

20th Annual APO

“Happy Anniversary!”

If you're reading this it means you have committed to attend the 2017 APO – and there is something very, very wrong with you. You will need thick skin, a sharp wit, sunscreen, lots of golf balls and a bathing suit to make it through “APO Week”. What you'll take home from this experience is: The voice in your head speaking with a “Joe Rosko” accent for the next 3 weeks, a liver that could never be considered for the donor list and a world-class case of crotch rot. You'll also have completed an entire year's worth of laughter, made some new friends and maybe taken home a little cash...Oh, and did I mention the golf courses? If you haven't already, you might want to look up Caledonia Golf & Fish Club on Pawleys Island, SC. The pictures don't do it justice.

So, why would you spend your hard-earned money, be away from home (yet again!) and punish yourself by making (what feels like) a thousand golf swings in the sweltering heat of South Carolina in July? Unless you just like smelly, sweaty men (does this ring any bells, Guy?), the answer is: To “fellowship” (Billy's word) with a group of visually offensive reprobates from across America, to play some great golf courses, eat some fantastic food, drink a little too much “Gingy Lingy” and, most of all...to laugh until your sides hurt. So, now that we've got your money and it's too late for you to back out...

Welcome to the 2017 APO! (ASS PADDLIN' OPEN)

This year's event will again be quite intimate (no, not THAT kind of “intimate”) with only 12 players. We want to welcome the latest batch of rookies (God help you!) Steve Garrison, Bill Cassian and Justin Munn. Also joining us, in his third APO as a civilian, SgtMaj Miles “Meat Toucher” Thetford. I fully expect that he's grown his hair out and looks somewhat like a member of ZZ Top by now.

Enclosed in this note you will find a daily schedule with tee times, games, pairings and which courses we will be playing, along with an explanation as to how each game will be conducted. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me at any time.

At the end of the trip, we ask that each of you log-in to www.asspaddlinopen.net and fill out the survey. This allows us to continually improve each year based on YOUR suggestions (well, not Joe Rosko's suggestions...just everyone else's). I'll send out a reminder once we all get home and ask that each of you take 5 minutes to let us know what you liked, didn't like, and suggestions for improvement. We use this format because you giving me some suggestion at 11 o'clock at night after I've been drinking since sun-up is no way to get your “brilliant idea” implemented into the event.

On Saturday evening we will be having our traditional **Hawaiian Shirt Cocktail Party. Hawaiian shirts **ARE MANDATORY!** Anyone **NOT** wearing a Hawaiian shirt Saturday night will have to buy a round **Sunday for the ENTIRE GROUP**. (Remember Brothers, **YOU** are responsible for the rookie's you bring...).**

Since everyone will be in attendance on Friday evening, we will have a short “Welcome” meeting and a more in-depth explanation of the formats will be given, we’ll go over pairings and run back over the rules and procedures for each game. (This is when the majority of the smack talk takes place!). We’ll also review Joe Rosko’s Driver’s License eligibility.

Saturday and Monday afternoons have traditionally been designated as “Pool Days” – like in “Caddy Shack”. We leave time open in the afternoons so everyone can have a little free time to go to the pool, go to the beach, watch Richie perform his famous water ballet routine or just take a nap (hey, none of us is 45 anymore, am I right?).

Back by popular demand - Friday night is Jambalaya Night! R-Ichie has graciously volunteered to prepare his World Famous Jambalaya and transport it to the APO Galactic Headquarters on Pawley’s Island. Bring your favorite hot sauce and get ready for one of my all-time favorite meals!

We will have dinner catered for our Saturday (Italian Night), Sunday (BBQ), and Monday (Steak Night) evening meals and for those hanging around on Tuesday evening – Pizza Night. A huge “THANK YOU” to R-Ichie for, once again, coordinating our meals this year. In case you’ve forgotten (or were just too drunk to remember) Chef Tuttle prepares each meal for us at the condo while we shower, drink beer, and complain about Mike clogging the toilet. Then they serve us a meal complete with salad, side dishes, entrees and dessert. It’s like having dinner with the Nutty Professor at the Clump’s – the conversation is similar (discussing “relations”) and there’s a considerable amount of farting (“Herk-a-lees, Herk-a-lees”).

