



# Rock Harbor News

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*Gerri Lum, Course Manager:*

This summer, nay this season, we've experienced a year unlike any other. The mild winter introduced the masses (agreed, the special two-year campaign definitely help in that regard) to Rock Harbor. We've seen an influx of new full members as well as an exodus of our older members. We knew that going into the season our current operating model was not as successful as we had envisioned and thus a change was imminent. No one expected the kind of response that this special offer would have. The base of our senior league had grown as well and the success of the Thursday 9-hole league is a bright spot. So all in all the rounds are definitely up. Then come the rains. The rains that seem to keep on keeping on. It had affected a few of our fundraiser events where some were fortunate enough to be re-scheduled while others simply ploughed through; though with less participants. Even some of our own member events had to be postponed or outright cancelled. Through it all the course showed off its resiliency. The course and the efforts of our course superintendent and his hard working crew. Oh there are still some water-based casualties, to be sure. And yet we still get compliments on the conditions. We had witnessed a substantial landslide that could have been catastrophic but instead became another tale of the Rock like so many before. (remember the micro burst?, how about the time a member fell out of a golf cart into one of our numerous ponds only to have the playing companions continue without affect., how 'bout the time...) well you get my drift. Like Gloria Gaynor, Rock Harbor will survive. So with the introduction of a special limited membership and the torrent that has let loose its fury upon us, your Rock Harbor staff worked hard to keep the course operating. It is to the staff, the unwavering sense of duty that has help accomplish this. There have been face changes throughout the years but the mission stayed the same. Serve Rock Harbor to best of our ability and hope that "the plan comes together." I do believe that we have strived to accomplish that mission at every turn. Yes, I realize there were some stumbles but nonetheless no major mis-steps. I say this as we will have come to an end of a chapter in the Rock's history.

Not since Bobby Jenkins announced his retirement, have we come to face sometimes the harsh realities that life sets up for all of us. This past week, I was given a letter of resignation by our own Cole Lee. Cole has been instrumental keeping tournaments, whether fundraiser or member events running as smoothly as they do. His knowledge of golf and formats of play was theretofore, virtually non-existent at the club. Cole was a key to developing the now aspirational Harbor Cup Match Play.

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# Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*  
Rain, Rain!! Hopefully  
it will go away and let  
us golf!!!  
In the food and Beverage  
operations we  
have brought on 2 new

employees that have  
culinary backgrounds  
and will be a great ad-  
dition to the club.  
Their names are Mike  
Kamphuis and Todd  
Kaczerski.  
We also have the food  
trailer ready to go to  
it's new home loca-  
tion . It will be housed  
at the intersection of  
Boulder 11 and Rock  
7. We are only waiting  
on the Health Depart-  
ment inspection to  
give us the green light.  
As soon as that occurs

it will be operational.  
We hope to expand  
our basic menu of  
hot dogs and ham-  
burgers to include  
pulled pork, hot dog  
chili and maybe ice  
cream sandwiches.  
We will see what  
other items we can  
incorporate into the  
food trailer, it's only  
just the beginning.



Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

# Greens That Are Hard To Read



"Bad dog! Dig up my lawn again  
and I'll have you neutered!"

*Denny Perry:*

On the back nine of the Rock Course the greens start to get a little harder to read. There is only one place where it looks like the ball breaks up hill and that is Number 15 around pin position 5 & 1.

The back nine does have some tricky spots like Number 11 pin position 8.

Number 14 can drive you crazy with it's subtle little breaks . How about the front left side of number 18? Even number 10 has it's subtleties. There are much harder to putt greens on the back side but the breaks are more severe and noticeable like 12, 13, 15 and 16. You do not want to be in the wrong spot in relation to the pin position on those greens.

# The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

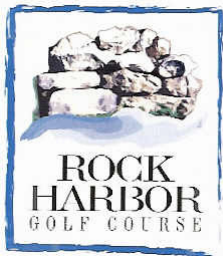
Hard to believe another month has gone by, between fighting the rain and the heat the days go by quickly. The large amounts of rain, with the hot humid spells we have between storms, have been a recipe for turf disease. We have had our share this year most of which we have been able to keep in check with our fungicide applications. Boulder #3 – 9 have been hit the hardest with Pythium resulting in some turf loss and thinning. The most common disease everyone notices is Dollar Spot (*Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*) these are the small brown spots we are seeing everywhere in the fairways and rough. Sometimes in the morning you may notice the mycelium.

(Picture right)



Progress on the renovating the bunkers continues. We are currently working on our 18<sup>th</sup> out of 102 bunkers. We have been posting ground under repair signs on some of the new bunkers due to the soft sand conditions. Many of you may be asking what we are doing with #10 fairway bunker. (Picture below) Our course designer is adding some “flair” to this bunker by placing timbers across the back and side slopes. This new design will decrease the washed out conditions we constantly have in this bunker. The timbers will be angled to give your ball a kick, hopefully away from the bunker.





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## Pictorial Diary



Any guesses? What hole this is now?



## September Events

(3) Labor Day Scramble 8:30 AM

(16) 2 Person Chapman System

(21-23) Harbor Cup

(24) VSGA 1-Day

(26) Sand N Suds

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