



Rock Harbor News

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Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Adams: General Manager:



I am writing this issue of our monthly newsletter from The Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst. I won a free trip by meeting sales goals with one of our vendors, Cleveland Golf. Our representative also supplies with us with Srixon merchandise as well, so those sales were included. I should thank our members who support and purchase these brands! For me this was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I seized it! I have not swung a golf club since May of 2021 when my two brothers traveled from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Cincinnati, Ohio respectively to play at Rock Harbor. I am a 29 handicap, so I was having trouble deciding whether to go or not, to humiliate myself in front of many strangers... or not.

Well, am I glad I was brave enough to give it a go! The history, the majesty, the excitement surrounds you when you walk the hallowed halls. Pinehurst is the original golf resort. It has been open for more than 125 years and yet the idea is still being copied around the world: Find a great piece of land, develop lodging around multiple golf courses, and welcome visitors who want to experience a golf getaway. The concept worked in other locations 100 years ago (like

The Greenbrier in West Virginia, built in 1913) and it works today (like [Bandon Dunes](#) in Oregon, developed in the last 20 years). The original, though, is [Pinehurst](#) in North Carolina.

James Walker Tufts purchased nearly 6,000 acres in south-central North Carolina back in 1895, where he built an inn first and then started to develop golf courses. What was originally one golf course growing to nine courses on the property. The most famous, and the site of so much golf history, is the famed Pinehurst No. 2. I am playing that course tomorrow and I am so excited! And building a masterpiece is what Mr. Perry has done. Our club is a gem in the Shenandoah Valley, and the word is out about Rock Harbor.

The passion I have seen here at Pinehurst reminds me of the passion that I see at Rock Harbor every day. I love to see the excitement, to hear the stories and to see people of walks of life experiencing The Rock and The Boulder courses for the first time. I have had the opportunity to meet so many folks who are passionate about golf, its rich history, and how the game has exploded since COVID.

Designed by Donald Ross, Pinehurst No. 2, the course that I will play tomorrow remains one

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Fresh From The Grill

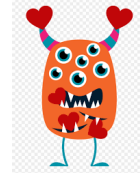
*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

At least we are over half way through winter!!! We have posted our Valentine seating schedule please don't wait till the last minute to sign up. I will be posting the Valentine's menu shortly but I'm working on to see what I can get locked in on products. As everyone who watches the news, our supply chain is broken and prices are changing daily. We have been doing a pretty good job on getting products but the 150 day forecast from all vendors are showing depleted inventories and higher cost getting the products delivered. So we may be out of some

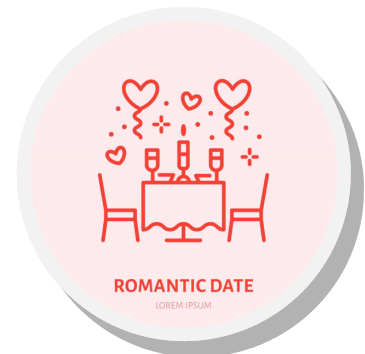
products from time to time. It has no pattern on what the shortages will be for instance none of my vendors had chicken breast last week and even Martins did not have any in stock. Chicken wings have been hard to get and when you do get a few cases the price has gone up from the week before.

So with all the issues in the supply chain we will continue to keep stocked as best we can. We also have 3 member socials this month, Valentine's dinner and the Super Bowl. So it looks like a busy month and hopefully no more snow!!!!

*Valentine Dinner
Feb. 12 & 14
RSVP by February 9th*



*Valentines Take Out
February 12th
Pre-Order by
February 10th*



of the greatest golf courses in the world. The 1999 U.S. Open, staged at Pinehurst, remains one of golf's greatest moments, with Payne Stewart sinking a putt on the 18th hole to defeat Phil Mickelson. This moment is played on the welcome page on the television in the rooms at the resort. Stewart would tragically die in an airplane accident only months later, and a statue of Stewart's celebration on the 18th green after sinking the putt is now one of the most well-known attractions at Pinehurst. I had my picture taken there today with my new friend Joann. The other thing I love dearly at Rock Harbor is own traditions. Our member tournaments, our monthly member socials, the camaraderie and the BIG personalities of our membership make Rock Harbor unforgettable. I hope one day I develop an intense passion for playing golf, this trip sure is helping, but I do have a passion for excellent customer service, down home Southern hospitality and always a warm greeting. I hope you feel that when you walk in your club. I am always open to suggestions, coaching and new ideas.

Turns out I have made some new friendships, traded excellent management ideas and best practices, discovered successful ways of doing things we can improve on, and witnessed the beauty that is Pinehurst.

Hopefully the snow will soon melt, and you will be back out on your challenging, well designed, beautiful courses making history of your own! Thank you for choosing to be a member of Rock Harbor! See you soon!

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

After the last few weeks, SNOW is a four-letter word in my vocabulary. And to quote a few songs; “Oh, the weather outside is frightful”, “ice, ice baby”, “baby it’s cold outside”. While I am on my negative snow kick: How come the kids get off school for every snowflake? My snow days are not as fun as they used to be.

Now that that is off my chest, Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that all are in good health and my prayers go out to all that are not. The one good question that has come up this year: “Will the snow damage the grass?” There is a potential for some damage. What you may not realize is there is potential for damage when there is no snow cover.

Snow cover can cause a greenhouse effect at the grounds surface. This warming effect can raise the temperature to be ideal for fungi to grow. In particular pink and grey snow mold will form. To help prevent these turfgrass diseases we put a fungicide down some time after Thanksgiving. We treated all the greens with a fungicide in mid-December, so we should have no issues with snow mold on the greens.

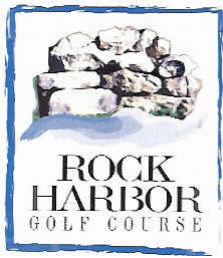
Having no snow cover exposes the turf to cold dry air and winds, which can cause desiccation. Basically, the ground can get too dry for the grass plants to make it through the winter.

The one thought I leave you with: Snow prevents ball marks and divots!

Again...stop me anytime for questions, criticisms, or compliments,



In case you haven't been on the course for a while and you are wondering what it looks like, here is a sneak from the eyes of Chris Dieter. Boulder 9. See the Insert, page 4 for more winter snow pictures of the course.



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Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

Winter Socials 6 PM

February 9: Golf Course Superintendent Show

February 16: VSGA Rules Night

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

March 9: Harbor Cup, Match Play & League Rules

March 24: Member League Draw

****Please remember to RSVP for all socials by calling the Grill.
540-722-9678. Food is planned for each social.*