

PEPP-TALK

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So Lou knew he had it before he climbed the hill. One like that makes up for all the heart-rending moments one can have on a golf course. I know, because I've been there.

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category and Lou Crowe took a ball for his putt on number 9, a 10-footer.

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You know, the game of golf can really get to you. Some of it affects you in ways you wouldn't really believe unless you are part of it. A story I heard recently concerns this fact and while one might say it's far-fetched in its description, here's the way I heard it. Two golfers were playing a hole on a course that paralleled a highway. As they were about to tee off, a funeral cortege passed along the road, one of the golfers removing his hat standing quietly until the procession passed. His partner mentioned that it was a thoughtful thing to do. The other said, "Well, we would

have been married 30 years tomorrow."

See what I mean?

Over the weekend our daughter Carol and her husband, Bud along with their three children came to visit us. It's always good to see the little ones. Cedric, Sara and Miriam are really a lively bunch. We took them out to our beautiful Lions Park at Black Bear where we had a barbecue-type picnic mixed with a real old-fashioned talk-fest. When you only meet once in a long while, there are so many things to talk about. It was a real nice visit and we always look forward to the next one.

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on into October.

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And on that note we'll call it a day for this week. See you next time.