

# 23rd Annual APO

## (“Companionable Essence”...or, What’s that smell?)

**NOTE:** Masks are required in a number of areas at the resort and some golf course clubhouses.  
**PLEASE BRING A MASK TO WEAR AND KEEP IT WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES!**

If you’re reading this it means you’ve committed to attend the 2020 APO – and there is something very, very wrong with you. You will need thick skin, a sharp wit, sunscreen, lots of golf balls, a Hawaiian Shirt and a bathing suit to make it through “APO Week”. What you’ll take home from this experience is: The voice in your head yelling in an Italian 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? Most of you have seen the plethora of links Richie has sent out giving you a peek at Tobacco Road and Pine Needles.

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 North 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 you’ve paid your money and it’s too late for you to back out...

### **Welcome to the 2020 APO! (ASS PADDLIN’ OPEN)**

This year’s event features 12 World class knuckleheads and 4 Rookies (knucklehead status to be determined). Enclosed in this letter you will find everything you need to know about the 2020 APO – with the exception of **each day’s Pairings**. That information is sitting in a hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar on Funk & Wagnalls front porch and will be announced on Friday evening during our “Welcome Address.”

At the end of the trip, we ask that each of you log-in to [www.asspaddlinopen.net](http://www.asspaddlinopen.net) and fill out the survey. This allows us to continually improve each year based on YOUR suggestions (well, not Big Daddy’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 shouldn’t take more than 4-5 hours). We’ll also review Joe Rosko’s Driver’s License eligibility - especially since he’s not there to defend himself.

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

Back again this year by popular demand: Jambalaya Night (x 2)! R-Ichie has graciously volunteered to prepare his World Famous Jambalaya and will transport it to the APO Satellite Headquarters in Southern Pines, NC. Bring your favorite hot sauce and get ready for one of my all-time favorite meals on Friday and Tuesday nights!

We will have dinner catered for our Saturday (Italian Night) and Sunday (Pizza Night), and chef Hale will oversee Monday (Steak Night) evening meals and for those hanging around on Tuesday evening – JambalayaLeftover 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) all meals will be provided for us at the condo while we shower, drink beer, and complain about Mike clogging the toilet. Chef Hale will 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**

There will be no shipping of clubs this year unless you arrange for it yourself. You can use ShipSticks ([www.shipsticks.com](http://www.shipsticks.com)) or UPS/FedEx but you will be responsible for setting this up on your own.

## **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 our condo. It is HIGHLY recommended that you pick up a bottle or two of your favorite hooch/beer to drink at the condo and one for your golf bag for the Sunday “drinking” scramble. You can purchase mixers from the lovely cart girls – “Heyyyyy-aaayyyy!” (drunk, with a southern accent...some of you recognize this voice). **Special Note to Big Daddy: Believe it or not, there IS vodka in the White Russians!**

## Transportation

Mizer will be handling transportation for anyone flying into Raleigh/Durham (RDU) who has not already made plans to drive yourself or 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

Your trip is already paid for and room keys will be under each door mat. We will let everyone know which condo they're in upon arrival.

We will also get all golf tickets. 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 (or his designated Minion) will be handling the Golf Course check-in for all of us at each course and he will announce this PRO-cess on Friday evening.**

**Note #2: Breakfast - breakfast will be delivered to each condo in the morning.**

## Check-Out

**Richie will announce the check out procedure on Friday night.**

## Photos/Videos

Please capture as much of the scenery and action as possible! 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  
Justin Munn

C) Jeff McSpaden  
Jim Mikkelsen

### **Condo 2**

A) Andy Beck  
Rich Shannon

B) Paul Czerepuszko  
Billy Summers

C) Erik Zandhuis  
Sean Flaherty

### **Condo 3**

A) Josh Trezbiatowski  
Eric Fritz

B) Steve Garrison  
Bill Cassian

## Responsibilities

1. Richie handles arranging the trip/catering/scorecards/Jambalaya (and everything else)
2. Mike handles games, letters and the Big Yellow Hat
3. Mizer will handle golf tickets, half&half for White Russians and On-site logistics
4. Richie/Mizer will coordinate transportation
5. Mizer will also be in charge of Richie
6. Mizer will handle scorecards and daily games/payouts
7. Guy will MC the “Rookie Swimsuit Fashion Show” at the pool on Saturday
8. EZ will handle photo/video documentation posting on website
9. Big Daddy is in charge of the “sock puppet” show and saying, “FAAAAAAAK!”
10. Guy will handle vodka, coffee and choreography “and this one I call The Snake...”
11. Guy is in charge of music, “crop dusting” and is my personal bartender
12. Jalapeno is cuddly
13. Rookies will make sure the condos are properly supplied with snacks – and KY

## HELPFUL HINTS (AGAIN!)

Pay special attention to the “Richie’s Tip” section (just the tip...) as our resident Mixologist, Dr. Richard Hale (OB/GYN) shares his helpful hints for a successful APO.

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 sunscreen, 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” (the same underwear you just played 36 holes of golf in). You will need one for the “Pool Days” and 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 your 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 lightning, 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.

