipe for spaghetti sauce so we could use up 4 tomatoes. It was good but kind of runny. She added paste to the remaining sauce and it seems much better. Tasted very good but it was a little heavy on the garlic. Sent Wes a txt inquiring about baby's name but got no response.

August 22 2016

Another beautiful cool day. I played Brookledge where I always have trouble with their greens. Couple of them seem like they should be on putt putt courses. Today was no different. I shot 88 and if the greens were more conventional it would have been 5 lower. I pretty much hate these greens.

Went to see Batcher again. Mary came along and Jane was there as well. He is starting to slip. He talked about his heart issues back in 1985 but called it cancer which is wrong. He is getting really thin and you could see he had adult diapers on. He claimed he had no issues with breathing. I guess the lung cancer is moving pretty slow. I wonder if they will have another assessment done?

On the way home we stopped to see baby Parker. He looks great. He was 8lb 4 oz and 22", both on the high side.

August 21 2016

Beautiful cool day and another coming tomorrow. Today we recovered from yesterday. That is about it. Mary was going all of yesterday from 6am to 8pm. We are not spring chickens anymore. Wish us luck in keeping up with Wes and Kaetchen's little 3.

August 20 2016

Baby day. We got the call before 6am and Mary rushed over. Baby came quickly 8 something am. I went over around 7am to help with the kids. We got going to the little doughnut shop and back to our house to play. Then Mary took the kids up to see baby brother. They visited, went out to lunch, then back to visit and were there all day. Back to our house for a few hrs then we met Wes at his house. Mary got the kids in the bath and we dragged ourselves home. Quite a workout for Mary!

I was home after the doughnuts and waited for Jacob to get over and mow my and Pete's lawn. He did a great job as usual.

August 19 2016

Beautiful day. I played at Raintree with the Friday guys. Mel shot 101, John 84, and I had 87 with 1 birdie. It was a very close match all day. I lost it on #8, a 130yd par3 over water. I cut it too close twice. My tee shot hit just short of the bank and my 3d shot hit about a foot over and bounced back in. My 6 against John's 3 was the difference in the scores. Also missed two short putts. Played well though except for those missteps.

No calls for baby yet. Time marches on.

August 18 2016

Beautiful day. I played at Chenoweth with the Lockheed guys, teamed with Jim Hogan. He conquered his demons there and made it over all 4 water hazards. We lost the front by one, then dominated the back by 6. With my cut finger I had a rough start. An OB right off the bat. I had 2 7s and an 8 on the front to shoot 47, but came roaring back for a 38 on the back, with a birdie on the last hole. The tees were short at only 5200yds. Hoping for a better start tomorrow.

August 17 2016

Not a bad day, overcast and not so blazing hot. The cherry juice seemed to help. I was still up a lot but groggy and wanting to go back to sleep. Jacob was going to be here early so I got up and got to the Y at 6:30 and was back before he got here. We made some cardboard stuff for Zander to play with.

I decided to have him help with some garage shelving. We went to HH and picked up some brackets and he stopped to buy a silver chain. He said he liked the one Joey had when he was here from Buffalo. We found just the right one at the right price so I lent him the money to buy it. Cut my finger good carving watermelon. Mary had warned me.

After lunch we put up shelving. I did the first bracket or two and let him do the other 4. He stacked wood on the top and bottles and stuff on the second.

August 16 2016

Not a bad day, lots of rain off and on. We went to Giant Eagle to find the magic tart cherry juice that promotes sleeping. Found some 32 oz bottles for \$5.50 and snapped them up. Our Fireworks grass plant arrived. It took us an hour or so to plant it, We had to move some stuff around to give it a 2ft circle it needed. It looked green but it should turn a nice reddish orange once it gets growing.

I tried some juice at lunch and was dozing off during the news so maybe it will work its magic. I will let you know tomorrow. I was thinking of selling my records on ebay but I don't have a player to try them out.

August 15 2016

A little cooler but sticky. We did the Y and I was soaking wet when I got done. On top of that, I had to go back cause I left my glasses there. Got to looking at mowers online again and thought I would check consumer reports on the Poulen 17hp 42 inch deck I was thinking of buying. They showed Sears had a better rated one. Checked with Kmart (Sears) and they had it \$300 off with only \$25 to drag the old mower away. Done deal.

Took awhile to order it. Both Mary's and my CC didn't work. Ah ha! Chase declined them as unusual charges and after I responded that it was OK, I had to reorder. They should deliver it Sept 2. Got a curious email saying they were going to check with Mary but didn't see anything nor got any phone calls.

Skipped golf this morning because radar showed storms coming thru. Not sure if anyone played.

August 14 2016

Yet another sunny blazing hot day with high humidity. Rechecked the mower and it is indeed a locked up transmission. RIP old warrior.

Spent morning getting ready for cookout at 2pm. It went well. Good thing we did it this week as Steve III and dad leave for Miami Ohio next weekend. Kaetchen looked uncomfortable the whole time weighted down with baby boy. Tough to sit, tough to stand; tough to do much at all at this late date. She didn't eat much - no room for food. It's time even though there are 10 days left.

August 13 2016

Yet another sunny blazing hot day with high humidity. Spent the morning pulling small tree shoots and getting ready for some Jacob mowing. He was way late due to mix ups with his medical papers for school. The XC guys said he was good to go but the school needed something else. He got over and cut Pete's late and then started mine. We were worried about the storm coming thru so he did the front first. Good thing, as the rains came when he was about 1/2 done.

As he was hightailing it back to the garage as it started pouring, he threw it into 5th gear and at first look, blew out the transmission. We had to lift the back wheels to push it to the driveway cause the wheels are locked up. The engine runs but it wont go into gear. I will give it a look tomorrow but I think it is toast.

The old warrior was fixed 4 and then 2 years ago. They shook their heads when I said fix it. The old warrior has been around since 1999. Quite a stint. We should have a ceremony or something for it, eh? I started looking at the John Deere and the Cub Cadets then thought I always have had a cheap MTD and they did the job fine. Can save at least \$600 going cheap.

August 12 2016

Another sunny blazing hot day with high humidity. Glad John T took my place for golf. We went to the Y this am. I dogged it doing 15min on the elliptical but only 15 on the treadmill. Guess I am tired of the humidity.

Went and picked up the dryer parts at Walmart. Mary was out watching the kids for an hour so I tried to do it myself. Big mistake to tackle a job without an assistant with more hands. I immediately dropped the thermal fuse and bracket to the bottom of the dryer. Had to take off the front door of the dryer to find the part. It was easier than I thought and we cleaned all the lint from inside the bottom of the dryer. Thank you Youtube!

August 11 2016

Another blazing hot day with high humidity. Played the Legends with the Thursday group. Been 15+ years since I played there. It was one of the first links type courses built around here and we always played there till they messed it up. Instead of adding another 18, they chopped it up and made a mess of it, crafting 36 out of a mix of old and new. There are cart rides of 1/4 mile between some of the tees.

It was not the course to play in the heat. No shade anywhere on the course. I played well but was toast the last 3 or 4 holes due to the heat. Went 42-43 for an 85. I had 5

birdie ops and made 1, lipped out on another, and 1 went right over the edge without even peeking in. Oh well.

The guys stopped at Ferraro's for food. I think I got a plate of bad slaw, cause I exploded when I got home. Like I took a Dulcolax or something. I could have gone right in for a colonoscopy. John T called about tomorrow's golf. He told me he was out 2 weeks so I was not expecting him. I told him to take my slot as I had had enough heat this week and I had this slaw issue I was dealing with. Win-win!

August 10 2016

Another hot one. We did the Y this am. Mary to yoga and I to the machines. I did my usual 15mins and 30mins on machines with a fan overhead. Doctor looked at my leg swelling and thinks it is just a bruise and it should go away soon. Come back if it gets worse he said. Scored some \$1.93 gas on the way home.

Heading over to Wes' shortly. They are going to do the trivia again tonight. We will start the kids to bed and they should be there 8:45 ish.

August 9 2016

Another hot one with 3 more scheduled this week. The dryer was dead last night when we tried to use it again. Turns out the thermal fuse AND thermal regulator need to be a matched pair and purchased in a kit. Apparently the old thermal fuse didn't match up with the new thermal regulator I bought. Ordered the pair thru Walmart and temporarily shorted the fuse out so we could use the dryer till then. Just need to keep an eye on it.

Ordered a couple more plants we saw at Kingwood and pattered around the rest of the day. Happy Birthday Wes!

August 8 2016

Very nice day. We played Pleasant View down Louisville way. We played the white at 5900 since the red tees were only 4900 yds. It was a long 5900 with some long uphill holes adding to the difficulty. I was hitting 4 and 5 irons all day long. Too many look ups doomed me to an 89. Never had a reasonable birdie chance.

I got back and Wes was on his way over. I had asked him when he was coming over for his birthday BLTs now that we have tomatoes on the vine. Guess today was the day. We played with the kids till 6 ish before they left. Mary is off to Red Hats.

Oh yeah, the dryer parts came and I fixed it so we can do wash again. I was a bit ticked as I paid extra for 2 day shipping that took 5 days. I ordered Wednesday thinking I would get it Friday. They didn't get it to Fed-ex till Thursday and the 2 day ship didn't include weekends. I complained and they basically said I must not have read the fine print.

August 7 2016

Another comfortable day! Slept in till almost 7am. We were off to Mansfield by 8am to go to Kingwood Garden Center. We were the first ones there at 9:15am. We spent about 2 and a half hours and walked the complex. Jotted down a few plants we liked. One was a ground cover, another a grass, and the other two were flowers (blue and orange). The Mansion was not available till 2 pm which was a long way away so we headed home and planned to stop at the Lodi outlets.

The outlets had a lot of empty store fronts but we did pick up a few things. Back home by 3pm and we planted the annuals we bought at the greenhouse.

August 6 2016

Comfortable day! Slept in till almost 8am, had breakfast, then got busy. I had been waiting for a cooler day to finish weeding and putting down Preen. Got the majority weeded and sprinkled before lunch and watered it down to activate it.

After lunch, I cleaned up the area by the garage. Weeded, cut down the spent flowers. There was a lot to do there. Took me a couple of hours. Don't know how many weed buckets I filled. Hopefully the Preen will keep them down. I ended up using all of the huge bucket of Preen I bought.

Cooked spaghetti while Mary was at church and watched some of the horseracing. Played some chess too. I am up in the mid 1200s now. Seems like I do better playing those in this range as opposed to the 1100 bunch.

Time marches on. Kaetchen is predicting baby will be here within 8 days.

August 5 2016

Another hot one, made it to 90 again. Sounds like a broken record, eh?

Ken Houle send me the Monday handicaps the other day and said he had to go to the hospital for afib where they had to shock him to get it running smooth again. He has been thru stroke and recovery a year or two back. Now chemo and surgery to remove a growth. Been tough for him.

Went to the Y and did the usual again. Mary joined me. We went grocery shopping later around lunchtime. Too hot to do weeding. Tomorrow should be cooler. Maybe I can catch up.

August 4 2016

Another hot one, made it to 90 again. We played Barberton Brookside. I had a bad time of it playing out of the trees and missing 2 short putts on the front 9 shooting 46. Birdied the first par 3 and took double par on the 2nd. Played better on the back with a par and bogey on the two par threes. The hole of the day was #18. I crushed a 250yd

drive and played a pitching wedge from 115 with the pin up front. It hit somewhere around the front and rolled up into the cup for an eagle 2.

Been a long time since I had an eagle in Garrettsville. George was there. He said uh-oh as I chipped my 3d into the cup for an eagle on the par 5 with the green down by the bridge. Did a little gardening after dinner. Mary went over to visit Jake and Jenna while I was golfing.

August 3 2016

Another hot one, made it to 90. We went to the Y. I did 15 on the elliptical and 25min on the treadmill. I get bored on the treadmill before 10min is gone but the TVs keep my interest and keep me going. Got pretty sweaty so I showered and headed to the retiree lunch.

Ken brought his dad to the lunch. He is still in hospice but switched to the one run by AGMC. His hand was shakey and he doesn't move his head very freely bit is still hanging in there. He was happy to get some more boost.

Mary said the dryer wasn't heating. She got me the model number and I found a great site showing the heater part number and even had a video on how to do it. We pulled the dryer apart and I removed the heat coil to check it. Sure enough it was broken. Looked like it was just brittle and broke. Ordered the part with 2 day delivery. Carolyn stopped over and brought me some cable clamps. Put those on as well. Productive day.

August 2 2016

Another hot one. We went to HD and picked up a few things. I got 2 power strips and installed them to free up place to plug. Bought a 25 ft video cable to replace one that was a bit too short. Picked up a vent cover to go under the sink in the kitchen. It was a floor cover but it fit well. I pulled off some old coving, installed the vent cover and put some new coving in.

Also bought some Preen. I was getting a little tired of pulling weeds so I will see hoe this stuff works out. Spent a few hours sprinkling it around after I weeded. I would say I am about 1/3 done so there is a lot to still do.

