



# Rock Harbor News

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## Amy's Anecdotes

*Amy Adams: General Manager:*

Well... Summer is winding down, the children are back in school, and the leaves soon will be brushed with color and a sight to behold! I love an Autumn Day, and we have many fun Fall tournaments coming for you all to participate in.

Our Labor Day Scramble is September 9<sup>th</sup>, this is one of the 5 no charge tournaments that are included in your membership package. We pick the teams, a 4-person Captain's Choice with an 8:30 Shotgun start. A delicious luncheon will be served afterwards.

Our 2-person Chapman tournament will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>, you pick your partner. The format is as follows: Both players will hit from the tee, and then hit each other's ball (you will hit your partners second shot). After both second shots have been hit, the team will select one ball and play alternate shot for the remainder of the hole. No player will hit the same ball twice in a row. This will restart on each tee, with both players hitting their own ball from the tee. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play either. Please sign up on the Member Board on the front porch.

Our annual Harbor Cup Championships are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all those who made the cut! Playing in all member tournaments and the leagues help one accrue points for this 3-day event. Please come and spectate if you are not playing, we would love to have you!

Finally, our End of Season Scramble is Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with an 8:30 Shotgun start. This is a free event, and we form the teams in the Pro Shop. A tasty lunch will follow.

We have a new Head Golf Professional, Mr. Jon Rife, (Rife like rifle)! He was hired early in August and relocated here from Greenville, South Carolina. I can't wait for you to meet him, he has loads of experience and we are so pleased he is joining us. Stop by and introduce yourself!

Our Pro Shop staff has changed, the college kids have returned to campus, and we welcome back Colin Kosubinsky, who left us late in 2020 before Christmas to attend boot camp. He is now in the Army Reserves. Colin is a pilot and flies all over the eastern seaboard by himself!! Many of you will remember Colin and he is a joy to have around.

Kyle Riffey has also re-joined our staff, he was employed under our legendary GM, Gerri Lum. Welcome back Kyle!

We have the Special Love, Camp Fantastic Tournament to benefit children with Cancer on September 10th and I encourage all of you to get in on this, a very worthy cause and a very fun day!

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# Fresh From The Grill

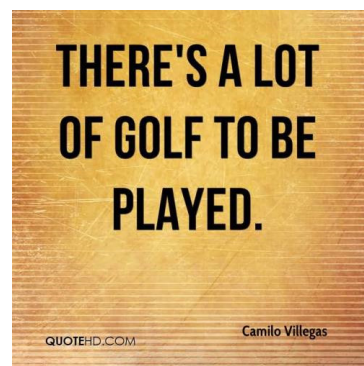
*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*

Wow, has it been hot!! We can hope September will usher in a little cooler weather for golfing. We have the Harbor Cup coming up, Labor day members tournament and the members 2 Man Chapman all in September. We are still having major issues getting food and supplies into the restaurant including beer now. So, we may be out of items from time to time for the unforeseeable future. All forecast analysis are showing this to continue till well into 2022 on production, packaging and transportation of products.

Considerable amount of our "to go" packaging I can no longer get or it's not offered so we will be changing to whatever I can get in. Our 16 ounce plastic drink cup is still very hard to get or affordable. I'm still trying to find a substitute while my in house supply lasts, also finding lids that fit is nearly impossible. As far as beer and liquor are concerned we are just starting into shortages of product, even the Virginia ABC can not fill my regular orders so keep that in mind if there is another brand on the shelf.

So with all that said, we are doing our best to offer our

regular menu and our Saturday evening specials. We are working on a few more in house dressings to go with the Apple Vinaigrette, the Italian and Garlic parmesan. Some of the new ones will be on a trial basis, let us know if you like them.



.....Continued from page 1.....Our Rock Harbor Ladies Invitational is on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and if you would like to register, please contact Becky Wisecaver.

We also have 5 charity tournaments in October you may want to check out, Greenwood Fire and Rescue, Chain of Checks, The Boo Kees Memorial and Turkey's for Sharing to name a few. The James Wood High School Reunion Tourney is November 6<sup>th</sup> as well.

Congratulations to the Boulder tournament winners! Also, many thanks to member Tom Kubic for hosting the Green Tee Shootout.

Congrats to all our Club Champions as well! Mr. Donny Stotler, Mr. Ron Cornelison, Mr. Jim Jarreau, Mr. John Helfrich, Jr., Mr. Todd Butts, Ms. Brook Perdue, Mrs. Judy Camper, Mr. Sterling Keen, and our Club Champions, Ms. Maddi Neff and Mr. Sam Harrison. We pray for Sam's safety and any other of our servicemen and women over in Afghanistan, bravely serving and protecting our freedom.

