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Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Adams: General Manager:

Happy Autumn everyone!

October is chock full of charity tournaments to participate in. The annual Chain of Checks event is Saturday, October 11th on the Rock at 1pm and here is a bit of history about the event. In 1986, 92.5 WINC FM's morning show host Barry Lee asked listeners to send in \$1 checks so that he could literally create a Christmas "Chain of Checks" around the WINC FM studio to help local disadvantaged families with their heating bills. From that humble beginning came an annual fundraising effort that has since raised over a million dollars for local charities! Entry forms are available in the clubhouse, and I hope to see our extremely philanthropic members show up in full force for this wonderful charity event!

Also, The Boo Kee's Memorial Golf Tournament is being held on the 16th of October at 9 am on the Rock Course. You can lend a helping hand to a great local organization, CONCERN HOTLINE, help save lives, and the pain and loss to friends and family of those who have taken their own life during a time of crisis. "Boo" Kees, a native of Frederick County and a friend to many, ended his life on October 20th of last year. As a tribute to Boo, an avid golfer, his friends with the leadership of our friend and member Bubba Gallagher have organized this tournament to help shine a light on suicide awareness. Please visit <HTTPS://boo-kees-memorial-golf-tournament.eventbrite.com> for further details. A very worthy cause indeed!

I also want to cordially invite all our members, with a special invitation to all of our NEW members, for our End of Season Scramble! This will be held Sunday, October 17th at 8:30 am on the Rock. Please join us as we say adieu to those members who head south for the winter months. This will be a fun filled day of camaraderie and an abundance of good cheer!

The Richard G. "Dickie" Dick Memorial, Called Turkey's for Sharing is also being held on Saturday, October 23rd at 10am. This tournament is to remember Dickie and help purchase Turkey's for our local Salvation Army to give out to those less fortunate than us at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Entry forms are also in the Pro Shop and you can reach out to our member Rick Miller as well at rsmler@visuallink.com.

Finally, the 2nd Annual Rock Harbor Halloween Party will be held Wednesday, October 27th at 4:30 pm. The costumes were brilliant and ghoulish last year, and we had our first pumpkin roll which was a real scream! We invite you to dress up, bring the kid's and grandbabies for a spooktacular evening, with prizes, food and really scary treats!

Congratulations to our Labor Day Scramble winners and our Chapman winners! It is so nice to see the members meeting new friends and forming new 4-somes and friendships.

I recently read this article and thought I would share it with you. From the On-line magazine Golf Game Tips.....

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Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

We are having some great early fall weather!! Let's hope it stays around for a while. We just finished up the Harbor Cup (Red team won). As cooler weather approaches we will start soup and chili again sometime in October. As well as starting to run some cool weather dinner specials on Saturday evenings.

We are still struggling to get product and supplies in the

door and it seems by all forecasts it will continue through spring of 2022. The supply issue is increasingly getting worse and prices of everyday usage items are continuing to increase if you can get it in. Beef prices are actually at an all time high, chicken wings are very limited and expensive. Chicken products are getting harder to obtain, Not a whole lot of movement on pork other than bacon which is still very high and still increasing. Eve-

ry delivery we get in is missing at least 15% to 40% of our original order. We will continue shopping around to keep products in stock but we may be out of some products.

OUT OF STOCK

Making Easy Pars:

Most golfers unconsciously make the game a lot harder than it has to be. It's the rare few who know how to simplify each hole and make it look easy.

So...what's their secret?

Most golfers automatically assume that the best strategy is to go for as much distance as possible off the tee leaving themselves a short approach. They believe that by leaving themselves a short approach they will be able to improve their accuracy and set themselves up with a make-able birdie putt.

But what REALLY happens is often quite different. Many golfers who strive for maximum distance off the tee find themselves addressing approach shots that are far from optimal. Behind the trees, in the deep rough, or even in a hazard.

Smart players know that the SECRET to making easy pars often lies in flipping this conventional wisdom on its head. Instead of focusing on distance off the tee they club down to a fairway wood or hybrid and focus on accuracy - deferring the challenge of hitting the longer shot to their approach.

When it comes time to hit their approach shot, they may have a longer iron or even a hybrid club in their hand, but they can swing with confidence since they've positioned themselves in the fairway with a good look at the green. Even a slight miss from will likely land them near the green with a decent chance at an up and down.

At the end of the day, it only takes one great shot to make a par. That can certainly be a great drive, but for many golfers it's more likely to be a great approach, a magical chip, or a well rolled putt.

Happy Fall and thank you all for choosing to be members here at Rock Harbor! You make this place just terrific!

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The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Go USA! How about our team at the Ryder Cup. Quite the display of golf skills. What an impressive golf course Whistling Straits. I was lucky to have the opportunity to be there for the tournament on Saturday. Let's hope Mr. Perry doesn't get inspired to change any of our holes. (picture Whistling Straits #9 & #18 on page 4). Unfortunately, I missed our Harbor Cup, but it sounds like it went well thanks to our pro shop staff and our new Pro Jon. I have heard many positive comments and it sounds like everyone had a great time.

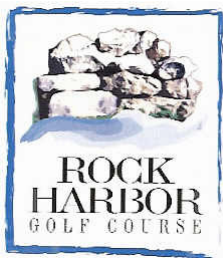
I still get many compliments on course conditions, but I have to be honest I am not happy with the shape I have the course in at this time. Fairways, rough, and tees need a lot of work, as well as bunkers and trim work. I have always strive to give you the best conditions possible and will continue to strive to do so. We have had quite a few struggles this year. One of the main issues being labor. No one wants to work anymore. We are lucky to have the few dedicated employees currently with us. We have run advertisements everywhere for job openings and very few applying. The few that do apply don't show up or you wish they hadn't. I hope next year bring a better atmosphere where people are ready to get back to work.

On the brighter side, we have started back into the bunker renovations and finishing the tees we began building earlier this year. (See pictures below and Insert Page 4)

As always, feel free to stop me for compliments, criticisms, or to just say hey.³



Bunker renovations continue on Rock 1.



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Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

October 3: Veteran's Golf Association

October 11: Chain of Checks

October 16: Boo Kees Memorial

October 17: Member End of Season

October 20: Pen Pushers

October 23: Turkeys for Sharing

