



The Front Door

Sobriety Birthdays:

Summer time

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2009 Alumni Golf & BBQ held at Prescott Golf & Country Club by David Booth

The Prescott House 2009 Annual Golf Outing was held at the Prescott Golf and Country Club and was enjoyed by all of those in attendance. The winning team of Arthur B.(03), Mattson J. (06), Ryan H. (07)and David B.(09) shot a 1 over 73 and coasted to a three shot victory. Prescott Golf and Country Club hosted its first ever P-House outing.

The House fielded 18 teams for this year's tournament with everyone gathering next to the club house for an introduction to the marshals' and final instructions before scattering to their



(Winners L to R) David B, Arthur B, Mattson J, Ryan H.

assigned holes for an 8:00a.m. shotgun start.

With the winning team already determined, the real race was for second and third place with the winner undecided until the final two holes. The second place team consisted of Jason C., Andrew P., Jason F., and Andrew E., and the third place team was made up of Bob M., Don Z., Penn L., and Alec F. Coming into their final two holes, the third place finishers were up by a stroke but had yet to reach the two drive minimum per player required by the rules . (con't p. 4)

Jack Says Goodbye



Jack Klamm, a therapist said goodbye to the Prescott House this past February. Jack arrived at the House on May 1, 2001. His smile arrived ten minutes before he did. Jack

had been a facilitator at Perryville, a women's prison in Phoenix prior to his coming to Prescott. Jack's Prescott House contributions included: Morning, Primary & Family

Groups. His training & life experience help educate Clients with interpersonal relationships development. Over the past couple of years Jack was asked to focus on *The Family Program*. Recovery within the family requires significant transition (pg 3)

The Suite Life

by Andrew E (05)



My first week at the Prescott House was awful. I absolutely hated it. I complained to my parents that it was a dump and I wanted to go somewhere like my friend had gone, where they got to go on scuba diving trips and such. So, I did what I knew how to do; I found two other men that were not serious about recovery and got drunk. I stayed mostly drunk for four days, as it was Thanksgiving weekend so there were few groups to attend. Jerry kind of ruined that buzz when he requested a urine sample. I instead filled the cup with water and, when Jerry accused me of doing so, I said words to him that inspired him to call the cops. The cops arrived, but luckily for me one of my accomplices decided to start breaking stuff right when they got there. The cops arrested him, and I got put up in Motel 6 for the night.

The next day when I showed up at the House, Al and Byrnie, with persuasion from my primary therapist at the House, informed me that I could either live on the streets or do everything that they said, including sitting on tables for a month straight. Convinced that living on the streets in a strange town was the inferior option, I chose the latter. I took the step before the steps shortly thereafter, as the Prescott House essentially forced me to become willing to go to any lengths to get sober. That was November 30, 2004, when I was 21 years old. I have been sober ever since. I did everything they said from there on out, except for maybe a few trivial things (in the interest of rigorous honesty). I realized about a month into my stay that those chance happenings (my accomplice freaking out so I didn't get sent to jail, incredibly not being able to procure hard drugs in Prescott, and my counselor pushing for me to be allowed to stay) were probably a good indicator that I was where I was supposed to be. And it turns out that everything the people from meetings had promised would happen came true. I found I could have more genuine relationships when I was real rather than wearing a mask, that I could be happy, and that I could stop being a victim and start taking responsibility for my own actions.

Being in the House allowed me to learn some basic life skills that I had never learned and also afforded me the time to work on some issues that had contributed to my dependence on alcohol. But most importantly, it allowed me to stay in a safe place with strong support long enough to work the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and in doing so I developed a relationship with a Higher Power and realized that my life had a purpose. I decided after 15 months in Prescott that I wanted to go back to school in San Diego; with the House's blessing, I did so.

Moving and leaving the incredible friends I had made was very difficult, but I made it through sober by implementing the tools I learned at the House and in meetings. I have since graduated from that school, earning a 4.0 after returning. I then decided that I might want to give law school a chance and was offered a full scholarship. I recently completed the first semester at the top of my class. My parents, who when they dropped me off at the Prescott House told me that it might be better if I never came back to Southern California, have since welcomed me back into their home. These are a few of the external gifts I have received in sobriety, but these don't really compare to the internal gifts. My life has a purpose now, and the gratitude I feel as a result of being in and coming out of a dark place has made even the worst days feel like a blessing. It is a beautiful life, and I am forever grateful to the Prescott House for showing me how to build the foundation that led to this life.