August 1 2016

Another hot one. I hacked around the front 9 at Goodpark missing every 5 ft putt I had to shoot 47. After two good pars on the back I went 6 of 7 pars for a 3 over 39 to salvage the round. Still did not hit many good shots but was getting it up and down around the greens.

Darrell played just short of 6 weeks from bypass surgery. I had to take a look back and found I waited to see the surgeon before I played so it was 7.5 weeks. He played well and was real happy to be playing again. Welcome back!

Still wondering about my leg. A week ago Saturday I had a large bump on my shin. Thought it was a ding. It has not gone away. Dick thinks it is a bug bite because of the large area it covers. If it continues to bother me I might have to see the doc.

Wes called and wanted to make sure Mary had her bag packed. Although Kaetchen is not due till Aug 24 she is thinking she will be 10 days earlier.

July 31 2016

Slow morning. We walked the neighborhood at 8am and it was getting warm. Picked some weeds. Wes called and we found out the kids would be over soon around lunchtime. He brought spaghetti for all. We had a good time and he picked them up around 5pm I think.

That is it for July. August is next and late this month is 1 yr bypass anniversary Aug 25.

July 30 2016

Lots of aches and pains last night. They went away with the night's sleep. Was thinking of walking this am but radar was iffy on rain. Missed out as it never did rain. Watched the women's British Open all day. Got out and pulled 3 buckets of weeds. I figured 1 bucket a day is needed to keep up. Now I am not sure I didn't underestimate. Somehow I have to find a better way cause I can't be doing this down the road.

Got to cook the spaghetti tonight while Mary goes to church.

July 29 2016t

Nice cloudy morning gave us a another break from the oppressive heat. Played Seven Hills and we finished by 11:30am. Had an up and down round going 44-47. All I needed was a bogey on 18 to shoot 89 fut I hit my 2nd on the edge of the lake. Tried to hit it out and just burred it into the mud. Ended up with a triple 7. The sun cleared and it got hot.

We went to the Uniontown festival at 6:30 and the kiddies had a ball. They must have run through this climbing/slide thing 20 times. The Open office spell check stopped working so I searched for Open Office and found where I fixed it before. Crazy.

July 28 2016

Nice cloudy day gave us a little break from the oppressive heat. Played Mayfair with the Lockheed guys today. Did good shooting 43-41 for an 84. Missed at least 6 make able putts and not by much either. I could have been someone.

Grabbed a haircut and picked some weeds later. Likely go over to Brenda's at dusk and puff some poisen on her hornet nest. Mom's birthday today, Dad's yesterday RIP.

July 27 2016

Another hot one. We went to the Y this morning. I did 15 on the elliptical and 30 on the treadmill. Mary did yoga. I tried a different elliptical today and it was a little harder than the others. Got my oil changed and car washed and picked up some groceries. Picked some weeds before it got too hot, then stayed in.

Trump pulled another beauty today, asking the Russians if they could find Hillary's 3000 emails. What an idiot.

July 26 2016

A little cooler today. Picked weeds today and watched the market. Not much doing these hot days. Did some reading on plantations in Georgetown and found a couple more interesting sites.

I was wondering what makes pee yellow as i was peeing today. From WebMD: Pee is your body's liquid waste, mainly made of water, salt, and chemicals called urea and uric acid. Your kidneys make it when they filter toxins and other bad stuff from your blood. If everything is normal and healthy, the color should be a pale yellow to gold. That hue comes from a pigment your body makes called urochrome.

Urobilin is generated from the degradation of heme, which is first degraded through [biliverdin](#) to [bilirubin](#). Bilirubin is then excreted as bile, which is further degraded by microbes present in the large intestine to urobilinogen. Some of this remains in the large intestine, and its conversion to [stercobilin](#) gives [feces](#) its brown color. Some is reabsorbed into the bloodstream, where it is oxidized to urobilin and eventually excreted by the kidneys, giving urine its yellow color.

Wow it makes your poop brown too! So there you go.

July 25 2016

Another scorcher 5 days going now. We did the Y. Mary joined me for 15min on the elliptical followed by a 30min walk. The walk was steamy as the AC did not seem to be working. I guess I will pass on walking in there till they fix that. It was brutal even before 9am. We picked up my prescription and a couple of donuts afterwards.

Too hot to do anything today. We just stayed in. TV was crummy. The 6pm news had the people talking when their lips were not moving. There was a big lag. I hate that. I was reading my rice plantation book to get ideas of places to visit next Feb in MB. Found an impressive one online that is now a B&B. Not sure if you can visit there. I will work on it.

July 24 2016

Another scorcher. Forgot to mention that the golf gang stopped at George's Friday for ribs, corn, baked beans, and baked potatoes after golf. Yummy. He lost power so we were there for the 1st time his Generac went on and saved him from no power. A

historic event!

Jacob was going to come over and cut grass but he didn't get here early enough and it became unbearably hot. I called it off and pushed it to next week. Pretty much watched golf all day. We finally got rain when a storm passed thru around 1pm.

I uploaded my golf scores to the scores page. That page was not working under Firefox but works under Chrome. I don't like using the Chrome browser as google tracks everything you do. I will use Chrome for the golf page but nothing more.

July 23 2016

Missed yesterday. Was too tired to work on it. We were up at 5:30 to get to Tanglewood for golf. I never got it going, playing from the trees all day due to slicing off the tee. Shot 95. George played well and was the champ for this year.

We then headed to Fowlers Mill and cooled down while having lunch. The were booked but their 3d nine was open. The heat really hit us when we went out. I didn't fare well nor did the others. Just too hot to play.

I am going to stay out of the heat today for sure. The boys were up at 5:30am and off to Carolyn's to pick up Joe by 7am. Might see Jacob for mowing today or tomorrow.

July 21 2016

I must have missed yesterday. Not much went on. We did watch the kiddies at Wes' house while they went to trivia night. They came in 2nd and we had fun with the kids. Today we got ready for the golf visitors, Jim and Jim Jr. They got here around noon. George shot 85, I rallied for an 89 after a just horrible start. Jr. had 93 and Jim had some troubles chipping and was a little over 100. Nice dinner at Carraba's after.

July 19 2016

Not much doing today. We did the neighborhood walk before it got hot. I did some clearing out of spent flowers on and off thru the day. Mary did a little grocery shopping. I exchanged some texts with Jacob regarding the lawn and zucchini bread.

July 18 2016

Time marches on. Seems like July is going quickly. We had a good storm this morning and it cleared out just in time to play golf. I was focused this morning for some reason and shot a 2 over 37 on the front nine. Left one on the lip and lipped out another or I could have been somebody. I held it together for 2 more holes before going double double and threw a couple of 3 putts in on the back to shoot 46. Oh well.

Mary did the Y this morning. We have a couple of good days till it warms up for a couple of scorchers.

July 17 2016

We did the neighborhood walk this morning before things heated up. I pulled some pod tree sprouts for an hr. The kids came over after lunch and we had a good time. We played in the gator garden, ran thru the sprinkler, did PBS kids, watered the flowers, and played with the new toys we bought next door at their garage sale.

The Open was awesome. Stensen whipped Mickelson by shooting 63! Just an awesome round. Phil played very well too but 63 is too much to handle.

July 16 2016

Spent the morning and early afternoon watching the Open from Scotland. Quite a golf course, "short" at 7000yards. I think I would shoot somewhere around 110. I was amazed by Mickelson's stats. He has missed 24 greens and is still 11 under par after 54 holes.

Around 10:30 I took Mary to donate platelets. That took 2 hrs and I watched the Open there. Once finished, we went to Tim's for fish and I watched there. We got home and I watched till 2:30 when it was over.

July 15 2016

Horrible golf today. Was pulling all my putts. Was cracking the tee ball to no avail. On the 7th par 5 I hit a monster drive and 4 hybrid only to land in the par 5 greenside bunker in 2. Ended up with a 7. On the back #14 I almost drove the green but splashed down in the greenside bunker in 1. Ended up with a 5. And so it went for 93 strokes. A full 13 strokes more than yesterday. Pretty sad, eh?

July 14 2016

Nice thunderstorm last night passed thru before golf. Cooled things off nicely. I played OK but scored well. Shot 2 over 38 with 1 penalty stroke on the front thanks to some luck and a good short game. Hooked every iron on the front. Not so lucky on the back. Shot 42 with 1 penalty stroke. Straightened out the irons but missed a lot of putts. Just 1 shy of a 79.

Carolyn was over to borrow my car for her SC trip. I get to drive the junker for a week.

July 13 2016

We did the Y this morning. I did 15 on elliptical and 30min on the treadmill, Mary did yoga. Slow day trying to stay cool. I cut some more spent flowers down but it was steamy.

Did a save files to thumb drive on my laptop. It had been too long at 2+ months. Called about my auqa rug recall and they said they would send one out. Not sure why it was not. Still waiting to finalize condo for Feb. No call yet. Mary paid the billls then went

shopping with Brenda. Carolyn stopped in to borrow a suitcase and that's about it here in Lake Wobegone.

July 12 2016

Tried to stay cool on a hot day. Did some weeding and cut down some spent flowers. Not much else.

Forgot to mention that yesterday I set up the Avista condo for February. Have not closed the deal just yet. Waiting on the owners agent to call. It's about \$200 cheaper than Blue Water Keys. The elevator to the pool is indoor which is nice but the unit is quite a bit smaller.

July 11 2016

Was a nice day but I didn't play well. Three snowmen did me in. Hit many trees to score an 8 on a short par 4, Hit another couple and an OB to get a second, then put 2 in the water to get my third. Four penalty strokes in all for a 91. Lots of cicadas flying around at Wilkshire and lots of dead leaves.

Mary is off to Redhats. I hope she has a good time.

July 10 2016

Thought it was going to be a slow day, then Wes called looking for some clean up the house help. I cut the lawn then helped trim the trees and drag the cuttings to the back. We burned some but the dry pine small stuff went up so fast you could only put a little at a time into the fire. I had to go get the hose quickly to put out the grass fire that started under the pit by a burning stick. We worked for 3 hrs then I needed a shower and lots of drinks. Kaetchen and the kids went to the island. There will be no travel for her during August as she waits for the little one to arrive.

July 9 2016

Was surprised this morning when Carolyn was on her way over with Jacob to do the driveway. I thought he said Sunday. So we dove in and it turned out to be nice weather for it. It took us 2 hrs. I gave Jacob the hard work. Opening the cans and stirring them up. He also slopped it on. I got a new squeegee so we could both do it. It was great to have him helping.

Afterwards, we filled the gator garden. Jacob got me some "logs" for the Army fence and it looks great. The kids will love it. Catherine sent me another gator for the garden and a lawn gator to squirt the kids with. Sweet!

July 8 2016

Sad day with sniper killing 5 police in Dallas. It was another hot one. I played pretty good at Mayfair but my putting let me down, I went 41-47 and finished by missing 4

short putts the last 4 holes. Damn. Mel said JoAnn is doing better which is great.

Did some spraying for weeds and then went to HH to get some stuff for my Gator garden. Not much doing tomorrow.

July 7 2016

Sweltering day. It was a good day to stay indoors so I mostly did. Mary helped me assemble my planter. We had cut up the wood at Carolyn's and we assembled it today. Looks pretty darned good I say. I did go over to HH and pick up some glue I needed and another squeegee for the driveway coating.

Golf at 7:15 tomorrow. Starting early should help with another hot day expected.

July 6 2016

Busy hot day. We went to the Y this morning. I did 15 on the elliptical and 30min on the treadmill. The lady next to me had major BO. The elliptical machines are 4-5 ft apart and I could OMG smell the BO from there. She left and the air cleared up.

From there it was off to the retiree lunch. Jr. brought Batcher and I helped get him in/out of the car and restaurant. He seemed to enjoy his buddies and just being there. Got home and Jacob was doing the lawn. Mary said he fell asleep when he got there. Must have been whipped from XC practice this morning. He did a top notch job!

I did a few weeds and Mary went to watch the kids for a couple of hrs as Wes and Kaetchen went to trivia night at Maize Valley.

July 5 2016

I played pretty darned good at Ellsworth. We played the white at 6000yds but a couple tees were up as they had a good rain yesterday. I went 43-42 for an 85. Not many good irons though but no 3 putts on their treacherous greens. #10 was a classic. 320 yds. I yanked a nasty hook curving into the thick trees OB. Wait wait...clunk. And one and two and back she drops on the edge of the rough. Told everyone i paid a kid to stand in the woods and if i hit in there to throw a ball out. They said next time to tell him to throw it out further. Can't go at the green cause i am blocked out, so i hit a 7 iron to 75 yds. Run a wedge up between the 2 traps to 12 " for par.

Great sausage sandwich there.

July 4 2016

Neighbors were popping the fireworks till 12am. Finally got to sleep. Looking better today but still some to drain. We did our walk this morning and I helped with the cats a bit later on. Neighbor was having a yard sale so we bought a couple of nice items for the kids.

Went over to Carolyn's for steaks later and she helped me cut the wood for my gator garden. Jenna has fairy gardens so I just have to make a gator garden. Found the plans for a planter I can use. It's made out of cedar fence slats and is pretty cheap as far as wood goes.