## GAMES

Payouts are as follows: Sat/Sun (AM) = \$100 1<sup>st</sup> & \$40 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sun (PM) = \$140 1<sup>st</sup>. Mon/Tues = \$100 1<sup>st</sup> & \$40 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Skins – Skins will be **NET SKINS**. There will be a total of \$260 up for grabs. Skins will be available for the **Sun 2-Man Modified Scramble** and **Mon 2-Man (1 low net)** games only.

**NOTE:** Everyone has paid for 2 mulligans at \$5 each which also goes into the Skins Pot.

## **“The Rules”**

**Mulligans** – Everyone has paid for two (2) Mulligans which can be used anywhere at any time (no, this has nothing to do with your first marriage or you “experimenting” in college - they can only be used on the golf course). Use of a Mulligan counts as a stroke.

**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 **no closer to the hole** to improve your lie **anywhere but in a hazard.** **HOWEVER, you can NOT move your ball from OFF the green to ON the green.**

**Out of Bounds/Lost Ball** – 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 an additional courtesy, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 into Jeff McSpaden 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 Mizer is able to hit his first tee shot, he gets a skin and his team wins the money
  - 4) NEVER step in a foamy patch near a green or on a fairway
  - 5) Press Mike when he's in the fairway - never say anything when he's in the woods
  - 6) Don't do anything you don't want on video...EZ is EVERYWHERE!
  - 7) If it smells like poop, looks like poop, and tastes like poop, it probably IS poop
  - 8) Guy will NEVER hit the green on #3 at Caledonia (a rule that is NOT in play this year)
  - 9) NEVER ask Big Daddy what he's "studying" if he's leaning against the condo
  - 10) Hard boiled eggs + Guy = Energy Solution
  - 11) Jalapeno is as cuddly as a teddy bear. (Not really a "rule" per se, just wanted to make sure everyone knew...)
  - 12) Like a small child, ALWAYS know where Joe Rosko is before beginning a swing (even if he is at his lake house in Illinois, he is still a hazard to be contended with)
  - 13) NEVER accept a drink from Guy if you have an open flame nearby
- And finally...
- 14) **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

## 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 Pinehurst area (and have a cocktail or two as well as take a few pictures). 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

Color Code: "A" Players   "B" Players   "C" Players

<b>Mik</b> – 6 hdcp	<b>Jalapeno</b> - 10 hdcp	<b>Rich S.</b> – 12 hdcp	<b>Bill C.</b> – 24 hdcp
<b>Mikey</b> – 8 hdcp	<b>Fritzy</b> – 12 hdcp	<b>Paully</b> – 12 hdcp	<b>EZ</b> – 24 hdcp
<b>Guy</b> – 8 hdcp	<b>Steve G.</b> – 12 hdcp	<b>Alphabet</b> - 14 hdcp	<b>Richie</b> – 24 hdcp
<b>Big Daddy</b> – 8 hdcp	<b>Andy</b> – 12 hdcp	<b>Mizer</b> - 14 hdcp	<b>Billy</b> – 24 hdcp

## Saturday 7/18

AM/PM      2-Man Scramble (50% of hdcp)

Tee Times      11-11:30am (Tobacco Road)

**TEES** – *"A" Players - RIPPER Tees (6557 yds)*   *"B" Players - DISC Tees (6317 yds)*   *"C" Players - PLOW Tees (5886 yds)*

**2-Man Scramble** - 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.

**Payout:**      1<sup>st</sup> place = \$100      2<sup>nd</sup> place = \$40

## Sunday 7/19 (AM)

AM      2-Man Modified Scramble (50% of hdcp)

Tee Times      7:33-7:42am (Talamore) **SPLIT TEES**

**SPLIT TEES** - Groups 1 & 2 will go off 1st tee and Groups 3 & 4 will go off 10th tee.

**TEES** – *"A" Players - BLUE Tees (6534 yds)*   *"B" Players WHITE Tees (6007 yds)*   *"C" Players GREEN Tees (5787 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:**      1<sup>st</sup> place = \$100      2<sup>nd</sup> place = \$40

## Sunday 7/19 (PM)

**PM** 4-Man Scramble (*NO hdcp*)

**Tee Times** 2:05-2:35pm (Mid-Pines)

TEES – “A” & “B” Players WHITE Tees (6163 yds) “C” Players GREEN Tees (5669 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 = \$140

## Monday 7/20

**AM** 2-Man (one low net) (100% of hdcp)

**Tee Times** 9:20-9:50am (Pine Needles)

TEES – “A” Players ROSS (Red) Tees (6436 yds) “B” Players REGULAR Tees (6021 yds)  
“C” Players EXECUTIVE Tees (5630 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> place = \$100      2<sup>nd</sup> place = \$40

## Tuesday 7/21

**AM** 2-Man Scramble (50% of hdcp)

**Tee Times** 7:45-8:15am (Mid South)

TEES – “A” Players BLUE Tees (6577 yds) “B” Players WHITE Tees (6170 yds) and “C”  
Players GREEN Tees (5655 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> place = \$100      2<sup>nd</sup> place = \$40