* **Footnote:** After completing his first semester Andrew recently was offered and accepted a full scholarship at the Berkley School of Law. His second semester starts in late August.

2010 International Convention Of Alcoholics Anonymous

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in **San Antonio, Texas** with the theme "A Vision for You." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamo dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout

the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and local hotels.

Convention registration and housing reservations will open on September 1, 2009. In August, the registration packet will be mailed to every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O., as well as to intergroup/central offices and other G.S.O.s around the world. It will also be posted online.



Entertainment District Downtown

Jack Says Good Bye *con't from Front Page*

for everyone. Jack would meet with family members upon arrival for a Family Session Weekend. His introduction of the consequent events was a comfort to both Clients & Family

members. Jack resides in Redmond Oregon with his sister & brother in law.

We **THANK** him for his years of service and wish him serenity, peace and happiness.

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Share your P House stories
with us !!!

Next Alumni Event : Cards VS Colts

When : September 27 th

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings in Prescott Valley

Time : 5:20pm Kickoff

Upcoming in October will be a AZ SUNDODGS Game.

Lets us know if your interested in playing Golf, Softball ,Volleyball or Tennis !!!!

Send us your updates of Any Important Events :

Matt B (05) Graduated Vanderbilt Law School and accepted a one year position with a U S Court of Appeals Judge in Washington, DC.

Byron A(03) expecting his 2nd child.

Ryan S.(03) & Scott S (04) are each expecting their first child.

Tyler D (03) was married in July here in Prescott.

Justin D (04) received a Journalism Degree from the University of Missouri .

Alumni Golf & BBQ (con't page 1)

This resulted in their team dropping two strokes and finishing at 5 over 77. Meanwhile, the eventual second place team held steady and benefitted from the insight of their team leader, Jason C., who works for the Country Club and is a regular player of the course. By paring their final two holes, they finished with a 4 over 76 and put an exclamation point on an exciting day of golf.

The tournament started with a bang as well. Before the teams had even struck their first drive, unbeknownst to anyone the winner of the par 4 13th longest drive contest, had already been decided. Greg F. smoked a 275 yard drive down the right side of the fairway on what very well could have been the first swing of the day. "I did not expect it to stand", Greg stated afterwards, but stand it did. With the longest drive decided before it began, the focus turned to the closest to the pin competition on holes 3 and 15 where war was waged. In each case Arthur B., came out on the losing

end and had to settle for the second closest shot. Tyler G. was the winner of Hole 3. Or what those in the know like to call the "frog hole". Tyler told me he sliced his "lucky shot" and was surprised that it stayed on the green. However, it was just enough to win the hole and give his team a 15 ft shot at a birdie. On the par 3 15th hole, Tyler's teammate Mike C. came out on the winning end, with his shot coming to rest 10 feet from the hole. In both cases the team was unable to capitalize on the close shot and had to settle for par.

In addition, each team enjoyed the opportunity to have a group photograph on the par 4 2nd hole. Harry and Ann had the chance to see all the teams enjoying themselves. Asked if anything special stood out at the event, Harry was surprised that no team broke par on the 2nd hole. Despite that, he observed that "everyone was having fun and enjoying themselves."

Not to be out done, the Bar B-Q was an excellent ending to a day of fellowship. A record turnout of 140 current P-House clients, graduates and their family members attended. Without a doubt, this year's tournament and BBQ continued a P-House tradition of successful reunions. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the sober fun and graduates were able to relate to current clients and shared their experience, strength and hope. Everyone I spoke with is already looking forward to next year's event and continued fun in recovery.

Special Thanks !

John B. (1989) for sharing a little of his story and his life today in Recovery .

Ted L. (1999) for providing the music & sound system.

Acknowledgment !

Tom U. (1988), the first graduate of the Prescott House.

