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Geri Lum, Departing Course Manager:

September has been a great month for us. We've had more of our two year participants partake of the wonderful weather. Rounds were definitely up and Chris has been taken to task to maintain the golf course we've come to expect under his tutelage. The Rock Harbor Ladies League held their annual invitational on the 11th. In doing so, Ms. Becky Wisecarver, Ms. Sue Allen, Ms. Kathleen O'Dell and the rest of the Wednesday Ladies League memorialized those who had sacrificed so much on this fateful day 18 years prior. Styling the décor with a national pride colors and some even dressed under those colors as golf attire. The ladies welcomed more than 50 players and a promise of growth in years to come. Job well done, ladies.

September also saw the annual competition modeled after The Ryder™ Cup which traditionally pits players representing the U.S. versus players against Europe, well, really mainly the U.K. So our own version, then, dreamed up by our own, Mike Moore and Larry Howard creates similar drama as the Blue team competes against the Red team. (no political affiliation). Throughout the year, members participating in our member leagues and special events garner participation points which qualifies them eligible for participation in this competition. This year, it seemed as the Red team would have the matches well in hand after two dominate days of competition under the partner format of Better Ball and Alternate shot otherwise known as Four Ball and Foursome matches. On the third day, the Blue team resurrected and mounted a charge, perhaps rivaled only by some of our past military greats. The Blue team lead, as they say in the local vernacular, "a fat boy comeback." In the end though, all that either team could muster was a draw for the weekend. The Red team by reason of not having lost the Cup, retains the trophy. This marks the 2nd year by which the Red did not relinquish the cup. Then, too (2018), both teams ended in a draw. This in my mind is a testament to our members participating in this glorious event. They have shown that 54 holes of golf ain't S***! We've got some players folks.

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Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

I hope everyone is enjoying the best golf weather we've had this year! If you haven't been out it's a perfect time to play. We have moved wing night up to start at 4pm on Thursday nights because of the daylight savings time fast approaching.

We have the end of year member tournament coming up on October 20th and it will be Gerri's last day also, so

let's have a huge turn out to wish him well and to thank him for all his years at Rock Harbor.

We will be cutting back our evening hours due to daylight savings time which I will post on our website, Facebook and Newsletter when available.

I also wanted to mention we have a new brand of vodka it's called Belle Vodka and it's a Shenandoah County distillery in Maurertown, Va. It's a great addition, so give it a try. Also along with the new Virginia Vodka we will be transitioning from

a Montana based certified Black Angus producer to a Shenandoah and Lehigh Valley beef producer that specializes in Certified Black Angus. This change will be a great addition to our menu. We've have already tried some of the product on Saturday Night Dinner specials and have had great feed back. We will be fully changed over by the end of this month if all goes well.

One last item, I know it's early but we are booking dates for Holiday parties so if you or your company would like to discuss options please contact me and we can discuss dates and menu items.

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM



Don Stotler - Hole in One
Boulder No. 11

July 4, 2019

Club: Gap Wedge

Yardage: 86 yards

Don has been playing golf since he was 14 years old and this is his first hole in one at 83 years young. He said they did not see the ball go into the cup and they looked everywhere for it before someone suggested to look in the cup, Don was skeptical but they looked and there it was. He said was grateful and excited to have this once in a lifetime experience. Considering the odds are 1 in 12,500 actually make a hole in one.

The Green:

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Through July, this year was looking to be wetter than last year. August and September have been dry months. We had 0.45 inches of rain for September, which is more than other golf courses in this area. We have used 12,102,332 gallons for irrigation this month alone. Many hours have been dedicated to checking and repairing sprinklers and control boxes. (picture: below right: Mark Clem works on a sprinkler head at #14 Rock green.) There are approximately 144 sprinklers that have not been used since before I became your Superintendent. The 144 sprinklers were brought back into operation during September. You may have seen sprinklers running from hoses; these are keeping grass alive in areas where we have no irrigation.



Recently we had Milan and Marie Majarov come to tag monarch butterflies. Their visit helps with research done through the University of Kansas' monarch watch program. Once we have the tagging numbers I will post them if anyone is interested in following their progress.

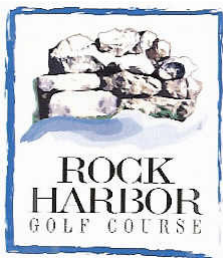
Monarch butterflies have declined by over 90%. Through the *Monarchs in the rough program* golf courses all over the US are providing habitat for their survival.

Most comments and feedback from members and guests has been positive concerning the golf course. I appreciate all feedback in order to provide better conditions. The crew enjoys hearing that their hard work does not go unnoticed.

Please feel free to stop me for comments, criticisms, or just to say hey.

Mark Clem working on a sprinkler head at 14 Rock, green.





Pictorial Diary

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This picture was taken in January of 2014. Do you know what hole it is now?

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Fall Member Events

October 14 WINC Chain of Checks
October 20 Member End of Season