

2. Held the C-in-C trophy all four years (Navy 138-Army 16 combined score); and
1. Navy 51-Army 0 when we were in charge of spirit!

### Class Communication

For those of you in 14th Company, **Rick "Duke" Snyder** (TWAMAJORDAD@worldnet.att.net) has volunteered to serve as your "email updater" despite the fact that he's new to the net and just figuring out how to make his iMac work (that's what I like, someone who's willing to assist in any way despite the odds). Rick retired after a wonderful career in the Marine Corps and is now working as a 767/757 First Officer at TWA, which he claims is another great organization.

**Jack Gaillard** (gaillardjd@navsea.navy.mil) also responded to the request for assistance and is willing to act as the 1st Company point of contact to update email addresses and set-up a distribution list to keep the Class informed of upcoming events. He already has some email addresses for 1st Company Classmates but he's trying to locate information on the following guys: **James M. Beaver**, **Harry P. Bolich**, **Larry Carpenter**, **Christopher W. Diller**, **David Filippini**, **David L. Hall**, **Ricky T. Hammonds**, and **Thomas S. Hill**, so please let Jack know if you have any information on them. Apparently, several 1st Company members got together in March at the Capitol City Brewery on the initiative of **Jess Schrum** (jess.schrum@aditech.com) and **Herb Bracewell** (hbracewell@erols.com). Many of them had not seen each other since graduation. Jack said it was a lot of fun and generated a lot of interest in tracking down the rest of the Company.

### Change of Command

The following information was recently received from the Point Loma Naval Base Public Affairs Office about Chris Stathos (stathosc@aol.com):

In a ceremony held Thursday, 6 April 2000 at the RONCADOR Submarine Memorial on the Submarine Base, San Diego, CAPT **Charles Reigner '70**, USN, was relieved as CO of Naval Base Point Loma by CAPT **Christopher Stathos '77**, USN. The guest speaker for the ceremony was ADM **Thomas Fargo '70**, Commander In Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Additionally, Stathos will serve as the assistant chief of staff for environmental and safety for commander, Navy Region Southwest.

Stathos graduated from the USNA in 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in ocean engineering. Following graduation, he attended Nuclear Power School in Orlando, FL; Nuclear Prototype Training in Windsor Locks, CT, and Basic Submarine officer Training in New London, CT.

In March 1979, Stathos reported onboard TULLIBEE (SSN-597). He served as electrical officer, reactor controls assistant and as weapons officer. After completion of the submarine officer advanced course in New London, he was assigned as engineer officer of RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN-687) in July 1983. During this tour, the ship completed a two year ocean engineering conversion, completed its first Pacific deployment and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Battle "E." In July 1987, Stathos reported to Submarine Squadron Twenty Two in La Maddalena, Italy, as Squadron Engineer and Material Officer, where he managed refits for both submarines and surface ships deployed to the Mediterranean Sea.

Following completion of Prospective Executive Officer School in October 1989, Stathos relieved as Executive Officer of GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (Blue) and completed three strategic deterrent patrols. In March 1992, he reported to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff in Omaha, NE, and was assigned

to the Provisional Staff in U.S. Strategic Command. With the standup of U.S. Strategic Command in June of 1992, he assumed duties in the Operations and Logistics Directorate (J3/J4) as Chief, Current Operations Missile Branch.

Stathos commanded CINCINNATI (SSN-693) from October 1994 until the ship's decommissioning in July 1995. He was next assigned as Deputy Commander for Training on the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron Eleven in San Diego, CA, from August 1995 to January 1996. Stathos commanded HAMPTON (SSN-767) from April 1996 until January 1998, completing the ship's first North Atlantic deployment. Stathos was most recently assigned to the Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command Atlantic, as Branch Head, Manpower and Personnel.

Stathos' awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Stathos is married to the former Marylee McGee of Laurel, DE. They have two daughters, Shannen and Rebecca, and will reside on Naval Base Point Loma.