Shipping Golf Clubs

Anyone interested in shipping their clubs to/from home and to/from the resort should contact me immediately to discuss. A number of players do this every year at about \$50 each way via FedEx Ground. This is significantly less expensive (for most of us) than paying the airlines for “oversized” bags. If you would like to ship on your own, the address of the resort is:

Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, 14276 Ocean Hwy, Pawley’s Island, SC 29585, Attention: HALE GROUP, 888-766-4633.

Alcohol

Due to past problems with certain members of our illustrious group, **there will be no alcohol allowed on this trip.** There will also be no cussing, farting, or gambling either. Actually, the only time alcohol consumption is not allowed on this trip is while sleeping (participants tend to spill a lot when not conscious).

There is a grocery store/liquor store right down the street from the resort. It is HIGHLY recommended that you pick up a bottle of your favorite hooch/beer to drink at the condo and bring one along in your golf bag for the Sunday “drinking” scramble. You can purchase mixers from the lovely cart girls (many of them are under aged – for collecting Social Security I mean).

Transportation

Richie and Mizer will be handling transportation for anyone flying into Myrtle Beach or Charleston who have not already made plans to pick up your own car. If you have not done so, **PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR FLIGHT INFORMATION AND WHETHER YOU NEED A RIDE TO/FROM THE AIRPORT.** Also, **Please try to pack light (there is a washer and dryer in each condo) so we have minimal luggage to get to and from the airport.** Richie, much like my mother-in-law, gets great satisfaction out of doing laundry each day (yet another reason why we love him, but confirmation that he's not quite right in the head).

Check-In

Everyone should be able to check-in Friday (or Thursday for some of us) upon arrival and pick up a parking pass. If you're shipping clubs, they can be picked up at the Litchfield office (if you get in late we can take care of picking up your clubs for you on Friday). We will get all golf tickets and room keys. For you late arrivals, your room keys will be available under Guy's pillow for a small "favor" on Friday evening.

Note #1: Jeff "Mizer" McSpaden will be handling the check-in for all of us at each course so there is only 1 "group" golf ticket per round.

Note #2: Breakfast tickets – there are no individual breakfast tickets either. Simply sign in at the restaurant each morning.

Check-Out

Each of the 12 players will need to check-out at the registration desk. If you are shipping your clubs home, please remember to print out an airbill prior to leaving for the APO so you can just slap it on your travel bag and drop it at the registration desk.

CAMERAS

Please bring a camera and USE IT! We have gotten some great shots over the years which are posted on the website. They stir up some great memories and help us remember that Billy and "Little Billy" are always a team.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

Condo 1

A) Mike Schneider
Guy Hoffman

B) Rich Hale
Joe Rosko

Condo 1

C) SgtMaj Thetford

D) Brien Wassman

Condo 2

A) Steve Garrison
Bill Cassian

B) Jeff McSpaden
Justin Munn

Condo 2

C) Sean Flaherty

D) Erik Zanhuis

Responsibilities

1. Mike handles arranging the trip/games
2. Mizer will handle golf tickets, half&half for White Russians and keeping an eye on JRFB
3. Richie/Mizer will coordinate transportation
4. Richie will handle menu/catering and everything else – Mizer will be in charge of Richie
5. Joe Rosko will handle scorecards, daily games/payouts, and the weight loss seminar
6. Guy will MC the “Rookie Swimsuit Fashion Show” at the pool on Saturday
7. EZ will handle photo/video documentation posting on website
8. Big Daddy is in charge of the “sock puppet” show and saying, “FAAAAAAAK!”
9. BDub will handle coffee and choreography “and this one I call The Snake...”
10. Guy is in charge of music and is my personal bartender
11. SgtMaj Thetford will ensure that steaks are properly prepared on Monday night
12. Rookies will make sure the condos are properly supplied with snacks – and KY

HELPFUL HINTS (AGAIN!)

