

Several sharp-eyed readers have written in to ask about the meaning and derivation of a word used in our last tournament announcement--"Shackleford", as in

PGMS Shackleford Tourney, Sat. Aug. 14

Actually, this was a mental typo--not uncommon among writers of a certain age--an unconscious coinage combining elements of two distinctly different and unrelated words...

"Stableford" a golf game scored in points rather than strokes, and

"Shackleton" the surname of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer and hero of the famous biopic "Endurance" about shipwreck and survival in the cold and windy Antarctic sea..

Hence, "Shackleford" combines elements of competitive golf, endurance, and survival under hellish weather conditions--and we submit that's not a bad description of golfing at the Gap in the coldest and windiest August in regional history.

But what care we about a little wind and fog, eh, mateys? *Right ladies?*
(Or did we fail to mention that four of the Club's fairest will be leading us in the fray, Saturday morning?) You wouldn't let the girls show us up, would you laddies?

Still time to make your reservation for Saturday--but hurry! First tee time 8:10. Single and multiple reservations accepted. Call pro shop 453-4949, Ext. 18. See you Saturday!

---- *Bill*