
What's in the name?

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/05/05 21:44

Okay, still slow going this off-season. For those as bored as I am share with the rest of us (if it's not too secret or personal) what your name and avatar symbolize/mean.

I'll start. I am from Ammon, ID (ironically I have a son named Ammon but he was born BEFORE we moved here!) and I'm a Cougar fan and They are #1. As for the Avatar it's a pic of my license plate which my Ute-raised wife got me for my recent, 35 yr. B-day! How's that for true love?!?! She's the best despite her upbringing.:lol:

Go Cougs!!!

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by bostoncoug - 2008/05/05 22:11

OK, I'll bite, I'm bored, working an overnight shift, and all the clients are SOUND asleep.

My username comes from the fact that I am currently living in Massachusetts (Attleboro) which is in between Boston and Providence RI, and I much prefer Boston to Providence and Attleborocoug just didn't make any sense. I am finishing up my Masters degree in Social Work (Just finished today, and graduating next week :) I'm going to be needing to change my username shortly as I am packing up a truck and heading back to the promised land of Utah in 3 weeks!!!!!!!!!!!! Any Suggestions?

The Avatar I think is pretty self explanatory.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Polycougar - 2008/05/05 22:45

Eh... why not. Name is simple. I'm a Tongan that was raised by a BYU Rugby coach (in the 80's). So I'm a Polynesian Cougar fan... PolyCougar. The avatar is just representing the sport my family is built around. We are Rugby through and through, though really my favorite sport is... ANYTHING BYU!!!

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/05/05 23:17

I'm a cougar fan and 1984 was the magical season when we went undefeated and brought home the title... (I wasn't even born for a few more years, but i've seen all the highlights from that year).

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by bengel - 2008/05/05 23:31

My wife, who is Dutch, tells me I'm a bengel. It's Dutch for rascal

The avatar is a photo of me doing a board break in a Tae Kwon Do tournament. I've channeled my competitive energies in to Tae Kwon Do in my old age.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by guerreiro2481 - 2008/05/06 05:32

my avatar is the logo that is on my cape and shirt. my wife made them both for me.

name is in portuguese (mission language) and means warrior because i joined the army after the mission. 24 was my football number in high school. 81 was the year i was born.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by dlcoug - 2008/05/06 07:12

dl refers to my initials.

My avatar shows Andrei Agassi and Roger Federer playing tennis on the top of a hotel in Dubai. I'm a tennis player/lover and Agassi is my favorite player. I'm just waiting for my day to come so that I can be invited to play up there too ;)

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by McGregor - 2008/05/06 07:24

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/05/06 07:33

I'll bite too. Name, I grew up in Hawaii and went to Kahuku. Imua is the Hawaiian term that means "forward" as in "onward and upward". "Uncle Doug" used to lead his team with "Imua Pirates" for the little league baseball team he coached. I was a little kid and I thought it was such a cool thing to yell out instead of "go team" because it means so much more. I would love to hear the players shout "Imua Cougars" in the sideline break but I think they would need to get an understanding of it first. It is a yell that is kind of like the haka in that it is about sacrificing all for the advancement of the group, or team in this case.

My afan for BYU is that I am a convert and when I learned what life was really about and not what the world taught it was, I really appreciated the image and mission of BYU. Then players (Lakei and Hema,)who were friends from my ward and hometown (Jack Damuni, the Atuai's)started playing at the Y it cemented the hometown bond with the cougars.

The pic reminds me of an experience I had when I was 13 or 14. I was surfing second break in Laie (teaching my little bro how to surf just like my big bro taught me), when a 6 to 8 foot tiger shark swam under my board as I was trying to catch a wave. Needless to say that put a damper on the surfing lessons that day. :S

That's my story and I'm sticking to it! :lol:

My avitar used to be Kwitt crying after the Harline catch but I got tired of looking at him and found something more me.

