

THE EYES HAVE IT!© by Dan Pemble, Kissimmee, FL – July 9, 2026



Although I have never been one to share the details of my personal medical ailments publically (of which I currently have none!), thanks to my wife's concerns, she has shared the news of my recent routine experiences with cataract surgery with the "whole world" and, as such, I truly have appreciated all of your concerns and well wishes. So, as an exception to my normal "never mind" situation and in extending my thanks to you, I wanted to state a bit more, as follows.

As we age, for many, our what used-to-be-great eyesight just happens to have continuously deteriorated to an unacceptable level. In my case, when this happened to me, I decided to stop playing golf with my normal once-a-week gang of up to 30! The reason? After I teed up a ball and hit it, I had no idea of where it went and consequently, I depended exclusively on my playing partners to help me find my ball on every shot - even though some balls were in the middle of the fairway! So, the reason I stopped playing was in consideration of my playing partners; even though they were very accommodating because of my eyesight problem, I felt it wasn't fair for them to help me find my ball on every shot and it only slowed down their own game!

So, the above is reflective of problem number 1 with my eyesight! A second major concern of mine was a new Florida law related to driver's license renewals and the requirement that those over the age of 80 would need to pass a vision test before a renewal could be granted. I knew my chances of passing this test were marginal at best. Well, it just so happened that my current Driver's license would be expiring on my July 11, 2026 82nd birthday. So now I had 2 problems that needed resolutions!

Actually, in 2024, I was told that I needed cataract surgery for both eyes but I was reluctant to commit myself to it at that time. However, given the 2 problems I have cited above, it was time in 2026 to face reality! So, I had laser cataract surgery – first on one eye on June 17th and then on my second eye on July 1! Both were a "raging" success and allowed me to see a whole new world that I had not seen for many years. With this confidence in my new vision, I easily passed the Florida Driver's License vision test on July 7th and my license is now valid through the year 2032 (to my age of 88).

And now, my next step is to re-acquaint myself with my golf group and see if I can now find my own golf ball after each shot. I believe I will be able to do just that!

Cataract surgery is just one of today's routine modern medical miracles and if you are diagnosed with the condition, get the surgery (cataract removal/new lens implantment) at your earliest convenience and your whole life will be enhanced immediately - beyond measure!

I am grateful to all of you who have expressed your concerns and well wishes to me! And now I can clearly SEE WHO YOU ARE and I thank YOU!

