

Extra Points: *Puff* wins Finton Cup

Labor Day weekend was the final weekend for the Northport Bay Yacht Club.

Members of the yacht club was for the Max Finton PreMemorial Cup, which was established in 1980 to honor founding member and club mentor Dr. Max Finton. Three boats were just a point apart before Saturday's finale.

"Most boats took the line course to the south island buoy," Commodore Mike Sinclair said. "Downwind, helms-woman Peg Kroll kept *Puff* well towards the wind."

At the turn, *Puff* trailed *Paradox* by just 15 seconds with Bill Allen in *Pegasus* 15 more seconds behind in third. In the new southerly wind, the leg up to the bell buoy was a fast one according to Sinclair.

Paradox pulled away and *Pegasus* gradually overhauled *Puff*, which headed out into the bay in search of higher wind.

"The final leg from the bell buoy to the Northport marina was a close, led by *Paradox*, *Pegasus* and *Puff* right behind," Sinclair said. "The rest of the fleet was close behind."

Kristin B II, captained by Mike Cann, was leading the fleet behind the top three. After a fast 90 minutes or less, *Puff* won the cup by 40 seconds from *Pegasus* with *Paradox* one minute and 30 seconds back in third.

"It was an excellent afternoon's sailing," Sinclair said.

On the following day, the Northport Bay Yacht Club held its final social event and annual general meeting. Commodore d'Cuisine Tom Kalber, among others, prepared a superb slow cooked chicken and pork with salsa and sauce.

According to Sinclair, members supplemented the food with salads, a memorable selection of baked beans and deserts.

The meeting was to decide the 2019 elected officers for the Northport Bay Yacht Club.

The Commodore for 2019 will be Campbell McLeod and Vice Commodore will be Jim Richardson. The Commodore d'Cuisine will remain Tom Kalber and the Secretary will be Shelley Lavey. The new club treasurer will be Mike Cann.

In the Saturday races, *Puff* finished in first, with Chris and John Woormer in *Grin* second and *Kristin B II* in third. For the Tuesday races, *Mr. Wizzard*, captained by John Zevelkink, finished in first. *Puff* finished in second and *Kristin B II* finished in third.

Borkovich returns to Rome

After three starts in Florida for the Fire Frogs, a familiar face is returning to Rome.

For the remainder of the season, after an injury to a starter, Walter Borkovich will be in the rotation for the Rome Braves.

In his three starts in Florida, Borkovich has accumulated 17 innings pitched, and didn't allow a run. He didn't walk any batters, and struck out 12 in the starts.

Borkovich earned one win on the mound, and still has a zero earned run average for the High-A ball club. Since returning to Rome, Borkovich has started three games, and has lowered his minor league earned run average to 1.67.

Throughout his minor league career, Borkovich has compiled a record of 8-3 and has appeared in 50 games with his 1.67 earned run average. He has started six games in his career, all this year, and saved five games in nine opportunities.

Borkovich has pitched in 113 innings and allowed just 21 earned runs, with a 18 walks and 86 strikeouts.

Harvest Stompede slated for Saturday

Wine Weekend starts with a fun 5k. The annual event is sponsored by and starts at Ciccone Vineyard. A hand full of Leelanau Peninsula Wine Makers also help sponsor the event.

The race begins at 9 a.m., and is coupled with a wine tasting weekend that has been enjoyed by both the competitive runner and the curious

walker according to previous runners.

The course is one of a kind, and travels through a few different vineyard rows and trails in the majestic rolling hills of the Leelanau Peninsula.



PUFF MOVES through the water during the last race for the Northport Bay Yacht Club. Photo: Glenn Van Otteran

Packet pick-up will take place on Friday from 4-9 p.m. at the Ciccone Vineyard in the big red barn. Signing up at packet pick-up will not include a t-shirt for the event.

There is no morning of race registration, so runners should attend packet pick-up to register for the race.

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The Scottish Swing Doctor of Glenlochen, Ph.D.
This week's golf tip is presented by the Dunes Golf Club and it is supplied by a member of the club who goes by the pseudonym "the Scottish Swing Doctor of Glenlochen." This mysterious master of the links is on a mission to improve your golf game. He provides tips that offer a methodical and scientific approach to improving the mechanics of your swing. If you're eager to raise your golf IQ, read on for a lecture by the one and only Swing Doctor.

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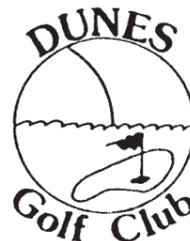
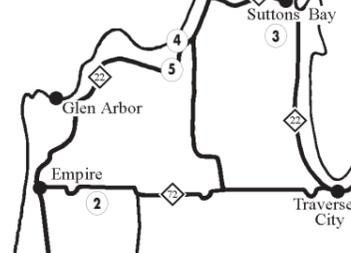
In general, the smartest strategy out of heavy rough is to take an unplayable lie, i.e. one stroke penalty with three options: (1) go back to the point you played your last shot, (2) drop the ball within two club lengths, no closer to the hole, or (3) move back away from the hole in a straight line as far as you want in line with the flagstick. You may avoid the penalty, however, by knowing how to hit a ball out of deep rough.

The key to this shot is in making solid contact by minimizing body movement. Don't try to carry long stretches of rough, because the ball will come out lower than normal; hit back out to the fairway taking the shortest line possible.

Use a club with a lot of loft, because you are de-lofting it at address by playing the ball back of middle and leaning the shaft forward. Grass will get between the ball and the club face so expect the ball to run farther than anticipated. Expect the grass to grab the hosel and close the clubface. As such, grip it tighter and anticipate a pull. Also, to reduce the amount of grass the club encounters before the ball, lean into the front foot to insure your weight if forward and use a quick wrist cock to produce a more vertical chopping swing. Take a couple of practice swings so that you can feel how to keep your body still and how the grass will react to the club.

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