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Member Corner: Doug Bernhard



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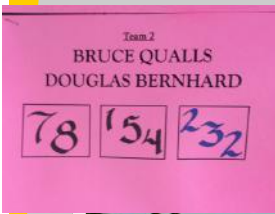
Doug Bernhard was born in Berkley Springs, WV. Berkley Springs is a tiny little town nestled within Morgan County, rich with history and culture. It is most famous for its mineral water springs that are believed to have medicinal benefits. Berkley Springs is also home to the famous Berkley Castle, which turns heads on the cultural rich route of 522 North. George Washington made frequent visits to the Berkeley Springs area during his time in Virginia and found solace in the bath houses and mineral springs.

So, what happens when you grow up in a little town like Berkeley Springs? Sometimes, you don't appreciate what you have until

you don't have it anymore. Doug and his wife Cathie both grew up in Morgan County, but after school and marriage, they became restless and longed for something more. So, they decided to move to Charlottesville, VA. They stayed in Charlottesville for about 5 years before they realized they didn't like it and they wanted to move

home. So, they checked "move away from the small town" off their list and moved back to Berkeley Springs. When they moved back, Doug became somewhat of a "jack of all trades." He did a little bit of everything: He worked for the Morgan Co. Board of Education, drove a bus, worked as a postal carrier, sold log homes, owned a car dealership, owned an antique shop, and worked for the State Park in Berkeley Springs. About five years ago Doug and Cathie decided to move to Winchester. Doug was still working at the State Park and playing golf at Cacapon. This became more of a task than pleasure and Doug did not want to do anymore. So, he retired and moved his golf membership to RH. It was easy for Doug to make the move to RH because he already had many friends that he had played golf with for years that were members. After joining RH, Doug found that he enjoyed playing golf by himself more than he did at other places and he was spending more time at the course just socializing with other members. It was a place that he felt welcomed and comfortable. Last month, Doug got a 2 on a par 5 (an albatross) on #15 Rock, which instantly made #15 Rock his

favorite hole. One of Doug's least favorite holes include #12 Rock because Doug said he always seems to hit the RR tracks. So instead of getting upset and totally disliking this hole, Doug decided to make this hole bearable, he now feeds the fish. Since he began focusing on the fish instead of his tee shot, he plays the hole better and it's become one of his favorite holes. Other people tell him that the fish gather in the corner looking for him every time a cart comes around the corner, hoping it's Doug coming to feed them. Doug's least favorite hole of all is #16 Boulder. He says that his tee shot is always good, but he seems to end up in the narrow part of the fairway and he ends up with a bogie every time. Doug frequently plays in the members events, leagues and just for fun, but most of the time he plays with his long-time friend Bruce Qualls. They have been friends for about 40 years. They started the golf journey together at The Summit (now Lake Holiday, but no golf course). What does it take to have friends that will stick with you for 40 years? According to Bruce, it is Doug's sense of humor. Bruce said that Doug is just a good-hearted person who is fun to play golf with.



Bruce Qualls and Doug Bernhard

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Bruce is a farmer: he raises cattle, grows, bails and sells hay, grows corn, drives a truck (occasionally) and in his spare time, plays golf. Bruce not only farms, he farms three different farms. Two in Berkeley Springs and one in Frederick County.

Before the farmer came out in Bruce he was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. His family moved to Fairfax, VA when he was four years old. After school, Bruce went to work for the US Interior Department as official grounds keeper for The White House. He stayed there for about six years until the traffic, noise and pace of the DC lost its luster. So, Bruce moved to Morgan County, WV where he began driving bus. On the side he began farming. Bruce eventually became a skilled farmer, raising the best Black Angus Cattle he could breed which he sells at the Livestock Exchange. He also sells his hay on the commercial market at Southern States. In the summer months and when its time to make hay Bruce will work 14-16 hour days, unless he decides to play golf. So, for Bruce the

saying, "make hay while the sun shines" has an exit clause. Its golf. Eventually golf will replace farming for Bruce, but he's not there just yet.

Bruce began playing golf as a challenge between him and Doug Bernhard. The challenge was to beat each other, it's a challenge that has never ended, its still what they do 40 years later. Their first golf match took place at The Summit. Bruce said it was about 10 degrees, the ground was frozen and the course was not open. How did they play if the course was closed? That is an answer you will have to find out on your own. Bruce and his wife, June, moved to Winchester about 4 years ago to be closer to their kids and grandkids. Over the years Bruce has traveled and played golf at many different golf courses: Pinehurst, CA, HI, The Caribbean, but he said that he no longer feels the need to travel to get what he wants out of golf. He finds all the things he wants at Rock Harbor; challenges, beautiful setting, and well manicured greens.

Bruce has only one hole that he finds frustrating, #6 Boulder. He said, "you have to hit a draw on this hole and I can't. It has

ruined a lot of good games for me."

He likes #16 Boulder because he thinks it's a fun driving hole. He also likes #16 Rock because of the beauty of the large Post Oak on the green. He not only finds the hole challenging but finds that he almost always plays it well.

"But in the end, its still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point."

Payne Stewart

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Round Hill Volunteer Fire Co. Tour.



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Member/Member: July 23-24

This month, we held our Member/Member Tournament consisting of two days of competition. The format differs from the Member/Guest Weekend inasmuch as rounds are based on eighteen holes each day. The first day played as a two person better ball contest and is used to determine the flights for the final day of competition played as a handicapped event. Also as another anomaly this year was the introduction of multiple tee competition.

We ended up with 4 flights accommodating 50 players which meant that one member/member duo had to go it alone. Saturday, Pete Labeau and Jim Dilg raced around the course as the lone duo. On Sunday, though, that team would have been Chuck Shimp and Randy Pownall. Well they would have been, but we were fortunate enough to get help from couple of non-participants to tag along simply to maintain the pace of play.

The weekend's results are: Flight 1 winners are Jay Meyers and Sterling Keen by virtue of a card playoff versus the 1st Runner-Up team of Chuck Shimp and Randy Pownall; having carded accumulative scores of 217. In Flight 2, Bryan Moore and Ray Adams took 1st place honors with an accumulative 221 while Joe Ott and Gary Wingfield turned in a total score of 226 for their weekend efforts. Flight #3 saw Scott Hanks and Phil Arlotta card a two day total of 234 to come in first for their flight and barely eked by Jim Dilg and Pete Labeau coming in second with 235. The fourth flight heralded Kevin Loy and Leon Jennings as their flight winner, carding a 226. In second place, the dynamic duo Kathleen and Mike O'Dell posted a 236 for the weekend.

Also of note, Jay Meyers took the low gross honors for Sunday's play with a 74 and Leon Jennings garnered the low net title posting a 69.