July 3 2016

Didn't sleep well with boil draining most of the night. Quite a reduction in size and looking much better today. Not very ambitious. Helped Mary with the cats. Later on I went to get the wood for my raised gator garden at HD. Reasonable at \$21 and change. Tried out 5 Guys burgers. Just like outdoor grilled burgers. Fries are fresh and good, although the salt won't be helpful. \$4+ a small burger is a bit steep for us on fixed incomes. Unlikely to go there again.

Hope to sleep better tonight.

July 2 2016

We did the neighborhood walk this morning. Mary fed Wes' cats. I did a little weeding but did not stray far. Over the last 2 weeks I grew a nice boil which is starting to drain so it is a real nuisance. I guess a doctor visit is in my future.

July 1 2016

Wow I played great again at Windmill till the rains came and we tossed in the towel. I shot 6 over 42 on the front with three 3 putts. Then again I did make a couple of nice putts. Jenna's birthday later. OMG she is 12 now. Just amazing.

June 30 2016

Wow did I play great with the Lockheed guys at Turkeyfoot. I hit many great shots and had a couple of birdie chances. Started out going over a couple of greens with the hard ground, I dialed it back a bit and played short most holes and had some nice up and downs. Going long was bad since that often gave you a downhill shot. Went 43-42 for an 85 even though I had four or five 3 putts. I didn't let that bother me since their greens are fast and impossible.

Hope to do similar tomorrow at Windmill Lakes. It might be a rainout though.

June 29 2016

We did the Y. Elliptical for 15min then 30min on the track. We averaged 18min/mile walking 9 and jogging 1. Back home to change and we went for groceries. Did OK on lottery tickets. Won \$33 for \$20 which is not bad. I cleared some grass by the Iris that had grown into them. Took out about 6 inches of grass. Not much else going on. Nice cool day today.

Tomorrow I golf Turkeyfoot while Mary takes Jenna shopping for her birthday gifts.

June 28 2016

Not much happened today. We did the 1.8mi neighborhood walk this morning, then I got a haircut. Tony was out with hernia surgery and is working half days to get back. Pulled a couple of buckets of weeds but not much else. Mary helped with a funeral and got back around 3:30. Guess we will grocery shop tomorrow after the Y.

June 27 2016

Wow. I am back! Eight over 80 with no birdies at Tannenhauf. Could have been 79 except for taking a 7 with a 3 putt late in the round. Made quite a few 4 footers by making sure I did not baby them. Back of the cup was my theme. Too hot to do anything else, so I didn't. Not sure I can do that at the next round. Turkeyfoot has fast greens.

June 26 2016

Jacob came over to mow Pete's and our lawn. He did not get started till noon because they got in late last night from their vacation trip. Mary went on the Lake historical tour and was gone till 6:30. I took Jacob home and pulled many many weeds today. Gonna need a shower for sure.

June 25 2016

Did the blog last night but either forgot to publish or the stupid site failed me. Quiet day. I re-caulked the entryway. The caulk had gotten pretty dirty from the winters. I hope this lasts a bit longer. Also got out the paint and touched up all the dings on the stairway. Did the railings too. I was worried that the touch up would show. I can't see it but maybe others can. In either case, it looks better than it did.

Did some weeds and pulled all the new locust sprouts that were growing. I am sure I will have to do so again. Next up is cook a couple of burgers for when Mary gets back from church.

June 24 2016

We played early and it was very pleasant. I had a break thru round 41 41=82 and its about time! After 2 pars and a birdie on the front, I had 4 pars and a birdie on the back with 2 chipped in. What a wonderful feeling. I had 1 OB and took a triple 7 but no doubles. Mel played. It was probably good to get his mind off JoAnn's depression issues. She started new meds yesterday which should help.

Saw Pete when I was getting home. He brought over mowing money for Jacob Sunday. The kids came over and stayed till 7:30. We watched Planes Fire Rescue or something like that. Snapped a couple of good pictures.

June 23 2016

Mary poked me this morning in bed and asked what time I was leaving. 7Am I said. She said it was 7. Oops. Jumped out of bed and got out the door by 7:15 and was at the course 5min early. Played good the first couple of holes then it was up and down and then just down. We had a light rain starting on #7 and it never let up.

My short game is in shambles. I 3 putted 3 straight. 12 foot putts were going 6 foot by the hole. Chipping was almost as bad. I finished the last4 with 8 7 4 6, 8 over for 4 holes. Score was 46-50. Pitiful.

Dried out when I got home. Caught chippy 5 and it was off to the stadium.

June 22 2016

Wasted my time and money going to dermo doc. He said I looked good and to stay with the same meds. On the plus side Stricklands had Orange Pineapple. Dug a bucket of weeds and sprayed some. I think I could do a bucket a day forever.

Carloyn cut her foot on some broken glass on the Bonaire beach but is ok and it is not slowing her down any. That is a relief. Pete is back from Italy and is heading to lake Erie Saturday.

LeBron and the Cavs had a parade and party today in Cleveland. 1,3 million attended. Holy cow!

June 21 2016

Rested my weary golfing bones today. I put the solar shield film on the glass for the table we bought for the guest room. It looks ok and the glass looks like it is smoked glass which is what I was looking for. I also ordered a clever sign for the guest room. You will just have to come and see it. I did some grocery shopping to get some no salt turkey for lunch.

In the afternoon, I did my 1 bucket of weeds and watered the plants. Carolyn emailed from Bonaire that they were doing 2 dives a day. Glad to hear from her. It is a tiny island off the coast of Venezuela.

June 20 2016

Back from Buffalo. We had a great time with family. Played golf 3 rounds with jim, jim jr. and george. We all scored fairly poorly and the rounds were close. I had 92 94 94. Then this morning I played 9 with Dennis and he played pretty well. Beat me the last 2 holes even.

Great weather and family gatherings in the evening. It was really nice. Jim Jr was his self, George too, Jim seems a bit more forgetful. Jim and Cris have done a lot outdoors and it looks impressive. Must have spent \$\$\$\$. Ruth/Dennis/Dave/ Kim all were their usual selves.

LeBron pulled it off, eh? Coming from 2 games down to win the last 3. Long may King

James rule the courts.

No Blog till June20 ish – Golfing in Buffalo area

June 16 2016

Very stormy day off and on. 8Am and 2pm were the worst. It's been so dry the land sucked up the water. I picked up Jacob at 9am and he mowed mine and Pete's between the two storms. Pete is in Italy for another week and Jacob will be on a family vacation to scuba dive for a week.

I went and got the fuel perks gas and saved \$60. We packed up this evening and will head to Buffalo for LOTS of golf. No blog till we get back.

June 15 2016

I forgot to mention yesterday started out with our neighborhood 35 min walk. I felt it today at the Y. Did 15min on the elliptical and my legs pooped out on the treadmill after 12min. Rough start to the day. After a bit of rest, pulled weeds and thinned out the mums. The mums had spread out pretty good so we reignited them in.

The kids came over at 2:30 and stayed till around 6:30. They had a good time.

June 14 2016

A quiet anniversary, #47 today. Three more years will make it 50. We celebrated by eating dinner at the Bistro in Oakwood Square. I was never sure I would be around but my bypass give me a great chance to be there. Time flies when your having fun.

We made a quick trip to Walmart this morning to pick up the other 2 rug runners for the guest room. I picked some weeds but not much after that all day. I was right again about the Cavs. Watched the first half and they had 4 players making baskets so I figured them to win. Next game is tomorrow and they have to win that one as well.

June 13 2016

We went to the Y today. I was surprised my heart rate got up past 120 then I remembered I had not taken any pills this morning.

After Mary got back, we went up to the flea market and were lucky enough to find a table we could use as a nightstand in the refurbished guest room. It had a piece of glass in it, but I figure it previously had smoked glass on it. What you could see under it was not stained, so I figured previously you couldn't see thru it. I looked up some tinting paper for cars and am considering getting that.

We also found little bird and took him home for \$1. Bought some peaches too and a flinky that spun in the wind. Mary is off to Red Hats tonight. Tomorrow is our 47th anniversary.

June 12 2016

We headed out to shop today. Looked at rugs and picked up a runner for the guest room just to see how it worked out. We liked it. Some kind of rug is needed to keep your feet warm as the floor is on top of concrete. It's a choice between a big rug that goes from the wall to the dresser or 3 runners. Looks like we will go with 3 runners.

Watched the LPGA and Brook Henderson, 18 years old won the playoff. She hit a 5 iron from 169 yds out to about 2 feet to win with a birdie. I was thinking I could hit a large bucket from there and not get that close. Damn.

June 11 2016

We went to the fun run and watched the little ones run the track. They had fun. I was surprised to see Wes' 1600m record still on the board at 418.36. Kernell ran a 418.03 but maybe it was not FAT (automated timing). Or perhaps it was kept since it was in the state finals at Ohio State while Kernell ran 4:21 in the state meet?

Not much else doing. I lost watching the Belmont. I should have known better. Also pulled a few weeds and cooked dinner while Mary was off to church. Not much planned next week as Monday golf is off and Thursday golf is an early tee time at a poor course so I will skip that.

June 10 2016

Busy day. Friday golf was at Maplecrest. I shot an 87, 2 strokes higher than yesterday. Bummer. I hit the ball well, but had 3-4 lookups and my short game is still off. It is frustrating to be just off the green and just come up with a bogey. Anyway, at least I had my chances.

Jacob had the lawn cut when I got home. Then the crowd came over to use Nancy's pool while she was on vacation. Pizza was picked up and the kids had a ball over there. Quite a workout.

June 9 2016

Cavs won last night. I can watch the 1Q and tell who is going to win. I was right once again. Cavs are down 2-1; 4 wins is what they need to be champs.

Played with the Lockheed guys at Maplecrest today. I was hitting a lot of good shots and could have been somebody. Misfires put me in the trees on 15 and 16 leading to my first 2 double bogeys. Then I missed short putts on 17 and 18. Even then, shot 40-45 = 85. Could have shot 79 with a little better play.

The course was in good shape. In the past it had spectacular flower beds all over the course. They are in the process of selling for housing and have sprayed all the flower beds with grass and weed killer. How sad.

June 8 2016

Busy day that was a bit chilly. We did the Y this morning. I did 15min on the elliptical, 10 on the bike, then 30min walking the track. Ran one extra lap too.

Got the paint touch up done and we moved all the furniture back in. Put away all the tools, paint and cleaned up. Did a baseboard spray for bugs and pulled some weeds. Mary paid the bills online and we called it a day. Sure was chilly today.

June 7 2016

Kind of cool today. We got the baseboards caulked. I sent Mary to HH to pick up some caulk. I used some a week back but it wasn't coming out of the tube very good, so a new tube makes it easier.

We went and picked up Mary's Pegasus Farm winnings. Wow, there are about 20 books in a nice basket. From there we did our grocery shopping. Pulled a bucket of weeds later on. Guess I should be filling a bucket a day to keep up.

June 6 2016

Nice day once again. I had a good round at Fox Den. I had 3 birdies and the other 5 players had another 5. Quite amazing. My second 2 were legit. The first one was a hacked chip that somehow ended up 1 foot from the cup. I had some great shots and some ugly ones. The good outweighed the bad and I shot an 85.

The kids were at home when I got back so I took them out to pick strawberries. Kalix took them home with her.

June 5 2016

Started the floor at 9am and finished up at 2:30pm. Carolyn and Mary helped. It is much easier to put the plank floors together but doing a whole row and then adding the whole row at once. It takes three to do that. Carolyn did all of the cutting. We had to cut the planks on each end and make lengthwise cuts along the front and back walls.

Once the floor was in, Mary and I put in the baseboards. Tuesday I will caulk them and do paint touch up. Wednesday, the furniture goes back in. After a good rest, we dined at Grinders and called it a night.

June 4 2016

We put up the new window shades after getting the correct brackets from HH. Gave the floor a sweep and got everything ready for flooring tomorrow. Mary went to Pegasus Farms with Wes' family and had fun. I puttered around, touched up some paint till dinnertime. Mary picked up some pizza for tonight.

June 3 2016

Still great weather. Hacked it around Chenoweth today shooting 47-44 with one birdie. The 2 OB and 1 water ball did not help. Had some great shots and some very ugly ones. Mel emailed at 3am and said he would not play. Hope all is well.

Email from Jane said her back surgery went well. Jacob was over to mow here and next door.

June 2 2016

Played Ellsworth with the Lockheed guys. Went 46-41=87. The back nine was without a doubt the best 9 holes I played since the bypass. I seemed to know what I was doing. The takeaway is to follow through towards the hole with the swing. I had a nice smooth swing as well. If I can only duplicate that tomorrow. I wish.

The kids were over and had a ball with the pool and the hose.

June 1 2016

OMG I had to fix Open Office again last night. Thankfully, I wrote about it in my blog last year and that gave me hints. The Word documents all looked like every work is misspelled. Just in case it happens again. Go to C: users bob appdata roaming openoffice 4 user and rename it user.old Next time you open a document it creates a new user profile and the issue is fixed. Intuitive, eh? Hell no.