Once again we’ve added a special “Pro’s Tips” section to many of the “Hints” from our resident Mixologist, Dr. Richard Hale (OB/GYN). I hope you find these helpful.

1. **LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING!** Gary Player was an idiot. Anyone wearing black to try and “keep the heat in” has never been to Myrtle Beach in July. Bring light colored shirts and shorts. (Richie’s Tip: [Vodka stains are more obvious on dark rather than light colored clothing](#))
2. **SUNSCREEN!** Not SPF 2 either. You need SPF 1000. You will be in the sun from 7 am until 6:30 pm and spend some time hanging out by the pool. You will get fried. Be prepared for it. (Richie’s Tip: [Wipe your hands after applying sun screen, you wouldn’t want the vodka bottle to slip out of your hand](#))
3. **ALOE VERA!** Nothing feels better and helps cool sunburn better than a rub down with Aloe Vera (except maybe that thing Guy does with the whipped cream...). Bring a bottle for yourself so you don’t have to mooch off of me. (Richie’s Tip: [see number 2. Above](#))
4. **TWO Pairs of Golf Shoes** (or at least shoe trees to install at the end of the day). Your shoes will be trashed after 36 holes of sweating in them and will destroy your feet the next day. Either bring an extra pair, or some shoe trees (or BOTH). (Richie’s Tip: [Vodka is an excellent remedy to soothe sore feet](#))
5. **HAWAIIAN SHIRT!** And not the same ratty one you wore last year! This is **AGAIN MANDATORY** for the cocktail party on Saturday night. We also like to take a nice photo of everyone in their “finery”. (Richie’s Tip: [You can remove vodka stains from your Hawaiian shirt with club soda. Or, if you’ve had enough vodka, just throw the damn thing away!](#))
6. **HATS!** Bring big ones and lots of them (refer to item #2 above). I recommend a large hat with flowers or something from the Kentucky Derby (no, the Big Yellow Hat is NOT available for use during golf). (Richie’s Tip: [I like yellow hats...and vodka](#))
7. **BATHING SUIT!** The resort frowns upon the “Redneck Bathing Suit” which consists of the same underwear you just played 36 holes of golf in. You will need this for the “Pool Days” as well as for the “fashion show” on Saturday. (Richie’s Tip: [The bathing suit is my favorite “vodka drinking” outfit – thongs make me giggle – but only when I’m wearing one](#))
8. **Aspirin/Tylenol/Advil/Motrin/Benadryl.** Any or all of these. For those of you who don’t play this much golf, you will be amazed what dehydration on top of sun stroke on

top of 150-200 swings of a golf club will do to your out-of-shape, not-as-young-as-I-used-to-be body. (Richie's Tip: Vodka is an "all natural" healer that not only relaxes muscles but helps get rid of hangovers)

9. **SUNGLASSES!** They do a great job of helping you avoid headaches when it comes to 12 hours of sun pounding down on you and having to squint all day. Oakley's are not required as I have a pink pair with Cinderella on them that I can borrow from my daughter if you forget to bring a pair. (Richie's Tip: After a significant amount of "medicinal" vodka, sunglasses may be the only way to play with your eyes open)
10. **Cash.** Try to bring a nice mix of \$5's, \$10's and \$1's. If everyone shows up with 20's, it'll be very difficult to make change for those side bets and skins. (Richie's Tip: You'll want plenty of cash...in case you need to purchase more vodka)
11. **Hand towel.** Stick it in your golf bag. During the day, you can put ice water on it and wrap it around your neck. You can't believe the difference this makes. Also very effective for cooling you sweating hands when it's VERY hot. (Richie's Tip: Slippery hands make it difficult to hold on to your drink – which of course, contains vodka – and vodka on the ground does no one any good!)
12. **Extra Golf Glove/Balls.** You will wear at least two gloves during any one round because the sweat (or rain) will render one useless. Be prepared - and bring plenty of ammo. Golf balls are a little expensive in the pro shops here. (Richie's Tip: Sometimes, when you have had more than your share of vodka, it's hard to find your golf ball. However, usually you won't care at this point – bring extra ammo)
13. **Rain Gear.** It's not unusual to see rain in the afternoon here. Be prepared to play in the rain if there's no lightning. (Richie's Tip: If it's raining, it will dilute your vodka – be prepared to cover your vodka. Also – if there is lightening, we will be able to go inside and drink more vodka...seems like every cloud has a silver lining!)

