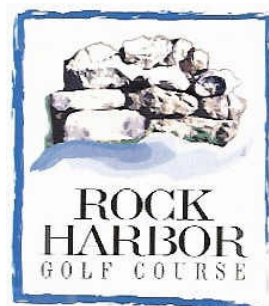




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Curt's Corner

Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:

Hello, everyone! Since the weather is breaking and we are getting warmer temperatures, I thought I would give a refresher course on part of your short game...Chipping.

Improving your chipping skills around the greens can significantly lower your golf scores; consider these techniques and practice drills to enhance your short game.

Key Techniques for Chipping

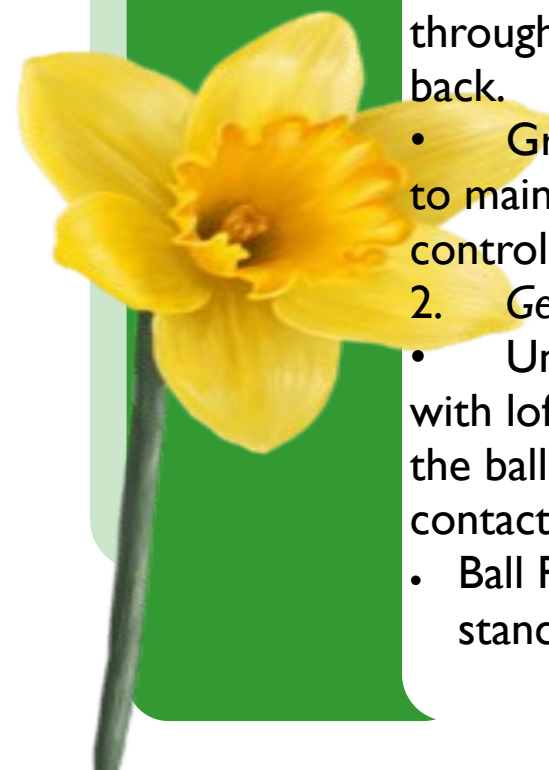
1. *Scotty Scheffler's Old School Method:*

- **Setup:** Position the ball back by your back foot and keep your hands forward. This creates a steep angle of attack for clean contact.
- **Weight Distribution:** Maintain your weight forward throughout the swing to avoid common mistakes like hanging back.
- **Grip:** Hold the club in your fingers rather than your palm to maintain the necessary angle in your wrist, which aids in control.

2. *General Chipping Technique:*

- **Understanding the Arc:** Chipping is similar to putting but with loft. Move the low point of your swing slightly ahead of the ball to ensure a descending blow, which leads to better contact.
- **Ball Position:** Adjust the ball position slightly back in your stance to help strike the ball first, preventing duffs.

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Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

Thank god, February is in the books. What terrible weather and temperatures we had through the month, and the snow that just wouldn't go away.

I've been trying to break out some new items on the menu, such as the Shrimp and Crab Rangoon, Shrimp and Crab Roll Ups, and the Lobster and Blue Crab Ravioli. We have a whole new lineup of wing sauces; some have slight heat, with a peach or mango flavor, but

other than the ghost sauce, most are very enjoyable. We will still have sauces with no heat.

We've added Boom Boom Shrimp to our appetizers along with the PAR 3 Appetizer, which gives you a choice of 3 appetizers and sauces. We're trying out a Burger Melt with 2 pieces of cheese, Fried Onions and served on Texas Toast. The test fire was a big success.

I'm also looking at moving our Hot Dog to a larger 1/4 pounder and serving it on an Italian 6" sub roll so that it doesn't

fall apart with additional toppings. It will still be a black angus hot dog, just a bigger version.

I have started back on chemo 5 days a week but at Johns Hopkins now. So, I'm gone Monday through Thursday returning Friday afternoon and working the weekend. I'm still connected with my email, if you need something shoot me an email and I'll respond.

Stop in and try some of the new items and wing sauces on our menu. I think you'll like the changes.



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Effective Drills to Practice

1. Distance Control Drill:

- Set up 10 balls from a flat lie 10 yards from your target. Use the same club and routine for each shot, aiming to improve your average distance from the hole.
- Repeat this drill from different distances (8 yards, 20 yards, and 45 yards) to build confidence and consistency.

2. Uphill Lie Technique:

- Adjust your stance to favor your front foot with the ball positioned slightly forward. This helps ensure you strike the ball first and maintain balance.
- Use a shorter, compact swing, visualizing a pendulum motion to maintain control throughout the shot.

The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

As we sit waiting for snow to melt, temperatures to warm up, and the grass to turn green, a lot of thought goes into our new season.



Boulder #8



Boulder #9



Rock #15

Every year our crew goes through changes, we lose some people and hire new. This past winter the decision was made to part ways with our Assistant Superintendent, Joe. As we move into the New Year, we will be hiring two Assistant Superintendents as part of our plan to continue to improve course conditions and the product we bring to our customers.

A "feels like" temperature of 20 degrees, wind howling, snow flurries flying, cart path only, sometimes there is nothing that will stop some of you from playing golf. I have to laugh at some of you at these times, but I am glad to see people out enjoying the course no matter what the conditions.



Golfers playing in snow

In 2025, the rounds of golf played nationally reached a record 540 million, how much did you contribute to this record? I often hear grumbling about how crowded the course is some days. Statistically speaking, 2025 had a GPH, Golf Playable Hours, that was a record low in the US. On top of that fact, the number of golfers in the US grew in 2024 by 900,000. This increase was in spite of 5.6 million people who gave up golf. In 2025, 20 new courses opened but 50 closed. The last 20 years has seen a total of 2,145 courses close. Therefore, as we sit around the clubhouse and grumble, we should be happy we are a part of successful golf course that has remained open and is affordable for a quality product.

As always, feel free to stop me for comments, criticisms, and compliments.