### Closing Remarks

Well, that's it for this month. I hope to hear from more of you as time goes on. Please note my new email address in the header above (my company just spun-off my division into a subsidiary and changed our email addresses). Fortunately, I won't have to worry about informing people of email address changes once we get lifetime email. See you in July! —**Bob Sanderson**

# 78

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Merhaba Nasilsiniz? No, that's not a typo, it's Turkish for Hello. How are you? That also means I'm still (well, back) in Ankara for part three of the negotiation game! I was fortunate enough to visit for a few weeks those people who live in that house I share ownership with GE Capital—my family. The good news—the dog recognized me. The bad news—Elizabeth and Michael didn't. I gotta get home soon! On to the news.

It's that time of year again. **Alex Callas** (cf18ac@erols.com) will hold the Ninth Annual Peter G. Callas Memorial Golf Day for MDA on 21 June 2000 at Andrews Air Force Base Maryland. Once again, Alex will offer a morning and afternoon start so he can accommodate up to 288 golfers. To date the event has raised over \$106,000 for the MDA and the goals are set to raise \$25,000 this year. Attaining this goal is ambitious, but with the support of so many good folks Alex feels they can get there. He's been very fortunate to have so many '78ers participate, donate and support the cause. The battle against neuromuscular diseases continues and as long as there is a battle going on Golf Day will remain in the fight. Some of you may not know it, but the Muscular Dystrophy Association does not receive any government funding. That makes many of the events that are conducted to support the cause vital to the MDA mission. Last year the Tournament raised over \$21,500. That sum

actually funded a special MDA summer camp for 50 children. So, you can see that the fund raising efforts provide a very valuable return. Here are the tournament specifics.

Cost to play 18 (AM or PM Start): \$380 a four-some. Individual AM or PM Start: \$110 per person. Cost to play all day (36 holes): \$600 a four-some. Individual All Day (36 Holes): \$185 per person (All play includes meals, beverages all day, gift bag, door prizes and more.)

Now I know that it is the month of June but you can never be too late. Besides, such a cause will never reject a contribution. With that in mind, Tee Box Sponsors are a great way to support the MDA and receive an advertising return. Cost for a Tee Box Sponsorship is \$250. That includes signage with your company logo (camera-ready copy please) indicating sponsorship (all day). Merchandise may still be needed for door prizes and the silent auction. They can use anything. Alex is the ultimate scavenger and can put anything to good use. Corporate logo items are very much welcomed and useful. Larger items are used as silent auction items. Merchandise for gift bag items is always the hardest task annually because they need items in quantities of 150 or 300 each. Corporate logo items are good fits here (i.e. pens, key chains, tee packs, golf balls, note pads, etc.). Last year Alex actually had a restaurant donate 300 bottles of Barbecue sauce so everything and anything is useful. Over the years they've had flashlights, CDs, bags of coffee, gift certificates, t-shirts, etc. in the bags. Cash donations of any amount are always welcomed. There are a number of opportunities for event sponsorship starting at \$250 and going as high as \$5,000. Any interest in this type support is welcomed and the interested party can contact Alex for details. You can reach him at w: 703-416-9516 or h: 703-968-4918; or by mail at 15115 Wetherburn Drive, Centreville, VA 20120 or even the faster email system at cf18ac@erols.com.

On the personal side, Alex's brother continues his battle against the disease and he finally has had to resort to being in a wheel chair full time. It was a shock for the whole family but in his own special way he has turned it into a positive because he is now more mobile and safe. He has a true fighter's mentality and amazes Alex with his spirit and determination. He attended the event last year and actually drove four hours in his special van to do so. He is planning on attending this year too. Will he ever walk again? Tough to say, but as long as there is hope and he continues to battle then I will too. With our help, we can keep that hope alive and, God willing, help find a cure.

