

U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1975, Shipmate Column JUNE 2022

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Dear 'mates, Classmates to the rescue! Ten days before the deadline for this issue I opened the gouge locker to find nothing but dust and an old Form-2. A note on our Facebook page resulted in a couple of quick contributions. Thanks for always being willing to help a classmate!

First to step forward was Tom **Brubaker**.

"Holy Cow! Only took almost 47 years for me to send something for the Class column. First time with anything worth sharing I guess (?). Just wanted to share a pic of my 29th company mates and spouses from our 45+1 reunion. I made the trip to Annapolis from Brunswick, Maine (where I retired from the Navy CEC in 1994). We were small in numbers, but we were mighty! Had a great week-end catching up with "old" friends. Some of us had a lot more gray hair and some of us had a lot less hair, but for a week-end we were almost young again as we relived our glory days at the Academy. Missed the rest of the old 29 gang, but rest assured we did include them as we swapped stories about our time at USNA and beyond. Attending (and pictured left to right) were me flying solo for the week-end, Phyllis and **Dave Pruett**, Jan and **Jeff Simons**, and Lee and **David Jewell**."



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Supporting an annual fundraiser for the Armed Services YMCA, Virginia Beach classmates participated in a Putt Putt golf Tournament. **Dave Duffie, Mark Klett, Craig Quigley, Dave Pruett, Mike Groothausen, Doug Schlaeffler, and Bill McGlooin** took first place! (Doug and Bill skipped out before the photo.) If you look closely at the picture, you can see their secret. They bring their own putters! Tide water classmates met again at Chick's Bar in VA Beach on 22 April.

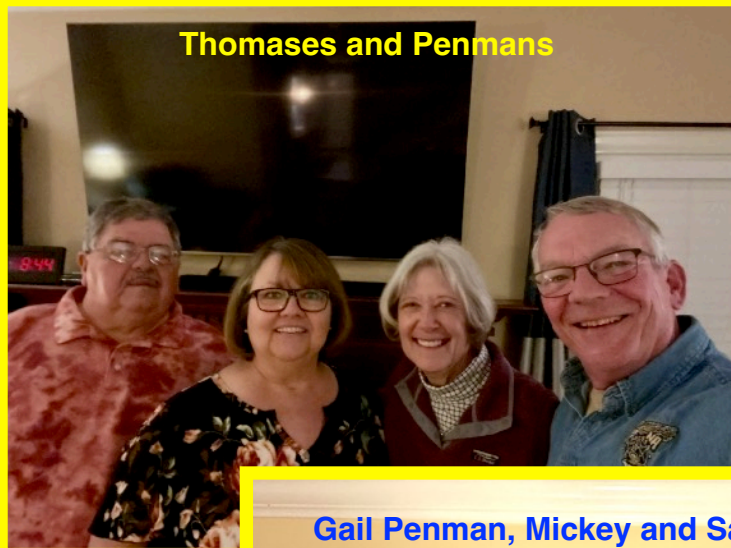


Gail and **David Penman** are taking advantage of the freedom of the road.

