



Rock Harbor News

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Chris Dieter: New Superintendent

By Misty Fields:

As we say goodbye to Bobby Jenkins, our first Rock Harbor Course Superintendent,



Bobby Jenkins shakes hands with Chris Dieter, our new course superintendent.

we say hello and welcome to our new course superintendent, Chris Dieter.

Chris is originally from Arlington, VA. He attended VA Tech and received his Bachelor of Science in Agronomy Studies which is the study of soils and grass but his focus was on Turfgrass Management. How does one acquire in interest in turf grass at such a young age? Chris's father is responsible for that; he was a course superintendent for over 36 years at Washington Golf Country Club in Arlington, VA.

After graduation from college, Chris received his first job at Fords Colony Country Club in Williamsburg, VA. He was able to build 18-holes while he was there in his 8 years as Assistant Superintendent. Chris has worked for several other golf courses in Virginia as a Superintendent. Since his graduation he has also worked for golf course construction companies, he has been involved with course renovations, a

grow-in, ground-up construction of courses and site development. During a brief period in the recession Chris took a job with Fed-Ex, to find stability for his family. But that only lasted about 3 years and he was back in the golf course business at Fauquier Springs Country Club in Warrenton, VA. Chris currently works for VA Oaks in Gainesville, VA. Due to the closing of this course Chris was once again forced to look for employment.

Chris will begin his career with the Rock Harbor family on April 11, 2017. He has some expectations and things he is looking forward to at Rock Harbor. He hopes that this will be his last job, Chris wants to stay and settle in. He has had several career moves in the past but feels this is a good move for him and his family. Chris and his wife live in Stephens City with their children (3 still at home and 3 on their own). Their children attend Sherando High School and Admiral Byrd. Working closer to

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Member Corner: Dan McCoig



By Misty Fields

Dan McCoig is a soft spoken, well-dressed man who is fondly referred to as “Preacher Dan” around Rock Harbor. His congregation probably refers to him as Pastor or Reverend McCoig, but I am sure he takes no offense considering his line of work. Dan is a Presbyterian Minister at First Presbyterian Church located on the Loudoun Street Mall. Dan has pastored this congregation for 22 years.

Dan and his wife Lisa have been married for 35 years. They met while attending college at William & Mary in Williamsburg. Both were History majors. Dan then attended Union Seminary in Richmond and Lisa went on to be a CPA. She now works for Bruce Renner and Wilfong.

Dan and Lisa have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Their daughter Molly was instrumental in getting Dan involved in the game of golf. She came home from college one weekend back in

2006 and told her dad she wanted to learn to play. So being a good father he found her a teacher who offered to give lessons for free, but there was one catch: It had to be a father/daughter project. Dan agreed and began taking golf lessons with his daughter. His daughter was a natural because of her ballet lessons giving her body awareness and of course youth always gives you an advantage. But Dan also made a connection with the game and fell in love.

Traveling and dining are Dan and Lisas favorite things to do as a couple. They have traveled to Barcelona, Scotland, Alaska, Ethiopia and all over the US. Their favorite trip was to Alaska, they said the beauty and vast open spaces were breathtaking. Another interesting side note to their trip was a golf course Dan played in the most northern tip of the US. It is so far north it is only open about 6 weeks out of the year. Not much of a money maker, but it gives people bragging rights to say they’ve played this course in in Wrangle, Alaska.

Dan and Lisa also have their individual hobbies and interests that keep them busy outside of church, work and traveling. Dan is an avid banjo player. He plays with some friends in a weekly jam session. He also has the opportunity to use his banjo skills at his church when they have Blue Grass Gospel Sundays a couple times each year. Lisa is an animal lover and enjoys spending time with her dogs.

Dan became a member about 5 years ago and enjoys playing with other members in their standing tee time every Friday and Saturday together. He doesn’t get to participate in a lot of the member events due to his commitment to his church on Sundays. But he has participated in the Geezer Wars. He also has some favorite holes. Rock 15 & 16 are his favorites because of the Risk/Reward factor. He likes the opportunity for an Eagle that No. 16 presents and the opportunity to score well on No. 15. His least favorite holes are Rock No. 12 and The Castle Hole, Boulder No. 13. He said the green is impossible, unless you are in the bowl on No. 12 and the green is just too challenging on No.13.

Don’t be afraid to introduce yourself if you see Dan or his wife Lisa around.

home will give Chris the opportunity to be more involved in his kids lives and their busy extracurricular activities.

Chris wants everyone to know that his door is always open and you should feel free to stop in and let him know if you have any concerns or questions. You can also reach Chris at the same number 540-722-7111 or his new email:

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Here are a few moments from Bobby Jenkins retirement party. For more pictures see the insert.





Pictorial Diary– Reveal

Boulder No. 1 Green



? Ask Denny

In December I chose Rock No. 16 as the most unique hole at Rock Harbor, so I think that definitely makes it the most unique hole on the Rock Course and more specifically the most unique on the back nine.

What about the Front Nine? At first I would say No. 5 because it has some risk and reward characteristics with the elevated tee shot over water, you know, bite off as much as you can. Even though Island greens have become common place, I think each one is unique, so I am going to say No. 7, The Island Green is the most unique hole on the front nine of The Rock Course.

Submit your questions to Denny at info@rockharborgolf.com