

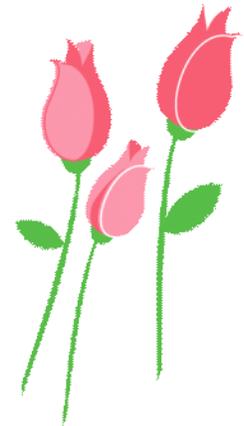


On the home front...

This will probably be a long rambling account so stick with me. I finally got hired full time at www.biomet.com this past August 30th. They were nice enough to let me take 5 days off (unpaid) to attend [NASC™ 2008](#). I guess that's better than [NASC 2007™](#) when I was unemployed. I'm now in "Logistics" and enjoy the work very much.

Now that I have insurance I'm doing some catching up on some health issues, first getting a physical. I need to get my diabetes in check and I'm now on medication for that. I'm watching my diet and hold on to your hat... I gave up drinking Pepsi. Cold turkey. Ok, I did start drinking a cup of coffee in the morning but that's it. I even took a stress test and didn't die on the treadmill!

My son Nicholas is a sophomore at Purdue and will be 21 this fall. He changed his major from computer science to political science because he wants to make a difference. Sam is a 17 year old junior in high school and he plans on entering the engineering program at Purdue when he graduates in 2010. Then I guess I'll be home alone..whoopee!



Shuffleboard

I haven't played much shuffleboard this past year. I only participated in a handful of tournaments including our [Shuffleboard Appreciation Day](#) at Journey's End, [NASC™ 2008](#), the [Indiana State Tournament](#) and a few other tournaments close by. Mostly my not playing was about money. The price of gas and the cost to play were just too much for me. When you have to choose between playing and putting food on the table it's not a hard choice. What I found during this sabbatical was that I actually enjoy having weekends off! I can't see a time in the future when I will attend tournaments every weekend like I have for the past 3 years. Maybe only two or three weekends a month <G>

That said, let's address the issue of reporting on tournaments. Indiana tournaments were reported on in the past because I was at every one of them. Now others must report and don't get me wrong, some do. This from the February ["The Red Baron Speaks"](#):

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Larry was talking about Indiana events in particular and nationwide tournaments in general. Take a look at the [2008 Schedule](#) and then compare it to the [2009 Schedule](#) so far. Many of the tournaments completed in January and February haven't been reported. I feel that if you take the time to send me your dates and flyers to promote your tournament it's my hope that you will send me your results to post. I think there are 3 parts to your tournament 1) the planning, preparation and promotion, 2) the running of your tournament, and 3) the reporting of the results. I know that when you are done you are just happy it's over, but reporting the results is an important part of recording the history of shuffleboard.



Future plans

My new employer has a generous vacation plan. I get 17 days vacation this year and I have them scheduled. It's probably not a big surprise that most of them revolve around shuffleboard. Scheduled so far are the following tournaments/dates. I haven't made my travel plans yet though I probably should, at least for Kansas City.

[Kansas City Shootout April 1st-5th, 2009](#)

[Wandering Women's Tournament September 17-20, 2009](#)

NASC 2009™ October 30th-November 8th, 2009

So there you have it. I'll summarize for you:

- 1) My family is OK
- 2) I'll see you in Kansas City!

I guess I COULD have just said that in the first place <G>