<http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/kwittcry1.jpg>

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/05/06 07:40

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I taught at Hillcrest Seminary (adjacent Sandcreek for seven years up till last year) I'm in IF at Clair E. Gale Jr. now. Enjoy your visit.

Go Cougs!!!

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/06 08:23

Before the mission I started a snowboard company--Snosythe, which I eventually sold to Elan to pay for the mish. I just have always used snoscythe for user names etc. since all I initially used the "interweb" for was business (just too slow for anything else back in the day).

As for the avatar, if you do not recognize the illustrious Tobias Funke in his role as a second for the Blue Man Group, then you are one of the many who missed the greatest television show since Philo T. Farnsworth started filling his diapers.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/05/06 08:39

My name is lame and self explanatory. I've used "Iceman" for every username I've ever had, but when I got here, it was already taken...

As for the Avatar, Its me with john Beck at the Blue/White the year before last. He is by far, my favorite player that I've watched personally.... and now that I think about it, probably BYU history. I know thats weird, but he is my favorite, so that pic was an amazing experience for me.

While were talking about this, if anyone wants to throw out some usernames that I can use, go for it! lol

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by sjcougfam - 2008/05/06 08:56

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I never realized that was Tobias, Arrested Development was a great show!

As for me, SJ = South Jordan, and Kehl was my favorite player last year, hence the avatar.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by FuiJackapuna - 2008/05/06 08:59

FuiJackapuna...comes from my love for the style that Fui was running all through 2006, and hopefully runs in 2008. Plus, I served a mission to New Zealand, which gave me a great love for all things and people Polynesian.

Avatar is currently Fui hurdling some other players...

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/05/06 09:00

My name comes from the Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan. It's something I've used for years and years. As for my avatar, I was quite jealous of everyone else with BYU plates, and although I lack them myself I do sport a number of Cougar tags on my truck to make up for it.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/06 09:15

This is probably going to make me sound lame, but Hengst is dutch (mission language) for stallion, and I'm a comic book nerd, hence the ever changing wolverine avatar (I almost went with batman, but eventually decided on the wolverine, I think it fits BYU--little guy that beats the crap out of the bigger BCS baddies :)

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/06 09:18

My name comes from my favorite band, Metallica obviously. On the inside of the garage inc. album there is a picture of them that says "the metallicats".

My avatar is a public safety violation on wheels, otherwise known as the filipino jeepney.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by ABYUFAN - 2008/05/06 09:35

I wanted the name "McGregor" but it was already taken, so I went with my license plate, which, what are the odds that that combination of letters would come up when I got my new car? (4 cars ago)

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Yndian - 2008/05/06 09:48

My avatar is a photo of my daughter taken the day of the Utah football game. She didn't go (because she was only five days old), but we decked her out anyway. She did get to go to five or six basketball games.

My name is because I'm Native American (Hopi), and I wanted to work the Y in. My first choice was actually ParaguaY (my mission), but it was taken. I like Yndian better now anyway.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by NorthernCougar - 2008/05/06 09:53

My name is pretty simple. I live in Farmington hence Northern and I consider myself a Cougar above all else besides God and my family. Some doubt that sometimes...

My avatar is pretty self explanatory.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by jhw5 - 2008/05/06 09:59

Yndian wrote:

My name is because I'm Native American (Hopi), and I wanted to work the Y in. My first choice was actually ParaguaY (my mission), but it was taken. I like Yndian better now anyway.

So does that make you politically incorrect? ;)

My name has nothing to do with my initials, I swear it.

My avatar is an F-22 Raptor on its way to first delivery to the Air Force (Langley AFB). I'm not a pilot, and I have no history with the Air Force, but I am an engineer and am completely fascinated by both the U.S. defense and aerospace industries.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by buzzard - 2008/05/06 10:41

Name is an gentle insult used by my sweetheart, as in; "You are such a buzzard!", not sure where she picked it up, but she has been calling me that for over two decades.