Did the Y this morning. I took it easy today with 15 min on elliptical and 15 on the treadmill. Rested a bit, then headed off to the retirement lunch. John R's limp was corrected with surgery. They shaved a little bit off a disc that was bothering his nerve. Talked with Tuma, John T, and Ted Isler.

Got the 2nd white coat on the door and window frames. Good to go with the floor, although it is very difficult to cut. I sure hope the jig saw can cut it. Also ordered Robin's shower gift so we can take it for Father's day.

May 31 2016

Got the door and window frame caulked. Give it a day to dry then paint tomorrow. Sat down and figured out how to lay in the planks. Will have 3 spare to cover screw ups. Not sure how to trim them. The tin snips were a rough go. Maybe the jig saw?

Tried to get a haircut but Tony is in the hospital and they are closed said the sign. I found a shop in North Canton to do it. A hefty woman and her hefty daughter are the barbers. The cut didn't look too bad.

From there, I headed to the eye doctor to recheck my prescription. Turns out they had a sign wrong so i needed a new lens. I dropped them off at Fisher Optical so they could fix them. Not much went on after lunch. Wes had a scare. He got something in

his eye while mowing and thought he might need a ride to somewhere to get it out but he indeed was able to flush it out himself after some difficulty.

May 30 2016

Great weather day for Memorial Day. I played Windmill Lakes with George, Dick, and Kirk. The bucket I hit yesterday sure helped. I hit a lot of balls solid as in the past. Had 3 pars there and that is pretty difficult for me at Windmill. Kirk and Dick shot 97. George eeked out a win by 1 stroke shooting a 92 to my 93. Three water balls did me in.

The kids and Kaetchen came over after and they had a good time playing here.

May 29 2016

Another great weather day for Memorial Day weekend. Started the painting early and was finished the second coat by 9:30am. It looks great. I did a good job mudding. Only missed a few spots that were noticable.

Hit a bucket of balls to see if I could improve my swing. I found I hit it pretty solid keeping my head still, Still got a lot of hooks and pushes but hits were solid. Maybe 4 swings were too long breaking the elbow down. I guess I will have to focus on those 2 swing tips tomorrow for a start.

We went to Macy's and BB&B to pick up Robin's shower list, dined at Rockne's, and picked up some groceries.

May 28 2016

Another great weather day for Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to all who served. Got started early painting the guest room. Mary went to HH and we forgot about the weekend traffic. She said it was like a zoo over there.

We took a route away from the traffic to pick up another gallon of paint. There was only 1/3 of a can left for the 2nd coat and I want to put that on tomorrow. Picked up more paint and visited Stricklands for our ice cream treat.

May 27 2016

Another great weather day. Played at Oak Knolls with the Friday guys this morning and went 53-45=98. How could I be so bad? I crushed many of my drives but thats all I could do. Everything else was off including 6 penalty strokes. Mel crushed me shooting 87. Twas a sad day.

The kids were over when I got home. They were in the pool when I went to get Jacob to mow Pete's and my lawn. We had fun with the kids as Jacob mowed from 3:30 to 6pm. His work really looks professional now and he takes pride in it.

May 26 2016

Another good day. Played at Ridgetop with the Lockheed guys this morning and went 44-44=88. It was great to break 90 for a change but the course was pretty short. They made up for it by having pro type greens that were nasty. I had several 3 putts but putted them better than I did last year. We were followed by a USGA group reviewing the course handicaps. I got an applause when I sank a birdie putt.

I ordered pizza after the round and brought most of it home for Mary. The kids are over tomorrow, but oops, they only like it with cheese.

May 25 2016

Another good one. We did the Y this morning. I did 15min on the elliptical and 30min on the treadmill. Pulled some more weeds and worked on the island by the corner. So far this week I have 1/2 filled the bucket. Major weed pulling/digging.

Mary got some more paint swatches and we narrowed it down. Hope to have paint by Saturday.

May 24 2016

Another nice day. Barber had surgery so was closed. I went to pick up my glasses and wow. It is like 3D wearing them. Not sure these will work out. Pulled a bunch of weeds today. Nice and sunny.

May 23 2016

Really nice Monday. We played Goodpark today. I had another up and down 90 score. Some great shots and some ugly ones. On the 9th, one of the group in front of us just dropped like a rock. We don't think he was breathing when they took him to the bus. Finishing life on the course isn't a bad way to go.

Jacob was over to mow and I pulled some weeds.

May 22 2016

Pretty nice Sunday. We cut the baseboards and Mary painted them up. I pulled some weeds and staked some iris that looked like they were about to bloom. Later on we went and picked up some paint swatches and dined an early dinner at the winking lizard close by near Walsh. Going to veg the rest of the day.

May 21 2016

Crappy day today with gray skies and rain off and on. We got moving early. I painted the primer on my mudded walls and it looks pretty darn good. Also put up a new LED ceiling fixture. The prices have come down nicely. This 11 inch one was \$39 at HD. I also changed out the light switch both with the help of my able assistant Mary.

I considered doing a quiet ceiling fan but I don't want to shell out \$300 right now. Maybe next year if things go well. I need to replace the fan in the Perry Como room too; as it is very noisy. That one comes first.

Made another trip to HD to pick up some paint liners, a new cold air return grate, and about 16 foot of baseboard I needed. I had 36 foot of baseboard left over from before but I needed another walls worth. I guess we might cut and paint the baseboards tomorrow. Need to decide on a wall color and get that paint.

I played the Preakness races but did not do well. I hit yesterday using one of the TVG analysts pick 6 tickets. He almost did it again today but missed one race.

May 20 2016

Another beautiful day. I had an up and down round at Mayfair shooting 43-47. I hooked a couple into trouble on the back nine. I hit three huge drives leaving me in no man's land of 50-70 yards with a tough short shot. I took bogey on all of them.

Jacob was over to do Pete's lawn and Brenda got her new used mower delivered. This weekend should be busy putting primer on and doing a little electrical on the down guest room.

May 19 2016

It was a good golf day. I did not play well but I had my moments. I shot 49-44=93 with a very poor start on both nines. Concentration should help. I will try that tomorrow.

Not all good plans work out. I guess mine was a bad plan. I tried to pay off my HD credit card for the flooring I bought. I had about \$200 from credit card points and I bought another \$250 at Giant Eagle to get fuel perks. Good plan? Nope.

The girl at the desk said I could not use gift cards for that. I got home and worked my way to the 3d support person who said I need to take the receipt in, have them return the item, and re-ring it up and pay with gift cards. Not so bad, just another trip to the store. Unfortunately, returning the item and taking it off my credit card invalidated my 10% discount I got for putting it on the CC. Oh well, I was sitting on \$450 in cards with no other projects planned, so I opted to use the cards and lost about \$60 in discounts. It would have taken me a long time to use up those cards there. As a final insult, I lost 10min waiting for a traffic accident.

May 18 2016

I was busy today. Went to the Y. I did 16min on the elliptical and then 15min on the treadmill. I cut it short cause they were planning a fire drill along with the school.

Got home and got to work on the sanding the down guest room. I was tired after doing the first of 4 walls but somehow managed to finish around 3 hours later. Now I need a trip to HD to get the primer.

After a shower, I did my Wednesday mowing. Phew, now I am worn out.

May 17 2016

Crappy day. Looked like rain most of the day but nothing yet. Went to the dentist at 11:15 and the filling went very quick. I was going to go to HD but I forgot my gift cards. Vegged out the rest of the day.

May 16 2016

Busy day. We played Oak Knolls this morning. After 2 holes things warmed up and taking my jacket off allowed me to turn better. I was forcing a longer backswing which broke down my stiff elbow resulting on hacked shots. I played well after that and went 44-43=87. Could have been lower by 4-5 shots.

I got back and grabbed a shower and then left for Stow to see Batcher. Mary watched the kids and had a ball with them. They didn't want to go home when Kaetchen came to get them. Batcher was the most alert I have ever seen him since he went into hospice. Silvia said Jr gets him up more often and he never turns down pizza. I think he will be around several more months. Jane and I went to Parrisons afterwards. I had pizza.

May 15 2016

Pretty much a veggie day for me. Mary and Ruth went to church and cooked up potato salad to go with tonight's fish. Dennis was trying to get Ruth's computer set up on windows 10 most of the day. I was vegging.

Jacob came over to do his 3 lawn trick. Quite a task in the 45 degree, windy, occasionally sleeting day. What a trouper!

I have a busy and loooong day tomorrow. Golf, stop and see Stevie, then see Batcher at 4:30

May 14 2016

Ruth and Dennis are visiting. They got here around 3pm and will stay till Monday am. It's been a long time since they were here last with both of us making so many hospital visits.

May 13 2016

Oh did I play bad today. Went 47-48 at Barberton Brookside. Many look ups, poor putting, and bad decisions were the order of the day. John T had a stellar 2 over 39 on the front nine. I just got to get to the range.

We went to early dinner with the Davis' at Twisted Olive. They go there often and basically dine on the happy hour starters. I had the pizza and Mary had a salad. We

had a good time.

May 12 2016

We lucked out today at golf. Storm passed to our northwest. Guys wife called and said she was rained out and we were fine. I had a so so day with just a few good shots and only a couple of pars. Went 45-47 but my team won 2\$ each and I got 2 more for low net 2nd place.

We had lunch at Grinders and I stopped and ordered new glasses. Got home to help watch the kids till around 6pm making it a long day.

May 11 2016

Went to the eye dr. He said I was all healed up and good to go. I got a prescription for glasses and will use my old frames to keep the cost down. Fixed income don't you know. I hid out most of the day with curtains closed as the eye dilation lasts a long time. Don't want any part of brightness after that.

After dinner I cut most of the lawn. Left the front and left side uncut cause I was out of gas and running on fumes.

May 10 2016

Another busy day. I had an appt with Dirmo doc. His old group went bankrupt and he is on with a new group now. I asked about it and he said the dr that started the group died and when they opened the books, it showed some of the doctors had not been paid all they were due. They went after the money and the widow declared the practice bankrupt. I said maybe she was related to Trump and the nurse laughed. Doc said she was much more slimy.

I got home and did some mudding touch up and we went to the JV Fedral league meet to see Jacob run. He improved a tad to 5:10 1600m and 11:34 3200m. He has some work to do. If he keeps that same pace for a 5K he would be at 18 minutes. He likely needs to be mid 17 min to help his XC team.

May 9 2016

Busy day. We went to the Y this morning. I did 16 min on the elliptical and 16 on the treadmill. Headed home and got out the mud for the down guest room walls. Started a little after 9am and finished about 1pm. That tray of mud gets heavy after awhile.

Mel came over early before the Y at 7:15ish to give me my P wedge since he knows I play Mondays. I must have stuck it in his bag Friday.

Little did he know I passed up Chippawa like I have been doing for the past year. I hate the 3 holes on the back nine with the very sloped greens. I was in a league there for a few years in a Cisco league and always hated those holes. The breaking point was my

last round there where I was on the #14 green in 2 and picked up after 8.

Mary is doing Red Hats tonight, so I will have some leftovers.

May 8 2016

Mothers Day today. Mothers are truly amazing. They go through much in birthing, then offer you a lifetime of care, love, and help. All the while worrying about you pretty much forever. May they all have a great 2016.

We had a family outing at Carolyn's for Mothers Day. I am truly blessed with great family.

May 7 2016

Busy day. I was up early and we got right to pulling up the padding in the down guest room. Then I pulled the tack strips and loaded up the dumpster for Monday.

Jacob came over for a mowing marathon. I had cut 2/3 of the back and he jumped in and finished it. He then did Pete's, weed whacked, and then Brenda's. He was working from noon till 5pm and made \$55.

When he got here he brought the floor scrubber. We spent a couple of hours scrubbing the down guestroom floor of all the old dried up blackwater. Gives me the creeps to think about it. We cleaned up the equipment and then showered and tossed all the clothes in the wash.

The favorite won the Derby. First time in a long time I did not wager on it, cause all I ever do is lose. I saw at least one horse that might keep him from the triple crown. On an interesting note this was Derby #142. Perhaps I have seen 50 or so of them? !42 is a long time, eh?

May 6 2016

Twas a nice day for golf. A bit chilly first off. We played Tammy Hills poorly today. I went 43-49 for 92. Somehow I can't seem to keep it going. Too many look ups. Everyone was doing it today. When I kept my head down I had some pretty nice chips. Good to see that coming around!

May 5 2016

The rain cleared out for golf this morning. I played like crap. Raintree is 6300 from the whites, much too long for the soft ground. I played it in 52-47 with just one par. Lots of looking up today. Hopefully I will play better tomorrow.

May 4 2016

Went to the Y and did 16 min on the elliptical and 20 on the treadmill. Next up was the

retiree lunch, where I sat next to Tuma and Stoner. Tuma was surprised about Batcher's status since he had been being treated for some skin cells and had missed a few weeks. Hujar stopped me and said a mutual friend George Feltovich said hi. George was Jerry Betts (RIP) golf partner back in the day. I was just a kid back then.

Got the lawn mowed and it was thick, last mowed Friday 5 days ago.

May 3 2016

Busy day. Got a haircut first thing, then we went to our dental cleaning. I need 1 appointment, Mary 0. We stopped for ice cream on the way home and then had the kids till 6pm. Pizza ia on the way.

