



Rock Harbor Golf Course

Mailing Address:

117 Limestone Lane
Winchester, VA 22602

Physical Address:

365 Rock Harbor Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

Phone: 540-722-7111

Toll Free: 866-273-1934

Fax: 540-722-1139

To subscribe or unsubscribe to this free newsletter send an e-mail to mistyautumn@comcast.net
Questions/Comments or Suggestions welcomed



Pictorial Diary



Any guesses? What hole this is now?



June Events

June 14-16 Member Guest

June 23—Glow Ball

June 27—Sand N Suds



Rock Harbor News

VOLUME 14 ISSUE 5

JUNE 2018

The Golf Crusade—1000 Courses

Two friends from New York are on a crusade to play 1000 golf courses in the USA. They have created a blog describing each course and what they thought of each one, in great detail, with lots of pictures. They came to Rock Harbor and had some great things to say about our little course, especially for only playing one time. Here is an excerpt from the blog, you will have to go online and read the entire article, it is worth the time. You can also find a link from our FB page to the blog.

<https://www.golfcrusade.com/blog/rock-harbor-winchester-va>

Landon Owen, Golf Crusade:

You remember those fantasy courses in the old Tiger Woods video games? Remember the one called 'The Predator'? Ever wonder what it would be like to play it? Guess what, now you can! Best part is, it's not in some far away jungle, it's located on an active rock quarry in Winchester, Virginia. Welcome to 36 holes of straight up crazy ass golf at Rock Harbor!

Like I said, its in a rock quarry - and a hilly one at that. The lakes are large enough to be navigable with a small motor craft. Don't know about the fishing, but you can probably earn a competitive wage diving for golf balls. The property sits right off the bypass around town. What you see from the highway are the tame, opening holes to each loop. It does not represent what you get over the hill.

The visual intimidation is impressive. The course is wide open in places, so you can see multiple holes from different angles. The best example of this type of anxiety hazard is the island green (Hole #7/ Rock course). Depending on what course you're playing and how much you know about the property, you may not know if you're even playing that hole in your round - but you think about the rest of the day after seeing it. Not sure if this was intentional by the designer, but kudos if it was.

P.B. Dye once said, "I'm a golfer's worst nightmare— a bulldozer operator with a scratch handicap and an Irish sense of humor," I don't know what Mr. Perry's handicap is, but Google tells me the name Perry is of English or Welsh origin. I also know dude had a ton of heavy equipment laying around to move some earth.

These courses aren't going to be for everyone. However, they weren't built for everyone, either. They were designed to be an alternative to the classic country club and a way to reuse land once scarred by mining. In all of those senses, Rock Harbor accomplishes exactly what it was designed to be. It's hard to be critical of conditions when it was as wet as it was, but there were only a few blemishes on an otherwise green and granite canvas. The best part, this will be the closest golf course to my folks' place when they retire to their new house in Winchester! I'd rarely play a course twice that is out of town, but I want to play the whole shebang next time and without the rain!

Be sure to read the full article online at: <https://www.golfcrusade.com/blog/rock-harbor-winchester-va>

Or go to our FB Page and use the link provided.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Fresh From The Grill 2

Greens That Are Hard to Read 2

The Green 3

Pictorial Diary 4

Insert

Employee Spotlight 1

Before & After 2

Cole's Corner 3

Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

We are currently working on getting our permanent food trailer out on the Rock #7 intersection. We should have it out in a week or two and will be experimenting with different food items out there to see which items work. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs on weekends at the #7 intersection,

weather permitting. Hopefully the weather will start cooperating after the sixth rainiest May in history. With the first of June rolling in it's also time to start thinking about Member Guest, I hope everyone signs up and we have a great turn out. We have most of the menu completed and hopefully everyone will like the options we present. Thank you all

for a good May and let's make June even better!!!



Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

Greens That Are Hard To Read

Denny Perry: *The Rock, Front Nine*

Most of our greens have slopes and mounds where you can clearly see which way the ball will break but there are some pin positions out there that will have you shaking your head. Rock number one is one of the flattest greens on the front nine, there is a very slight back to front slope. Over around pin position Six there is an area that breaks to the left that you can't see. I have often used that position in the Boulder Tournament when played on the Rock Course. Number four Green clearly breaks from back to front? There's an area around pin position number five when you are putting from left side of the green to the right side that the ball will break toward the back which seems like the ball breaks up hill, but that's impossible right? How about the back nine? Do you know of any hidden breaks? Next time.



"I realize this is a tough green, Big Shooter, but to have 68 putts is beyond belief."

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

So what has happened in the last month? Rain, rain, rain, rain, o yeah then there was more rain. I recently put in a request for a hay baling machine, figure we can make some money off all these grass clippings. Seriously, I would like the weather to lean to the drier side without turning us into a desert.

The wet weather is slowly bringing on many problems and potential problems. Carts restricted to the path is the number one problem. I do not like restricting golfers to a cart path only rule there are not a lot of benefits to having carts restricted. When damage to the course is going to be unavoidable then I restrict carts. The inability to cut the grass efficiently in the wet conditions shows dramatically with the buildup of grass clippings. The extra tall rough where the mowers either haven't gotten to yet or just can't cut because an area is too wet is giving our course quite the unkempt look.

The greens are showing the black look of the algae growing on the wet soil surface. We may do some needle tining of the greens to help fight the algae growth. Your patience through this process will be appreciated and helpful. The end results will keep the greens in good putting condition.

The rain brought on a mudslide on the hill from #9 Boulder tees toward #8 Boulder green. Currently Mr. Perry is pulling his resources together to fix the situation. We are lucky to be at a course with Mr. Perry's abilities on hand. Any other course would be weeks before repairs began.

Biggest question: What will be bunker conditions for member-guest? I promise that bunkers will be in the best conditions we can provide with the continuous washouts we have been having. We will

have a couple more bunkers rebuilt before the tournament. The rest will be raked with several in what I consider unacceptable conditions, I will do my best to give you the best possible product with what we have at the time of the tournament.

On a lighter and closing note, the wild life continues to flourish on the course. A Bald Eagle sitting at #7 Rock Green. 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.