Avater was just laying around CBlue one day so I picked it up, tried it on, and liked it.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Isola - 2008/05/06 10:43

Once upon a time I was pcs-2006 (initials and graduation year) with a picture of Lavell Edwards Stadium as avatar, but it all seemed so generic so I changed it.

Isola is an album name from my favorite Swedish rock band "kent". It doesn't mean anything, just a name. The avatar is a picture from their most recent album. It is just a picture of tree leaves at night, but I like the look.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by McGregor - 2008/05/06 10:57

nuk13 wrote:
What is your dojo?

Cobra Kai is the dojo of the bad boys in Karate Kid.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by MrRoboto - 2008/05/06 11:39

Hello, my Name is MrRoboto and I've been a cougarblue addict for about three years.

I love BYU sports but my other interests are music and art(and other stuff too). I wanted my name and avatar to express my other intersets as its pretty safe to assume I like BYU sports if I'm on this site at all.

I chose the name MrRoboto cuz it's a good song (although I'm not really a Styx fan) and because of the lyrics:

I am the modren man, who hides behind a mask
So no one else can see my true identity

The problem's plain to see: too much technology
Machines to save our lives. Machines dehumanize.

The time has come at last
To throw away this mask
So everyone can see
My true identity...

I'm Kilroy! Kilroy! Kilroy!! Kilroy!

I guess what I'm trying to say is that my real name is Kilroy.

As far as the avatar goes I used to use a Bo Bartlett painting (he's a great artist) but I found this image at flickr and just thought it was cool.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/06 11:40

My name is simply the initials of my wife and I. The 97 is the year we got married. The avatar shows Soto's knee touching the ground prior to the called fumble at the Rose Bowl last year. I have decided to leave the Avatar until after the UCLA game.

Did anyone else enjoy the Rose Bowl. I knew that the parking was on a golf course so my brother and I took our clubs. It was fun to chip and putt while waiting the 2 hours to exit parking.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by CrimsonCoug - 2008/05/06 12:59

Screen Name: The 'mascots' of my two alma maters: BYU and Harvard. (I think it's laughable that Harvard's mascot is a color.)

Avatar: Blue goggles, of course!:cheer:

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by MajorCougar - 2008/05/06 15:41

My screen name references the rank I have currently in the military and my being a life-long fan of BYU. I have been in the same (military) Brigade as Kitic (good luck, buddy), and have been in the guard, reserves, and active duty for over 20 years now.

My avatar is a copy of a painting that I have at home by Clark Kelley Price, titled, "It's True Sir - All Present And Accounted For". The Helaman and the Stripling Warriors story has special meaning to me, including Bronco's first media interview where he likened the team (both coaches and players) to the stripling warriors.

Added to that, the phrase, "All Present and Accounted For", is used when subordinate units would report to their commanding officers in formations in the military. Our unit went to Iraq in 2003, and we all returned safe and sound - thus, all present and accounted for.

If you get the chance, read the linked story and re-read the Book of Mormon passages that illustrate this example of faith, courage, and honor.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/05/14 16:27

It's only appropriate that I follow MajorCougar I suppose.

CAFB = Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi where I attended Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training.

04-12 = 12th class to graduate in fiscal year 2004 (July).

The avatar is a set of Air Force pilot wings.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by MojoCougar - 2008/05/14 17:00

MojoCougar is from my two favorite football programs-- Permian High School (of Friday Night Lights fame) and of course, BYU. I've had the avatar since Beck and just haven't changed it, but here's hoping he will shine this year in Miami.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/05/14 17:40

I picked my name and avatar because I went to the greatest mission in the world.

Re:What's in the name?

Posted by NorCalBlue - 2008/05/14 17:57

My avatar is a breathalyzer because it is the only picture already saved on the computer that I was on when I started cougarblue-ing. I don't like my name, but its where I am and the color most associated with this web forum. I think I'll change it though. Thanks for the inspiration.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/14 19:08

mormonrasta wrote:

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But this is the filipino flag.