"**Boston**" **John Ehlers** of "Good Times 10" checked in from Walter Reed to let us know that all systems are go following the "autologous stem cell transplant" he underwent on St. Patrick's Day. That followed his week of high dose chemotherapy for the previously reported Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma he suffers. John says the only thing he remembers being green that St. Paddy's day was himself. He's

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feeling much better now and getting stronger every day. Patty has been by his side throughout and both are sincerely grateful for all the visits and messages of support they have received from all in their extended Navy family. They would especially like to thank Al "Blues" and Marla Baker who hosted a reunion gathering at the Baker home a couple months back. The reunion included all the members of 10th Company living anywhere in the D.C. area. There was even a surprise phone call from far away Yokosuka when **Bill "Yeags" Yeager** called in to say "hi!" John says attendees included Wendy and **Terry "OB" O'Brien**, Sue and **Joe Martin**, Brenda and **Larry McCracken**, **Steve Petri**, **Karen Yeager**, **Craig Diffie**, and even John's roommate **Gerry "Kat" Katilius** (who found a way to get an HP boondoggle from P-Burgh to D.C. to coincide with the event). To all the other Classmates and Alumni who have called, written, prayed or even hoisted the occasional cool frosty one to his continued remission and recovery, John also expresses thanks. He also asks that for those of us who don't have a charity near and dear to their own heart to remember The American Cancer Society or the Lymphoma Society of America the next time we're filling out our CFC vouchers.

As we near the end of the 22nd year since graduation it's time for another batch of folks to make the pass from Navy Blue to CivDiv. **Warren Krull** (WSKrull@aol.com) was one of the next wave to drop me a line and announce that on Thursday, 27 April, at 10 a.m. aboard **MITSCHER** (DDG-59) in Norfolk, he joined the ranks of USN (Ret.). Joining Warren is **Skip Bayes** (HS Bayes@aol.com). On 31 March, Skip retired out of Crystal City. By now he is should be settled into his new job, still in Crystal City, but for a civilian company. Charlene and their kids, Ken and Angela, are excited about the transition.

**Paul "The Rock" Russo** was looking at a recent issue of *Shipmate* (I know—not last month's) and the Class column reminded him that he should drop a note and let us know what's been happening with him. Paul left the staff of the Tactical Analysis Group of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve in September of '99. He then went through seven weeks of training (PCO Leadership at Newport and PCO/PXO Navy Recruiting Orientation in Pensacola) before he reported as the XO of Navy Recruiting District Richmond, headquartered in Richmond, VA. He and his wife, Lydia, were still trying to get everything unpacked back in March so they can receive visitors. They would expect to be ready with all their personal affects by now, but then you know a Navy move ("Are you sure that ain't your stuff, sir? But it says so on the manifest? Russell, right? Oops, sorry. That must mean some of *your* boxes are in, lessee...oh yeah, GITMO.") Paul says, that assuming he doesn't "fall on his sword," he'll fleet-up into the CO billet there in about 18 months. He'll let us know when the Change of Command occurs. He also admits that the rumors are true—recruiting is totally different from anything else a line officer does during his career. Paul solved the miniature class ring mystery; or at least provided the most plausible explanation. The ring being auctioned on e-bay matched identically one that he gave his then-OAO at the end of "Segundo" year. Well, post graduation but pre-nuptial, they broke up. At least it was before wedding bells so he didn't have to "split the sheets", but the ring got away. Lo' these many years he figures the now married-to-somebody-else ex-OAO probably decided to finally get rid of it. (Let that be a lesson to you Classes at the back of this

*Shipmate*—get the gold back!) Lydia's not bothered. She has her miniature. (As I duck a blow to my head, let that be another lesson to you later Classes—buy your wife one! Whoa, here comes a combination!)

Unless someone comes forward with a better ring story, "The Rock" gets to be associated with this one. Thanks for clearing up the mystery, Paul, and good luck on the Recruiting tour.

