

# Rock Harbor News

## Employee Spotlight: Joseph Basile



Joseph Basile comes to us from Fauquier Springs Country Club where he worked for a little over 5 years, waiting for a position to open up closer to his home in Front Royal. When word got around that Mark was moving, Joseph got wind of it and applied right away for the position.

Joseph is originally from Massachusetts. “All hail to Massachusetts, the land of the free and the brave!”, is the first line of the State song of Massachusetts, which is very fitting for someone who is a Navy Combat Veteran. Joseph served in the Navy from 1998-2003, he was stationed in Virginia Beach at NAS Oceana and saw combat in 2000-2001. After getting out of the Navy, Joseph went to work for the US Postal Service, but when layoffs came, he was let go and forced to look for something else to support his family. This is when he found a job at The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick, MA. He soon fell in love with the maintenance work on the course and

moved his way up to superintendent very quickly.

He loved his job on the course but only having seasonal work was not enough and he began to look south.

Joseph and his wife of 19 years, Amanda, decided to moved to Front Royal and that’s when he found his job at Fauquier Springs Country Club.

Joseph comes to us fully qualified and ready to work as part of the Rock Harbor Family. We hope you will introduce yourself and make a connection.

Joseph also enjoys camping and fishing with his family, Jet Aircraft, the Yankees and just spending time with his daughter and 4 year old grandson.

Joseph, are thankful for your service to our country and all the sacrifices you and your family have made. I am thankful that your state song decided it was necessary to spell out

M-A-S-S-A-C-H-U-S-E-T-T-S for all those little children trying to learn to spell their home state...

Welcome to Rock Harbor Golf Course!

# Taylor's Takes

*Taylor Jones, Head Golf Professional:*

As we look forward to golf in July I want to remind everyone of the Rock Harbor Golf Member Events we have on the schedule for the upcoming weeks.

July 4th Independence Day Scramble (Four Person Scramble Random Draw)  
July 12th Medal Play Championship (Individual Net Stroke Play 80% Handicap)  
July 25th-26th Member/Member (Five 9Hole Matches Flighted Multiple Formats)

## **Golf Update:**

Over the next few weeks the Yellow Hazard stakes will be removed in accordance with the new USGA rules. **New Rule:** Under the new Rules, "Water hazards" are superseded by the expanded concept of "penalty areas", and Rule 17 provides the same basic options for relief that existed under the previous Rules:

As a reminder the " **NO MOW** " areas are played as a " **Penalty Area** ". If a player's ball is in a *penalty area*, including when it is *known or virtually certain*, to be in a *penalty area* even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke** :

- (1) **Stroke-and-Distance Relief** . The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous *stroke* was made (see [Rule 14.6](#) ).
- (2) **Back-On-the-Line Relief** . The player may *drop* the original ball or another ball (see [Rule 14.3](#) ) in a *relief area* that is based on a reference line going straight back from the *hole* through the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the *penalty area*

**Sands and Suds** We had a great turnout and I want to remind you to replace and fill your divots while playing. This improves the course conditions as well as the enjoyment of the round for the players following behind your group. **Golf Rule 1.2** Standards of Player Conduct: *Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.*

The Golf Courses are now supplied with Water Coolers, Garbage Cans, and Ball Washers for your convenience.

Driving Range Hours have extended to 7pm. With the only exception being Wednesday the Driving Range will close at 4pm for routine weekly maintenance.

July is going to be a fantastic month for Golf here at Rock Harbor!



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well with lower numbers, but now do not fit. There will be some trial and error, but I am confident we will succeed. I have great confidence in Taylor as well, so thank you to those who have been so supportive and patient.

By the time you read this we will have already celebrated **Independence Day!** The next tournament will be **The Adam Carter Memorial**, a charity event to support the battle against domestic violence and The Laurel Center. This will be held July 8<sup>th</sup> and there is a \$1000.00 Grand Prize!

Our Member Individual **Medal Play Championship** will be held Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> on the Rock Course. The Pro Shop will create the pairings. Member/Member will be July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the exact same format as Member Guest.... We are going to do a practice **Member/Member** in order to avoid any lengthy lag time and keep errors to a minimum. You pick your partner and we pair you. I want to make this a happy memory, it will be lots of fun, I feel confident.

We will hold **Sand and Suds on July 29<sup>th</sup>** and encourage new members to attend. Please feel free to bring your families, the more the merrier! The children love it, so the kids and grandkids are more than welcome, plus they make terrific little groundskeepers!

Now on to more mundane news, yet vitally important.

When we experienced a greater amount of play from our northern neighbors, we asked you to book your tee times in advance so you wouldn't struggle getting out when it worked for you.

Many of you began to book multiple tee times, which still works, however we must make a change to this policy as it isn't working for the revenue stream when these tee times are booked and not utilized. Going forward, per our fearless leader, you **MUST** provide names for all players when booking the tee time. **ESPECIALLY**, if you book more than one tee time. If you book the tee time and there are no shows for that time, you the person who made the reservation, might be charged the public rate of play for each unused player in the foursome, unless you call to let us know **IN ADVANCE**. We certainly understand extremely last minute cancellations due to family or health, but we are losing revenue holding spots for members that are not being used. We must change this

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moving forward.

I am scheduling weekly staff meetings to train and re-train, and I am communicating your concerns to all staff, especially our starters and rangers. Keeping the pace of play and getting players out at their assigned time is a top priority. Please remember each and every player, including our Premier membership that have supported us throughout the years, **MUST** check in to get a key.

I am transitioning all leagues, Match Play and member tournaments over to Taylor and he is navigating through new water, so thank you for your continued support and patience.

Thank you all for joining us on Facebook live, Wednesdays @ 1pm. I hope they are fun and informative although I get so darn nervous I can barely make it through! Thank you to my producer, director and camera woman, Misty for keeping me motivated!

I thought it would be fun to have a movie night in the pavilion, so if you like this idea or want to share any ideas you may have, please feel free. Karaoke was suggested!

Our first **Kids Golf Clinic** was June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and we had the largest turnout to date! I love growing the game!

Also, our Tuesday evening ladies **Par Tee league** has grown leaps and bounds, and these gals are having a blast! Remember the leagues are open to all golfers and the public, Select or members.

As I close, I want to take a moment to say as of this writing, **Covid -19** cases are on the rise. Please remember to use the hand sanitizer on the porch before entering, wash your hands frequently, throw away your trash and debris from the carts and try to remain smart in your choices to keep others from becoming ill. If you feel unwell, please remain at home.

Thank you all for your continued support and patronage of Rock Harbor. I feel as though we are a big family and I especially want to thank the original and most beloved members of the club for your kindness, support, gentle coaching and recommendations during these transitions.

I appreciate each and every one of you. We have a beautiful, diverse group of members from all walks of life and that's what makes Rock Harbor so special.

All my best to you and yours,

Amy