

Fall Rock Harbor News

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Member Corner: Dickie Blackwell

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Dickie “Dizzie” Blackwell was born in Bluefield, West Virginia just around the time Bluefield was beginning to decline as one of the most important cities in the eastern United States. Coal was discovered in Bluefield and when mining began in 1890 the city experienced a rush, somewhat like San Francisco and the Gold Rush. I am sure Dizzie heard stories of the glory days, high rise buildings and traffic jams that

are just memories of a once flourishing town. When Dizzie left at the age of 27, he wasn’t trying to escape the small town, he was seeking better employment.

Dickie was offered a job in Marion, Virginia as a teacher in an elementary school. Marion was his home until 1974 when a job opened up in Winchester, VA at The Virginian Avenue Elementary School as principal. Dickie took the job and has been in Winchester since then.

Dickie was at Virginia Avenue for about nine years before moving to Daniel Morgan Middle School. I asked him if the switch

from elementary to middle school was difficult or different, he said that kids were just kids and he enjoyed all of them. After Daniel Morgan he went into semi-retirement and took a part time position at Musselman High School as Assistant Principal, until 1998 when he went into full-time retirement from the public school system. While in the public school system Dickie also officiated basketball, football and college sports after school. While in the WV system he was also in charge of the buses. If he didn’t have a driver, he had to drive. Some of the WV country roads turned out to be interesting routes, never knowing what you would see or run into, Dickie had to stop the bus to let turkeys cross the road one day.

Prior to retirement, Dickie played golf two or three times a year. He has stepped his game up since then. On average, Dizzie plays 255 rounds of golf each year. Last year he played 240 rounds, a light year. This year, so far, he has played 180 rounds, he is right on track to hit his average number of rounds, if weather permits. Dizzie plays if the course is open;

if the course is closed he jogs. Dizzie’s motivation is exercise, when he plays golf, he walks. The average 18-hole round is 6-7 miles. There is a group of about 7 men who show up to play golf every day at Rock Harbor, Dizzie is the one person they know will always be there, rain, snow or shine.

Dickie married his wife, Rita, in 1959. They have 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy). They have also been blessed with 5 grandchildren.

For Dickie, his favorite holes include the ones he can reach in regulation: Rock 9, 15 & 16 are some of his favorites. His least favorite hole is Rock #18 because he can’t reach it in regulation.

Since coming to Rock Harbor in 2008, Dizzie has developed quite a reputation: He plays more rounds in one year than anyone else at Rock Harbor. Considering all the other things one could have a reputation for, this is not so bad. If you think you can keep up with Dickie “Dizzie” Blackwell, give it a try.

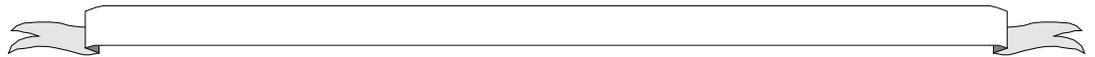
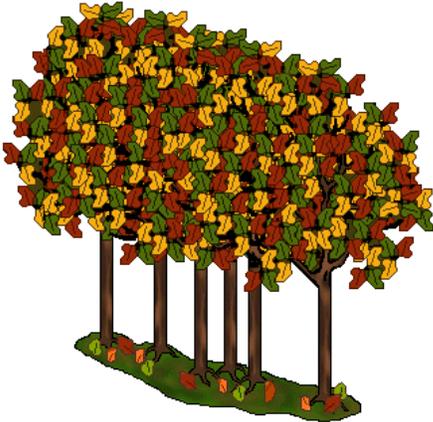
“The best teachers are the ones who show you where to look, but don’t tell you what to see”.

Alexander K. Trenfor



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