Cell Phones

The "Chris King Cell Phone Rule" will be in effect. Cell phones WILL be permitted during a round. HOWEVER, if a phone rings OR MAKES THAT ANNOYING VIBRATING SOUND in the cart during the course of play, you will be required to buy 1 round of drinks from the cart girl (for your group). Second offense will be a round of drinks for the entire APO group. Third offense will be paying for the drinks for the entire APO group for the rest of the trip.

"The Rules"

The "THROW" (with a twist) – In honor of Rob "Kareem Abdul" Bansek (APO 2002), we have re-instituted the Throw as a part of the APO. Each player will have the opportunity to pick up his ball and throw it, one time, from anywhere to anywhere (EXCEPT when the ball is on the green). The Throw is used AS A MULLIGAN and **counts as a stroke just like a Mulligan.**

"Winter Rules"- A player may improve his lie anywhere on the golf course with the exception of a sand trap, hazard (water or otherwise), or when it is out of bounds. You are allowed to move your ball 1 club length in any direction to improve your lie **anywhere but in a hazard.**

Out of Bounds/Lost Ball – The normal penalty for these is to go back to the spot you last hit from and re-load. **Out of Bounds will be played as a lateral hazard.** You may drop a ball within two club lengths of **where you think the ball crossed the line** going out. **Lost ball will be played similarly.** After looking for your ball and determining that it is lost, **drop a ball where you believe the ball most likely would have come to rest.** In either case, you may only

drop in a location agreed upon by the **other team** in your group. Add one penalty stroke to your score for each.

“Giving” Putts – Since this is a friendly group we are happy to allow “Gimme’s”. I also expect, as a courtesy to the rest of the field, that only reasonable putts will be “given” (and, as a courtesy, 4th putts, putts for 9, and 10 footers for quadruple bogey should be “given”).

Keeping Score – Please keep the team scores on the “official” score card and any other games you might be playing in your group on a separate card. **Please don’t leave scorecards on the cart. Turn them in to Joe Rosko at the end of each round.**

Rules Disputes - When in doubt, try to follow the rules of golf until we can accept bribes and make a ruling after the round.

Ties – In case of a tie (with regard to awarding the \$\$ for a game), ALL games will be determined by a scorecard playoff starting with the **scores on the number 1 handicap hole** and progressing to the next highest handicap hole until the tie is broken.

Things that aren’t “rules” but should be...

- 1) Don’t ever tell R-Ichie to “speak up”
- 2) Never ask Mizer what club to hit from a fairway bunker... You don’t have that shot
- 3) If BDub is able to hit his first tee shot, he gets a skin and his team wins the money
- 4) In this confusing world, JRFB no longer smokes but is allowed to drive... **what?**
- 5) NEVER step in a foamy patch near a green or on a fairway
- 6) Never play Buck Cherry’s “Crazy Bitch” for SgtMaj – it’s like spinach for Popeye
- 7) Press Mike when he’s in the fairway - never say anything when he’s in the woods
- 8) Don’t do anything you don’t want on video...EZ is EVERYWHERE!
- 9) If it smells like pooh, looks like pooh, and tastes like pooh, it probably IS pooh
- 10) Guy will NEVER hit the green on #3 at Caledonia
- 11) Don’t use the crapper on #12 at Pawley’s...Hazmat isn’t done in there yet
- 12) NEVER ask Big Daddy what he’s “studying” if he’s leaning against the condo
- 13) Hard boiled eggs + Guy = Energy Solution
- 14) Watch out for spiders in the woods to the right of #15 at Tradition...one day they’re actually going to catch Mike S.
- 15) Like a small child, ALWAYS know where Joe Rosko is before beginning a swing
- 16) NEVER accept a drink from Guy if you have an open flame nearby

And finally...

