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THE MID-SUMMER CLASSIC

I think by now my ears have stopped ringing from the 4th of July fireworks, Mary and I attended a couple of local festivals over the July 4th holidays and enjoyed the local flavor and great music. We were able to spend some time with family and friends and we also got to see the Doobie Brothers and REO Speedwagon perform; flash back to the '70s – black lights & lava lamps.

July is a great month to spend time with family and friends. Hopefully you were able to catch up with rough mowing spurred on by our spring rains and had some time to share. I try to get away when I can, knowing that the 'dog days' of summer are just around the corner. In the back of my mind I know I will start to lose some staff as well (sorry to bring that up).

Chicago is a great place for culture and entertainment. I try to enjoy some of the activities like: Taste of Chicago, Buckingham Fountain at night time, Navy Pier, the Tall Ships, a Lake Michigan Cruise and both baseball teams. Mary likes the Cubs, that explains both. Every summer I try to spend a weekend in Chicago and stay at a fancy hotel and enjoy all the amenities. I love being pampered. That same weekend I enjoy shopping, great restaurants, a horse & buggy ride by Michigan Tower, and all the nightlife the city has to offer. The small pleasures make life very spicy.

Speaking of family, my Dad had a successful operation to remove a small sac in his right lung in early June. This lump was non-malignant and hopefully by August he will be swinging a golf club and working his golf scores into the high 70s.

Hopefully you will take some time off to spend with your family and friends, or perhaps spent a few hours at the Western Open at Cog Hill. This event always has a great field of excellent and talented golfers that will draw a large, enthusiastic crowd. I hope to see most of you at the Cougar Game on July 15. Bring the entire family and plan to have a great time. Hopefully your ears will be ready for more fireworks.

GO WHITE SOX!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

