



Don McAuliffe

In a break with the past, Don is NOT writing this time. You-all will have to put up with the far less skillful prose of Schoonmaker.

Don must like to write. He was in the writing/reporting end of the newspaper business and now is writing a book "265 Taylor Avenue", about growing up in the 60's in Cheshire Connecticut. Outdoors every day despite the "not California" weather. This on top of writing some dozen "Player Profiles" for the club. Thankfully he is really good at it! – the writing that is, not necessarily the growing up. If you have not read the Profiles on the club web site, you're missing some interesting stuff; this club has a bunch of good life stories for sure.

Don's golfing life has included being a member of the club for about the last 10 years or so, & includes a stint as Tournament Director as well as story teller (Player Profiles). Golf started at about age 11 in the Albany New York area (Croydon), where the entire Summer of golf at the local course cost \$20. Golfing continued casually in The Valley (CA) & included time in Japan including on a 5-tier driving range – only in Japan I think. In 1996 Don & family moved to Temecula where he worked until retirement in 1998 & finally began golfing more regularly. Memorable, in addition to golfing in Japan, is shooting a 74 at Menifee Lakes & a hole-in-one on Redhawk's 8th. After playing casually for years Don finds it enjoyable to play competitive "follow the Rules" golf with the guys.

Non-golf action included hockey – what else would you do in upstate NY? High School hockey team. One of the opponents was the "Sleepy Hollow" club. Later, hockey in California of all places where he played in the "Huff & Puff League" at a skating rink in LA. The league got the entire rink from midnight to 3AM. One has to really enjoy hockey to stay up at that time to

play! Won't admit to any broken bones. He also Crewed at Villanova, where his 6ft 4inch frame went from 155 lbs to 195 lbs. Best workout routine for sure.

Don graduated from Villanova with a degree in 'nothing much'. The family moved to La Canada, and Don took on a variety of jobs such as E.F. Hutton broker for a couple years. But after some time he decided a change was needed so he went on to major in Journalism at Cal State Northridge & Pasadena City College. This led to a succession of increasingly responsible jobs at Valley newspapers, & then to a great assignment to Japan in 1988. The land of shrines & temples. He wrote articles "interpreting" Japanese-English technical press releases for U.S. publication. In 2 years, there he learned to speak Japanese, & his wife did even better learning to read Japanese, which is danged near impossible in 2 years.

I wonder why so many of us club members enjoy cooking. Bob Antol has written a family recipe book which is phenomenal, Alan De La Sierra cooks some amazing gourmet items, lots of club members have expounded on cooking their favorite dishes. Sometimes the 19th hole conversation seems to be like a Cooking Club. Don enjoys cooking as well. Family & social occasions call for him to prepare Sangria, specialty rice dishes (think rice, egg & seaweed), & more. Let's compare putting tips & recipes! Love it. Don also does pottery – ask him about that some time.

Like so many of the gents in our club, Don is a really interesting "deep" fella with a lot of fascinating experiences. It is a real treat to have him doing the regular Player Profiles, letting us in on the "adventures" that are our lives.