

Rock Harbor News

Member Corner Doug Ways

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He was a quiet force, the one you didn't see coming, but he won it all: The Rock Harbor Member/Guest Tournament for 2018. It's hard to size up your competition when you don't know who it is, but now everyone knows that Doug is the one to beat. Since winning the Member/Guest Doug has enjoyed continued success on the course and

in several matches. He had a very humble approach to the win; in fact he didn't even want to take any credit. He gave most of the credit to his partner, Kirk Ways who decided to play with him rather last minute. But as we all know, you don't just win a club championship on a whim, there aren't that many lucky shots. At some point skill has to come into play.

Doug Ways was born in Martinsburg, WV. He moved to Bunker Hill sometime in the late 70's and has made that his permanent home. Doug worked for

most of his career at 3-M Company, 38 years to be exact. He started as an Assembly Line operator, then moved to the office and finally retired from the IT department. He opted for an early retirement with the company and went into full retirement.

Retirement, the Golden Years, what we all work for and plan for financially. But what are we supposed to do with our time after we retire? That is the big question Doug faced, now what do I do? He mowed his grass, worked in the garden and even played a little more golf. But that only filled so much of his time because a lot of his friends still worked and there were not as many people to play golf with as he has now. So Doug did what a lot of Americans do, he got a part time job.

Doug got a part-time job with BI chemicals working in their lab. He thought it would be an easy job and it would occupy some of his time. He quickly realized that there were internal problems in this company. In a short period of time he was back to working full time. After 10 years with this company he finally said, no more. He stopped working and decided he would play more golf. Now his goal is to play every day, even when the con-

ditions are not favorable. One of the benefits to working for this later company was that he had a manager who was really good at golf. Doug played with this man and he learned how to correct a lot of his bad habits, he hit the ball further and straighter. This may have been the start of the champion win.

Doug has been married to his wife Margret for 42 years; together they have accumulated 4 children and 13 grandchildren. Doug's wife is the Regent Chapter for DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). She is very active in the group that helps to raise money and awareness for veterans and their needs. Margret is also a professor of Communications, although she is now retired from full time and works as an Adjunct Professor. She is also home schooling one of their granddaughters who needed a little extra help in her school work.

Doug had some really strong feelings about which holes he liked and disliked, he actually used the word, "hate" when referring to one section of the course, mainly because he just doesn't play that section

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smart. During the playoff for the Member/Guest tournament, Doug and Kirk were left to play their championship hole on the green of Boulder No. 13, this is one of his hated holes. I asked Doug if his feelings changed about this section of the course after winning the Member/Guest on this particular hole but the answer was still, no. His hatred does not extend to the entire Boulder, just the back nine. Some of his favorite holes are actually on the front nine of the Boulder, number 3 & 4 are two of his favorites.

When we meet someone later in life, that is the only image we have in our head of them, but let me put another picture in your mind of the Doug you know. Picture long, curly, blonde hair flowing down the front of his face. This was when Doug was in his 20-30's, it was such a dominate feature that it earned him the nickname, "Grapes", from his co-workers because they said it looked like a bunch of grapes flowing down the side of his face. I don't think Doug wants this nickname resurrected, but I am sure that wont stop a few, unnamed members from trying their best.

Notes From The G.....

The league play on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, that have become so second nature, is due to his efforts. But, nay, I shall not eulogize Cole here but rather thank him immensely for the assistance he provided by taking that burden off of my shoulders that would allow me to concentrate on other aspects to improve the operation and the revenue stream of the club.

Additionally, some of you have come to know Amy Adams, whom I brought on board last fall in hopes of developing a marketing base through which we could grow the business via collaboration with neighboring hotels; setup stay n play packages for traveling groups. Amy is looking to expand her horizons and learn more about the industry through schooling. She says that she drew inspiration for a 2nd career through her interactions with the folks here at our little piece of "perrydise." She will be relocating to Myrtle Beach for a time in order to accomplish that feat. And so she too will be departing our harbor.

I want you to join me in wishing both Cole and Amy the best in their respective endeavors. Each carries a bit of the Rock in their hearts, I know. As of those of us remaining, well, it will be a difficult road ahead, I realize. I will do my utmost to carry-on the fashion forged by Cole and Amy.

Ecclesiastes 3 "...for everything there is a season a time for every purpose under the heaven."

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Boulder 6

BEFORE *and* AFTER



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You Can't Become a Better Golfer Without This Trait.....

By John Brende, www.Practical-Golf.com

What is it that separates ordinary people from the high achievers? Is it pure talent? Hard work? Or is it an unlocked mentality?

The world is fraught with talented people who never “lived up to their potential.” Hard workers often suffer the same fate, spinning their wheels trying to get into the middle of the pack. Then there are the idealists who bounce from project to project looking for the next big breakthrough.

If any of these sounds like you, it might be time to evaluate your grit.

Grit is your individual ability to persevere through adversity and setbacks toward a larger, long-term goal.

When it comes to golf, grit comes in many forms. It can mean diligently working on a suggested swing change from your instructor. Or in a single round, it can mean staying focused after a particularly bad hole. In either case, the end result is a matter of the resilience you showed when faced with a challenge.

Don't confuse grit with mindless persistence, though. Grit is difficult to harvest because you need to stay present and involved to see the benefits. “Checking out” isn't gritty. And if you're not careful you can develop poor habits with all that time spent on the range.

Often times, grit means seeking a challenge or problem and still pushing through. It's been said here before, but it bears repeating: improvement is found outside of your comfort zone. Hitting a bucket of balls to a stock wedge number from a practice mat will only help you improve your ability to hit a bucket of balls to a... you get the point.

Tenacity transcends golf, and the importance of grit both on and off the course shouldn't be understated.

Golf, like life, is going to be hard sometimes. Seeking a larger goal and continuing to pursue it with sincerity and direction will help you overcome difficulties and failures when they crop up.

Did you stop trying to walk after the first time you fell down? You don't remember struggling to balance or all the bruises, but you're walking around today. That resilience to try again is what makes you stronger.

Trying to stop your slice? Try hitting a draw. Try hitting the biggest draw you can imagine. Now try to draw it even further! Even further. Stand up!

It's this kind of attitude that follows you everywhere. Proper persistence with passion produces progress.

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