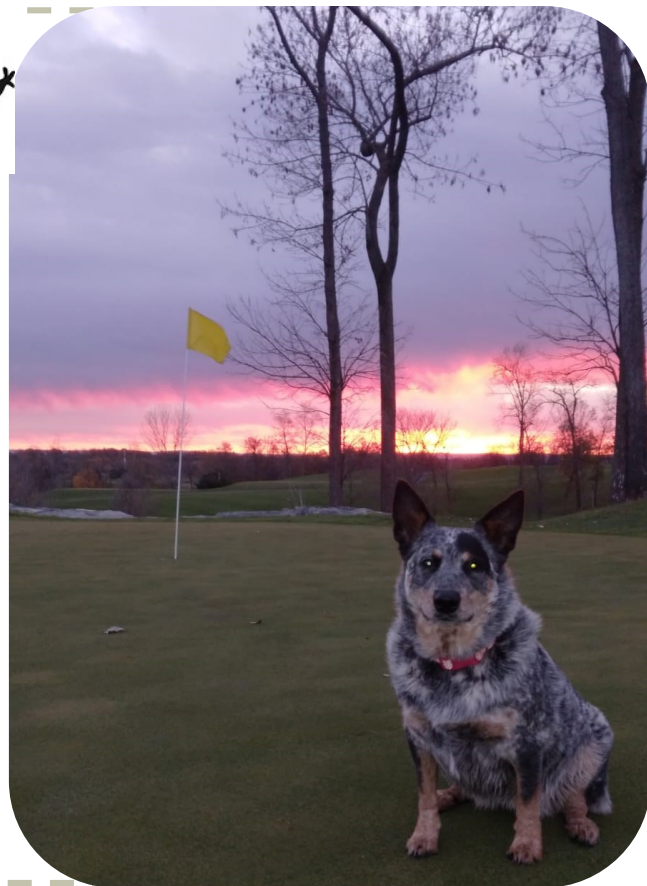


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Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

October 15th: End of Season Tournament

October 25th: Member Halloween Party

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# Rock Harbor News

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## Curt's Corner

*Curt Corey, Pro & General Manager:*

The Harbor Cup for 2023 is in the record books. We wished for rain and we got it! I must commend the teams for coming out and playing in not-so-perfect conditions - RAIN!

**Team Blue came out victorious!!!**

Ron Cornelison, Jeff Davis, John Helfrich Jr.,  
Bert Martin, Dave Keller, Duane Melius,  
Sterling Keen, Ray Adams, Brett Kuser,  
Eduardo Robert, Mark Deal,  
Wilson Fletcher, Becky Wisecarver, and Sue Allen.



The 2023 golf season is coming to an end, however, this, to me, is the best time of the year to play. Absolutely beautiful!!!

The Chapman 2-Person Tournament will be played on October 8th, after being rescheduled (Mother Nature watered our course at the wrong time.) The final membership tournament of the year is the "Season Ending Scramble" which will be played October 15th!

## Fresh From The Grill



Beau Rudiger, RH Grill Manager:

We have finally gotten rain!!!! We needed it badly and I hope never to see that dry spell again!! We have some upcoming tournaments and End-of-Season parties coming up in October/early November. We will roll our 'Thanksgiving Without Cooking' at the last week of October, since Thanksgiving is early this year. If any of the members would like to

book a Christmas Party this year for their company, or oversized family, the earlier the better.

It looks like wings are having either a transportation issue or just running very low on our wing inventory. I could not get wings this week until Thursday, the three big food distributors did not have wings all week. So, I will try to get a few cases ahead. However, if it is a supply and demand issue, it will be a long

winter. If this cooler weather sticks around, we may have to start soups a little earlier this year. As for me, I will be around for the next few months. I will have doctor's appointments, but I won't be gone for more than a day or so at a time. The preliminary scans are looking good but the scans in October and December are the very important ones. So, hopefully the news will stay all good.

## Golf Tip of the Month

Curt Corey, Pro & General Manager:

Whenever asked to give a golf lesson to a beginner or advanced player I always check these 3 basic parts of the swing. **Grip, Posture and Alignment.**

Here are a few tips that I found from other professionals that I totally agree with.

- 1) Swing with an anti-slice grip: If you slice, it's probably because you're not closing the clubface fast enough through the hitting zone. To improve your ability to deliver a square clubface (relative to your path), make practice swings with your hands split apart on the grip about 6 inches. Hold the club in its normal position with your gloved hand, then slide your lower hand down to where the grip meets the shaft. Separating the hands like this makes it easier to square the face through impact and handle pointing at your belly button as the clubhead slings out toward the ball. Make sure to brush the grass aggressively. If you can recreate the feels in the drill on real swings, you're money!
- 2) 3 Steps to perfect posture: To correctly prep your posture for action, stand with the club pressed against your thighs. Then, bend forward from your hips while slightly flexing your knees. If you can do this without hunching your back, your arms will hang straight down. Perfect! Now grip the handle with your glove hand and check that it's at roughly a 45-degree angle to your forearm. Once you've taken hold with your gloved, add the other. Congrats! You're in perfect setup posture.
- 3) Get square at the start: Place an alignment stick just outside the golf ball, so it creates a 90-degree angle with the target line. As you set-up, align the leading edge of the club with the stick, then pull it back to its regular position. It's a simple way to ensure that the face is square every time.

I hope these tips help you out. Remember, if you need any further help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Well, I believe the drought is officially over, with over five inches of rain in the last two weeks. I know everyone playing in the Harbor Cup were wondering if we may have prayed for rain a little too much.

If you are looking around the course, you may have noticed some areas in the rough which are torn up, like something has been digging up the grass. This is exactly what is happening! Skunks and other critters dig for grubs, earthworms, and other edibles in the ground. Often, fox will dig in bunkers



Fox damage to Green on Rock #2, pictured above.

and other areas looking for a good den site, especially once the young ones leave their parents.

We recently had a fox digging in #2 Rock Green. Soon, the Bucks will be rubbing their antlers on trees around the course. While we enjoy seeing all the nature around the golf course, we have to deal with their intrusion to our area as they deal with our intrusion in their home.



Skunk damage in Rough, pictured above.

Completed Rock #8 Bunkers, pictured below.

We are, again, back working on restoring bunkers. Recently, we finished the timber work on Boulder #2's front bunker. All the bunkers on Rock #8 have been restored. We have now started on Rock #11 bunkers.



Starting Rock #11 Bunkers, pictured above.



I have appreciated all the compliments during the drought. It was very encouraging that everyone seemed to be enjoying the course. Remember, you can always stop me for compliments, criticisms, or suggestions.