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Seventh Annual Golf Challenge, Sept. 9 and 10

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Golfers – and non-golfers alike – it’s time to tee up! The Seventh Annual Memorial Extreme Golf Challenge (Big Break Style) is set for Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10. The event, held at Winona Davenport’s Justafield on Route 4 in Phillips, will run from 10 to 2, both days.

The Challenge is held in memory of Gordon Davenport, Sr., an avid golfer, and all proceeds will benefit the Phillips Area Community Center.

The event features five challenges: the closest chip/pitch to a flagstick (about 30 yards); an accuracy shot to a pool filled with sawdust or chips; an over-the-wall lob (the wall is 7 feet high) with the ball remaining in a designated circle; driving a ball through a paper square about 6 feet off the ground (about 30 yards); and the longest drive to a defined area with a provided putter (or you may bring your own). The winner of each challenge gets the prize and if more than one successfully completes a challenge, those winners have to do a play-off on Sunday to determine the final winner. In all, five final winners – one for each challenge - will receive \$50 each.

Those participating may buy 10 balls for \$5 and use them on any challenge, or challenges, they like. Participants may play as many rounds as they like. Challenge sponsors are: for the chip/pitch, Becky Phelps at The Local Bull; for the accuracy shot, Winona Davenport at Pleasant Street Popovers & Pies; for the wall shot, Donna Chamberlain at Phillips Farmers Market; for the paper break, Brian Donovan of Highmore; and longest drive, Winona Davenport of Have Holes, Must Travel.

For more information regarding the Challenge, call Winona at 639-4296.

Two Old Cops Coming to the PACC – Sunday, September 17

John Ford, Sr., a retired Maine Game Warden, and Mark Nickerson, a retired Maine State Trooper, will share their stories at the Phillips Area Community Center (PACC) on Sunday, September 17, at 2 pm.

The two ex-cops offer a raucous, ribald, and sometimes poignant look at Maine law enforcement “back in the day”! This inside look at the officers’ experiences include such anecdotes as The Booze-Lovin’ Bear in the Trooper’s Side Car; The Deer that Wouldn’t Die; Daddy Who?; More Bang for Your Buck; A Long Sad Night; Just Dropping In, Ladies; Leo and the Life Preservers; A Warm and Fuzzy Feeling; and other tales.

Ford is the author of two Books: *Suddenly the Cider Didn’t Taste so Good* and *This Cider Still Tastes Funny*. Nickerson is the author of *Blue Lights in the Night*. Their books will be available for sale and can be personalized at the event.

The presentation begins at 2 pm at the PACC on Sunday and admission is \$5 for all ages. Refreshments will be available for sale.

News Briefs & Updates . . .

Find Phill's Phildren: Find the trolls hiding in various businesses and have your name entered into a drawing for 50 Phill Bucks – good for spending at any of the participating businesses. The Phildren will be hiding Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, at Jim & Emma's Pickers' Paradise; the Phillips Farmers' Market; Little White Church Antiques; The Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad; and somewhere on the Fly Rod Crosby Trail in Phillips (look for sign & take photo).

The First Saturday of the Month Flea & Craft Market will be held at the Phillips Area Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 to 1. The Farmers' Market in the American Legion will also be open from 9 to 1 for its usual Saturday sale.

Hymn Sing: Join in an old-fashioned sing-along at the Reeds Mill Church at 7 pm, Sunday, Sept. 10. Flashlights are recommended. For more information, call 639-2713.

Free Smoke Alarms: Residents of Phillips, Avon and Madrid may receive a free smoke alarm by calling their town office at 639-5326 in Avon, or 639-3561 in Phillips and Madrid. Installation date is Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 to 3. The fire alarm program is a joint effort of the Red Cross and the Phillips Fire Department.

Mud Run and Truck Pull: The last Truck Pull of the season will be held Sept. 9 in Phillips, and the final Mud Run will be held Sept. 23-24.

Texas Hold-em Poker is held at the Phillips American Legion Post 64 on Depot Street every first and third Friday of the month. Games begin at 6 and buy-in is \$30.

The PACC's Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday at 4:30 pm, Sept. 5, at the Phillips Area Community Center on Depot Street.

The Phillips Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 pm in the Shadagee Common Room on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The Phillips Area Business Association will meet at 6 pm in the Shadagee Common Room on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Mark Your Calendars for Two Upcoming Events at the PACC: Roochie Toochee and the Ragtime Shepherd Kings will present a lively concert on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 pm, and the Community Center will host a Model Train & Hobby Show on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 to 3. Admission to Roochie Toochee is \$10; admission to the Train Show is free. There will be several model train layouts, and steam trains will run at the SR&RLRR during the fair.

The Narrow Gauge Quilters meet at the Phillips Public Library on Thursdays at 1 pm. All interested quilters are welcome.

Meeting and Event Schedule . . .

Sept. 12 - Selectmen meet, Tuesday, 6 pm, Phillips Town Office

Sept. 14 - Chamber of Commerce meets, 6 pm, Thursday, Shadagee

Sept. 20 - The Sandy River Business Association meets, 6 pm, Wednesday, Shadagee

Sept. 26 - Selectmen meet, Tuesday, 6 pm, Phillips Town Office