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Pictorial Diary



Anyone like to guess which hole this is? This picture was taken in November of 2000- 17 years ago!



Member Social November 29th, 6 PM

Reserve Your Holiday Party at Rock Harbor Grill

Customized Menus
Hors d'oeuvres, Appetizers,
Entrees & Desserts
Buffets also available
Mid-Week Specials

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Notes From The G

Gerri Lum, Course Manager:

We just wrapped up our last Sand 'n Suds evening, I believe. The weather starts to turn a bit and this past Wednesday, we were pretty hard pressed to stay out there. A gallant effort by all those who braved the elements and showed their continued support. We certainly appreciate the efforts shown by all of you during this past season. We hope to resume some of this next year as well.

As for the off season months, we will still have member gatherings as we've done in the past. I will setup a winter session social calendar and get that to you very soon. Unfortunately, I am unable to produce it as quickly to make this newsletter. Within these winter months, I would like to hold a member evening that can address some of the policies and membership offerings we have had on the table and how they work. This will serve as reminders to the long time members and reinforce to those recent members, how things work.

Another successful year for our Tuesday Sr League. We've been averaging 60+ players per week. We've implemented revisions to the scoring format and believe it has held up and will continue to grow. Our Tuesday evening 9-hole ladies league is also growing in participation. With a few of the ladies at the novice level who are definitely improving each week. Now, as we move into the "off-season" we have to examine the schedule of play and the amount of member events being held. Where I would still like to have activities that fill the golf calendar for our members, I really need to delve into that ever present yet below the surface *Spectre* called fiscal responsibility. I will be sending out a calendar of winter sessions and hope that you will continue to come out and comrade as well as be enlightened as to your membership, the varying member leagues, the course improvements and perhaps even the rules of the game.

I've said this before, but I think it is well worth stating again. One of the main reasons we have these monthly socials and member golf events, is to grow your player base. Making new friends through golf. With the kind of members we already have, I find it hard to accept that we can't welcome more and more from the Winchester and surrounding townships and counties to join us here at Rock Harbor where we really embrace the familial atmosphere.

In closing here, I, personally, will continue to strive in developing our little club into something that we can all be proud of. Not just the wonderfully designed and maintained golf course itself but in all aspects we offer as a golf club; merchandise, food, staff and especially service.

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Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

I wanted to thank everyone for a great first year here, I just passed my one year anniversary working for Rock Harbor. We are making progress on the new menu and should have it out very soon, this also includes a new Saturday Night Dinner menu. We have ended Thursday Wing night for the

time being and wanted to thank everyone for the great support we had all season long, I hope all who participated in wing night enjoyed it. I also wanted to touch base on Holiday parties for either your company or family get together we are now booking holiday parties for November and December. If you're interested please contact me at

The Grill will close at 11 AM on Thursday, November 23, so our staff can enjoy Thanksgiving with their family and friends. We will reopen with regular hours on Friday.

the Grill or email me rhgrill@rockharborgolf.com. We can set up a customized menu to fit any budget and can also deliver it and set up in most cases if you don't want to have it at the Grill. So please feel free to contact me and see what we can do for you.

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

Ask Denny: 2nd Toughest Pin Position

Denny Perry:

What is the toughest pin position on The Rock?

In the August newsletter I said that I thought the toughest pin position on the Rock

Course was pin position 7 on hole number 16. It would be easy to pick hole No. 16 again but let's go to another hole. How about Rock No. 12? Everybody properly has a story to tell about a tough pin position when it's not in the bowl. Anything besides pin position number 2, 8 & 4 can be tough, that leaves six pin positions, but

which one is the toughest? Where they place the cup within each of those pin positions effects the toughest rating. Most of the horror stories I have heard come from pin position number 3, so for the second toughest pin position on the Rock Course I am going with pin position number 3 on hole No. 12, The Rock.

No. 12 Rock has the 2nd toughest Pin Position on The Rock Course.



The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

I am very glad to see so many of you on the courses and enjoying yourselves. I find nothing more satisfying than seeing people out having a good time on the product we are providing.

As fall sets in one can't help but notice the leaves falling throughout the course. Our plan this year is to keep them cleaned up as much as possible on a daily basis. We recently acquired another blower which has been a great help. Leaves will be blown into the woods and no mow areas whenever possible, however it is sometimes necessary to make some piles, which will be done in out of play areas, until we bring out our leaf vacuum and remove them.

Other positive news, we are continuing with bunker repair. The bunkers at the practice green have been completed and we are currently working on the bunkers at Rock #14 green.

Getting all 102 of our bunkers back in shape will be a time consuming process. Each bunker gets the edges cut out to the original shape, the layers of contaminated sand are removed, any drainage issues are repaired, old matting removed where needed, new sand laid into the bunker and tamped in place. Using the plate tamper is the key to getting the sand to a firmness that is acceptable

for golf play. We will get as many bunkers completed as we can before winter freezes the sand in place.



Making repairs on the bunkers

Zinc makes the algae unhealthy and the pigment shades the algae from getting enough light. This combination works well to keep the algae from taking over the greens.

Please feel free to stop me to chat, ask a question, and express an opinion or complaint.

Thank you for repairing your ball marks and divots.



No. 9 Rock is full of colorful Fall foliage



Blowing leaves off the course

I had many questions related to the black layer that several of you had observed on the greens this month. This black layer is algae. After three days of rain there is not a lot you can do to stop it from starting to grow. The best defense is healthy greens. Drier weather and breezy conditions helped with the situation we had. When the algae gets to an unacceptable level where it is affecting the health of the grass then we will spray. The chemicals we use do not directly kill the algae. I use a fungicide with Zinc in combination with a turf pigment. The



Algae on the greens