- 17) NEVER ask R-Ichie if he’ll have another drink...if he doesn’t have a drink it’s because he’s asleep – you’ll wake him

GAMES

Payouts are as follows: Sat = \$80 1st & \$40 2nd. Sun (AM) = \$80 1st & \$40 2nd. Sun (PM) = \$120 1st. Mon = \$80 1st & \$40 2nd. Tues = \$80 1st & \$40 2nd.

Skins – Skins will be **NET SKINS**. There is a minimum total of \$120 up for grabs. Additional funds will be available based on the number of mulligans sold at \$5 each (maximum of 2 per player). Skins will be available for the Sat and Sun 2-Man Modified Scrambles and Mon 2-Man (1 low net) games only. **NOTE:** Side games should be kept on a separate scorecard.

Rookies

For those of you who are new to our illustrious event: Welcome! The most important thing for you to do here is to HAVE FUN and BE FUN. And, when on the golf course, keep this very important point in mind: we don't care how bad you suck, just do it QUICKLY! This is not the U.S. Open and you are not going to impress anyone by playing at a Nicklaus-like pace. We truly don't care if you shoot 70 or 170, just try not to hold up your group (or the group behind you).

If you're out of the hole, PICK IT UP and move on. This doesn't mean that you have to rush your way around the golf course. We play some great courses and want you to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Low Country (and have a cocktail or two and take a few pictures as well). And, we are definitely NOT the fastest group on the golf course. However, if someone in your group suggests that you should maybe pick up that putt for 10 instead of lining it up from every compass point – take that as a hint.

If Joe Rosko (the Human Glacier) is behind you and has smoked an entire cigarette waiting in the fairway for you to hit, know that he's cussing you out in Hungarian and has put a curse on you, your children and your grandchildren. If for no other reason, get moving for the sake of your grandchildren!

Handicaps

“A” Players = 9 hdp or less

“B” Players = 10-19 hdp

“C” Players = 20 or greater hdp

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| Mike – 6 hdp | SgtMaj – 8 hdp | JRFB – 14 hdp | Richie – 28 hdp |
| Guy – 6 hdp | BDub – 14 hdp | Steve G. – 14 hdp | EZ – 24 hdp |
| BigDaddy – 8 hdp | Mizer – 14 hdp | Justin M. – 16 hdp | Bill C. – 24 hdp |

Saturday 7/15

AM/PM **(9 Holes EACH) 2-Man Scramble/2-Man Modified Scramble /2-Man Alternate Shot (50% of hdp)**

Tee Times 8:55-9:11am/1:10-1:24pm.... (Pawleys Plantation)

TEES – **“A” Players** – *Blue Tees (6549 yds)*, **“B” Players** – *White Tees (6184 yds)*, **“C” Players** – *Yellow (5560 yds)*

2-Man Scramble (9 Holes) - Each player on the 2-Man team will hit a tee shot and the best one will be selected. Each player will then play from within 1 club length of that spot and so on, until the team has holed out. The team will only have one score, minus any handicap strokes.

2-Man Modified Scramble (9 Holes) – Each 2-Man team hits a tee shot and the best shot is selected. Both players play from the best tee shot and each player then plays his own ball until finishing out the hole. (On Par 5’s each player hits a second shot from the selected drive, the best second shot is selected and THEN each player plays his own ball out from there). The best NET score for the hole is then counted as the team score.

2-Man Alternate Shot (9 Holes) – Player #1 hits the tee shot then player #2 hits the second shot and so on until the ball is holed out. **Players must alternate (odd/even holes) hitting the tee shot.** The Team will only have one score, minus any handicap strokes. Lowest 2 team scores for the 27 holes get paid.