May 2 2016

Chiily 55-58 most of the golf round in heavy overcast. Shorts were a bad idea but I was mostly OK. Shot a very nice 40 front nine at Sanctuary. We replayed the front because the back nine was closed for wetness. Was on track for a nice score till I dumped one in the creek and hit one OB on 16 and 17. Missed a short put on 18 for a 45. I could have been a contender.

My short game improved for 2 reasons: went back to my old lob wedge; used a claw putting grip. I am not sure the claw will hold up where there are slow greens. Dentist and the kids, perhaps a haircut as well tomorrow.

May 1 2016

April was mostly ugly weather with a few good days thrown in. Lets hope this month will be better. Carolyn met me at HD to pick up the flooring for the guest room. Foggy, misty, and high humidity. I picked up new receptacles for the room. Put in 2 USB on each side of where the bed will go and 2 standard ones in. Took about an hour. I also put a USB one in the Perry Como room.

We bought one of those cooked chickens and feasted on that for dinner. Brenda will likely be home today or tomorrow. Angie, Mitch, and Mads were down there, so they need to be back for work and school.

April 30 2016

Was out early picking up a few items. We went to the bank around 11am and Jacob came over to get Brenda's lawn done before going over to Pete's and doing his. He got real lucky. The radar said it was raining but it wasn't getting to the ground. It finally rained after he was done.

Between the 2 lawns, he helped me pull out the rug in the guest room downstairs. Carolyn took some of it for the cats and the rest went in the dumpster. Not much of a rain, just enough to mess up your planning.

April 29 2016

Mel and I were the only ones that showed up for golf this morning. We both had our issues keeping our heads down. We did much better on the back nine. I went 48-43, mel 52-45. My short game improved but still missed many make-able putts.

Got the lawn mowed but it needed it bad. Got my car back from Wes. His is fixed now.

April 28 2016

Wanted to golf and almost talked myself into it. Glad I did not. It rained on and off till 1:30.

It cleared so we went to the track meet at 5pm. We stayed for the mile. Jacob ran in 5:15, his best yet! Splits were 64,81,89,and 75. Too cold to hang around for the 2 mile. He did well on that one, running in 11:30 and coming in 4th.

April 27 2016

We did the Y this cold morning around 40. Did 17min on elliptical and then 30 on the treadmill. I tried the bike but the thing cranked up the resistance too high.

We made a short trip for groceries and then I just weeded on and off all day. Supposed to golf tomorrow but weather says low 50s and 1/2 inch of rain most of the day.

April 26 2016

We did the Y this am. Started with elliptical and then walked 14 laps and ran 1 (0.1mile/lap). I don't normally run because my left leg starts hurting. If it ever settles down I could run more. That would be a good test.

We moved some iris up by the mailbox. They were getting mixed in with other flowers so we separated them. That was a chore. Later we went to McD and then to the track meet at Hoover. I gave the ticket seller a hard time about not having senior discounts. Green and Glen Oak have them. Next time at Hoover I will go later and they will get nothing from me.

April 25 2016

OK. I just had to put a reminder on my computer to do blog updates. Too many missed days lately. Also, the web host was giving me problems I hope were solved yesterday when I called them. The guy said it was a cache problem so he was going to set me up with an vanishing cache. Mumbo jumbo I say. Will know more when I publish today.

Busy yesterday. Jacob cut Brenda's and our grass. Then we dropped off the shower chair at Steve's and drove up to Streetsboro to have dinner with George and Willa.

Today I finally broke 90, scoring an 88 at Tannenhau. I went 44-44. I kept getting

bogies on the back and came down to the last hole needing a par for 89. I whacked one left and rattled around in the trees, so I figured no par was in my future. Turns out it kicked out into the open where I put a 6 iron on the green and made it for a birdie 3. Go figure.

The kids were here when I got back and they kept us busy till about 6:30.

April 23 2016

Eyes doing OK. They could be better though. Jacob was over to mow for neighbor Pete, but mine just got weed sprayed so it needs to wait a day. Watched the races most of the day. Mary is at church and will cook up the Haddock we bought earlier this week.

April 22 2016

Eyes much clearer this morning. That is good. We played Mayfair today. I had many pluses. I was hitting the ball farther. 150Yds was a 7 iron instead of a 6 iron. My short game was much better. I made at least 3 putts today. On the minus side, I managed to shoot two 10s on the back nine thanks to look ups in front of ponds. Six penalty strokes on 2 holes.

Steve III is home and doing fine. They have schedules for dr appts and also PT at the hospital. Looks like recovery is progressing nicely.

April 21 2016

Went in for eye post surgery exam. Doc said everything looked OK. Eyes still irritated so use 2 x drops in left eye and continue on right as prescribed. Picked up some sun glasses at the store and used them at the track meet. Jacob came in 3d against McKinley in the 3200. His time of 11:30 something is a new goal going forward.

April 20 2016

Went in for eye surgery at 10:15 and hid inside the rest of the day. They dilate the pupils so the brightness blinds you. Everything seemed to go OK.

April 19 2016

Lazy day till we went to Jake's track meet. We stayed for the 1600m. He set a new PR with a 5:20 run by quite a bit. The girl at his school ran a 5:19, so he is getting close. I told him he had to beat her by the end of the year. We did not stay for the 2 mile which is 6 events later.

Had a late snack, now I have to fast for my eye surgery tomorrow.

April 18 2016

Oh my, missed another day. Was busy yesterday. Jacob cut the grass here and at Brenda's. Wes has car trouble so we dropped my car over to his house and took over all the kids clothes in 7 storage boxes, sorted for girls/boys/age.

Today I golfed badly again. Good drives, poor irons, horrible short game. Never did make a putt. Weather was nice though.

April 16 2016

Not much doing today. Mostly worked on the grass intruding into the mulch bed. It was very low priority last fall as I was recovering from my bypass. It kind of got out of hand. Of the 6 beds, I have cleared three. I have done the largest one, the bed around the house which is huge. Have another one half done and will be using grass/weed killer around the other two. More to do.

Mary finished the kids clothes wash and store.

April 15 2016

Finally played golf again, but not so well. Went 45-46 at Brookledge. I rarely play well on their fast greens and this was no different. I did get one birdie out of 2 tries but missed many many putts. Oh well. I will do better the next round on Monday. Our Monday ranks are down to 5 right now. Hoole is in chemo, Darrell's wife is ill, and Bob M has prostrate cancer.

The kids were over and wore us out. Katchen is having a boy. On a sad note, Rd. Phil's wife Sherry has passed away. She recently had some type of transplant and it didn't work out. That is all the details we have right now.

April 14 2016

Did the Y this morning. 15 min on elliptical and 30 min on the track. Mary went with me. We headed over to see Steve III at 10am or so. We had to wait a bit for the nurses to clear out. The PT was about to get him up to walk but she said she would come back later.

We had a nice conversation with him. He seemed happy but said he felt guilty about all the trouble he has been. Also said he "owed us a lot". We never did figure that one out. I guess we will learn more when he improves and gets his head back on straight.

Stopped for a Stricklands on the way home. Did a little weeding. Tomorrow golf and then the kids while mom and dad go to the doctor.

April 13 2016

Did the Y this morning then went to eye dr for 1 week check. He was happy with the healing after surgery. Back home to mow the lawn. It was still low 50s so it was cold. I did inspire a couple of neighbors to mow as well. Lawn looks nice.

Stopped at the bank to renew the home equity loan. Unlikely I will use it but it is nice to have in your back pocket.

April 12 2016

I did an online seminar from Fidelity from 9-11:30 where they showed growth, value, and dividend based investing screens. They did some sample screens so it was very helpful. Not much else going on. Will have a busy day tomorrow including eye dr appt, bank appt. and maybe mowing.

April 11 2016

Jeez. The snow melted under last night's rain but then it rained all day long. Standing water everywhere. What a crappy month. I don't think there has been one single nice day so far. Reminds me of rain in Myrtle Beach. Rain rain rain. Second straight rainout of Monday golf. Duckworth wanted me to sub tomorrow. I told him maybe when the weather is better.

Went to the Y this am. We went to see Hello, my name is Doris with Sally Field and then out to Texas Roadhouse. The food was especially good.

Steve III is doing good. They stopped dialysis to see if his kidneys will take over and get the job done. We all hope so.

April 10 2016

Snow did not melt and we had more flurries. I did a Ted's party. Don cooked the dogs out in the cold. We had Loganberry, fries, and rings. The rings didn't turn out. Too soggy for some reason. I got a nice shirt, ball finding glasses, and Texas Roadhouse gift card. Carolyn also helped with the fuel perks, a savings of \$45.

More good news. Steve III moved to step down unit.

April 9 2016

Sigh, another 4" of snow. Kind of ridiculous, eh? Mary did a hair appt and church. I just kinda of watched the horse races. Absurd weather.

Great news from Steve. They pulled the tubes and Steve III is eating slowly.

April 8 2016

Carolyn stopped over with the gas cans and gave me a nice card. Let the Grim Reaper play through it said.

My eye is healing good. Very sharp and bright at distance, fuzzy up close.

We went to get stuff for my party Sunday. Now I can settle down and watch the

Masters.

April 7 2016

My birthday today. I am 1000100 today. Went to the eye surgery follow up appointment. They said everything looks OK so far. The eye is good at distance and is much brighter now but everything close is blurry. I hope that improves. Not much else was going on so we opened a puzzle.

Doc said OK to golf. That is a plus. Wish we had some golf weather now.

April 6 2016

Surgery went well. I don't remember anything till they wheeled me back to the prep area. Things were very bright the rest of the day with the dilation drops. I headed to bed early at 9pm and slept pretty good.

April 5 2016

A lot of waiting around today. Finally found out as surgery is at 12:15 tomorrow.

We went to Jacob's track meet. He ran an 800 relay leg and an 11:30 two mile. He seemed happy with his times.

We got to the hospital at 8:45 to visit Steve III. He was all tubed up and looked in constant pain. All he could do is nod his head. Quite pathetic. The nurse said dialysis can be rough on you especially at the start. We only stayed ½ hour in the ICU.

April 4 2016

I did the Y this morning while Mary went to a doctor appt. There was 2" of snow on the ground so there was no reason to head to the golf course. Another boring day.

April 3 2016

Missed another day. We were busy yesterday. Went to Jacob's track meet. He ran in a mile relay and went 1:14 for the first 400 then 1:28 the others for a 5:28 mile. Later he ran a 2:28 800m. Still some work to do but a decent start on a cold cold day. It snowed later around dark. Did some grocery shopping later on.

Woke this morning to 2 " of snow. It gradually melted off as the temp got to the low 40s. I found a paint over the sink note in the job jar, so I did that and washed off the blinds. They were very dusty. Glad I got something done this weekend.

Nothing from Steve so I called hospital. Jr is all tubed up now. They said he has rhabdo 2 hr dialysis trial yesterday reduced cpk from 500,000 to 30,000, so they will put him on for 3 hrs tomorrow. Steve thinks things have turned the corner now but he could be in there for a long time. He is thinking Jr stopped his anti seizure meds as there were delays in

getting him on medicaid when he returned to this country from South Africa. He cant talk with all the tubes down his throat so its hard to communicate.

April 1 2016

Did 3d session at the Y for the week. My left leg struggles a bit due to the missing veins. It's April Fools Day. Might be something to that as I have plummeted from 1300 chess rating to 1215.

Nothing new on Steve III.

We went over for Kalix' bday. She had a good time. That is quite a swing set Grandpa Craig put together for her. Mary is going over later to watch the kids while they do a mystery thing tonight.

March 31 2016

Rainy and very windy day the last day in March. We survived March in Ohio. I give the March weather a D minus.

Boring day today so we did the Y this morning. 15 min on the elliptical and 30 minutes walking on the track. How about more boring? I shredded a box of tax forms and stuff for 2+ hours. You don't need more than 7 years so I got rid of the old ones. Put away some Easter stuff too.

Sorry to hear last night that Joan Herbold passed away. She was the grandmother that raised Jim Jr. She did a good job at that and helped mother with yard work for many years while she was able. Jr posted a nice tribute to her on his FB page.

Another concern is Steve III is in the ICU, perhaps in Ravenna. I can't find anything out cause Steve isn't answering his phone. He looked fine here Easter?

March 30 2016

I needed to give the drain bolt another couple of quarter turns on my bathroom repair last night to stop the water leaks. Glad that is over.

Cold start but warmed up to 60s. I shot 44-46 and Dick 47-49 today. I had a poor start on both nines and finished OK Didn't have the green speed down and that hampered my scoring.

I picked up a metric bolt at HH for the swing repair. I had thought it was beyond repair since I could not find a replacement part. When the kids were over, Wes simply used duck tape to tie the canopy on where the plastic had broken. I decided I needed to think outside the box. I researched and figured a pipe clamp would grab the canopy bar and all I had to do was screw the pipe clamp into the swing bolt hole. It worked like a charm! I just need to remember to think outside the box next time I run into a repair problem.

Did a bit of weeding after golf to get rid of grass encroaching on the driveway island.

