

Rock Harbor News

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Member Corner: Ron Cornelison

Misty Fields:

Many of our members can understand the life of a child that grew up in a military family. Ron is one of those children; his dad was a Naval Officer for 35 years. His childhood was spent moving from place to place trying to adjust to each new school and neighborhood.

They were all over the western United States but eventually ended up in Italy, where Ron completed his high school education. During his junior year of high school Ron was on the golf team and became the California High School State Champion. In 1966 he was offered a scholarship to the University of Houston to play golf, but Ron's dad wanted him to follow in his footsteps at the Naval Academy. Being the typical 18-year old, Ron wanted to go to Houston, but applied to the Naval Academy anyway, believing he wouldn't get in and he would still be able to go to Houston on the golf scholarship. Well, fate has a way of getting its way- Ron was accepted into the Naval Academy. Ron graduated from the Naval Academy during the Vietnam Era and he did 3

tours in Vietnam. In 1995, Vietnam released the final numbers from that war, it put the total loss of life at 2 million, of those 2 million, 58,000 were Americans. Doing your time and duty is one type of character, but going beyond your duty and time of service is a different type of character that is hard for most to understand in an era where everyone you knew was not coming home and your own country was against the military and everything that was happening in Vietnam. Different people came from that generation.

After 3 tours in Vietnam, Ron left the Navy and went into civilian life. Civilian life proved to be good for Ron. At the time of his retirement Ron has started no less than 19 companies. He had a couple of defense engineering companies, tech companies, ship building companies....His company building career had him moving from the west coast to the east coast many times over. When it finally came time to settle down and simplify life, Ron chose the east coast to make his home, specifically, Lake Holiday. Oddly enough it was on the driving range at the Robert Trent Jones golf course in Alexandria when he first heard about Lake Holiday. He scheduled a visit and found the area had everything he and his wife

were looking for: a lake, a golf course and a house with a good wine cellar. Ron is a widower with 6 grown children. He recently remarried a little over a year ago and has added 2 more children from that marriage and together they have 10 grandchildren. Ron's wife, Ann, is also an avid golfer who played in college. Ann is a Real Estate lawyer in the DC Metro area who has won awards for her work in the area. Together they love to travel, ski, golf and go to wineries.

Ron first played Rock Harbor in September 2018, he joined a month later in October when he made the move to Winchester. He wanted to play more but the weather turned cold and he has been so anxious all year to get back on the course and play. He said that some courses fit you and some don't. Rock Harbor was a fit for him. He loved the layout and design of the course. He has tried to attend some of the winter member events but he is very excited for the warmer weather and to meet all the members and faces of Rock Harbor. Introduce yourself to Ron and invite him to play, you will not be disappointed.

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Welcome

PLEASE WELCOME OUR
NEW MEMBERS:

Ron Cornelison

Steve Zumbaugh

Patrick Hill

Sean Mabry

Gary Arntz

Gary Dove (welcome back)

Upcoming Events at Rock Harbor—check out
our website for the full calendar



May 3—Blue Ridge Kiwanis

Toronto 2019



February 8-11, 2019; While we were all cozy back in Winchester enjoying our 29 degree weather, our very own Amy Adams was braving the beautiful weather of Toronto, Canada. She was teaming up with other Virginia courses to promote Rock Harbor to our northern neighbors. Thanks Amy!

