Paul,

Happy Birthday to a great guy.

Me being the "good" catholic girl, I have found the 18 Commandments of Golf for vou to learn.

THOU SHALT NOT covet thy neighbors putter.

THOU SHALT NOT pick up lost balls before they stop rolling.

THOU SHALT NOT hold up play while lying to your boss on a cell phone.

THOU SHALT NOT wager with those who carry a one-iron.

THOU SHALT NOT play "inside the leather" with a belly putter.

THOU SHALT NOT build thy house of handicap with sand bags.

THOU SHALT NOT worship St. Mulligan, except on the 1st tee.

THOU SHALT NOT ask thy competitors if they "inhale or exhale" during the backswing.

THOU SHALT NOT call in suspected rule violations while watching golf on TV.

THOU SHALT NOT play winter rules in July.

THOU SHALT NOT consider hackers playing in the group ahead to be "movable obstructions."

THOU SHALT NOT imitate a stunt driver in a golf cart.

THOU SHALL yell "fore" before the body hits the ground.

THOU SHALL pray for the patience and understanding of all golf "widows", especially thine!

THOU SHALL restrict profanity on the course to three putting or worse.

THOU SHALL be tolerant to those morons with a higher handicap giving you unsolicited swing advice.

THOU SHALL throw thy clubs in non-lethal directions.

THOU SHALL spend less time looking for lost balls. These "offerings" to the Gods of Golf will be returned to you in like-new condition on the first tee of Pearly Gates CC.

Golfer Prayer

May I live long enough to shoot my age

TAURUS GOLFERS

April 20 - May 20

Ruled by Venus, Taurus golfers are methodical and tenacious; possess the ability to focus energy toward the realization of their goals. A tendency to be a bit stubborn works in their favor as they are persistent and get things done. On the course, they almost never give up and the game isn't over till the last putt drops. They take special pleasure in luxurious surroundings and places, love to travel and usually seek the best places to play. Due to their powers of endurance, Taurus golfers make proficient practicers and you will find them on the lesson tee more often than not. Slow careful and deliberate, the Taurus golfer does not like change and may be playing the same irons they so carefully purchased (custom fitted of course) years ago. They eventually must learn the difference between caution and plain stubbornness in order to keep up with technology if they aspire to more distance and control. Taurus golfers are known to record significantly more eagles on par 4 holes than any other sign.

Taurus golfers: Hal Sutton, Stuart Appleby, Stewart Cink and Jim Furyk

I hope you have a wonderful birthday that is well deserved.

Love, Deb