March 29 2016

Cold morning. Warmed up a bit but still mid 40s. We did the Y this morning. It has been about a week since last visit.

So I started to do some plumbing early. Good thing. I got a new drain fixture for the down bathroom. Nothing at HH so I went to Lowes to find it since it was brass colored. Started the install and the drain fixture was too long. A trip to HH and the guy said I need to saw it off shorter. That I did. It leaked of course, so I tightened things up. I will have to go down later and check to see if another round of tightening is in the cards.

Put oil and gas in the mower and charger the battery for awile. Jacob hopefully will cut tomorrow.

March 28 2016

Yesterday the ladies went to Easter mass. They got home and peeled potatoes, chopped cabbage, and did the cooking. It was one of our most people ever parties of 13. Carolyn's family plus don's mother, John/Ginny, Steve/Steve III, Wes, Catherine, and us. The food was great and the weather fantastic allowing us to spend a lot of time outdoors. I wish I could have Katchen's family and the kids but 13 was enough and 6 more would have been impossible without eating in shifts.

As for today, another crappy day in the low 40s and windy. Catherine was off 9:30ish and left us a horde of chocolate. I had told her to take it, the bum. John and Ginny left 11ish. Before they left, John helped me pull off the florescent light cover and replace my bulbs with LED ones. They look quite nice and always turn right on. No ballast issues like in the past with the florescents.

March 26 2016

Kind of a crappy day yesterday, but the sun did come out at 6pm. The fish fry was very good.

A cool 32 this morning, it warmed up to mid 50s so not so bad. The ladies sewed this morning and got Jenna's dress ready. Jenna had swimming this morning so Carolyn picked up the dress for her and she was going to finish it and wear it for Easter. Catherine came around 1:30. John and I vegetated all day and will probably do the same tomorrow. Should be a full house with 12 for dinner tomorrow.

March 25 2016

Cold today, right about 40. Jenna came over to sew and I picked up Jacob after practice while Carolyn was working. Kaetchen brought the kids over to get the wagon John and Ginny brought for them from Texas. It is pretty awesome, a real gem. The kids had fun with it.

Later on it's a fish fry at the Serbian church. The other churches don't do Good Friday so there is not much choice.

March 24 2016

Much warmer today. I played a good round shooting 42-39 = 81. I was smacking drives right on the sweet spot and hitting all clubs solid. I made 2 birdie putts in 3 opportunities, so I was happy with that as well. I focused on smoothing the club down and staying still over the ball.

Dick came around to shoot 48-45 and was much improved. Denny sent out the first 3 tee times. The bad news is Houle said he starts chemo tomorrow for 20 weeks for a fist sized tumor on his bladder. They will remove it after chemo is over. Yikes.

March 23 2016

Was warmer than expected this morning at 55. Dick played for the first time since getting his pacemaker. He can feel it on his turn somewhat restricting his backswing. He struggled but played better when he relaxed. I went 48-43. Too many bad chips on the front, better on the back. Very windy on the back nine.

Mary went to the Y and bowling. John and Ginny are due in tomorrow. I may play once again if the rain holds off till noon.

March 22 2016

Last night we ran out to get Kalix bday gifts cause we thought the party was this Wednesday. Turns out it is next week.

Had Dr appt this morning. Eye Dr wanted clearance for the cataract surgery. My doc said anyone alive and still breathing is OK with him, lol. Got a haircut after.

The kids were over from 12-3pm. We did an Easter egg hunt and colored some eggs, then played this and that. Golf tomorrow, I hope.

March 21 2016

OMG I missed another day. Yesterday Mary did church. Carolyn and Jacob came over later. I ordered Jacob a late bday gift for his airsoft gun. We were in SC for his bday so we missed it. I did some ceiling paint touch up to complete the bathroom light bar move. Guess I was brain dead in the evening and did not get to my blog.

Today we did the Y then went to pick up storage bins for Wes at HD, then did our Easter grocery shopping. I got all the Easter baskets filled and the eggs for hiding for the kids.

March 19 2016

Now it's high 30s. We planned to go to the Cleveland Remodeling show, which I had thought was at the IX Center. We got up there and I asked which door the home show was at. Guy said there was just 1 show here and the one I wanted was downtown Cleveland at the convention center. Yet another senior moment.

I did not bring the gps, so I opted to go to the Cleveland Zoo. We had a good time there and stopped at the Lizard on the way home.

March 18 2016

It was a nice day today. That is really aggravating since the forecast was for a high of 38 and I did not schedule golf today. There was a frost this morning but the sun came out and it was a 55 degree day. Damn those weathermen!

We did the Y this morning, stopped at McD for breakfast, and picked up the chocolate bunnies this morning. We just got back from the fish fry. Mary had to take a pie in for the dessert table.

Also did a little ceiling patch where we moved the light fixture the other day.

March 17 2016

Last "warm" day for awhile so I jumped out early at sable creek and got a 2hr 20min 18 in. Went 45-40 with 2 pars on the front and 5 pars on the back thanks to two long putts dropping in. I was very happy. Only 3 bad swings for the round.

Got back and cut the grass and finished up at lunchtime. The kids came over at 3:30 till 6:30 and had a good time. They ate lots of goodies too. Tomorrow I need to pick up the bunnies for Easter and chow down on the fish fry.

March 16 2016

Wow this every other day thing is catching on for some reason. Yesterday I helped Carolyn do her brakes. There was loud squeaking going on she said. Well, we changed them and they had a lot more life left to them. The noise stopped for some reason?? We were talking about what she wanted to do with her bathroom lighting and she was thinking of a light bar like we have. That reminded me that mine needed to be centered, so that we did. Need to fix the ceiling area now exposed after the move.

Today I went to lunch with Rudy and we bumped into Lockheed guys Zowalski, Babyak, and Castro. Babyak was in town from Owego for his wife's shoulder surgery, and Castro was in from Orlando for some reason. Nice to catch up with 4 guys that worked for me in the past. Carolyn called and I went over to put her light bar up. Good thing Holmes wasn't around to see it. There was no box there, just a wire, so we punched in the wall a bit to make a spot to stuff the wires back in. To do it right, we should put a box in.

March 14 2016

Oops missed a day once again. It was a rainy day with nothing to do. I checked and didn't find any good movies to see. There was a Stark H&G show, but we decided to go this coming Saturday to the one in Cleveland at the IX center. So we just pulled out the mystery puzzle and did that all day. My diet was over so I wolfed down ½ bag of jelly beans.

Today we did the Y and more of the puzzle. We have finished the one with all the clues in it and are having trouble with the sky of the other scene of the crime puzzle. I figured out who did it and got it right. Mary has yet to set aside some time for solving it.

Went to see Ken Batcher under Hospice care at his home. He enjoyed our visit even though his wife was the non stop talker. He said he feels no worse than last time. The lung cancer has not worsened he says.

We stopped At Parrasons for dinner. It wasn't cheap. Lasagna was 9.50 as was the chicken sub I had. We got out just in time to get to the car before the storm dumped a lot of rain. I pulled over for 5 minutes in a CVS parking lot before heading back. The storm was nasty.

March 12 2016

Granddaughter Jenna stayed overnight and was very good. Mary took her home after breakfast while I went to Quail Hollow to watch Wes run the 5K. The kids were there as well. I mostly watched Zander play in the sand.

Wes was smoked by 2 high school Lake runners but came in 3d. He was quite a ways back and the next runner quite a ways back from him. He just trained on the treadmill at the Y and that really did not get him into shape he said.

They came over after for lunch and play. We did a lot outside since it was so nice out. After they left Mary did church and I played some excellent chess. I had slipped down slightly to 1240 the last few days, but I was whacking players left and right and topped out at 1300. I'll be headed back down shortly.

March 11 2016

Oops, looks like I missed yesterday's blog. Yesterday we went to Walmart to get the Easter candy. I think we loaded up with \$80 worth before picking up some groceries.

Today I played golf. My 3 buddies bailed on me citing wet and cold. Talk about Bernie Kosar. I played decent on the par 36 front with 2 doubles and the rest bogies. Distance was a problem as the drives carried 170-180 and stopped quick on the wet stuff. The back was very ugly. Something went wrong and I don't think I hit more than one good shot or two. Bad swings, topped balls, look ups. One ball was very tired of my poor play that it hid on me after my sky'd tee shot on #16. I didn't see any real wet areas where I hit it but I sure couldn't find it. All in all it was a 50 on a par 34 back. Two

triples, three doubles, and four bogies. Pretty pitiful.

Need more work with my new wedge. And oh yeah, a golf swing. Most of the course was OK with just a few puddles here and there.

The fish fry at the church was excellent once again. Too bad I am on a diet till Sunday cause the deserts looked very good.

March 9 2016

Did this weeks second Y session. Twas tough after the stick workout we got yesterday. Not much else going on so I did remove some grass from the mulch bed edges. That kept the pain coming.

Now we have 3 for Friday golf. Latest temps I have seen indicates it will be cold in the low 40s till afternoon. Might be a dropout or two.

March 8 2016

Last week I was bored a couple of days so I decided to go over to Carolyn's today and pick up sticks. First we cut down her tall grass. That made an excellent starter for a fire. That stuff really went up and I got a good fire started. I mostly tended the fire with Mary and Carolyn getting the lawn cleared of the big sticks.

We quit after 3 hours and it was a good decision. I was moaning and a groaning the rest of the day. The back of my legs were hurting from bending over.

March 7 2016

Did the machines at the Y. Getting to like the ellipical now. I set it on level 1 and do 10 minutes. It gets my heart rate up quickly to 110 or so. Getting to 110 on the treadmill or bike takes a lot of effort and leg pain so I usually set the bike at 100 and the treadmill at 105. I may see if I can do more time on the elliptical.

This is day to of the low carb diet. I can feel the pounds sliding off already. Did a lot of weeding as the temps reached 60+. Might be sore tomorrow. Plan to pick up some sticks at Carolyn's tomorrow. Something to keep busy, eh?

March 6 2016

We went grocery shopping and picked up pork loin roasts for Easter dinner in a couple of weeks. I watched the Doral PGA tournament and saw one guy miss a putt looking up and pushing a putt. Also saw the winner shank one out of the bunker. I guess they can mess up the same way I do on occasion.

March 5 2016

More snow today but it melted pretty quick. Dug up and scanned some documents for

sister Sue. Wes dropped the kids off at 1:30 and we watched them till 6:30. We kept busy and they wore us out.

March 4 2016

Woke up to 2.5 inches of snow on the grass, not so much on the driveway. I went off to do the machines at the Y, and Mary to Yoga. Things were slow for awhile, then I helped Carolyn with her door handle problem. We came up with a working fix that just might have to be re-fixed from time to time.

Met Wes and the kids at the fish fry. The kids should be over tomorrow. Better get a good nights sleep, eh?

March 3 2016

Boring day. Mary took her car in for service. I played some online chess and watched the stock pundits. Mitt Romney and Trump were entertaining. Mitt said Trump was a fraud and Trumpe called Mitt a choking loser. I did some vacuuming and hung my Pez poster in the toy room.

Can't wait for next weeks warm up.

March 2 2016

Did the exercise machines at the Y today. Looking out I saw snow instead of the ocean and 28 degrees to boot. Headed over to the retiree lunch about 10am and saw lots of old buddies.

Next up was a trip to the eye doctor where they measured my eyes for the new IOL lenses they were going to insert. It is quite the process with eye drops 3 days before and 4 weeks after. It all starts in April.

Sister Catherine messed me up sending Good and Plenty candy. I guess my diet will need to wait a week till I finish it up.

March 1 2016

Back in Ohio after 11+ hours of travel yesterday. Going to be cold this week here but it warms up next week. Could golf be far behind?

What a busy day. Took most of the day to recover. Grocery shopping, then pick up the mail, then read the mail. Reading the mail was unpleasant. Two Akron General bills for hospital stays of \$1080 if I paid by the 5th. Paid it quickly and saved \$700.

Mary was busy doing many loads of wash today. I think we are pretty much back to normal now. We should be busy again tomorrow with Bowling, retiree lunch, and eye doctor appointment.

Feb 28 2016

Last day in SC. We head out 7am tomorrow. Probably will skip the blog tomorrow after the long ride and report the day after.

We had a nice warm sunny day for a change. After Mary went to 8am mass, we packed up the suitcases and got them in the trunk, then went out for a long beach walk. It was 12 condos into Windy Hill Beach before we turned around. Then into the pool for an hour. Said goodbye to the pool Canadians. Never did get their names, eh?

Great dinner at Carrabbas. Dang they make good food.

Feb 27 2016

Sue and Ed closed out their stay yesterday with Uno and left early today. We played 10 games. i won 5, mary 4, ed 1 and sue 0. Maybe our luck is changing?

Today, buddy Denny picked us up to use his 7 day tickets to Brookgreen Gardens . We had lunch and got a good walk in. He drove thru Market Commons on the way home. It was a mega development with many stores that Catherine missed. It's all upscale stuff though, like Chiccos, etc.

Our last day is tomorrow. we will do the beach, swim, and eat dinner out.

