

# SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore

*Since Editor/Publisher Art McCafferty is still smitten with Bo Derek, I'm following orders by submitting a Top Ten list. Luckily, Art also said the column could be about "anything" so I don't have to compile my "Top Ten O.B. Shots" of the year. Instead, I can look back on the year-both on and off the course-and report on what caught my attention.*

*Is this a great country or what? So with little rhyme or reason here's my Top Ten list for 2006:*

- Silverado wins Truck of the Year-Yes, I'm leading off with the prestigious Motor Trend award because we live in a car/truck state and that industry is absolutely critical to the state's economic lifeblood. The Chevy Silverado was redesigned and GM spent more than \$200 million re-tooling its factories. It was first time in several years the award went to an American truckmaker.
- The modified scramble format-This is the ideal format when playing with infrequent golfers who just happen to be one's in-laws on

a busy Saturday afternoon. Everyone drives off but then you pick the best drive and play the hole, scramble format, from there. Little pressure, lots of fun, and speedy.

- Tiger and the Tigers-My 85-year-old Dad had a tough health year with a heart attack and pneumonia but he was sustained and uplifted by the exploits of the Detroit Tigers and Tiger Woods. Thanks to both for bolstering my Dad's spirits.

- Darren Clarke at the Ryder Cup-Clarke's remarkable play during the Ryder Cup, only a few months following his wife's passing, was transcendent and stirring and proved that the Americans never had a chance at reclaiming the Cup.

- Byron Nelson's death-I was fortunate to have met this icon and consummate gentleman several times over the past decade or so. The first time was in the early '90s when he was honored at The Monument at Boyne Mountain. I'll always remember Lord Byron watching pro Ronnie Black hit tight little draws during a practice session. And the last time was at the Masters when I got up early to watch him for the ceremonial tee shot. And to think it all started with the 14-year-old Nelson beating fellow caddy Ben Hogan in a caddy tournament in Fort Worth.

- Health lesson reminder-I'm a stickler for staying cool and hydrated in the heat of summer play but I shanked when stupidly cutting the yard in 100 degree

weather. Pushing the bodily limits for more than an hour without rest or water, I confronted heatstroke and lost one-down.

- Tiger Woods-yes, again. His win at the Buick Open was the 50th of his remarkable career. I thanked my lucky stars to be in the gallery to witness a piece of it.
- Powercaddies-As an aging baby boomer, I enjoy walking and playing golf but the days of carrying one's bag are long past. But with my battery-powered Hill Billy USA golf cart toting my clubs, I have the best of both worlds. As the golf sage once said, "riding in a cart destroys the journey of the game."
- Favorite little joke: A skeleton walks into a bar and says, "I'll have a beer and a mop."
- Lessons from the Amish-In a world increasingly cruel and chaotic, the Amish of Nickel Mines, PA, gave us an indelible lesson in love and forgiveness when the community reached out to a killer's family, giving food and raising money for his wife and children. In comparison, it makes harboring silly golf grudges and slights a shameful embarrassment.

And to paraphrase Miller Barber, I know it's kinda early, fellas, but Happy Fourth of July!

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