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OK. So most of you already know that I will be leaving Rock Harbor, yes, departing this little piece of Perry-dise. Say, What?! Yes, it's true. I had come to the sobering realization that as close as I have come to many of you, I miss my family. I have missed a great deal of memory making events in the lives of my children and grandchildren.

Where do I begin, to tell the story of how great a love can be? The sweet love story that is older than the sea. The simple truth about the love it brings to me? Where do I start?



October 1, 2007
Left to Right:
Jerry Wampler, Geri Lum,
Dave Sobczynski

It all started in an old log cabin... Alright, maybe not a log cabin but perhaps it could have been. I saw an ad, responded and the rest well... I think you all know the rest. The early years were great for me. Though maybe not so much for ownership, the course at that time was struggling to find that player niche. To date, the majority of the local golfing community know only of the courses available. And honestly, speaking, couldn't hold a candle to the design and playability of our layout. We all know full well how Mr. Perry singlehandedly took a fair piece of parcel and converted it into the course we thoroughly enjoy, so I won't regale through it here. I refer, rather, to the time

whence. We (Jerry Wampler, Stu Hatter, Merdie Bowers, Marc Quince, Barbara Brown, Corey Matteson and myself – not all at the same time). *A factoid some of you may not have known. Chip Connelly and I started on the same day both working on a part-time basis in the proshop.* Boy! A learning experience to be sure. Jerry and Stu had completed the PGA certification courses and while the rest of us knew the game and even some of the rules, it was here that we began our journey into operating not just a golf course, but a golf club. That's why I say that the early years were great as it gave me an opportunity to learn. In a lot of ways, how NOT to do certain things and maybe how to improve our golf club.



December 2005. Corey Mattison came to work for RH 1 year after Geri joined the team. (Side note—that little boy beside Corey is Andrew Carbary, your beloved cart boy.)

We welcomed members and had but a pittance of golf event offerings. Then as time went by, a few of our team went on to pursue other careers. I reminisce, and I find an awakening of sorts. The realization of how *far* we've progressed as a club. On how through the years, we've become more than golf club with a handful full-time members. We've become a family. A family with a common love. Two, really. The love of the game and the love of this or more appropriately, these golf courses. Not only did we increase the number of holes on our slice of heaven, but indeed increased the number of events to be played over the 36 holes. We added a Holiday event to our members, treating the participants to a comradery that perhaps would have not otherwise gotten. We've expanded our membership's player base by introducing a monthly social gathering throughout the off-season as a way to maintain our members' interest. Furthering the idea, we expanded the monthly social year 'round and if we get a little course maintenance done as well, hells-bells, now we're onto something.....

And then they nursed it, rehearsed it, And gave out the news! That the southland, gave birth to the blues!

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June 2016
Member Guest
Guest: Dean Shewbridge
Member: Paul Ways

More precisely, Sand 'N Suds. Our first foray into this conception went off exceedingly well. We've accomplished a great deal in course care and here once again, members got to appreciate the golf course property and its' aesthetics without the burden of having to look for a golf balls or worry about a shot. Then the winter sessions became more than winter sessions to keep interest, we also brought in folks to educate us on the technology and why manufacturers build clubs or golf balls, we've asked for help from our friends of the Virginia State Golf Association to keep us up-to-date on rules and handicapping changes. And our membership grew.

We now have 5 Holiday events, 4 special events, not to mention the Member/Guest Extravaganza, the Member/Member weekend and the Club Championships as well as the aforementioned Harbor Cup.



Merdie Bowers showing Geri how to use the club—2004

Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you Rock Harbor Golf Course & Club. I, again, reminisce and I see in my mind's eye those familiar faces. WE had a run, didn't we? We've gone through personnel changes both at the proshop and the Grill and even in our maintenance crew. We are still growing. The best is yet to come.

I was asked, pleaded, really, to write my swan-song NOTES from the G.

Regrets, I've had a few but then again, too few to mention... And through it all, I did it my way... well with a little guidance.