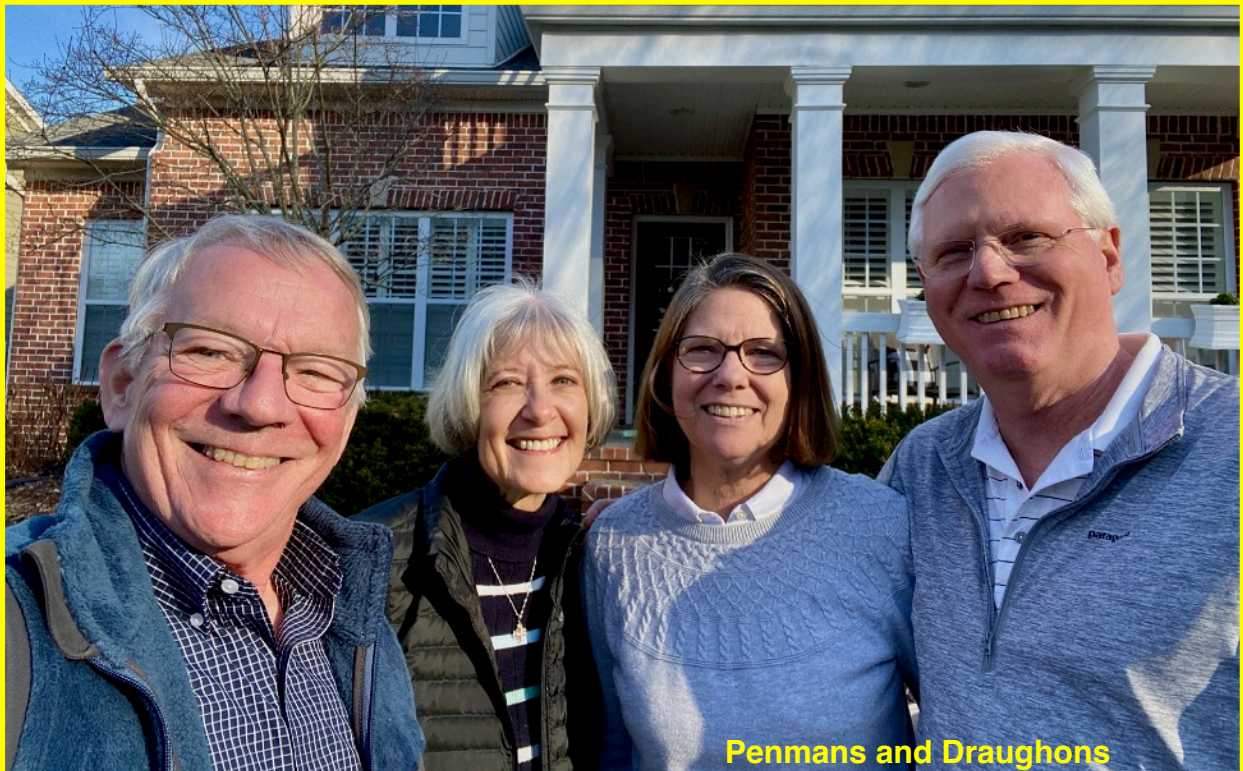
“Greetings Classmates! So what does one do while living in Pennsylvania in February when one owns a new motorhome? One heads south to see classmates living in the south—that’s what! So Gail and I left snowy PA the last weekend in January this year and started off on what turned out to be a 40-day journey. In addition to seeing Company mates from 31st Company, we had a planned destination with the USNA Recreational Vehicle American Chapter at their annual Key West Come Around! While there, we got to meet a fellow classmate and his wife, Wendy and **Kirk Daniels**. We also stole a few hours away to visit with our class president **Chris Cikanovich** and his family for “afternoon tea.”

But stopping on the way down and back to try and catch up with 31st Company folks was a major part of the plan, and it started off with dinner with Julie and **Tom Massicotte**—a very delightful evening (but I forgot to get a pic!). On our circuitous route home we managed to see: Sara and **Micky Daum**, Sheila and **Glenn Thomas**, and finally, Betty and **Pappy Draughon**—and I remembered to get pics! It was a great tour. Fun was had by all. Great to catch up and to reminisce. And whenever the gas prices level off, we're planning on a cross country trip to see some more Company Mates!"

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David and Gail were not the only 31st company “snowbirds.” Joan and **Mark Van Dyke** took a vacation from Deale, MD to Tampa. While driving south, they stopped in St. Augustine for dinner at Salt Life Shack with Company mates Julie and Tom **Massicotte** and Kit and **Rick Lecky**.



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Thanks for the quick responses classmates! I even have a starter set of tidbits for the July *Shipmate!* Have a great summer.

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