Feb 26 2016

Kind of chilly at 52 with 10mph wind. We did the exercise machines then headed over to Cherry Grove Beach for a short walk (too chilly). We stopped at 3 condos. Two did not have the indoor pool that we need and the 3d we could not get in without a key. Sue and Ed packed up for the trip home in the morning.

Feb 25 2016

The storm was over last night. We had a good time in 57 degree sunny weather on a new trip to Historic Georgetown. We walked thru a graveyard behind the old church there. We ate deli sandwiches on main street then walked around a bit. I stopped for a haircut and Mary, Sue, and Ed went to the maritime museum. I caught up with them and we talked with Mac McAllister who wrote a book on North Island history. I bought one and had him sign it.

We went off to the Hampton Plantation to learn about it and the slaves there. We also went down a dirt road to another old church.

On the sad story of golf, I did not get a call from Tom to play. I expected so, as the deluge yesterday has left standing water everywhere. Sad, sad, sad.

Feb 24 2016

We worked out on the machines today, then did puzzle and lunch. It was a stormy day but warm at 70 degrees. When we did venture out to Calabash, there was a downpour. After buying a few items we returned to finish the puzzle, have dinner and send Sue and Ed off to the Carolina Opry. Very high winds all day and tornado warnings all throughout the late afternoon a bit west of us.

Feb 23 2016

Rainy day...waaaaaaaaaaaaah. Bad for golf and more expected tomorrow too. After breakfast, we went to the Horry County Museum. Indoor activities were called for today. We were there with Catherine before.

This outing we found the antique store we were looking for the last time on 544. It was the best antique store we have gone to. It had crap you might actually want to buy. I bought a bowl for shells for \$5. We ate at Little Pigs on the way back and it was yummy.

Feb 22 2016

We did the exercise machines today then waited for Sue and Ed to show. They got here at 10am and we did the hot tub and pool. It was raining on and off so we just did a puzzle. Maybe go to Conway museum tomorrow.

Feb 21 2016

We went down to cherry grove pier to walk it then we walked the beach there. Sunny and in the low 60s for our walk. We headed to the flea market in Surfside Beach. It was 70 there. We saw stuff way overpriced and other stuff we did not need.

Feb 20 2016

Supposed to get to 66 but topped out at 60. It was too cloudy for the warm up. We walked the beach, went to check out a condo, and picked up some lunch meat. Also stopped for lunch. Mine was good, Mary's not so much. Oops. She is getting ready for church. Not sure if we will do the pool/hot tub later.

My website was down yesterday. Looks like they fixed it today.

Feb 19 2016

Diamond Back was much drier than the other courses. I shot 43 on the front nine despite 3 penalty strokes the first 3 holes. Two of them were into areas I could not see the water was there.

Not so good on the back nine. I had lots of good holes but had three snowman 8s, visiting the ponds frequently. Totaled 50 for the back. I was smoking the ball off the tee. I could have been somebody if I avoided the water.

Feb 18 2016

We set off to find Mary a bathing suit this morning. It eventually got up to 54 and sunny. Sunny is the key to a good day. We found a suit at Belk, but we were very lucky. They had many suits, mostly too big.

Mary was trying on her 10th suit when some lady wheeled another rack of suits from the storeroom; there it was- the perfect one! We now have a Belk CC since we got 32% off when we signed up. That kept the price reasonable.

After that, we walked the beach, hit the hot tub, and then the pool.

Feb 17 2016

I played golf early and shot 48-46 in very wet conditions. I chunked quite a few. Denny shot 108. All the rain has made it almost unplayable. We shall try once again Friday.

I got home in time to take Catherine to the airport. Her flight changed and she does not get in till 10pm. Luckily Bud will drive her home. Depending on how much snow her road has, she may have to walk home, get her car, and come back for her luggage. She left us a bunch of stuff she could not fit in her luggage to bring back.

Mary and I hit the hot tub and pool before dinner.

Feb 16 2016

Catherine's last full day here was the charm. The rainstorm passed by 7am and things heated up. We walked far on the beach this morning, then walked some more at the outlet mall. I sat in the sun while they shopped a couple of stores and swear I could feel the sun burning me.

We got back around 2:30 and it was 65 so we finally got to hit the hot tub. We then did the pool. What a wonderful day!

Feb 15 2016

We did the machines early. After breakfast we did the pool and headed out to Barefoot Landing for shopping. It was raining and 45, so I stayed in the car. After the ladies finished shopping the front store group, I drove them to the back group and joined them. I found a decent gift for Jacob. Still have to find one for Jenna.

We saw some huge waves along the shore. We stopped to look and saw 2 surfer dudes. One was out in the waves and the other came off the beach and into the water to join him. They had wet suits on.

Feb 14 2016

Happy V day. Today is supposed to be the coldest day. It was only 30 at 11am. Mary and Catherine went to Waffle House then to church while I worked on a guitar puzzle and did this weeks laundry.

When they got back we went to the outlet mall to exchange an item. We ended up spending a couple hours there and bringing home more stuff. We headed to Texas Roadhouse for dinner. They only have one here and its south of MB. It was a 30 minute drive and it was packed. Picked up some 1.51 gas and som krispy kream donuts on the way back.

Feb 13 2016

Sorry for the late post of yesterday. I did it about an hour before today's blog. I got up to 46 degrees which is much better than the forecast.

We went to the Horry County museum and saw a lot of questionable items on display. Questionable cause we remember them. They had a 2nd grade class picture (i was 13). Also, they had a HS yearbook from 1964 (i was a jr then). What the heck is that stuff doing in a museum?

We went to southern pickers antiques and then to old pottery where they sell all kinds of junk. Junk it was!

Feb 12 2016

Sorry for the late post. We did the machines and pool today before going to the Time Warp show at 7pm. The same performers that do the Opry show do this. It was very entertaining. I enjoyed their choice of old songs. Best of the best were My Girl, Addicted to Love, Purple Rain, and Wipeout.

Feb 11 2016

Made it up to 50 today. We went right off to Wilmington this morning to tour the battleship. It was very interesting, an amazing engineering marvel in its time. We ate downtown and got stuck in rush hr traffic. I think it was a half hour to get over the bridge.

As soon as we got back my glasses came apart. We headed to walmart to fix my glasses (a screw came loose). They fixed them for no charge and I am good to go now.

Feb 10 2016

We did the exercise machines today. After breakfast we headed to the grocery store but first stopped to check out Avista Resort down near main street. I had seem a 3 bedroom on the web for about what we pay here so I wanted to check it out. It was pretty darn nice. Most of the rooms are oceanside view. The indoor pool was bigger and they had a lazy river and hot tub indoor as well. Maybe a little less room inside and across the street parking were negatives. We may stay there next year if we find the right price.

Got the groceries then we went to the pool. After that the ladies got ready for Ash Wednesday church and I got dinner ready. Was cold today, tomorrow is supposed to be nicer.

Feb 9 2016

Cold and windy today; 20mph winds. We did the machines this morning, had french toast. We did a very short walk on the beach to see if the roaring surf threw some shells up, but it did not. It was off to shopping by 10:30.

Holy shopping. We went to Hamricks, an amazing bargain store the locals say. Tuesday is senior day and you get another 10%. When we walked in, there were 10 old men sitting in the space between the entrance doors? Turns out there is no space inside to rest so they were all there. I got tired and went out to the car. Quite the bargain place if you are careful. Mary got a fleece top for \$3.

An old lady got into the car next to me and whacked her door into our car. I gave her the evil eye. Not a minute later, an old guy squeezed a giant SUV into that slot. He had to back up once to get in there. When I saw that I turned the car on and got out of dodge. I went to the end of the aisle so I could see the ladies come out later. Never going to park close to that store again.

We went another 12 miles south to some shops near Pawleys Island. Mary got some nice things and I got a Pez sign for the toy room. We then took a drive onto Pawleys Island. I was surprised to find it was all beach houses. No hotels, no stores.

Feb 8 2016

OMG the super bowl team I rooted for actually won. Maybe my luck is changing? Amazing, just amazing.

Cool but sunny today. It got to 55 anyway. It was warm with no wind in the am and cold with 20mph winds later on. We walked the beach this morning and got lots of shells. Went off to Carolina Roadhouse for lunch. We went downtown MB after but it was too windy to walk far. We hit the Tanger outlets on the way back. I napped while the ladies shopped around.

Feb 7 2016

Super Bowl day. We are going over to Denny's place to watch with other golfers. That is going to be really sad because golf is not going to be possible for awhile given the cold temps and all the soaking rain there has been lately. Over the last few days there must have been 3-4" of the dang stuff. It must be a continuation of my rotten luck. Woa is me.

The Carolina Opry was outstanding last night. They have some really talented entertainers. We had great seats right up front. I really enjoy live shows where their talent is on display.

Today is church, laundry, swimming and the super bowl later.

Feb 6 2016

It was 34 when we got up. We waited to walk the beach till it was 41 and the cold wind kept the walk short. We tried to skype with Carolyn but it was not working very well. We tried Facetime and that worked much better. Went down to the pool around 11am and spent maybe an hour there. Met another canadian couple there whose names we never got.

Not much to do before the Carolina Opry tonight. Got about 6 hrs to kill.

Feb 5 2016

Still raining this morning so we did the exercise machines again. We had pancakes then went off to visit Historic Georgetown, Sc Kaminski House. It's about an hour ride down the coast. I looked at the reviews on-line and one couple said there was too much detail and they were bored silly. I can see that. The lady gave a 1.5 hour tour of 2 houses. A question took about 2 minutes to answer and those in the group learned that quickly. It was nice and interesting but way too long.

We grabbed a deli SW then walked the pier, stopped at a chocolate shop, and hit a small nautical museum. All in all it was fun and we headed home for pizza. We tried to skype the little ones, but the internet here isn't good enough.

Feb 4 2016

Big rain storm last night and supposed to rain all day. We did the exercise machines. They are hard to figure out. Only the bike seems to work right. Then it was into the pool. Met Don and Judy from Canada. The exchange rate is 1.40 canadian for 1.00 american, so that is a big ouch for them. Now that we got that done, it was off to shopping.

We shopped in Calabash for stuff since it was raining. I bought a big stork for some reason. Thought it would look cool in the house somewhere. Got a couple of neon monkeys for the little ones. Went to the mall after. Mary got a pair of slippers. Hamburgs and steak fries tonight.

Feb 3 2016

I was up early and ready for golf. Denny picked me up and we got right off the tee this morning. We played with Barb of Tom and Barb. Tom does the desk at Fox Den back home, but has had back surgery and is out of commission this year. He rode along with Barb and she played. I shot a respectable 46-45 and hit some nice shots. Putting was very poor. Denny struggled to 53-59 and had many water balls. It was great playing in short sleeves, as it was warm today.

Mary and Catherine did some shopping today, picking up a few items for the condo

stay.

Feb 2 2016

Neither one of us had a good sleep last night. We had forgot to buy tea at the store so had coffee last night. Maybe that was the issue. Anyway, we did a workout this morning. The room opens at 7:30. We were 5 min early but now we know. The cycle machine works. The treadmill doesn't seem to work. It's too easy. The elliptical is very hard.

Picked up Catherine at 12:30 at the airport and stopped and had lunch at Little Pigs BBQ. After she unpacked we did a long beachwalk, then went swimming. The pool is very warm but it is cold going back up to the room.

Feb 1 2016

We were traveling yesterday down to Winston-Salem, so I skipped the blog. The Doubletree was very stylish and modern and we loved it. Too bad the pool was outdoors. It was a 6 hr drive. We dined at Applebees and it was pretty good.

We drove in to North Myrtle Beach in the morning after Krispy Kream breakfast. It was 4 hours. We unloaded the car, took a short look at the beach, had a late lunch at Chic Fil a, and shopped for groceries. A busy day indeed with all the unpacking and getting situated. We missed a few items so will need to hit the grocery store again.

Near term plans are to hit the exercise machines in the morning and pick Catherine up at the airport tomorrow noonish. Golf Wednesday unless the rain comes in earlier than expected.

Jan 30 2016

Leaving in the morning. Bye bye Ohio for now.

Off at 9am to the eye doctor. He agreed to do my cataracts when we get back. It was a long visit. Got there at 9am and didn't get out of there till 11am. We stopped at the post office to hold the mail then headed over to Wes' to feed the cats. Mary forgot yesterday, so the cats helped themselves, pulling the food bag to the floor and chowing down on the spillage.

Mary is mostly packed. I finished while she was at church. When she gets back, we will head to Grinders for dinner, get some donuts for breakfast, and fill up on gas. We will miss the kids but we will hopefully skype them a couple times from the condo.

Jan 29 2016

Only 1 more morning till we leave for MB.

Did Y workout #3 for this week. Same approach as #2 and it worked out well. There

was dang snow on the ground this morning. About 1 inch and it was cold and windy.

Went to the surgeon that took out the gall bladder for a follow up. He said I was good to go and was recovering well. The few complaints I had should be gone in a couple of weeks, he says.

Jan 28 2016

2 more mornings till we leave for MB.

