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Bunker rebuild at Rock 8's green, pictured right.



Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

- September 2nd: Frederick Co. Parks & Rec
- September 5th: Labor Day Scramble
- September 14th: Ladies Invitational
- September 18th: 2 Person Chapman System
- September 23rd-25th: Harbor Cup Championship
- September 28th: Sand 'N Suds

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Curt's Corner

Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:

September brings in Autumn, the most beautiful time of year to play golf. There are plenty of opportunities to do just that!

- Monday, September 4th: Labor Day Member Outing**
- Sunday, September 17th: 2-Person Team Chapman Event**
- Wednesday, September 13th: Rock Harbor Ladies Invitational**

- Friday, September 15th: The Special Love Golf Outing -**
Everyone is encouraged to participate for this great cause!
- Friday-Sunday, September 22nd-24th: The Harbor Cup**
AND coming in October

- Sunday, October 15th: Rock Harbor's End of Season Golf Tournament**

The golf carts for The Rock Course have made their debut. Enjoy the new fleet!

Be watching for our new fall clothing lines! The *Rock Harbor* Pro Shop will display the new apparel as it arrives.

We are awaiting our NEW Driving Range hitting surface to arrive this month. It will be a great asset to all who love to practice and warm up before their game. I truly believe everyone will be pleasantly surprised!

With all these "new" upgrades to our golf club, why not "upgrade" your game? The BEST way to start is with a series of golf lessons. Don't wait around! Give me a call or stop in to set up lessons with **your** PGA Golf Professional, Curt Corey.



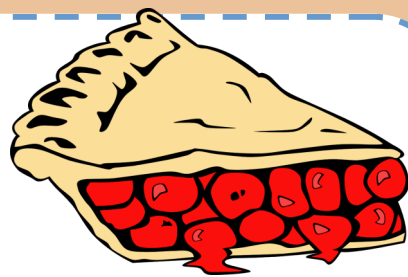
Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

September is here!!! We have a **Member Labor Day Tournament** followed by lunch and **Harbor Cup!** We made it through August with those hot temperatures and it being record DRY. Hopefully, we'll pick up a good bit of rain in September. I hope everyone is enjoying the new

cooler bags so far, just be patient when they are writing your information down so that there are no errors. Please, remember you **cannot** bring your own cooler bag on the course.

We will start running a few different sandwiches and some different lunch specials in later September. I'll have



to wait and see, but hopefully my last radiation will be in Early September! By the later part of September, maybe we can do a cookout with the 1/2 Barbeque chickens and all the sides that go along with it. Thank you for the patience that you all have showed while I've been out.

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

While in the middle of aerifying greens, the obvious topic this month you would think would be something to do with aerification. After watching the maintenance crew work so hard this week, I would like to give credit where credit is due. I have been receiving many compliments about our course conditions. While I appreciate the kind words, I would like to point out the hard work of the maintenance crew. Without their attention to detail, *Rock Harbor* would not be as enjoyable. Try to give them a compliment or thumbs up from time to time.

Summer in Virginia can be very unpredictable, and this summer seems to be no exception. Weeks with no rain, heat, and little humidity to high temperatures in the mid-eighties, and night temperatures as low as the fifties, add rain and high humidity. All types of conditions raising all types of challenges. Water management is a challenge we face every day, always considering the playability of the course for the members and other customers. Moisture levels affect every aspect of the game, starting with sticking a tee in the ground, the roll of the ball down the fairway, how the greens hold a shot, and the speed of putts. We have made a lot of changes to the way we are watering the course.

You may have noticed Joe Ott hand watering the greens. This process helps us not to overwater some areas of the green while keeping some of the knobs and slopes from drying out. Even the flatter greens require hand watering at times due to localized dry spots. Localized dry spots are areas which develop a soil condition which repels water more than absorbing it. When hand watering we have the ability to add a wetting agent which helps the water penetrate the localized dry spots. Areas such as these are one of the many reasons we aerify the greens twice a year. Joe Ott's efforts in this area have kept the greens in great shape this year.

It has been good to see everyone enjoying the course this year. Please, feel free to stop me for questions, compliments, criticisms, or just a hello.



Aerifying Rock 1 tee, pictured above



Sweeping the topdressing for Rock 13's green, pictured left.

