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Cole's Corner: Course Management

This month's topic is course management. We as golfers remain adamant on hitting long drives and crisp irons shots. But the truth of the matter is, it does us no good if we don't manage our landing areas, the yardage we want to be left with for the approach, or even the putt we need to score well. We have heard the phrase "play to your strength" and that is what we should be doing to play to our full potential.

With the opening of the Boulder Course this year, course management is more important than ever. Let's begin from the tee...Our first thought from the tee should not be to hit the fairway but to visualize the hole played backwards. We look at the pin position on the green and the undulations around it. We don't want to be above the hole with the downhill slider if we don't have to. If there is room below the hole with no trouble insight, then there is our target. Next, we look at the best angle of the hole to make our approach shot from. How far away do we want to make it? This yardage may not require a driver from the tee but maybe a hybrid or fairway wood. Or maybe our iron strength is better with an 8 iron and not a wedge. Then this would require even less off the tee.

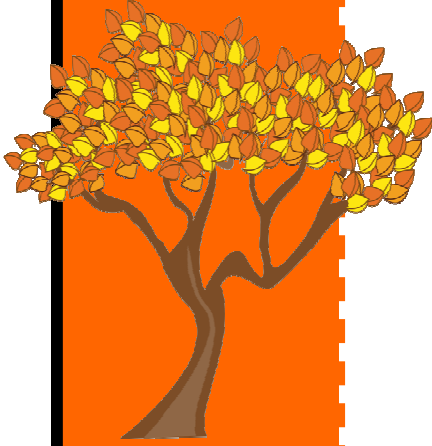
These fundamentals of making a game plan is what low handicappers and tour professionals have been doing for many years and will continue to do. They know where to hit the ball and know where to miss it. If we all implemented this way of playing golf we would certainly lower our scores over time!



September 5: Members gather early in the morning to get ready for the Member Two-Person Chapman Scoring Outing.



Fresh From The Grill



Chip Connelly,
Director of Food and
Beverage

Fall has, fallen/sprung (whatever fall does), and we are still going full tilt. Soup Season is back, so always ask your server "What's the soup today?"

October 28th will be the Member Mixer where we will attempt to do "Sand & Suds" for the last time this season (times to be determined). When the clocks change on

Sunday, November 1st, we anticipate closing The Grill at 5 p.m.

We will continue with our member socials and special events, so keep your eyes and ears on for upcoming events.



If you are not receiving information, reminders and updates via email please send your email address to:

misty@rockharborgolf.com

If your email changes please let us know so we can update you in our system. Thanks!

Please RSVP for the Open House/Social/Mixers NLT the Monday prior by calling The Grill @ 540-722-9678 or emailing Chip @ chip@rockharborgolf.com

Pictorial Diary: No. #18 Rock

The "after" picture of #18 Rock was taken from the same location but not the same height. The area was excavated down to create the tee box for #17 Rock which is where the picture was taken from.

The rains have prevented a real good picture from being taken, but you can still see the water tower in the back middle of both photographs. The trees have grown and the powerlines are no longer visible in the "after" picture



The Harbor Cup 2015



Cole Lee,
Tournament Director

Hello everyone. This article will shed some light on our annual Harbor Cup which is profoundly enjoyed by everyone involved. So first things first, what is it?

This event replicates the professionals "Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, and Presidents Cup", held every other year. We play all the same formats they do, only we handicap our players to make the matches even. To be a participant, you must do one of 2 things... Become eligible by accumulating enough points from member events, or be selected as a "Captains Pick." Each team consists of 12 players invited by leading the membership in points accumulated and 2 players selected by the captain. So that is the top 24 members in the points standing and 4 more selected by the

captains.

To earn the points, we have given a specific point value to each member event and each league you play in. The point system does not take in account how you play, only that you participate.

The format we play changes each day of this 3 day event to keep things interesting. Day 1 is a best ball format, day 2 is alternate shot, and day 3 is singles matches. The captains make ALL the pairings based on your handicap and your performance throughout the event so keep your game sharp!

I hope this was helpful to our newer members who are interested in some very competitive golf with a fun and light atmosphere!

Below are players/scores from the weekend:

Frequently Asked Question:

"When will my GPS app work on the new holes for my phone?"

Answer: We have no idea. This is not a service provided by Rock Harbor. These are independent companies that create these apps and market them to you. We do not give any input nor do we receive any profit from the purchase of the app. If you have questions or concerns you will need to contact the creator of the app from which you receive the service.

Hope this helps!

Some GPS app providers are:

Sky Caddy
Golf Buddy
Golf Logic

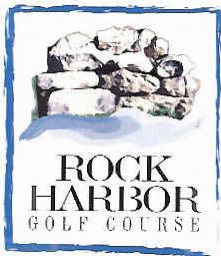
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From The Ground Up

Bobby Jenkins: Course Superintendent:

Well, Fall is finally here. The course had a pretty rough summer with lack of rain, high humidity...etc. Very soon, the maintenance crew will start blowing and picking up leaves from fairways, tees, greens and bunkers. Around the 15th of October we will start verticutting and aerating the tees. We will also be spraying the fairways and roughs for clover.

Hawk Update: The hawk has been seen flying around the course and he is doing just fine. One of our members saw him fly into a rock the other day and knock himself dizzy. But he seems to be fine, despite all his recent mishaps.



October 12
Chain of Checks
(WINC FM 92.5)

October 15
SVTA
Shenandoah Valley Turf
Association Outing

October 28
Members Evening Social



September 8: Potomac Youth Ministries Outing