

## GOLF SCRAMBLE

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### Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

May 5th—33rd Annual  
Golf Tournament

May 7th—2-person  
Aggregate Tournament

May 29th—Memorial  
Day Scramble

May 31st—Sand 'N Suds



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# Rock Harbor News

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## Curt's Corner

*Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:*

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to our new *Rock Harbor Golf Course* members. I kindly encourage all existing members to join me in welcoming them to our community. Our dedicated *Rock Harbor Golf Course* staff will make sure to provide you with any assistance required for all of our services. We are confident that you will find *Rock Harbor Golf Course* a tremendous place to call your golfing home.

Our Member Opening Day event was a great success, despite the chillier start. We were able to enjoy some golf and camaraderie on the course!

Spring is here, and it's time to get our golf game back into shape. I am pleased to be here as your PGA golf professional and am eager to help you with any kinks you may have. Together we can make this season your best one yet!

Thanks everyone!

#17 The Rock, Par 3. "The Heart Green"  
After all, Virginia is for lovers.



# Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:

We have made it to May!!! We have rolled out some new items on the menu which seem to be doing really well so far. The Caddy Shack will open soon on the weekends, and we will be running the beverage cart as long as staffing and weather permits. We are still working on

staffing.

Everyone should try the Wagyu burger from the new items on the menu, it's one of the best burgers you will eat *anywhere*. The Pastrami subs are also doing well and gathering positive feedback. I'm going to add and delete a few more menu items this month.

We have started Thursday Night Wing



Night with the Thursday Night League Play. We'll continue on Thursday nights until late October. We will continue with Sunday Wings and Pizzas as long as there are no tournaments or any other event on a Sunday.



Sunrise, captured by Joe Basile.

# The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Ready or not, I believe the golf season is here. Earlier this year I told one of our employees this is going to be a tough year. So far, the year is living up to my expectations. The current drought, frost several mornings each week, high winds, and the need for more crew all seems to be working against my goals for the golf course this spring. Taking on a major irrigation upgrade has not helped the situation, but it will as we fine tune the system. The amount of golfers this season on the course can be really annoying to those of us trying to get some work done, insert sarcasm and humor here. I appreciate all the compliments on the course conditions, but conditions are not my goals for this spring.

I have had a lot of questions about aerification:

◆ How did we get done so quickly?

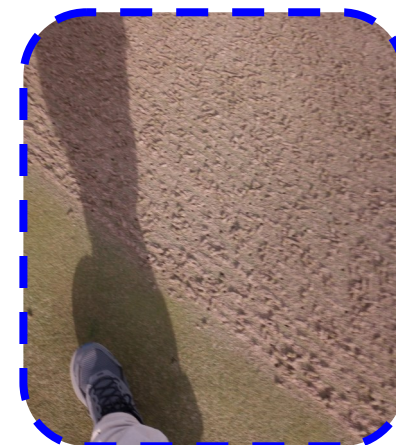


Aerification 2-inch spacing, pictured above.

⇒ We got done at a faster pace for two reasons. Normally, we run the aerifier to pull a core on 1-inch spacing. When our new aerifier had not arrived I made the decision to change the spacing to 2.5 inches. This change makes the aerifier run at 1.5 times faster, however it decreases the benefits we get out of aerification. Losing some of the benefits is acceptable every once in a while. With the decrease in the number of holes, the amount of debris we need to remove from the greens is significantly less and it's less time we have to cleanup.



Aerification 1-inch spacing, pictured above.



Less debris, pictured above.

◆ Why was there less sand?

⇒ The amount of sand seems less because less holes equals less sand showing. The dry conditions at the time of aerification also helped with the sand. Dry sand sweeps up a lot quicker than damp or wet sand. The last step to early opening is we didn't aerify tees due to the dry conditions. So, now that you know my secrets, do not expect the same next year, as you never know what tomorrow will bring.



1-inch spacing debris, pictured above.

Feel free to stop me any time for compliments, commendations, flattering remarks or pats on the back.