<http://tbn0.google.com/images?q=tbn:SqQnxuVhCpWDIM:http://www.tofocus.info/images/flags/philippines-flag.gif>

I know, cheesey, but ya had to see it comin.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by vancouvercougar - 2008/05/14 19:08

I work in Vancouver, Wa although I live in Happy Valley OR. (Yes that really is the name of the town) My avatar is the Bell Tower because it was dedicated when was there.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/14 19:47

mormonrasta wrote:

I picked my name and avatar because I went to the greatest mission in the world.

Cool! I didn't realize we had a mission to the Rastafarians. :huh:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/14 19:49

Metallicat wrote:

mormonrasta wrote:

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I know, cheesey, but ya had to see it comin.

Whoever designed that flag must have been inspired - putting the blue above the red just as it should be... :cheer:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/14 21:16

vancouvercougar wrote:

I work in Vancouver, Wa although I live in Happy Valley OR. (Yes that really is the name of the town) My avatar is the Bell Tower because it was dedicated when was there.

Some pretty nice homes in Happy Valley. Live must be treating you well.

I always wondered if there is any significance to the fact that if one travels a bit further down the road from Happy Valley you end up in Boring, OR? :dry:

And stranger still, depending on the direction of travel they are both on the road to Damascus. :ohmy:

Probably some biblical connotation there but I'm too tired to think of it... :unsure:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by StatCougar - 2008/05/14 21:24

Okay, I'm in. Stat short for statistics, which is my major. Cougar is self explanatory. I'm an air force brat and one of my earliest memories is watching cnn during desert storm and seeing the f-117s. I've study military history and technology since then.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by B-Rex - 2008/05/14 21:25

I'm in...

My middle name is Rex, after my mom's dad, Grandpa Rex. He was great!!!

The B is actually a play on T-Rex, King of the Dinosaurs; King of the BYU Fans, and I changed my avitar from a cartoon T-Rex to the Burger King dude; Burger King becomes B-Rex.

My grandkids think I'm funny, but they'll grow out of it.;

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/14 22:05

I'm in...

My user name means absolutely nothing.

It is a made up name that I created years ago when writing letters to the editor of the Vancouver Columbian, after receiving several anonymous death threats when I used my real name. The Portland area is a tough place to be a vocal conservative, especially seeing how serious the dims were about free speech (so long as it agrees with their agenda).

My avatar is one I use on a couple of private stock investor message boards (Ninja Traders - we had the name before someone stole it to name a product) on the worldcrossing website. Since the colors were pretty darn close I decided to use the same avatar.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Ygridiron4ever - 2008/05/14 22:44

I hope the username makes sense.

The avatar is the official uniform device of the Peer Support Program for the United States Border Patrol. It is an awesome program that i helped develop and for which I am now the director. Agents on the team respond to critical incidents around the world and i get to go with them. May 15th is National Peace Officer's Memorial Day and i am here in DC this week helping survivors get through an emotional time. The agency to which the Border Patrol belongs had 7

line of duty deaths last year and so we have about 110 family members here now. Very hard. Kind of chokes me up to see a 10 year old kid wearing a police uniform that was made special for him to wear as the country honors his father who is never coming home again.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Ball4 - 2008/05/14 23:03

I love this thread...well at least for off season stuff. I have been fascinated with the names and avatars and the explanations. Especially Major Cougar...I love the picture. I never looked at it up close until this thread. I have never seen that picture before.

My name is my last name. BALL. The 4 is my favorite number. I loved wearing the BALL 4 jersey in baseball. Pitchers thought I was looking to walk so they didn't try as hard to strike me out (thinking I was looking to walk). I just belted singles and doubles all day long. I rarely walked in baseball. Rarely struck out either.

The Avatar is Kehl's 40 streaking by with an amazing intense Bronco looking on. I love the picture.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by HoosierCougar - 2008/05/16 07:31

I was an Army Brat and at age 9 moved to my seventh permanent home... in Indiana. That's where I stayed until I went to the Y as a freshman in 1990. Hence, HoosierCougar. I am only slightly conflicted in my allegiances, but I know that Red should stay west of the Mississippi.