Please remember the COVID protocols, wash your hands, use the hand sanitizer we have on the porch and throughout the clubhouse. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home. We do not want to return to the extreme measures we had to take last year.

Autumn is a great time for reflection and gratitude, I had many challenges this year and I am grateful for your support, coaching and above all, your patience. Thank you for choosing Rock Harbor as your home club. May God's Blessings fall on you and yours this season, stay safe and healthy.

# The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

While struggling to find a new and interesting topic for this month's newsletter, Mother Nature dropped one right in my lap. Saturday (August 28), we had quite an electrical storm. Only ½ inch of rain but lots of lightning for an extended period.

Lightning and golf courses do not mix well. Usually consisting of tall trees over a web of irrigation wires. We need to remember this as we harass the pro shop staff as to when and why we cannot continue playing. Lightning kills. There have already been two deaths in the United States due to lightning strikes on golf courses. Be aware of the weather forecast when going out to play golf at any course. When the horn blows, we need to evacuate the course immediately, head to the clubhouse or the shelter near Rock #15 tee, and use the shelter for human beings before golf carts. The management only has your safety in mind when keeping you off the golf course in these conditions.

How often does lightning actually hit our golf course you may ask? Some longer-term members may remember the storm that took the roof off the pavilion in July of 2011, which included lightning strikes (picture below). Looking at the last four golf seasons at Rock Harbor and lightning strikes that did visible damage:

Boulder #10 Green the willow tree was hit beside the cart path on 6/17/2019 (no picture)

Boulder #11 Green ash tree was struck between the green and #17 tee 7/4/2019 (picture on insert, page 3)

Pump house Burnt a hole in a 60 Horse Power Irrigation Pump Motor 8/2020 (no picture)

Boulder #4 Irrigation box was hit and melted the surge protection 6/ 2021 (no picture)

Rock #5 ash tree at 200 yards right side of fairway 8/9/2021 (see picture on insert page 4)

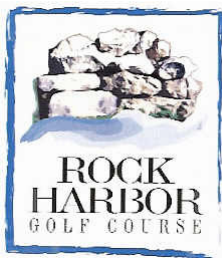
Boulder #14-#15 Hickory tree hit and caught fire 8/28/2021 (see picture - right)

Boulder #4 right of the blue tee Y shaped poplar hit and surge damaged a near-by irrigation controller 8/28/2021 (see pictures on insert page 4)

Seeing the damage lightning does to trees imagine what it would do to you and your golf carts.

Be safe everyone,





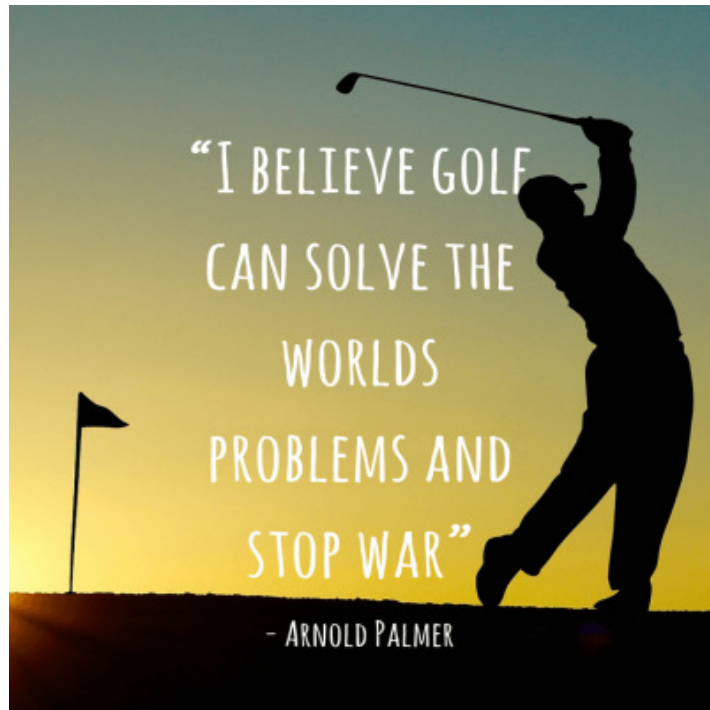
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## Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

- September 3 Fred. Co. Parks & Rec.
- September 6 Labor Day Member Scramble
- September 10 Special Love
- September 15 Ladies Invitational
- September 17 Clarke Co. Ed. Foundation
- September 18 Member 2 Man Chapman
- September 24-26 Harbor Cup