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Pictorial Diary



Anyone care to guess what hole this is?
This photo was taken in September 2014.



Winter/Spring Member Events

League Rules: March 14

League Draw (Sand N Suds): March 28

Member Leagues Start: March 29

Member Opening Day Scramble: April 15



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Notes From The G

Gerri Lum, Course Manager:

So by now, most of you have read or heard of the extraordinary invite regarding a special anniversary membership offer. The campaign seems to be drawing a lot of interest and we've had a good number of persons sign up. Ahhh, cheap golf at Rock Harbor.... That's exactly the mindset we do not wish to promote. We are still the best conditioned course in the area, dare I say the valley. We have one of the most challenging golf layouts of the Shenandoah Valley. For our members, this is nothing new and the excitement, challenges and vistas of our course is something that we are all proud. That having been said, with an influx of patrons, some of them new to the course, we have to be ever vigilant. Our staff will instruct all players of the importance in the upkeep and how to maintain the conditions, with the easy performance of repairing divots fixing ball marks, etc. in the fervent hope that the course doesn't suffer. (Continued on Page 2.....)

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Toughest Pin Position

Denny Perry:

Being the third toughest Pin Position on the Boulder Course without selecting the same green that the number one and two toughest positions are on, still leaves a lot of choices. You have to look to hole 2, 4, 14, 16 and even 18.

Before we had 36 holes number 2 was high on the list (even making the *Lexus Top Ten Toughest Holes List*), but I think over time we have gotten a little used to it.

As I questioned the last time: Is the pin position tough because of the approach shot? Or is it tough because of treacherous putting? This time I'm going with treacherous putting. The third toughest pin position on the Boulder Course is hole number 4, pin position number 7. Very deceiving and hard to read the break.

Toughest Pin Positions

Rock Course			Boulder Course		
Hole #	Position		Hole #	Position	
1.	No.16	7	1.	No. 13	5
2.	No. 12	3	2.	No.15	8
3.	No.13	5	3.	No. 4	7





Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

Is it golf season yet??
Hopefully the winter is over so we can get on with more important things, Golf! We have rolled out our new

breakfast and lunch menu, as of Friday March 2nd. And we will roll out the new dinner menu on March 10th. So make sure you take a look at some of our new items. In oth-

er areas hopefully we will get some good weather in March and will start running the beverage carts again and get this year going. Also we've added a few new faces at the grill and should be ready for a busy year. I hope you enjoy the new menu!

Did you know that we post the daily lunch specials on our Rock Harbor Grill Facebook Page?
Did you also know that we email and post to Facebook and Twitter the Saturday night dinner specials?

If you are missing any of these messages, please let us know.

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

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As stated in our member announcement at the onset of this campaign, yes we are seeking to robustly increase the amount of play and thereupon certain cash/revenue influx yet this is but the first step in what would be a journey for us as the management team. It is our responsibility then to foster the introductory membership into full members before the end of their term. We have to discern from the crowds of people who signed up simply because "it's about time Rock Harbor gets real with prices..." to those who are genuinely interested in "growing" the game and are truly wanting to belong. A task to be sure, but as someone once said, "I never promised you a rose garden..." Our efforts in the days, weeks, months ahead will still be to provide a great golf experience for anyone crossing the threshold of our property and to most especially continue to provide to our members the quality of service you have come accustomed to. I simply ask for some patience as we work to develop a process to achieve this goal.



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The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Welcome to March in the Shenandoah Valley: Is Winter over? What surprises does Mother Nature have in store for us yet? Snow? Blizzard? Rain? Wind (always)?

The race is on to finish our winter projects before we begin mowing on a regular basis. This winter we had to cut down in excess of 100 trees, most of which were Ash trees killed by ash bark borers (picture right). Stumps are being ground out and the holes filled with topsoil and then



sodded or seeded. We are now in the middle of planting new trees. On Rock #12 the dead tree on the right side of the fairway that many love to hate has been replaced with a Weeping Willow (picture left). Between Boulder #4 and 5 we have planted four trees to help our guests not mistakenly play from #4 fairway to #5 green. The bunker renovations are continuing with Boulder #15 next on the list. Our mechanic, Mickey Garrett, is doing an exceptional job on restoring our equipment to a condition much better than everything was a year ago. I am looking forward to see how everything performs this cutting season. Mark Clem, the assistant superintendent, was key in sharpening all our cutting heads.



Moving forward toward Spring. Using old pallets we built 43 Blue Bird Houses which have already been placed on the courses (top right). The two aged Purple Martin houses will be replaced with new houses (bottom right). There will also be two additional Martin houses, one between Rock #6 fairway and Boulder #10 green, the other will be located near Boulder #4 and #8. There will also be a few bat houses placed on the courses.



Recently I joined a program called *Monarchs in the Rough*, through Audubon International, which is helping pollinating insects thrive. *Monarchs in the Rough* help will help the recovery of the Monarch Butterfly.

Through this program we will be planting patches of milkweed and other butterfly attracting plants in specially chosen no-mow areas. How do all these creatures effect golf and or my game? You may ask. Blue Birds, Purple Martins and Bats are all insect eaters thus reducing the bugs, which pester most of us, without the use of chemicals. Part of the enjoyment of playing golf is being outdoors, as long as the outdoors doesn't eat, bite, or distract us in our backswing. All these programs will work to enhance your enjoyment of your club.

As always repair your ball marks and divots, and feel free to stop me to chat, ask a question, and express an opinion or complaint.

