

# Rock Harbor News

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## Member Corner: Dave Bartlett

*Misty Fields:*



*D*ave Bartlett is not only one of our members; he is also one of our rangers. He is a familiar face in the clubhouse and on the course. It's no wonder he knows almost everyone and everyone knows him, but how did he become such an outgoing guy? Dave grew up the son of a Naval Officer, so his family moved, all the time. They went from Virginia to South Carolina to Rhode Island to Hawaii. Dave said that he really didn't know anything different from moving all the time, he learned to make friends quickly and then say good-bye. Having this lifestyle as a child may have contributed to his ability to talk and connect with people at the course so easily. Since everyone knows Dave, it makes my job very difficult. What don't you already know about Dave? Dave was born in Troy, New York, but didn't stay there too long. His family eventually made their way to the beautiful Island of Hawaii for his High School years. This is where he met, befriended and dated a girl whose dad was a painter of the Navel Barracks and houses. Dave was the jock and she was the artsy type. She was in the school plays and was the creative type.

Her name was Bette Midler. Dave went away to Shepard College to complete his undergraduate studies and then on to VA Tech to complete his masters. While at Shepard, Dave met his future wife, Linda. She was also studying to be a teacher. Linda was the complete opposite of Dave. She spent her whole life in a small town, never moving, she found it difficult to make new friends and be social like Dave. They were both jealous of the others up-bringing, maybe this was part of the attraction and law of fascination that brought them together. They have been married for 48 years and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Dave and his wife spent the majority of their teaching years in Clarke County, before retirement they taught a total of 76 years together. Dave taught Math and Physical Education, Linda was mainly a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Dave also taught sports after school, Basketball was the sport he spent the most time coaching. He was even inducted into the teacher Hall of Fame in Clarke County for his basketball coaching skills. After Dave retired in 2004 he came to Rock Harbor looking for part-time work. He found it, he has been a course ranger ever since. He has become very fond of the people he works with

and finds great enjoyment in his working environment. Dave has no plans to retire at this time; he just wants to keep doing what he's doing until "that day comes". Dave and his wife both enjoy their retirement and have no problem filling their days. Between traveling to Hawaii, watching their grandchildren play middle school sports, to staying active themselves. There is always something to do. Dave spends a lot of time on the course between playing and working and he thinks Boulder 13 is his favorite hole to view, he thinks it is the prettiest view on the course. No 14 B on the other hand is not, he calls this hole the "vanilla" of the course. One of his favorites to play is 7 Rock, The Island Green. Dave enjoys the Boulder Course more than The Rock because he finds more of a challenge in The Boulder holes. Dave said that he has come to realize that you can't be too sensitive about the things people say in this life and if you are a productive person in some way, you are a positive influence in your world. Dave says you must be an armadillo to be a member at this course because everyone likes to throw darts at each other. But the good thing is the darts have suction cups at the end, not points.

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