



WHAT WE DID ON OUR SUMMER VACATION

(Many of you are aware of our activities this past summer as Noreen captained the United States Curtis Cup golf team to victory over the team from Great Britain and Ireland at the Essex County Club in Massachusetts. Here is an entry from the journal of Cap'n Clawed Lobster & Lady Bisque from June 17, 2010!)

THE CURTIS CUP OVERFLOWETH

We arrived home yesterday - the Captain, the Cup and the Coach - weary, but still sky-high, thrilled and grateful for an incredible experience. Since May 21, we have spent 19 days on the road practicing, bonding, throwing out first pitches (at Fenway Park), winning the Curtis Cup and visiting with many family members and friends, old and new. What a whirlwind!

The Curtis Cup girls all left Monday. Alexis Thompson to the LPGA Shop-Rite tournament, her professional debut, at Seaview in NJ, and Jennifer Song to Decatur, IL for the Duramed tournament and her professional debut. Tiffany Lua and Stephanie Kono, both UCLA, were sight-seeing in Boston and have some school duties to finish. Kimberly Kim headed for New Jersey to visit with her swing coach and Cydney Clanton returned to Auburn for a golf school she helps with. Jennifer Johnson and Jessica Korda played practice rounds at Oakmont, where six of the eight team members will compete in the US Women's Open July 5-11. The Captain and the Coach spent time with the Mohler family Mon-

day and the Friel family Monday evening (including drinking from the Cup!), then headed to Rhode Island CC, site of the US Women's Amateur in 2011, for some golf with friends.

The Curtis Cup experience, beginning with that February 10, 2009, phone call when Martha Kirouac asked Noreen to be Captain for 2010, has been and will continue to be a words-defying experience. Not only the excitement, competition and pageantry, but the fellowship with family and the many friends who came from far and wide to offer support and encouragement, made for many wonderful, warm and emotional moments. It was such a blessing having our children, Noreen's three brothers and their spouses share in this privilege. As the dust settles and we have time to truly absorb and delight in the many memories, the actual impact will become clearer.

Thanks again for your many, many emails, prayers, cards, gifts, support and encouragement, and a special thanks to you for sharing in our magical Mohler moments!

Coach Jeff (Cap'n Clawed)
& The Captain (Lady Bisque)