Payout: 1st place = \$80 2nd place = \$40

| | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
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| Teams: | Mizer (7) Steve G. (7) | Guy (3) EZ (12) | Big Daddy (4) Richie (14) |
| 2-Man Scramble/Alt Shot Hdp | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| | BDub (7) JRFB (7) | Mike (3) Bill C. (12) | SgtMaj (4) Justin M. (8) |
| 2-Man Scramble/Alt Shot Hdp | (7) | (8) | (6) |

Sunday 7/16 (AM)

AM **2-Man Modified Scramble (50% of hdcp)**
Tee Times 8:00am – 8:20am (Caledonia)

TEES – **“A” Players** will play from the **BLACK Tees** (6526 yds) **“B” Players** will play from the **BLUE Tees** (6121 yds) **“C” Players** will play from the **WHITE Tees** (5710 yds)

Each 2-Man team hits a tee shot and the best shot is selected. Both players play from the best tee shot and each player then plays his own ball until finishing out the hole. (On Par 5’s each player hits a second shot from the selected drive, the best second shot is selected and THEN each player plays his own ball out from there). The best net score for the hole is then counted as the team score. Lowest 2 team scores get paid.

Payout: 1st place = \$80 2nd place = \$40

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| TEAMS: | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
| | BDub (7) EZ (12) | SgtMaj (4) Richie (14) | Big Daddy (4) Mizer (7) |
| | Steve G. (7) JRFB (7) | Guy (3) Bill C. (12) | Mike (3) Justin M. (8) |

Sunday 7/16 (PM)

PM **4-Man Scramble (NO hdcp)**
Tee Times 2 pm – 2:20pm (True Blue)

TEES – **“A” & “B” Players** will play from the **WHITE Tees** (6375 yds) **“C” Players** will play from the **BLACK Tees** (5736 yds)

Each player on the 4-man team will hit a tee shot with the best shot being selected. Each player will then play from that spot and the best shot is selected. Play continues this way until the team has holed out. The team will only have one score. Winning team takes the pot.

Payout: **Winning 4-Man Team = \$120**

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| Teams: | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
| | Mike Richie SgtMaj Bill C. | BDub Big Daddy Justin M. JRFB | Steve G. Mizer Guy EZ |

Monday 7/17

AM 2-Man (one low net) (100% of hdcp)
Tee Times 9 am – 9:14am (Heritage Club)

TEES – “A” *Players* will play from the BLUE Tees (6553 yds) “B” *Players* will play from the WHITE Tees (6178 yds) “C” *Players* will play from the GREEN Tees (5701 yds)

Each player on the 2-Man team plays his own ball and counts his score (minus any handicap strokes). The best score of the two will be the Team’s “one low net” score. Lowest 2 team scores get paid.

Payout: 1st place = \$80 2nd place = \$40

| | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Teams: | JRFB (14) Guy (6) | Justin M. (16) Mizer (14) | Steve G. (14) Bill C. (24) |
| | SgtMaj (8) Big Daddy (8) | Richie (28) BDub (14) | Mike (6) EZ (24) |

Tuesday 7/18

AM 2-Man Scramble (25% of hdcp) – The “Grunge” Match
Tee Times 9 am – 9:20am (Caledonia)

TEES – “A” *Players* will play from the BLACK Tees (6526 yds) “B” *Players* will play from the BLUE Tees (6121 yds) “C” *Players* will play from the WHITE Tees (5710 yds)

Each player on the 2-Man team will hit a tee shot and the best one will be selected. Each player will then play from within 1 club length of that spot and so on, until the team has holed out. The team will only have one score, minus any handicap strokes. Lowest 2 team scores gets paid.

Payout: 1st place = \$80 2nd place = \$40

| | <u>Group 1</u> | <u>Group 2</u> | <u>Group 3</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Teams: | JRFB (14) Mike (6) | Mizer (14) Bill C. (24) | SgtMaj (8) Justin M. (16) |
| Team Hdcp | (5) | (10) | (6) |
| | Guy (6) Richie (28) | Big Daddy (8) EZ (24) | BDub (14) Steve G. (14) |
| Team Hdcp | (9) | (8) | (7) |