



# Rock Harbor News

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*“Sometimes when you’re in a dark place you think you’ve been buried, but actually you’ve been planted.” Christine Caine*

## Amy’s Anecdotes

*Amy Adams: Course Manager:*

*Dear Members,*

We here at Rock Harbor Golf Course continue to actively monitor the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Government guidelines for COVID-19.

We are working doubly hard making protocol and procedural adjustments on a daily basis during this time.

We are currently open for business as many of you know and continue to have the safety of our members, players and staff as our top concern. Our main priorities are to increase sanitation on and off the course and promote social distancing in our golfing community. I ask our members and guests to take this seriously and to join us in these efforts so we may continue to provide a safe and enjoyable experience, while we navigate an entirely new set of business challenges and establish our own best practices during this current health crisis.

The Leagues were scheduled to begin mid-April however we are taking things one day at a time. The Frederick County Health Department arrived last week for an unannounced visit due to a complaint they received but allowed us to stay open due to all the precautions we are taking to keep golfers safe. Hopefully, we can continue depending of course, on COVID-19. This virus has touched so many lives and it is my prayer that it disappears as fast as it appeared.

Thank you all for your patience. The phones have been ringing off the hook with the ever increased demand for tee times since more golfers are home, the phones aren’t broken. I appreciate your perseverance in getting through! You can always email me if you are having a difficult time.

On another note, the sales of the Select Memberships are over. I capped the number to be sold so that our tee sheet remains open to our members. We had sold over 2400 of the Anniversary Memberships and those ended April 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not even sold 700 of the Select Memberships. I heard rumblings that I have sold too many memberships and that is just not the case. We have increased our membership base and that is beneficial to all of us. I hope ya’ll are reaching out and introducing yourselves with an elbow bump to all the new faces you see! Who would have ever thought we would be encouraging people not to shake hands? The times, they are a changing. Hopefully, after this terrible virus has left us, the world will be a kinder, gentler and cleaner place. That is my hope.

Just a friendly reminder as the season ramps up and other states have closed their courses, don’t forget to make your tee times. Full members have the privilege to book tee times up to a month in advance, and book standing tee times. Please take advantage of this. We will be extra



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# Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*

April is here and some decent golf weather is starting to show up. In the food & beverage area we are adhering to the standards provided by the Virginia State Health Department on how we can have orders placed, preparing and packaging the food. We are all in this together so remember 6' boundaries between each other. Please maintain a safe distance while standing in

line and picking up your order. We will continue wing night on Friday's and of course Saturday night dinner specials are all to go.

We had a visit by the Virginia State Health Department on Thursday 3/26/20. Our inspector was very impressed with our current set up in the club house, our sanitizing schedules and our policies in place. We will adapt to any new policy the health department implements as quickly as possible

so please be patient we are doing the best we can to protect our guest and members.

See page 4 for all your Grab and Go options at The Grill during this time of social distancing.



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

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busy while folks are off work due to the virus so if you don't make an advance tee time, do not expect to get out on the course without one on beautiful days. You members are my first priority, however as a semi-private course, I cannot turn away paying customers. I am building in "crossover" times in the tee sheets on these busy days so that play doesn't get backed up, encouraging and "PLAY READY" golf. We will certainly do our very best to get you out to play even if you forget to make a tee time. Again, you are my highest priority.

I wanted to take a moment and thank Beau and his team, & Chris and his team for all the gracious help that they have provided during this period of rapid and constant change. We all need to stay flexible, stay adaptable and be patient with one another. Please stay tuned for updates on the league draw, league play and tournaments. We may go ahead and do the League Draw without players actually here. I am working alongside Mr. Perry and taking all recommendations into consideration.

For now, enjoy playing golf! I am grateful we are still allowed to remain open, so folks can get some exercise, comradery (6 feet apart) and fresh air. Please remember to maintain the practice of social distancing, (6 feet is a lot longer than it seems) and stay safe!

During this time I would like to encourage everyone to focus on how you can help our community. How and where can you donate? Can you order some food to go to help keep a local restaurant open during this time? Be creative and look around you for needs, we only need to open our eyes.

God Bless all of you and yours!

Amy

# The Green

*Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:*

Winter, what there was of it, is over and Spring is coming on strong. If you have not put out your crabgrass pre-emergent now is the time. Blooms everywhere makes for some outstanding scenery on the golf course. (picture: below #18 Rock Green). It makes for a good escape from the current crisis.



**To do our part in Coronavirus prevention: You will find no rakes in the bunkers; however, the maintenance crew will be trying to rake the bunkers as often as possible. The ball washers are covered and not to be used. The water coolers have been removed. There are also foam plugs in the cups on the greens so no one has to put their hands down in the cup or remove the flags. Please do not remove the flags from the cup at this time.**

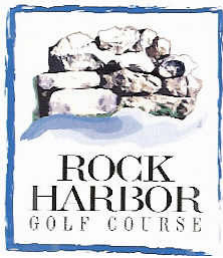
I appreciate the many compliments we have been receiving regarding course conditions. Our crew takes pride in producing a quality product and we strive to improve continuously. We have recently spread a compost product on most of the fairways. (picture right: Boulder #9 fairway spread with compost)

This was to improve soil conditions and push the fairways out of their winter sleep. April 6<sup>th</sup> we will begin aerification of the greens on the Rock Course the first week and Boulder Course starting April 13<sup>th</sup>. I anticipate the greens to heal quickly considering their current growth.

Thanks again for all your input.



*Rock # 7 Green: Mowing the greens in the fog.*



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*Rock Harbor Grill*  
With the ever changing nature of the Covid-19 situation, we wanted to update you on the Grill.

Grill Hours:  
Sunday - Thursday 7:00 am - 6:30 pm  
Bar Closes at 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 7:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Bar Closes at 8:00 pm

Regular Breakfast and Lunch Menu's are available daily

Pizza's are available Monday - Friday 4:00pm - 6:30 pm  
and Pizza Sunday 11:00 am - 6:30 pm

Friday Wing Night 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
(with Limit Menu and Pizza's)

Saturday Night Dinner Specials and Dinner Menu  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Please check with the Pro Shop prior to any of these events to make sure they are still scheduled.  
Things are changing daily. Thank you!

# Spring Member Events

April 19—Opening Day Scramble

April 29—Sand N Suds 7 pm

May 3— 2 Person Aggregate Scoring

May 8— Manufacturer Fitting Day

May 25 —Memorial Day Scramble

May 27— Sand N Suds 7 pm