



They say the older you get, the more your true personality reveals itself. Case in point, Bob Antol, who is on the verge of becoming an octogenarian. Lest anyone think he is about to change or slow down, think again.

"Stay tuned I'm going to shoot my age," he promises with an impish smile. "And we are going to start a new competition from the red tees."

One of the founding members of the Redhawk Men's Club, Bob finds humor and irony just about anywhere he travels. He's convinced a thyroid medication he's taking is responsible for his six-week Tuesday winning streak during which he collected a bundle of cash. But Bob is a realist about his new-found riches and the vagaries of golf. "But I didn't collect anything for the previous 5 years," he reminds us.

Bob has played golf for 68 years. "Can you believe it?" he says. "I started playing golf when you left the pins in while putting on the green." At the age of 12 he started caddying at Shaker Heights Country Club in Cleveland. Along the way Bob has rubbed shoulders with famous sports figures on the tee box. He's caddied for pro football greats coach Paul Brown and QB Otto Graham. He played with hall of fame fullback Jim Brown. While Graham could hit 300-yard drives in the 1950s, Bob said the hulking Jim Brown was a "powder puff swinger."

After graduating from Case Western Reserve University with a degree in Management Science, he took a job with the Pontiac division of General Motors. A couple years later Bob and his bride Flo moved to Seattle to start a new career with Boeing. Golf continued to be a part of his life in

the Northwest as well. In addition to playing regularly in the company golf league, he once was paired with Seattle baseball superstar Ken Griffey. And unlike Jim Brown, Griffey could launch the ball. "He hit his 4 iron farther than I hit my driver," Bob remembers.

After moving to Temecula about 15 years ago, Bob played a key role in starting and running the Redhawk Men's club with help from golfers from Temeku Hills (Legends) Golf Course. Although Temeku attracted about 125 players on their Wednesday Men's Day, the Redhawk Club only had about 25 to 30 at their Tuesday outings. However, Redhawk won the interclub Margarita Cup two out of the three years it was played and was no slouch for putting down post round beer in Ricos. Redhawk in those days gave script from the pro shop to the weekly winners. Cash it seems is relatively new for the club, which has about 100 members but only 30 or so who play in the tournament every week.

Despite a lot of health issues over the last several years, Bob and his terrier dog, Zoe, have been a fixture at Redhawk each morning. Bob, who lives a pitching wedge away from the course, gets walking exercise and Zoe gets bacon from the snack bar.

Along with being a familiar face at Redhawk, Bob also had part of the course named after him. The slope to the left of the green on hole no. 17, is called "Antol's Hill." Bob, it seems, developed a reputation for bouncing a tee shot off the hard-pan hill and onto the green.

"Never miss it to the right," he says with a smile.