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Member Corner: Roger Forsythe

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Roger “Chick” Forsythe was born and raised in Jefferson County, WV. His grandmother, the one who gave him his nickname, owned a small farm where she tended chickens. Chick thinks this may have been why she gave him this name, she just considered



him one of her little chicks to care for and nurture. The name has stuck with him throughout his adult life and he often has to think about which

name people refer to him as, but regardless of what you call him, he will answer to both. After graduating from Harpers Ferry High School, Chick attended Shepherd University and graduated with a degree in Math and Physics. While in school and even afterwards he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. Although military life was not in his future, he spent the rest of his career working for different

departments throughout the military.

A few years after graduation, Chick moved his family to Minneapolis, MN to work for a budding company called UNIVAC. UNIVAC was in the computer business, even though no one knew what a computer was at the time, Chick went to work on the machines that were bigger than The Grill at RH. Chick laughed when he thought about how far computers had come; he said, “everything that was in that computer and more is now in my phone.” From there Chick moved to Annapolis where he started working for the Navy Department as a civilian. He was still working with computers, but now he was building Intelligence Systems for the Navy, Chick was in charge of Central Design and Development for the Navy. This computer thing was catching on so well that Chick had people all over the world at naval bases working on designs for the Navy. Chick and his family continued to move, they were in: Washington

D.C., Oakton, London, and back to D.C. before they settled back in Jefferson County on a spacious horse farm for 30 years.

In 2004, Chick and his wife, Dee decided that it was time to give up the farm and retire. So they searched a 30-mile radius for a place to settle in and live out their golden years.

Winchester was the place they settled on. It had everything they were looking for; friends, close proximity to shopping and stores and the perfect house they were searching for.

A lot has changed for Chick since moving to Winchester, his wife, Dee, passed away in 2010, which left a big hole in his life that needed to be filled. Chick said this was one of the reasons he joined Rock Harbor, the social aspect of membership. He plays golf with his friends, has leisure breakfast and coffee with friends at the Grill and plays in the Senior League. He even played in the Member/Guest last year. All of these activities have been very good for him and helped to fulfill his life during the past several



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years. Chick's daughter Monic has also moved to Winchester. They get to play at least 4-5 rounds of golf together each year. They also enjoy traveling West every year to snow ski together.

No interview would be complete without the favorite and least favorite hole question...Chick said his favorite hole is #12 Rock. This used to be one of his least favorite holes, but since he has learned how to play it and even feels he has conquered it, it now ranks as one of his favorites. His least favorite hole is #10 Boulder. He never seems to hit the fairway, he is always left or right, but never in the middle. He said that if he could just hit the fairway this might be one of his favorite holes.

Chick had a bucket list, a very short bucket list that he has completed. People have told him he needs to add to the list. He says, no. Not that he feels his time left is short, he just seems content. Everything he wanted to do, he has done while he could. Now he just wants to enjoy life. Some like to travel in their retirement years, but Chick said he was done with that. Contentment is a good place to be.

"A story with a happy ending is made by a person inspired and contented on what he got in life" -lezahleuret