

An Adventure in Life-

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segment of the Asian world, having a food to eat and some type of roof over one's head is the focus of daily life. Nothing else really appears to matter. The two-hour trip to the Mekong Delta provided a brief view into the rural Vietnamese lifestyle. A boat trip on the Mekong River was like traveling on a stream of Hershey's chocolate syrup without the wonderful chocolate smell.

One of my reasons for traveling to Vietnam was to see what, if any, lingering effects from the Vietnam War would remain or what the attitude of the people towards an American. We found the people to be very gracious, pleasant and extremely polite. The only visible reminders of the War were the exhibits and history of the War in the various museums located throughout the city. The War Remnants Museum is one of the most popular of the museums. As the name reflects, much of the museum is devoted to physical remnants from the War. A very solemn and moving exhibit is the Requiem Exhibit, which shows the war through the eyes of photographers from the countries involved in the war.

Surprising to me was the fact that the

museum presented facts, photos, etc. from the war with no biased slant. Many of the photos brought back a flood of memories of having viewed the War on a daily basis via the television. I found myself leaving the museum filled with a sense of sadness and bewilderment. The question that persisted in my mind was: was the War necessary and was it worth all the bloodshed and hardship?

The number of golf courses in Vietnam is limited. Today courses are being developed in the northern part of Vietnam in the Hanoi area. There are about six courses located in the Ho Chi Minh area. A course we chose to play was located about an hour's drive north of the city. The 27-hole course was less than 10 years old, having been built on reclaimed land that once was populated by rice paddies. As one would imagine, the main hazard was



Randy Witt with two friends

some type of lake or pond on just about very hole. To be able to reclaim the land for a golf course, a multitude of water features had to be built to drain off and hold the water. Even with the extensive drainage system, the golf course played wet. It was amazing to see and experience how fast a predominately dominated algae surface could putt. Just another experience in an Adventure in Life.

The MGCSA Fall Mixer Set for the Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake

"Trading Sticks for Guns"

To create a "spice" or "change" of venue, we've decided to change our traditional fall mixer golf event with a friendly sporting clay shoot. This will be held on Monday, October 5 at the Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake. We will still have our educational segment as in the past.

I am writing this to each of you as a "heads" up so when the sign-up sheet comes around you will have had time to allow yourself to hone in on your shooting skills. A couple of informational bits are as follows: field event (sporting clay shot) will be limited to the first 50 participants, more than 50 can of course join the educational and meal portion of this event. This event will have a \$10.00 charge at the time of pre-registration (same as Spring Mixer). Additional costs include ammunition, along with gun rental if you or your team cannot provide a gun. Suggestion would be to purchase your ammunition prior to coming to the event at your local gun supply store. Our goal is to have at least one experienced hunter in each group. Speaking of teams, we will have 10 teams of five shooters. Only one gun (if you're willing to share with team) is needed per group.

Pre-registration is going to be very important for this event to allow for equitable team formation. We encourage all to join in this fun event as we feel this will capture those who are looking for a change from the golfing events of the past. This is "our" association so, as always, if you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

- Tom C. Proshek
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MGA and MPGA Announce 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

The MGA and the Minnesota Section of the PGA are pleased to announce the 2009 inductees into the Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees are: Don Berry, Nancy Harris Blanchard, John Cook, Bill Israelson, Mike Schultz and Dick Tollette.

This group joins the 56 members inducted since the Hall of Fame was established in 1987.

(Editor's Note: Please go to www.mngolf.org/press_release.cfm?id=2904 for more information.)

