

Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor:

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October 4th: End of Season
Tournament

October 28th: Member Halloween Party

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Curt's Corner

Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:

Dear Golfers,

The first step in improving your putting is mastering how you hold the club. While there are many ways to grip a putter, the most important factor is keeping your wrists still throughout your stroke.

Since golfers succeed with various styles, I encourage you to experiment with a few common techniques to find what feels most comfortable:

- Traditional Grip: For right-handed golfers, the left hand sits at the top of the putter, with the right hand placed lower and wrapping around the left thumb.
- Reverse Overlap Grip: The most common grip on the PGA Tour (and used by Tiger Woods), this starts like the traditional grip, but you lift your left index finger and wrap it over the fingers of your right hand.
- Cross-Handed Grip: The reverse of the traditional setup, placing your right hand at the top and your left hand lower down the club.

Regardless of the grip you choose, the ultimate goal is consistency and getting the ball into the hole. Only adjust your grip if it is negatively impacting your stroke—such as causing the clubface to twist.

Along with your grip, remember to focus on distance control to help lower your scores. If you have any questions about your grip or putting stroke, please feel free to reach out to me.

Enjoy your Autumn golf! This is my favorite time of year, and Rock Harbor Golf Course is especially beautiful in the Fall.

Fresh From The Grill



Beau Rudiger, RH Grill Manager:

September is gone already; wow, that went by quickly. For food and beverage in September, I added Pastrami to two different sandwiches, started making soups, and we are now carrying our House Chili full time.

The Virginia State Health Department issued new regulations effective September 10, 2026. We must list every Allergen that is in every food item on our menu. Letters will appear next to every food item, with

an Allergen Key at the bottom of each menu explaining the associated letters. We will release the menus into service this week with the Allergens posted.

The format will be different also with a few additions: The Italian Sausage Sub with grilled onions and bell peppers, Pork Egg Rolls, Cowboy Candy Jalapeño Bites, and we will add another item or two.

We are going to do Thanksgiving without Cooking again this year, probably releasing

ordering information in late October.

I also wanted to bring up Holiday parties for family or work. We are booking dates now so make sure you contact me if you have questions or want to save a date in December.

We will also have a *Member Social Halloween Party* this year on October 28th. We will have a best costume award and some scary Halloween food. We will supply chili and maybe a soup for the evening. Don't miss out!



The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

In the month of October, I decided to, as they say, open a can of worms...

This year seems to have brought on quite a few more complaints about pin placements than usual. We always get a few complaints at the beginning of the season, when new employees are being trained. I admit that we did have a couple of pins that slipped through the cracks. In such cases, the responsible employee gets a "thorough talking to".

I would like to assure all involved that a pin location is not the result of anyone trying to get even with the golfers, an employee wanting to mess with the golfers, or any other ill-willed intentions one might think the staff has about them. A bad pin location is simply a mistake someone made while doing their job. I am sure some of you may have made a mistake sometime or another.

When changing the cups, our employees look at all of the following in finding a suitable spot on the green. First, in the dark, I locate the area for this day's pin location. Second, I find a spot that is level enough to make players happy. Third, I check that spot for unhealed cup plugs, ball marks, divots, dragged spike marks, animal damage, and poor turf conditions.

If any of this is found, then we need to start back at step 2. Often worn areas, damage from golfers, and old cup plugs may force the new location into one that may not be as perfect as a golfer may want. Now, expect them to do this approximately 8,672 times a year, without error.

As I said before, we do have some positions that are not acceptable to slip through the cracks. but that happens in every industry. Do take notice that these errors have never killed anyone, though you would think differently with the reactions sometimes. No matter how "ridiculous", "stupid", "wrong", "out of your mind" the pin position may seem, it is the same position everyone in your group or tournament putts for. Also remember, they are never places with malice and our employees are always trying to do better. Accept the challenges of every pin location.

May all your putts be smooth and true.