So with this line I end my note and soon my stay here at our little piece of heaven also known, with affection, Perry-dise. During those warm wistful evenings as I lay upon the golden sands on the beach at Kaanapali blissfully nodding off to the serene sound of the ocean as it caresses the shore I shall remember you all. Thank you & Goodnight.



Chris Deiter and Geri at the Members Christmas Party 2018



Geri and Stu diligently working the Members Christmas Party in 2004

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Employee Spotlight



Greg Burton

Our new Pro Shop employee, Greg Burton, is from Winchester. He is 19 years old and is a 2018 graduate of Handley High School. Greg started in August of this year and has really enjoyed working with everyone so far. He is a very social, people person, so he enjoys talking 'shop' with the members and all who come into the Pro Shop.

Greg started playing golf when he was 3 years old. His Dad was an avid golfer and started him out as soon as possible. By the time he was 7 years old he was playing in competitions with children of similar age and skill level. In 2012 he won the title of Jr. Club Champion at Winchester Country Club. Through golf competitions Greg was able to travel to many different places and play different courses. One of his favorites was Loudon Valley Country Club, he said the course played well to his swing.

Greg played for the Handley golf team and during his high school years. During his senior year he sustained an injury that has kept him from playing golf for several months. He was hitting one of his irons and came down on a tree root, he is currently having test run, but has been put on the injured list until further testing can be done and the healing in his wrist is satisfactory with his doctor. Greg loves to fish, do anything outside and is a left-handed golfer. Stop and take the time to introduce yourself to Greg and share some of your interest and hobbies with him.

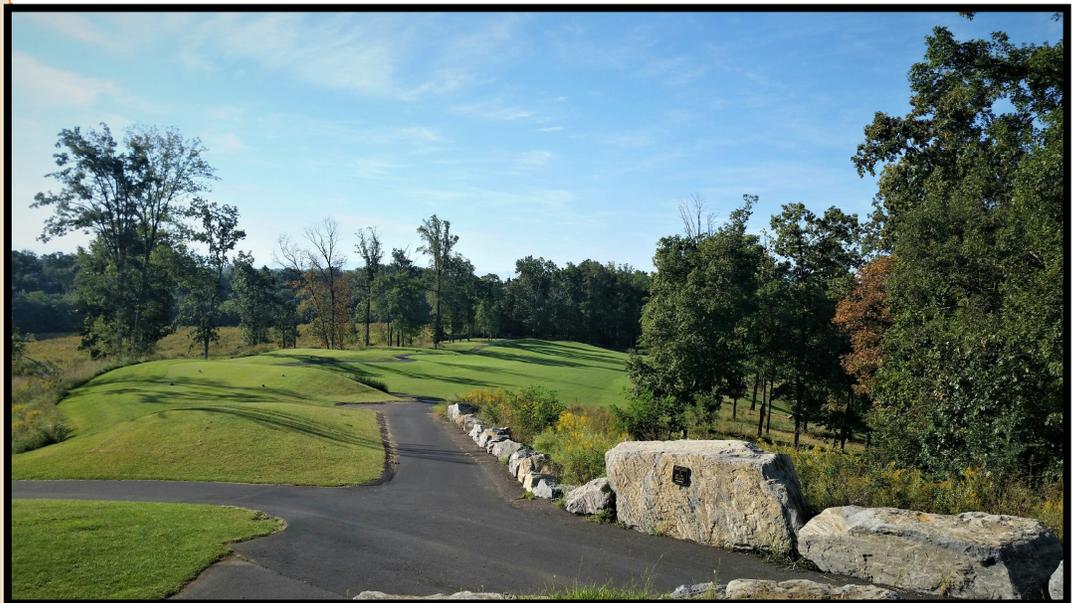


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6 Boulder
Black Tee Box

BEFORE and AFTER



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THE 2019 HARBOR CUP



October 2019



<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Hollywood Casino League 12:00 noon on the Rock	8	9	10	11	12 Justin Payne Memorial 9:30 Shotgun
13	14 Chain of Checks 1pm on the ROCK	15	16	17	18	19
20 Member End of Season Scramble/ Gerri's Last Day Tribute	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Sand and Suds 5:30pm	31	1	2
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