

# CHIP SHOT

## What's your handicap? Oh, only one leg!

BY PHIL WOODS

Have you ever heard of a golf tournament named 'The Cairns Cup?' I had not until I met and talked to a guy named

Randy Clay. The Cairns Cup was originated in England and initially named 'The Phoenix Cup' and was patterned after The Ryder Cup which matches teams from Europe and America.



The main difference being, that the teams are composed of players with physical disabilities. Randy Clay, a member of the team U.S.A., has his right leg amputated above the knee several years ago, a result of rapidly spreading bone cancer. Other team players are team captain Tracy Ramin, leg amputee, Jonathan Snyder born without a left hand, Steven Ford has only one arm, others have disabilities ranging from blindness to Multiple Sclerosis to Cerebral Palsy.

Four years ago the Europeans whipped the U.S.A. in their match at one of the Rotonda golf clubs, but



America bounced back with a win this year at the Shire Course in London, Seve Ballesteros last design.

Randy Clay told me that the name of the tournament was changed from The Phoenix Cup to The Cairns Cup in honor of one of the players from the European team who died unexpectedly the day before the match at Rotonda. Billy Cairns had been a very

popular member of the European team.

Needless to say the cost of transporting 16 players across the Atlantic and back, plus accommodations, meals, uniforms, etc. every two years can get pricy, so several big name sponsors made it possible (Amazon, Callaway Golf Company, PXG® golf clubs, Titleist golf balls, Adidas shoe



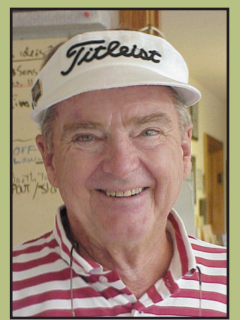
wear and many others all clipped in).

I asked Randy what his best score has been after losing his leg? How about 68! I wonder if clipping my toenails shorter would help me?

Keep it in the short grass.

Middle photo has Randy Clay and fellow players at the Las Vegas, Nevada tournament in 2019.

Islander Phil Woods has been a golfer for the past 40+ years. He is a member of the Lemon Bay Golf Club and currently has a 17 handicap.



Traditional Tarpon Fishing Format



# Howl at the Moon Invitational Tarpon Tournament

Saturday, June 18, 2022  
7 to 10 p.m.

Registration Forms available at Whiddens Marina  
or on our Facebook page GasparillaIslandMaritimeMuseum

Live Bait Only • All Release

TIDES & SKIES

## June 17 - 23

Boca Grande Tides				LUNAR CALENDAR		SUNRISE	SUNSET
17 FRI	High 2:22 pm Low 10:54 pm	20 MON Last Quarter High 7:57 am Low 12:29 pm	22 WED Low 1:44 am High 8:54 pm	23 THU Low 2:15 am High 9:24 am	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">☾ Last Quarter Jun 20 - 11:11 p.m.</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">🌑 New Moon Jun 28 - 10:52 p.m.</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">☽ First Quarter Jul 6 - 10:14 p.m.</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">☀ Full Moon Jul 13 - 2:37 p.m.</div> </div>	<b>Friday, June 17</b> - 6:35 a.m. <b>Saturday, June 18</b> - 6:35 a.m. <b>Sunday, June 19</b> - 6:35 a.m. <b>Monday, June 20</b> - 6:36 a.m. <b>Tuesday, June 21</b> - 6:36 a.m. <b>Wednesday, June 22</b> - 6:36 a.m. <b>Thursday, June 23</b> - 6:36 a.m.	<b>Friday, June 17</b> - 8:24 p.m. <b>Saturday, June 18</b> - 8:24 p.m. <b>Sunday, June 19</b> - 8:25 p.m. <b>Monday, June 20</b> - 8:25 p.m. <b>Tuesday, June 21</b> - 8:25 p.m. <b>Wednesday, June 22</b> - 8:25 p.m. <b>Thursday, June 23</b> - 8:26 p.m.
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