The avatar is something I saw on this board and co-opted. My son and I have made it into shrinky-dinks and they hang in his room and my car so we can always remember the Cougars. The other day he saw someone wearing a Yewts sweatshirt while we were on vacation in Kansas City and called out, "Cougars rule, Yewts drool!" He's seven.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by treck - 2008/05/16 08:56

Treck is the only word I could spell using the first initials of my wife and three kids. I grew up in Provo and am a cougar fan for life...even though I graduated from the U. Those were some fun years. The avatar is just a random image that I chose when I signed up for my cougarblue account. One of these days I will get around to changing it to something meaningful and clever.:dry:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Gymcoug318 - 2008/05/16 10:48

Wow! So I wasn't going to play the me card on this thread. But I don't post as often as I used to. Anyways first I love going to the gym. Lifting and playing racketball. I've been doing that for a long time. Cougar of course cougar. I'm a cougar for life. Then the Avatar it's of course homer. But he's a fully invested homer. A buddy at work helped me photo shop it on there. The saying says Harline is still open and so is Collie 4:18. Before I had a stupid dude with a skateboard. Because I didn't know how to get a cool avatar till my buddy helped me with it. Anyways go cougs! I can't wait for the season to start! And I renewed my season tickets for the year! Yay! :woohoo:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by niqmadu - 2008/05/16 11:26

Niqmadu (son of AMmistamru, son of Niqmepa, was the king in Ugarit (on the old Bible Dictionary maps north of the Phoenician cities on the Mediterranean coast). This was my thesis area.

As far as my pic... cows are what we do. We mostly fatten holsteins for slaughter.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/16 12:15

treck wrote:

Treck is the only word I could spell using the first initials of my wife and three kids.

Let's see now "Treck" has five letters. "wife and three kids" has four letters. Oh I get it. My analysis was "fundamentally" flawed. :dry: I forgot about wife #2... :laugh:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/16 12:18

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Hope you're feeding them Beano to cut down on their methane contribution to greenhouse gasses. :lol:

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by spidy - 2008/05/16 12:42

McGregor check out this site, www.sweeptheleg.com watch the video link.

As for mine, I grew up watching spiderman and his amazing friends, My 6 year old teaches the theme song to his primary class.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by NotSackless - 2008/05/16 22:51

I'm just a lurker here. Rarely have time to post but enjoy reading the football posts especially.

My avatar was stolen from Airwolf84. Being a lurker it seemed appropriate.

I think the "sackless" comment is one of the all time great ones so I modified it slightly for my username.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/05/16 23:43

This has been a good thread. Sometimes I'll see an avatar and username and wonder what the story is behind it. Thanks for sharing.

I picked the Ford mustang for several reasons. I was raised on Ford just like the Cougars. My father's side of the family only knows Ford. I have an Aunt who has worked 30+ years at Ed Kenley Ford. Every great memory I have with my extended family includes Ford vehicles.

Aside from that, when the "new" mustang was introduced I was hooked.

Cougarfan144 was the very first username I created back when I set up an email address at yahoo (which i still use 8+ years later). I was born on the 14th day of the 4th month.

I've considered changing my pic to show all the Y hats I've had and never gotten rid of. Maybe one of these days I'll do that.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by ProV1 - 2008/08/27 13:12

I don't know how I missed this thread but I liked reading it. I always wondered about a few of you. To those who didn't know about Cobra Kai, c'mon. The best movie ever made. "Mercy is for the weak! We do not train to be merciful here!"

My avatar is #11 at Pacific Dunes at the Bandon Dunes golf resort. A nice play for a golf getaway.

My user name is the ball I play exclusively. I wouldn't dare desecrate my club face with a Pinnacle.

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Re:What's in the name?

Posted by Schroeder - 2008/08/27 15:56

I was always playing the piano while growing up, so my dad called me Schroeder, but never to my face. The name and the action have stuck all these years.

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