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## Notes From The G

*Geri Lum, Course Manager:*

October will bring on a few more fundraiser tournaments as well as some traveling groups who are trying to escape the aerification schedule at their home courses.

We just wrapped up our last scheduled member golf event for the year: The Harbor Cup Championship.

This year presented a situation but it became just another day at the Rock. As we all know the weather this year has been the wettest in recent memory. So it was not a surprise when the last round of the Cup Championships forecasted rain. The decision on the table was “weather” or not to play or postpone the final round. Some of the participants were willing to play while others not so much. Some participants faced scheduling conflicts if postponed; others available. Captains looked to a sparse bench able to replace conflicted players. And thus under the umbrella of democracy, a vote of the players sounded through the cool morning air. “Let’s Play!”

As light rain turned to heavy and back again to light rain, the troops slogged their way across the battlefield, wet and miserable but combat ready. Then at approximately 20 minutes past zero hour, bloodshed. Competitors played through the adverse conditions and while some of the outcomes were indeed following script, others were eye-opening. At the end, the Red Team aka Moose’s All Stars stayed the charge of the Blue Team; The Optical Center. I reiterate, stayed. The Red Team retained The Cup, yet the hard fought battle ended in a stalemate as the final tally wrote 7 matches won each side. Now to put this back into perspective, the first two days were played neck and neck as well with The All Stars leading Round 1 by a match; 4 to 3. The Blue Team made up some ground on the next day and reversed the prior days’ outcome to tie up the competition, setting the stage for the final. This year your Harbor Cup Captains did a fantastic job in pairing both teams and players as most of the matches are played very close.

Hail to the victor?! Well, congratulations are in order for Moose’s All Stars having survived a coup while a valiant Optical Center Team faired the inclemency and played their hearts out to a draw.

Thank you to all for making this year’s competition one for the books, albeit a wet one.

*(See Insert for team pictures)*



# Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*

Rain, rain and more rain has been our September forecast, maybe October will be better. (we hope)!!! We will start testing a few new menu items this month, some items have already been tested by our membership. We will be tweaking some of our subs and sandwiches, also deleting and adding some new appetizers to the menu. We have been

making homemade desserts for Saturday night dinners and we will now try to have a dessert during the week.

I also wanted to add that we are actively booking the club house for holiday parties for your business or large family get together during the holidays. We can also cater events

off premise at your business or home. Please contact me for dates that are available and your own customized menu for your special event. Plan your party early and avoid the last minute rush.

*Be on the look out for new menu items..... coming soon!*



## Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

*Denny Perry:*

When Chris Dieter, our Course Superintendent, came to me and said we didn't have enough moisture in some of the greens, needless to say I was a little befuddled. I asked, if he had notice all rain we had this year? He said he well aware of the rainfall, but we had a problem with some of the greens not holding the moisture. When you see him, ask him, why these guys are doing this and what they are doing?

# What Are These Guys Doing??



# The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Wet and muddy, not any of our favorite conditions on a golf course. Looking back at the last three months newsletters I have had some comment about the wonderful weather, so no exception this month. I could apologize for less than ideal conditions and for many days of cart restrictions but you just need to see the weatherman or Mother Nature about that. At least we all have something to grumble about besides each other.

This is the first time I can recall having to spray areas in the rough for disease. You may have noticed the brown areas in the rough, especially on Rock #1. (Picture right) These bare areas are caused by diseases such as Brown Patch and Pythium, brought on by the wet conditions and the days it was 95+ degrees. We will be seeding these areas over the next month. The one plus is we will be seeding more disease resistant varieties of turf. The costs involved with this year's disease pressure increased our chemical spending by almost 60%.



*Rock #1 These bare areas are caused by diseases such as Brown Patch and Pythium, brought on by the wet conditions and the days it was 95+ degrees*

One of the more fascinating occurrences from our wet season has been the emergence of thousands of earthworms on the parking lot and clubhouse front porch. The front porch has been covered at least a



*Worms on the Front Porch of the Clubhouse*

half dozen times this year. (Picture Left) This brings a lot of discussion in the clubhouse.

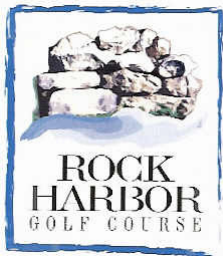
The worms are not looking for beer and cigars, they are simply trying not to drown or suffocate. Worms get their oxygen through their skin. When the ground is saturated the worms move to where they can get oxygen. The high ground brings them crawling across the parking lot. The one unanswered question is why the birds don't feast on all these dead worms.

Hopefully next month I will have some good weather news and interesting items from the golf course. 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.

**“What’s the most troublesome tree at Rock Harbor?”**

You can submit your answers to [therock@rockharborgolf.com](mailto:therock@rockharborgolf.com). Please be sure to include your first and last name, the hole number, which course and why this tree is so troublesome for you. Please submit before November 1, 2018





# Pictorial Diary

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