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Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Adams: General Manager:

Tis' the Season to be Jolly! I cordially invite you and yours to join us for our Christmas Open House/Member Social on Wednesday, December 8th. It is an all-day Christmas Open House, from 11am to 7p, with door prizes, delicious appetizers, drink specials and the pro shop sale of the century! So... bring those saved up gift certificates and Denny Dollars and get great deals on the best gear for the coming season. We are marking down all apparel, clubs, and accessories, so do not miss this big event! We will be giving away gift baskets full of goodies, and we will have balloons to pop to receive even greater discounts! I really want to extend a special invitation to all our new members as well. If you have not attended one of our Member Socials, this is the one to attend to be sure! Call me at 540-722-7111 x5 for further details.

Don't forget to refer a friend to Rock Harbor! There is always a referral fee paid to the existing member, so the more members you refer, the more money you get! We have Premier, Standard and Basic memberships, and we have corporate memberships as well. Just FYI, the Select membership ends on March 31st, so if you have friends or colleagues with this membership, let them know about the rewards of being a full member. We also partner with The Stonebrook Club, and they offer racquetball, pool and fitness memberships. Call me if you would like to learn more about all the memberships available here at Rock Harbor.

I want to share with you one of my favorite Christmas reads, *The Christmas Miracle* of Jonathan Toomey. It is a moving tale of the spirit and generosity all people hold in their hearts, especially during the holidays. Perhaps you can gather with friends and family to enjoy the magic of holiday storytelling at its finest. What a wonderful Christmas tale this is! When I queued up for it at the library, I had not realized the Kindle edition comes with narration and the narrator is James Earl Jones, no less. This adds another layer of emotion to the story. Even better are the exquisite illustrations, which are beautiful. There are only three characters: a despairing woodcarver, a young woman, and her eight-year-old son. The theme is hope, and it is beautifully conveyed in a touching yet not sugary sweet or melodramatic manner. We all need hope in these incredibly

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Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and thank you to everyone who purchased Thanksgiving meals. If you haven't been in lately we have decorated the clubhouse getting it ready for our annual Member Christmas Social, we hope you can make it in. The Social is Wednesday 12/8, we have sent out a few emails on the time and the details. I'm sure it will be a good time. We will be sending out The Christmas Dinner without cooking menu shortly, I'm

trying to add some new items and hopefully a Prime Rib alternative if I can get the roast at a reasonable price and enough quantity. Waiting to hear back from our Black Angus distributor.

We are still having major issues getting product in as I'm sure you're seeing it at the grocery stores. Product prices and fuel charges continue to go up on us on a daily basis, so pricing on some items will be going up. Our Saturday night dinner menu will be changing also. We will

still be offering the pre dinner salad but that will either be an extra charge or will be a substitute for your vegetable option with your dinner. Most restaurants in the area have already done this but I was hoping it would not come to this. We hope everyone will have a wonderful and safe Holiday season!!



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trying times.

This story is geared to adults and children alike and can be read over lunch, or even better, as a bedtime story in front of the fire. Highly recommended for all!

Don't forget our new Head Golf Professional, Jon Rife offers lessons and now is the time to brush up on skill you believe need to be tweaked.



I want to thank the entire team at Rock Harbor for working together this year! Also, a special Thank you to Temple and Megan for decorating our little clubhouse so beautifully this season.

With the festive holiday season upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a safe and happy, healthy holiday season. Thank you for being a member here at Rock Harbor.

With much love and appreciation,
Amy

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

It is that time of year when I annoy our early morning golfers because of Frost. I stop by the pro shop several times to check in and have a dozen or so golfers ask me when the frost will be gone. Therefore, as I am waiting to open the course on a Frosty morning, I figured what better topic for our newsletter.

Frost: When a solid surface is chilled below the dew point of the surrounding humid air, and the surface itself is colder than freezing, ice will form on it.

In golfer terms: When the temperature of the grass blades are colder than the air, then the moisture in the air condenses on the leaves. (Like the water that condenses on a cold glass on a humid summer day) When the leaves are below freezing then the moisture on the leaves forms ice crystals or what you see as frost. This is why we see the frost form at daybreak, because the air is becoming warmer than the grass blades. One should also realize that sometimes the frost is not heavy crystals. Sometimes the crystals are barely seen. Sometimes the frost is in a form where the grass blades are frozen solid.

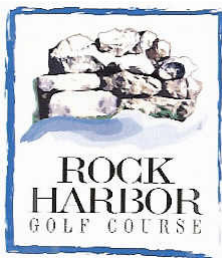
What would happen if we played golf on the frosted grass? When frosted or frozen grass is walked or driven on the plant cells will be crushed and the leaf blades will turn brown. We will have brown foot prints and tire tracks all over the course, until spring when the grass starts growing. If a cart is heavy enough it will crush and kill the grass plants completely making it necessary to seed these areas.

The Question: "When will the frost be melted?" Take an ice cube set it on a plate in front of you, now tell me when will it be completely melted. Now if you do this repeatedly you will get better at estimating when it will melt. In dealing with the Frost, you have many factors; ground temperature, air temperature, wind, humidity, air pressure, cloud cover.

The most important point of all: I do not benefit in any way by delaying you from playing golf.



I hope this helps you better understand our frost delays, and as always feel free to stop me for any reason.



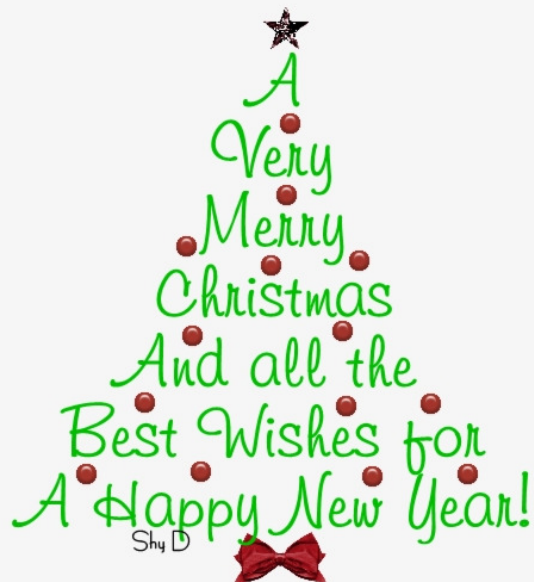
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Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

December 8: Members Open House 11-7

January 19: Calloway Presentation

February 9: Golf Course Superintendent

**February 23: Prospective Members, Ladies
Night and Karaoke**

**March 9: Harbor Cup, Match Play & League
Rules**

March 24: Member League Draw