

Rock Harbor News

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Member Corner: Dr. Richard Goode

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Dr. Richard Goode did not start out as Dr. Goode the Veterinarian, he was just Dickie Goode, home town boy, from Winchester. This is his home, where he grew up, went to school, played sports and made his life long friends. Richard played a lot of sports in



high school and developed some pretty close bonds with Winchester names like: P. Wendell Dick and Russ Potts. Richard was always the competitive type and was honored to be a letterman on many of these teams he played with these guys. A little while after high school a young man with the same name (Dickie Goode)

was killed in an automobile accident in front of the old James Wood High School, on Amherst Street. The local reporter at the time, Russ Potts, thought it was his good friend Richard and wrote the obituary as if it were him. But it was not him. A retraction was later written to correct the mistake, but for about 2 days it

was thought that Richard was the one killed. He carried the incorrect obituary in his pocket for many years. He said reading his own obituary was a very defining moment for him in his life.

After high school he went off to college where he got his doctorate and became a Veterinarian. Richard then set up shop and moved his home to the Manassas/Haymarket area where he had a Veterinarian hospital that serviced all different kinds of animals. He helped your regular farm animals and domesticated animals but he also worked with a few animals he didn't want to also. Sometimes snakes and sometime monkeys. But probably the hardest calls he made were to the animals that had been used in animal fights. He never agreed with what these people were doing with the animals he just felt called to help the animals who were hurting. Dr. Goode was even honored to work with some famous animals. Nancy Reagan's dog, Rex Reagan, was one of his most highly classified patients. Dr. Goode continued his practice for 45 years until he retired about 4 years ago.

After retiring he decided to return to Winchester and

make this his home once again. This is when he found Rock Harbor and become a member. He was already acquainted with several of the members because he either went to high school with them or one of his siblings went to school with them. It was kind of like coming home to a place that is familiar—it just feels good and safe.

Dr. Goode said that he enjoys the beauty of the course more than anything else. He has always been a lover of the mountains so having the views while he plays golf make it all the more enjoyable.

Dr. Goode has a regular group of men that he plays with at Rock Harbor that are a perfect match for each other, they call themselves *The Grumpy Old Men*. This description might be a little over stated because I found Dr. Goode to be as pleasant as anyone and I am sure you will find him the same. If you don't know him, please introduce yourself, especially if you are from Winchester, you will enjoy the stories he shares and the history he can recall for you.

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2015 Club Championship



Ladies and gentleman....The Class of 2015: (Left to Right) Drew Forte (Men's Division), Skip Harkness (Legends), Colleen Connolly (Women's Division), Ken Rea (Senior Division), Randy Pownall (Men's Open Division).



Becky Wisecarver (right) congratulates Colleen Connolly, the newly crowned Women's Club Champion. Colleen is the youngest member to capture the title of Club Champion in the history of Rock Harbor. Also interesting to note—we have seen a larger field of women players and participants in events than ever before.



Ken Rea—Senior Division Winner

Skip Harkness—Legends Division Winner



The Moose, Randy Pownall—Open Men's Winner