We got word bro-in-law Dennis is on his second day of solid food. Also, he is expected to move to a new room and start his rehab. He had surgery for problems with bleeding in some part of his intestines and it looks like the problem has been solved. It was pretty scary for awhile because they could not find where the bleeding was occurring. Eventually, they just opened him up and looked for the problem in an exploratory surgery.

My 65 degree wedge came yesterday. Major bummer is that it is damaged by a kink in the shaft near the grip. I am awaiting a response from the vendor. I hope I don't have a hassle with the return.

Jan 27 2016

3 more mornings till we leave for MB.

Got workout #2 in for this week. Did OK with the treadmill set to 105 for 23 minutes. Tried bike at 105 and it was still hard to pedal. I backed it down to 100 and that lightened up the load so I could tolerate the peddling. Setting it low helps me get up to the 100 target. Once there, I can always push it up to 105 if I so choose.

Not much else all day. Mary was bowling and fed the cats.

Jan 26 2016

4 more mornings till we leave for MB. Getting excited.

Not much doing today. I went thru the food and tossed a bunch. A few items were set aside to give to Carolyn. Also emptied the gas cans for her.

Mary went to lunch with Brenda and Pat. All the neighbors chipped in for a gift card thinking Brenda might want to plant something to remind her of Dwain. Brenda cried as expected.

Jan 25 2016

5 more mornings till we leave for MB.

Did the Y this morning. Treadmill was 15 min on cardio 110 setting. Tried the bike but it

was very difficult to push up to even 105. By the time I got there my legs were too tired to carry on. Did just 5 minutes. I am puzzled as to why the bikes are so difficult lately?

Was beckoned over to Carolyn's to help her put down backer board for her bathroom tile. We got it cut and down and then used the dremmel to ready the doorway to slide the tile under. Afterwards, I got my car washed so it doesn't have to sit a month in the garage with salt all over it.

Jan 24 2016

6 more mornings till we leave for MB.

***I had breakfast with Kirk. It was great to see him. His kids are doing fine. They are 18 and 17. OMG how time flies
He promised to invite me to golf this summer, most likely on a Sunday.***

I miss many of the guys I played with. Bill is retiring this year so maybe he will get back into it next year. I don't think he has played much the last couple of years. I miss Neil who has taken a leave of absence for the game. He said he quit but he may be having second thoughts. He was frustrated with his poor play. I miss TK too. I am sure he is still the best of us as he takes the game so seriously. He is playing with a better class of golfers these days. Finally, I miss playing with George. We get together a couple times a year but I wish it were more often.

Carolyn, Don, Jacob, and Jenna all came over with beach gear on to send us off to Myrtle Beach. What a hoot! We had roast beast and potato salad, played cornhole, and watched some football.

Jan 23 2016

7 more mornings till we leave for MB. The east coast is dealing with a major snowstorm. Nothing here. I can't believe I escaped one.

Not much doing for me today. I went and picked up some rolls and horseradish for tomorrow. Mary cooked the roast and the potato salad, took care of cats and dogs, and went to church. She was busy. Carolyn's family will be over tomorrow to eat it all up.

Got an email from buddy Kirk. We are going to meet for breakfast at 9am tomorrow. Must be 2 years, maybe 3 since I have seen him.

Jan 22 2016

8 more mornings till we leave for MB. Looking at the 10 day forecast, it is going to be mid 60s the first week there. Sweet!

Around dinnertime, I fixed my assembly flinky that moved the power side mirrors on my Focus. Someone had busted the snap in pins on the plastic mechanism that held it

to the door corner. I finally got around to ordering a part and it came today. I just snapped out the knob, cleaned the snap in slots on the door removing broken plastic and clip, and snapped the new plastic back in. Pretty darn easy.

I was awake when I got up so I went with Mary to the Y. While she did yoga I got my 3d exercise session in for the week. I set the treadmill to 110 heartbeat and went for 20minutes. It was difficult. They use the incline to push up the heart rate and the incline stresses my calves. I did some arm exercise and used some 3lb weights waiting for Mary to finish.

Saw the kids at the Y. Wes' family was leaving late afternoon, so they did the Y in the morning. Big east coast storm going on and their flight was delayed till 4pm ish last I heard. Carolyn is supposed to drive them up there.

Jan 21 2016 (again)

9 more mornings till we leave for MB.

This morning I had two Jan 21s in the blog but found my error back on the 18th and fixed it all up. Wes was over last night and set up Mary's new flip phone. Her old one had the sound fading in and out so she needed a new one. Got the cheapest they had at \$49. Carolyn was getting the verizon emails, so I fixed that.

I was bugging Carolyn about getting her bathroom floor fixed before I leave. Turns out she had it done by Mike already. Maybe she will have some work for me when I get back. Today we did some grocery shopping and picked up some stuff for MB as well. Hopefully we have the food planned so it all runs out in 9 days and we won't have to toss much.

Neighbor Brenda is going to go down to Florida for a couple of months. She is going to put in a new back door to the garage. I told her I could help Mike if he gets to it by the end of the month.

Should be quiet the rest of the day and for most of next week come to think about it.

Jan 20 2016

10 more mornings till we leave for MB.

Went to the Y around 8;30am. Did the treadmill, this time for 25min with 105 heart rate target. Did great. Going to try 110 next time. We saw Wes there. He said the kids are going over to Carolyn's while they do the doctor visit. They are pumped.

I re-sealed the bathroom vanity along the back. I had some sealer but I could not pump it out of the tube, so I had to make a run to HH to pick up some new stuff. I hope it dries asap so we can get back to using it.

Jan 19 2016

11 more mornings till we leave for MB.

Got back on the horse today. Went to the Y around 8:30am. Did the treadmill 15min OK but my left leg was a bit tired. Then cycled but cut it short to 10min as that leg was again struggling. I was happy with the workout though, just need to strengthen the legs. Mary went as well.

Had lunch with Rudy at Johnny Js. Went with a cod fish stick appetizer which was good. Rudy was out of work since Xmas. To keep busy he has been reworking his basement. That's where the kids hung out, so he had a ton of nicks in the drywall to fix. He said his wife is OK with him not working but if she sees him sitting around not doing anything, he gets yelled at. He better line up some more projects, eh?

Later on I reloaded the bird feeder. Not a lot of birds around but a few have been taking seed there.

Jan 18 2016

Well, my luck runs supreme. First off, I rooted for KC to beat NE. Nothing doing. Then I cheered for Seattle. Nope. Finally I told Mary and sister Sue that the Steelers need not even play cause I was going to root for them. Done deal. They lost too. Sorry Steeler fans.

Went and got my free lunch from Bob Muller. Jane and Craig were there. Was an hr drive to Orange Red Robin but it was good. It was right on the edge of the snow bands. Luckily I got back with just enough windshield washer fluid to make it out of the snow country.

Jan 17 2016

Gonna cool down and be in the teens tonight. Snowed on and off pretty heavy at times. We went to see the movie Intern at 12:30. It was OK. Supposedly a comedy but there were only a few chuckles here and there. We went out after to Table 6. The cuban I ordered was very good. They really don't have any dinners there. Mostly appetizers and sandwiches. Very upscale targeting a young crowd.

Its snowing pretty good now. I hope things calm down so I can go up to Cleveland and get my free Bills lunch from Bob Muller.

Jan 16 2016

Dreary day but most of the snow was gone this morning and more melted down thru the day. We trekked up to Cleveland on a road trip to BA Sweetie candy warehouse. They are always on TV around Easter and Halloween to get free advertising on the local news shows. Been wanting to go there for years. We got a bunch of candy and took pictures of it. There were many shoppers there and a good percentage of them brought their kids along for the fun.

We stopped at the Winking Lizard on the way back for lunch. Mary had a salad and I had the Buffalo Chicken sandwich.

We heard that they are going to do exploratory surgery on Dennis looking for where he is bleeding. They do believe it is between the stomach and the large intestine.

Jan 15 2016

The market tanked once again today. It is down 8% already this year. Please stop! Not much doing today. I got a haircut this morning then took it easy before visiting the doctor at 2:30pm.

No real issues. He just wanted to keep up to date since my surgery. I was so glad to update him and gave him \$20 to boot. Now how can you beat that? We stopped on the way home at Handels and had our dessert first.

Neighbor Pete took down his outdoor decorations. I was surprised he didn't have Jacob help.

Jan 14 2016

The missing gall bladder maybe was useful in the past. I now seem to feel a little uncomfortable if I eat too much. I will have to eat smaller meals I guess. Also seems that digestion takes longer.

Not much doing today. Went out and got the paper pushing the shovel to the box. We got maybe another 2 inches which I did not expect. No biggie. The driveway melted off by mid afternoon. I got a cramp in my right side back. Mary got me the hot water bottle and that did the trick.

Golf buddy Dick Lott passed out at home and he went to the hospital. He has lived with missed heartbeats for many many years but this seems to be causing issues now. They are planning to put in a pacemaker.

Jan 13 2016

Carolyn brought over Jenna's laptop and I was able to set up the logitech universal remote. That was a relief cause I already had 2 hrs talking to their support people under my belt. It does not work as I had thought but it can be used to control all the devices.

I met up with Jane at Ken Batcher's house. He is signed up with Hospice care. The bazaar thing is I don't think he knows he is. He certainly does not talk like someone who knows they are on their way out. Wife Silvia can talk. OMG, I don't think I have ever heard someone that can non-stop talk like she can. It was good to see him. He still wants to get transported to the retiree lunch but I don't see that happening.

Jan 12 2016

Not much going on today. Bored again. It was a nasty snow day with 3-4 down and slippery morning roads. I am going to go out a bit and see if I need to blow snow. I tried chess again and reversed yesterdays form. Went from 1120 back up to 1185! The brain is a funny thing. Didn't work yesterday but works today.

Stocks were crazy today. Market was up and then tanked. I had one that was up 400 now down 200. Should have sold! I did reserve a motel in Winston Salem for our ride down. 7 hrs to there then another 3-4 in the morning. Doing the full drive is a bit hectic. You have to try to get there by 4pm to pick up keys and it is always close.

Kids were over and wore us out.

Jan 11 2016

Not much going on today. I was totally bored. Cut up some cardboard for recycle and put away tools and stuff in the laundry room. I tried to play chess but was getting whacked right and left. Fell from 1175 down to under 1120 ratings. Tomorrow looks to be more of the same. I do want to get to Cleveland to b.a. sweetie candy store sometime.

Oh yeah, spent another hr on the phone with Logitech trying to get my new universal remote working. Their software is crap and the service techs too. After an hour the final verdict is I need to use a different computer.

Jan 10 2016

Jacob came over late around noon. The snow hit about then so we had to work in the cold. The 2 mailbox assembly went together great. I had him do all the drilling and screwing, Then we went out into the cold and knocked off the old boxes. I had 2 angle brackets with 12 screws to mount it. What a joke. It took us 3 tries. I guess I need to go to screw school. I snapped off 3 screws and stripped the heads of about 8 until we got enough in to hold the assembly onto the post.

Jacob had got out the storage boxes earlier and Mary packed up the tree ornaments. Jacob took all the boxes down, stored them under the stairs, then moved all the furniture around. He was a Godsend. All the work was wrapped up by 3;30pm.

Jan 9 2016

Quiet day today. We started to pile up Christmas stuff to put away tomorrow. I put the train away as well.

Jacob is coming over tomorrow. He can get out the storage boxes and Mary can get the tree ornaments packed up. Meanwhile, Jacob and I can put the new mailbox wood together. If all goes well and it is not too rainy, maybe we can get it onto the post outside. The old mailboxes got beat up in the tornado. I guess we should have got to this last fall. When the Christmas stuff is packed, we can get it all stored away till next year.

Bro-in-law and golfer Dennis has been in the hospital and got 3 units of blood. They were supposed to do an upper GI probe today to see what is going on. On another note Ken Batcher Sr. is now under hospice care. I was surprised about this. He still may recover and it is a bit early to say he won't make it, but I guess the family knows best. Ken is in his early 80s I believe.

Jan 1 to Jan 8 2016

Happy New Year.

Holy crap what a lousy start to the year. We went into the emergency room new year eve because I had some pain in my side and a bit of an upset stomach, puking twice. They sent me to the hospital saying the Cat scan indicated gall bladder. The hospital did ultra sound looking for stones. Didn't find any but the gall bladder looked very odd. They took the sucker out the next day.

Normally an easy surgery, my body did not like it. I got swelled up and wasn't going home till I got my bodily functions back working. That took till Wednesday night, and it came on like gangbusters. Spent a lot of time in the bathroom. After I did ok with food Thursday morning they cut me loose. It was pretty funny. After nothing but clear liquids since new year eve, I was dreaming of toast. All the while, Mary was supporting me. I got thru it with her help and am very grateful. You wouldn't believe how depressing it is to not to be able to pee or poop at age 67. I guess I will most likely get to experience this again down the road.

I still need to get rid of a bunch of water and get the swelling in my lower legs down, although this doesn't hold me back much.

I am calling myself Bob 2.1 and I guess I got here from Bob 1.3 before the bypass got me to 2.0.

Today I spent the majority of the day getting dr. appts straight and getting prescriptions set for the end of the month trip to SC. Also a raft of emails to those that keep in touch.