**Ty Glasgow** (TyGlasgow@aol.com) provided a post graduation synopsis. After graduation and schools he was assigned to **SAM RAYBURN** (SSBN-635). From there he went on to **LA JOLLA** (SSN-701). After that shore duty at SubDevRon 12 kept him occupied until he got out in '84. He worked for Raytheon's Submarine Signal Division as a systems engineer; then into International Marketing and Program Management. He did that for about three years then went to Lockheed Sanders in New Hampshire to start up their international business. For six years he ran the operation and then did a major career shift into high tech and Internet start-ups. He's been doing that for about six years now. He's on his third start up and batting 1 for 2. An IPO scheduled for the spring. We'll see what happens. Oh yes, and in the middle of all that Ty and Melissa have been married for the last 18 years and have three great kids, Heather (13), Ryan (9) and Bridget (6). They're all living in Bedford, NH, for almost ten years now and loving it. Thanks for the update, Ty and good luck with your "batting average!"

In closing, I am passing on the sad news that Abby Seeger, **Howard Seeger's** wife, passed away on 11 March. There was a memorial service at the Academy Chapel, officiated by Al Baker. In lieu of flowers, Howie and his family requested that donations be made in Abby's name to the American Heart Association in care of The American Heart Association, Anne Arundel County Division, 7240 Parkway Drive, Suite 360, Hanover, MD 21706. At times such as this, the lasting friendships forged over the years at the Academy and since, offer comfort, strength and renewal. Our prayers and well wishes go out to Howard and his children.

Until next month...Launchin' Spot Four.

## 79

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Greetings, '79!

Well, June is finally here. The kids are out of school, baseball is in full swing (no pun intended), and there are only 16 teams remaining in the NBA playoffs. I find it interesting that traditional winter professional sports (basketball, hockey) have their championships in the summer. I guess it's so that everyone can go straight to the golf course when the season finally ends.

Mr. Mailbox has been downright popular this month, so let's get right to it. First up is a great letter from **Kevin Delaney**. Kevin has been retired from the Navy for a year now and absolutely loving civilian life. He's involved in signal processing R&D at the San Diego-based firm of AETC

(aetc.com), which uses, according to their Web site, "remote sensing technologies to locate and identify hidden objects, in the air, on or underwater and on or underground." Whew! Any guesses as to Kevin's background? Kevin responded to my request for photos with a couple from the 20th.



Kevin Delaney and Henry Jones



Dave Krueger: "You just don't get it, do you?"

He writes that **Stacey and Henry Jones** are heading to USNA this year. Henry will be a Permanent Military Professor in Oceanography. In Kevin's words, "That's an inspired choice. Henry's a really smart guy who can also understand the mid mind." (Several comments come to mind on how difficult *that* is, but I'll refrain.) Kevin also saw **Jean and Dave Krueger** at the reunion, and mentions that Dave is running the Navy at the Strategic Systems Program. Thanks, Kevin, for the great update and the photos!

Moving to "79ers in the News," we hear from **Dennis Reilly '78**. Dennis was kind enough to refer us to an article in *ContractorMag.com* concerning another guy named Kevin: **Kevin "Duke" Reilly**. From Dennis:

Kevin is the Executive VP of Project Management and a member of the Board of Directors for John W. Danforth in Buffalo, NY. He and his two brothers, Emmett and Patrick, and my father, Wayne, round out the executive team.

The article describes Kevin as the project manager for the building of two bobsled and luge tracks in Lake Placid, NY, for the 2000 Goodwill Winter Games held last February. Kevin's company put in over 70,000 man-hours in six months to complete the project. Similar facilities have taken two years. Kevin says that, because the money was late in coming, the project was "fast-tracked." OW! Aside from that pun, the article is a fascinating read, and can be found at [www.contractormag.com/articles/0200/ndanforth.asp](http://www.contractormag.com/articles/0200/ndanforth.asp). (If the link is no longer valid, let me know and I'll email a copy.) Outstanding job, Kevin! I am continually amazed to find just how many of our Classmates have distinguished themselves.

I got a kick out of **Sean Cate's** comment: "I must have missed that day in Thermo when Bobsled track refrigeration was discussed." Me too, Sean. I just remember reading about heat.

Speaking of our Class President, Sean forwarded a brief email from **Dave "Dino" Pryde**: