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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the February issue of the Bolton On-Line Updates.

It looks like Michael is getting ready to start another tour. We have several dates listed already and are awaiting more. These will be posted to the fan club website at

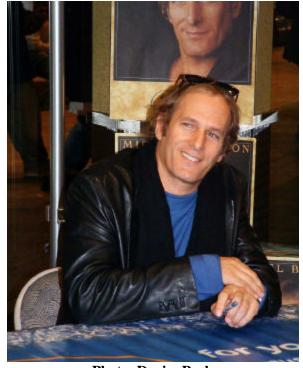
www.michaelboltonclub.com as soon as they are confirmed. The fan seating for the dates already confirmed have now been completed.

Don't miss out on your fan club priority seats by forgetting to renew your membership. You can get all the info and renew directly from the fan club website located at info@michaelboltonclub.com.

Please don't forget to send your reviews and pictures that you would like to share with your Bolton Buddies in upcoming issues of the Online Updates to <a href="mailto:MBPlatinum@aol.com">MBPlatinum@aol.com</a> so they can be included.

Best Wishes, *Gail*, Editor





**Photo: Denise Park** 

### **2004 TOUR DATES**

Listed below are the first 3 dates that Michael has announced for his 2004
Tour. Please check the fan club site at <a href="https://www.michaelboltonclub.com">www.michaelboltonclub.com</a> and on this password site for the fan seating information on each and new dates as they become available.

2/13//04 – Biloxi, MS – Beau Rivage Resort

2/14/04 – Biloxi, MS – Beau Rivage Resort

4/1/04 – Robinsonville, MS Horseshoe Casino

### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Official Fan Club Site:
www.michaelboltonclub.com
Michael's website:
www.michaelbolton.com
Great Fan Photos of Michael:
www.michaelboltonphotos.com
Michael Bolton Charities website:
www.michaelboltoncharities.com
Orrin Bolton's Fan Site
http://members.aol.com/Anna4374/index.htm
Pictures from CD Signings
http://www.fye.com/contentPages/base.jhtml?n
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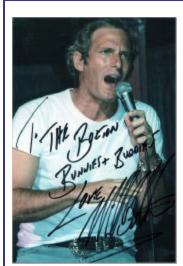


Photo: Di McElroy
This picture was signed for the
fan reception in 2002 by
Michael to all the Bolton
Buddies and Bunnies



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#### MY TRAVEL TO THE STATES

I arrived to New York the 25 of September. My first concert would be the 27, in Atlantic City, so I had time to relax and prepare myself for the important event! I was very nervous and very anxious, but sooooooo happy that I couldn't believe that I was going to see MICHAEL after so many years waiting for this moment.

He sang a lot of his old classics songs, and some of the new CD Vintage. I won't say much about the concert, because some of you were there and told the group all about it. I met there some BB'S, Laurie, Debbie, Sally, Gail......it was wonderful! to be there with my friends in person was something very nice! I was so happy......When I met Gail I told her that I had a present for Michael, she said that if I had a chance, to give it to him during the concert, when some people give him flowers, but when I went near the scenery with my present, one of the bodyguard said to me: ONLY FLOWERS MADAM....... so I couldn't do nothing more.

When the concert finished, Gail called me and introduced me to Michael's mom! I was astonished! I told her where I was from, that I went to the States only for him, only to see him in concert and that I had a present that I couldn't give him. It was a wool scarf, made of LLAMA wool, a very nice and warm wool from my country, and a postcard with my name, telling him I am member of the MBPC. She took the bag and said she was going to give it to him.

I must say that I was wearing a big Argentine flag on my shoulders in every concert, so I can be recognized very clearly, and a smaller flag in my hands with "FROM ARGENTINA TO YOU" written on it. I want to tell you my MB experiences during all my trip, the second concert was the 29 of September in VERONA, I was going to met Dawn there, another of my BB's friends. It was so nice!!!! She took some wine to the concert, and I drank a little bottle of a delicious red wine! I needed this, I was very nervous, I went to VERONA alone, I had to travel almost 5 hours to get there.

During the concert I had the chance to be very close to MICHAEL. I was all the time waving my little flag in order to be more visibly, and with the big one on my shoulders. I think he saw me, because he pointed me and made a gesture of affirmation, and OK, (I guessed he recognized me because of the flag and the present I gave his mother for him) WOW!! I can't explain my feelings, not in English! As I said before, I met Dawn there, she went with a friend, but she couldn't stay long after the concert, it was a pitty, but it was a very sweet experience for me too. After the concert I went with Laurie, Debbie, and some friends of them to have something to eat, and to have a look in the casino, we were talking with some of the members of MB's band in the restaurant, they are all very nice people, and later Laurie, Debbie and co, went to sleep, and I stayed in the Casino, I was there looking how the people were gambling, shopping, I bought some presents there too, and finally I gambled in a kind of roulette, luckily I won \$40 that night.





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#### My Travel To The States (Con't)

The last concert I attended was in WESTBURY. the 4 of October. I took a train from Manhattan., I arrived there early in the afternoon, I don't remember the time, but I had a lot of time to have a walk, but, I took a taxi to go to the theatre that was a little far from the train station and the center of the city.

I waited near the theatre, I walked down there, and had something to eat and drink before the concert. It was a great concert! The scenery was round, and it rounded all the time, so, all the people there could see Michael and the band very well! He performed the same songs that the others concerts, he was great!

My problem was later when I wanted to go back to the train station. I walked down to the entrance of the theatre, but I didn't see any taxi or bus. A car came out from the theatre, I asked them if they can take me near the train station, but they couldn't, so I asked them to send a taxi for me. I waited a long time, and nobody came. I must say that it was late in the night. I began to walk till I found a bowling, I ask there for a phone, and they asked a taxi for me. I went to the train station in the taxi, but, as usual, I arrived to Manhattan after 1 am, it means that I have lost the last bus to NJ, so I had to wait for the first in the morning al 8 am, it was Sunday.

I went to a Dunkin Donnut to have a coffee and something to eat, then I walked through 42 Street, and went back to the DD to wait there. Finally I caught the first bus to NJ, went home. It was another night alone in NY!!!!!

BUT I WAS VERY HAPPY!!!!!!! I am sure that if I have to do all these again, I will, Yes, I'm sure.

Linda (Argentina)



Photo: Laurie Schoenberg





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### One Day at the Bob Hope Classic by Nancie Ausmus

I'm just back from Palm Springs. Had to be there on business on Thursday, but went a day early in order to catch at least one day of the Bob Hope Classic Golf tourney.

We got to the Bermuda Dunes Country Club about 10:30 am. and were told that we had to go to a nearby tennis park to leave the car and catch a shuttle bus back to the golf course. Probably close to 100 cars in the parking area. Had to go through a loosely controlled security check point (no cameras, cell phones, memorabilia for celebrity signatures, etc.) Purchased our tickets (\$20 each for the day) and boarded the bus.

About 10 minutes later we arrived at the course and entered the grounds. It's a beautiful golf course, and was fairly crowded -- though not as much as it will be today and Sunday. The sun was shining and no indications of wind or rain -- so it was perfect for a good game.

Michael was part of Team A-23, which included tennis star Michael Chang, Robert Fra iman (?) and golf pro Justin Leonard. They teed off at the 10th tee at 9:24 am, so we figured we could probably catch up to them about the 12th tee, so we asked directions and practically ran from the 1st to the 12th, but an official there said they had played through awhile ago.

We finally found them at the 14th tee. Michael was wearing all black, white golf glove and looked happy and relaxed. Strangely, I don't recall what the others were wearing.

We continued walking the course with them through the 18th hole. Parts of the fairway are lined with beautiful homes, and during the tournament, many of the residents host parties on their patios, which face the course. At one point Fraiman hooked to the right and you could hear a "thud." Michael said "That ball's in somebody's living room!"

A couple of times, Michael pulled out a bar of something -- either candy or an energy bar -- don't know which, and devoured it between shots. Later on, Michael Chang also hooked right and you could hear a crash. The people sitting on the patio asked whose ball it was, and were told "Michael" and they thought it was MB. The hostess went down to the play area & got Michael's autograph. Upon returning to her patio party, someone asked if he was going to pay for it. She said dreamily, "He doesn't have to -- just sing me a song!"

Throughout the play, people would approach the players for autographs. Michael always obliged. When he was standing a couple of feet away, I said, "Sorry about Dick Gephardt." MB said "Yeah, it's too bad. He's a good man!"

When I've seen Michael play before, there was always such a camaraderie between members of his team. Michael did make several funny remarks, appreciated mostly by the spectators. Chang is a very serious young man. Seldom smiled or spoke to anyone but his caddy/mentor. Mr. Fraiman apparently had difficulty walking and rode a golf cart from hole-to-hole. The pro, Justin Leonard, was understandably very concentrated on his game. So Michael mostly walked and spoke with his caddy.

When they came off the 18th tee, there were a lot of people lined up along the exit to get autographs. Michael was the only one of his team who took the time to sign everyone's programs, etc. I asked him what the team score was and he smiled and said "Sixteen, we had a good run."

After walking (and running) 18 holes, we were pretty beat and stopped near the clubhouse for a very cold beer before heading back to the shuttle bus to the parking lot and then back to the hotel.





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### **Brooklyn Center CD Signing**

It was Sunday, December 7th 2003. It was at the Brooklyn Center mall. I arrived about an hour before Michael's scheduled appearance. In that time I of course purchased the exquisite new album "Vintage." By the time I got back in line there were a few hundred BB's there. I was about behind about twenty. As I came closer to the front of the line, I inquired to one of Michael's staff regarding fan club membership. I informed her that I did in fact join but did not receive my credential yet. I attempted to show her the print out of the confirmation of membership, but before I could unroll the paper, she assured me everything was fine. So my turn came and I walked up to Michael, asked how the tour was going and how I enjoy the new album, he said he was glad to hear it and then signed the two copies of "Vintage" I had and also was nice enough to sign the promotional flat that I received after informing that I was a member of the fanclub. Even though I missed out on that "priority treatment" in line and the photo of Michael and I did not come out as hoped, (next time though!) I did receive the very cool "Vintage" promotional flat, which looks beautiful framed! =) Thanks for coming out, it was a very exciting experience to meet you, the man, the myth and the legend...Michael Bolton. I hope to see you again on tour soon!, Thanks again!!!

Sincerely, Tim Nelson



### **Jonathan Pierce sings Michael Bolton**

Jonathan Pierce has a new album out entitled "For You". Included on this release is the Latin-flavored "Still the Love of My Life," co-written and co-produced by Michael and Billy Mann. You can check it out at <a href="http://www.jonathanpierce.com">http://www.jonathanpierce.com</a>.







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#### **Elaine and Christian's Golf Adventure**

I got up about 4 AM got ready and onto the freeway about 6:45. I arrived in Palm Springs @ 8:45...then took the shuttle to the PGA course....I stood outside with my grandson Christian where we saw Craig T Nelson (from TV show Coach; The District)...I also saw Alice Cooper and wished him a good morning. It is real hard for the players to greet people when they are getting ready for the day...Alice was sweet as always...then came Michael.

I think it was 8:50 when he started walking towards his practice spot. I said to Christian, "There's MB"...I then said,"Hi Michael, Good Morning". He looked up and had this beautiful smile and looked right at me saying "good morning" back to me. We then watched him practice hitting the balls.....then it was time to go play ball

The crowds were not as crowded as years past for a Saturday which was good for us. Christian did very well keeping up with Nana. I met up with two BBs..Pam and Wy... I think it was at the second hole Michael had signed two autographs and I told Christian he better hurry and he must ask for the autograph because Mr. Bolton has signed a lot for me and I wasn't asking him for another one (No, I did not get Michael to sign anything for me..can you believe that one??). I figured there are people who never met Michael and I have so many times let them have their day It is really hard to get autographs as they have to keep moving.....Christian missed his chance at that time....As we were leaving one area to get to the next, some girls ran up to Michael to ask him for his autograph. He turned slightly and said, not now or something to that effect. One girl in a low (but loud enough for me to hear) called him a name I won't repeat...but I said, "Oh please don't say that..he's really a very nice man...trust me. If he says he can't he really can't. Catch him at another hole..I know he will sign it for you, he really is a nice man." The girl said, "Really" I said, yes, really. Trust me, he's one of the nicest people...I think she felt better.

We were on about the fourth hole and some lady was talking about how she loves his voice and something about a tape she had of his. (I didn't think they made tapes any more)...so of coarse I struck up a conversation with her and told her about his new CD "Vintage" and showed her the "jacket" from the one he signed for me last month. She was so impressed and when she looked at the CD cover she said, I have to get this. I also mentioned My Secret Passion... I mentioned he was touring and asked where she lived.. She said Salt Lake City...she asked if he was touring there and I said, "good question...why don't you ask him or tell him to go there..he just may." Michael stopped for a second to sign something for Pam she asked him a question. That's when I quickly asked, if he was going to tour Southern CA..he said, yes, we're going everywhere (or all over)..can't remember exact words....I don't remember exact times and places of these happenings only that they happened..so bear with me.

Michael was signing some autographs at a another spot and I asked him if he could sign one more...at that time Christian approached him and handed him his single of "Go the Distance." (A BB had sent it to me as a gift) He signed it and in his low voice said, ahhh "go the distance." Michael handed me my Scripto pen and asked me "is this yours" I said, Oh yea, thanks...I then said to Christian, "What do you say to Mr. Bolton" Christian's response (you'd think he'd say thank you?) no, he says "go the distance." Then I was tired and ready leave..Christian said, oh Nana can we stay? I want to watch Michael play so I said okay, we'll stay until the tenth hole when they break for lunch.



Photo: Meri Ross





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#### Elaine and Christian's Advetnture (Con't)

I was standing by Wy and Pam watching whomever was teeing off at that moment and Christian says to me "Nana, Michael just waved to me." He was so excited...let me tell you that just made my day! Just seeing the excitement on that little boys face...There was one spot when Michael had signed some autographs and it was a perfect spot for a picture..he looked up at me and the Marshall, said, "No cameras on the course." I didn't get to take a picture.

After the tenth hole I was ready to go as Michael was leaving for lunch and some ladies asked for his autograph and he motioned to go around to the other side...I went to take the only "good" picture of the day...one lady said, your so good looking or something like that and he said, oh you're being kind. Then Christian and I took a break and I was ready to go, but we hadn't seen "Hercules" yet so we walked around and finally caught up with Kevin Sorbo. I said, "Kevin do you have a second for one more" he smiled, and said, "we'll see" so I motioned for Christian to come forward and Kevin took the CD. I said, now Kevin I have to tell you, you see this is Hercules, and MB sang go the distance and you're Hercules so that's why we're having you both sign this...he gave a big smile as he signed.....Christian was so quiet and just stared. I asked Kevn if I may ask him a question and he said, sure so I said, I heard you were going to be at the MB Celeb. golf tourney last Sept, but you didn't go..he said, I wanted to be there I really did, but my work schedule wouldn't allow it..I said, that's okay we missed him and hope to see him again...then Christian and I walked away..

As we were walking Christian said, Nana, I'm a lucky boy. I said, why do you say that? He said because I got to come to Palm Springs..then he added, and I got to see MB and Hercules and I got to play golf....now that may not seem much to many, but for one little boy it was the world and for one Nana it was the most wonderful thing to see a little boy so happy... Christian goes in for his surgery this Friday, Feb. 5th so that is one of the reasons I made the 320 mile journey to Palm Springs...

Thanks for letting me shoot off my "mouth" in typing....and always, always, remember to:

### "GO THE DISTANCE!" Elaine





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### The Power of a Song

Just wanted to let you all know how much comfort and strength I have gotten from Michael's music. My name is Dawn from the U.K. and as a long time fan I find it frustrating when critics give him a hard time so I guess I just want to express my appreciation and show how powerful his songs can be in helping us through difficult times.

Two years ago we learned that my Husband's kidneys were failing. He would need dialysis and hopefully a transplant. Naturally we were devastated. We had just lost David's Mom after the long termeffects of dialysis had taken it's toll. The hospital suggested that a family member may be considered as a "live donor" providing they were compatible. The chances of me being a match were remote as I wasn't a blood relative but they agreed to test me anyway .I can't describe how I felt when we were told I was suitable....pleased that we had a chance but also terrified as I'd never been in hospital before. There were many hurdles still to face ..lots of tests to ensure my kidneys were working well and that my general health was good so that donating would not have a detrimental effect on me.

I guess it was now that I started listening to Michael even more. Waiting for appointments and results seemed to take forever. David didn't really want to talk about it as he didn't want to put me under any pressure. It would be a major operation for me(I believe it's a much smaller op. in the U.S. but this was not available for me) so he didn't really want me to go through with it, but at the same time he knew he needed the transplant. Michael's songs helped me to relax so I could think things through. Sometimes I would turn the volume up full and blot everything out. I didn't want David to have to endure 15 hours of dialysis a week but at the same time I was really nervous about the operation, especially when the surgeons started to explain what was involved(I won't go into detail.

After Michael's UK tour had been cancelled I was so disappointed. David was determined that I should see him - it would give me something to look forward to. Once on dialysis we didn't know when, or if David would be well enough to take a holiday so we persuaded the doctors to let us come to the U.S. For one whole week we forgot all about hospitals and tests. We saw Michael at Foxwoods and although I didn't get to meet him I felt on top of the world! There's nothing quite like hearing Michael live .I came home with a new determination to go through with the transplant if my tests went OK. This could not be our last holiday to America or my last chance to enjoy Michael in concert.

During the next few months they continued my tests and David started dialysis and although many people do well on it he didn't. He was constantly tired and many times I'd get a phone call to say he'd taken ill and had to go to hospital. I don't think I got through a day without my daily "Michael fix". During the long nights when David was in hospital I would listen to Michael for company, until I finally fell asleep.

When we finally got the go-ahead for the transplant we knew that we still had a long way to go. There was no guarantee that it would be a success or for how long it would last. Many fail within a few weeks, but if they work for the 1st year there is a good chance of it lasting. Naturally Michael came into hospital with me. I played "Vintage" over and over as I found it so relaxing.....better than any medication!! I also took "My Secret Passion" in case I needed something powerful to encourage me and "Ultimate Collection" as that covered most of my favourites. I tried to think of something really special to say to David before the op. but words failed me. Obviously it was a scary thought that we were both having surgery at the same time so I wanted to let David know my feelings for him, so I turned to Michael again and printed the lyrics to a couple of songs. Michael's words were far more eloquent than mine and those songs said everything I was unable to. Both operations went well but I was having a rough time so my CD's took a bashing during the 2 weeks in hospital. David was recovering much better than me and he managed to get one of the nurses to contact the local radio station to play a request for me .He chose "Only A woman Like You" .I was amazed he even knew the title let alone how appropriate the words were. It was just the tonic I needed and really boosted my spirits.

(Con't)





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### The Power of A Song (Con't)

I'm writing this 10 weeks after the transplant and although we don't want to speak too soon, things are going OK. David will be monitored regularly to ensure the kidney is working well and that his body is not rejecting it. He has to take lots of medication which can have some nasty side effects but it's far better than being on dialysis. He has far more energy now and will soon be back at work. I'm still having a few problems but I know I can rely on Michael to keep me going until I'm fully recovered.

I've never thought of myself as a particularly strong person so I'm amazed at how well I've coped with all of this. But I'm not looking for praise or sympathy. There are many people enduring far worse than this. I write this hoping it will give inspiration and encouragement to anyone suffering illness or difficulties. I never realised how powerful music could be and how much strength and support we could get from it. I listen to all kinds of music but none of it touches me the way Michael's has. He reaches out to people through his songs. I hope he realises the effect his music has on people's lives and I hope he takes great pleasure from that. So next time you're feeling down, just play your favourite song-as loud as you can and see how good it feels!! Needless to say I look forward to any future CD's that Michael releases and to hopefully see him in concert. Long may he continue to support and inspire us!!

Dawn Roach



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### Michael Bolton's White Chocolate Brownie Hot Fudge Sundae From THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG

**COOKBOOK**by Paul Newman and A.E. Hotchner. Published by Fireside

This easy variation of a classic American favorite rests on a homemade white brownie and continues upward with frozen vanilla yogurt or ice cream, hot fudge, chopped almonds, and a final sprinkling of powdered sugar, The recipe makes eight brownies; wrap the extra four in foil and take them to school in your lunch box.

Makes 8 Large Brownies for 4 Sundaes and 4 Extra For the brownies:

2 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped, or 1/3 cup white chocolate chips

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter

2 eggs

1 cups sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup chopped almonds (optional)

For the sundaes:

1 cup hot fudge

4 large scoops vanilla frozen yogurt

3/4 cup chopped almonds

Powdered sugar for garnish 1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Grease and flour an 8 x8-inch ovenproof dish.

- 2. TO MAKE THE BROWNIES: In a double boiler with 1 inch of water in the bottom, melt the white chocolate with the butter, stirring constantly until the mixture is smooth. Let cool for 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs, sugar, and vanilla extract. Stir in the flour, salt, and almonds until just combined.
- 3. With a rubber spatula, scrape the batter into the prepared baking dish. Spread into the corners. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean but a little moist. Remove from the oven to a rack and cool before cutting into bars.
- 4. TO ASSEMBLE THE SUNDAES: Warm the hot fudge sauce on the stove or in the microwave. If it came in a jar set the jar (with the lid removed) in a saucepan with 1 1/2 inches of simmering water and warm over low heat. Place a brownie in the center of each dessert plate and cover with a scoop of frozen yogurt.
- 5. Pour 1/4 cup of hot fudge over the frozen yogurt and sprinkle with the almonds and powdered sugar.





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