



Rock Harbor Golf Course

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Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

April 23: Member Scramble

April 26: Sand 'N Suds

May 5: Annual Golf Tournament

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Rock Harbor News

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Curt's Corner

Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:

The weather is starting to cooperate more everyday. The trees are starting to blossom, the grass is getting greener and the birds are singing!

I would like everyone to stop by and say hello to a new member of the Proshop staff, Rusty Creasy. Please give a warm *Rock Harbor Golf Course* welcome.

Also, I would like to say thank you for all the members and guest that participated in **Scott Messicks Benefit Golf Outing**. We had a full field of 144 players, of which all members that won prizes donated them back to Scott to help his family out. I thought that was awesome!

Instead of giving my monthly golf tip this month, I thought this might be an interesting bit of information to know: I get asked many times what it takes to get on today's PGA Tour. It has definitely changed over the years. The average PGA Tour field size ranges from 132-to-144 players each week, with some tournaments having even smaller fields. The smaller events are major championships, World Golf Championships and invitationals like The Memorial.

The field size may seem like a lot of players, but there are roughly around 230 PGA Tour members with full and partial tour status. In any given week there are 90-to-100 players who don't get in the field based on their status. They can either take the week off or play in the Web.com Tour event that week if there is one.

PGA Tour Qualifying School, or Q-School, is not an option anymore for players to gain status on the PGA Tour. They have to go through the Web.com Tour now as a route to get to the big show.

I've added a complete list of ways golfers can gain PGA Tour membership status, or get into a PGA Tour field.

As always, please feel free to stop by and say hello when you are at the Proshop.



Fresh From The Grill



Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

Spring is here!! The updated menu should be out before the 10th of this month. We have been running daily specials on some of the new items and will be adding a few more specials in the first week.

In April, we will start running the beverage cart on weather permitting weekends and busier weekdays—as long as staffing holds up. We

will get the Caddy Shack up and going shortly on weekends. We've expanded hours at the grill and bar.

Please, be courteous to the staff when they are doing their closing duties, please evacuate the area.

One other item is: don't stand in the gap between the counters or come behind the counter to get ice or a cup. No one is permitted behind the counter unless you are working.

We will be

training for the next few weeks—from servers to cart girls. Please, introduce yourself to them so they can put a face with a name.

Double check your charges when you're here and let's get on with the golf season!



The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Well, spring is finally here! March temperatures are not what I was hoping for after such a mild winter. I have never seen so much golf played in January and February, in Virginia. The warm weather helped the maintenance crew get quite a bit more accomplished.

Charging up the irrigation system this year brings a little more excitement as we will be testing out the new irrigation controllers. Rainbird will be in to install the Central Control Computer and the initial programming in early April. This new system will be eliminating a lot of my headaches as well as improving the efficiency of our irrigation system.

The Crew is continuing to work on cleaning up bunker edges. I am hoping we will be done with the bunker on Boulder #2, pictured below, by the time you are reading this.



The clearing of Boulder #8 hillside was a more dramatic change on the course.



New irrigation controller install, pictured above.



Edging Boulder 15 bunker, pictured above.

Aerification will take place the weeks of April 3rd and April 10th. The Rock Course starting April 3rd and the Boulder Course starting April 10th. We moved the dates up this year trying to have the greens heal sooner for prime golf season, however we are always at the mercy of the weather.

As always if you have and questions, criticisms, or compliments feel free to stop me.

Clearing Boulder 8, pictured below.



Last stage of clearing Boulder 8, pictured below

