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1952 Probably most '52s are interested in sports and physical fitness but often that only translates into an occasional walk and maybe a game of golf. We have, however, classmates with *serious* sports interests. We picked up the phone and called a few.

It's almost exhausting just to hear what **Doug Corderman** does about physical fitness. He bought a 70 acre farm in Leesburg, Virginia on which he personally labors unrelentingly. He also runs four miles a day, golfs once a week, ran his first Marathon four years ago and probably will run again this year, has done twenty Triathalons, and annually bikes with grandsons across the entire state of Iowa – 500 miles of eighty mile days with camping out each night. Wow!

Don Richardson, a retired doc in Brevard, North Carolina, keeps in good shape by heavy-duty biking with Tom Ritner '53. Last year the pair biked the 217 mile Virginia section of the Blue Ridge Parkway. They did it in five days on a road which is almost continuous steep hills going through mountainous country. Don says that this trip was probably the hardest physical challenge he's ever undertaken. In the future he'll be a little less ambitious.

Although **Gerry Lukeman's** day job is with the big market survey firm he helped found, his heart is on the baseball diamond. He's a pitcher in regular rotation on a Men's Senior Baseball League team. The league has several thousand teams. Gerry hurls a game about once a week and works out 3-4 days a week. Why does he do it? In a Delphic response he says, "pitching is a strategic challenge".

The only reason that **Albie Collins** isn't still an enormously active racquet sports player is that his knees simply gave out and can't be operated on again. But he's still tremendously busy running tennis events. He is the founder and for 46 years – count'em *forty six* - has directed the annual Richardson Invitational doubles tournament held in Rye, New York. This is a big, national tennis event, considered "the best non-sanctioned doubles tournament in the country". Each year sixty four invited players – teaching pros and top amateur players – compete in it.

Albie also teaches tennis and in his self-described role as "America's oldest tennis coach" he coaches the Manhattanville College team. He's also a long-time member of the U.S. Tennis Association's prestigious technical committee. The annual award for the best Ivy League tennis team is named for him – the Albie Collins Trophy.

An eminent and still-practicing surgeon, **Harry Goldsmith** lives in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. He swims competitively as a member of the International Masters Swimmers. It's a big organization – fifty thousand men of all ages who compete in their various age categories. Usually swimming in 100 yard freestyle events, Harry has been and winning meets on the West Coast. We caught up with

him just as he had finished the international championship meet in Connecticut. Five thousand swimmers competed, most of them onetime Olympic contenders. Harry was pleased to have ended up 17th out of 35 finalists in the hundred meter event.

These classmates make us painfully conscious of the state of sloth and indolence in which so many of us live.