

# Rock Harbor News

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## ? Ask Denny: What is the Toughest Pin Placement at Rock Harbor?



Before you can answer that question you have to assume the pin has been properly placed. There is no set rule as to where the pin is to be placed on any specific green. With green speeds between 9 & 11 you can't exceed a 2.5 percent fall within two feet of the cup. I know sometimes the hole cutter misses that mark and that's where the horror stories begin. (During the 2017 Member/Member the pin was set at 3.7) In the defense of the hole cutters, sometimes they are in a hurry to stay ahead of the early morning golfers and a lot of times it's not even daylight yet.

With all that said, I think the toughest pin placement at Rock Harbor is on the Rock Course, Number 16, pin placement 7. There is very little room for error when approaching that position, disaster surrounds number 7 pin position and that's just trying to get there. Once you are on the green you have to be very careful or you might be on the approach, again.

## Here We Go Again....



Fixing leaks in Ponds!

Crayfish continue to bore holes through the clay into the rock seams causing leaks. We repaired a couple of spots but we still have a slight leak on Number Five, The Rock. We have added a number of bass to the pond in hopes that the crayfish's' days are numbered.



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## Member Corner: James and Young Cho

### *Misty Fields:*

At 70 years young, James Cho is truly living what he believes. James is The Senior Supreme Grand Master of the State of Virginia with a 9th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

James believes that his lifelong passion and involvement in the lifestyle of Tae Kwon Do has been the reason for his lifetime of excellent health and quality of life. James and his wife, Young, own and operate Cho's Black Belt Academy in Winchester.

Young is Cho's assistant and helps with the daily tasks of running the business and office. Having their own business is demanding on their time but they both find time for golf.

James and his wife have been members of RH for about 2 years now. His golf pursuit began around the age of 45, as did Young's. James took a few lessons but had a natural ability to play golf because of his background. The discipline, focus and strength that he possessed from his Tae Kwon Do gave him the ability to start with a better foundation as a golfer.

James and Young have always been active and enjoyed doing athletic activi-

ties. When their 4 children were young and still at home they would spend almost every weekend either skiing or wind surfing. Now that the children are grown, golf has been their main source of activity, in addition to the Tae Kwon Do. They also enjoy hiking together in the Shenandoah Valley and surrounding areas.

Prior to moving to Winchester in 2013, the Cho's lived in Wisconsin. James was a Flexibility Coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1976-2001. He left in 2001 to work with the Washington Redskins in Chantilly, but found when he got here they were no longer interested in that position for their team. James and Young decided on Winchester because it was quiet, had a rich history and was not the fast paced city of Chantilly. James and Young are both very happy with their time as members of RH although their schedule does not allow them to play in many of the members events. But that has not stopped them from finding time to play, in fact James has had the highest number of rounds played of any member at RH. He was even surprised when I share this fact with him. Young laughed and said, "he plays almost every day!" James said that The Rock was his favorite course and for Young it was the Boul-

der. James said he likes the settled and established greens and fairways as opposed to the newness of the Boulder. Young said she enjoyed the challenge of the Boulder and felt it was the more difficult of the two courses. For James, number 7 Rock was his favorite and Young likes number 17 the best, both say the beauty of these holes make them a favorite. They both agree that the views at Rock Harbor make it one of the most beautiful courses they have ever played. James said the most important thing for him has been the good management, the course conditions and the friendly staff.

**Wearing a Black Belt does not mean you are invincible...**

**It means you never gave up, worked past the pain, overcame the disappointments, didn't cave into your doubts, faced your fears, and learned enough to realize how little you actually know.**



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As of this membership year 2017-2018, we've tiered the membership based on the level of participation as a member. The following illustrates the varying levels.



July 4th—Member Outing

**PREMIER MEMBER:** Full rate Single or Family membership plans to include the unlimited cart plan and the unlimited range plan. Also applicable to the dual membership with Stonebrook.

**STANDARD MEMBER:** Full rate Single or Family membership plans to include the unlimited cart plan without the range plan. Also applicable to the dual membership with Stonebrook

**BASIC MEMBER:** Full rate Single or Family membership plans that does not include the unlimited cart plan and the unlimited range plan.

**BUSINESS/CORPORATE MEMBER:** Discounted rate membership must carry the unlimited cart plan and the unlimited range plan.

**OUT OF AREA MEMBER:** Discounted membership available to any person(s) whose full time residences are beyond the Frederick County (VA) borders. Discounts are also available to the unlimited cart plan and the unlimited range plan both of which is optional under this plan.

As Rock Harbor does not have the facilities to offer its premier members at this time, a differential in discounts is being used to incentivize that level of membership.

Premier Members are offered preferred tee times at four weeks advance booking; 10% discount on non-sale merchandise at the Proshop; discounts for paid entry member events (does not apply to leagues/events that are open to public participation)

Standard Members are offered preferred tee times at four weeks advance booking; 10% discounts on non-sale merchandise at the Proshop.

Basic Members are offered preferred tee times at four weeks advance booking; 10% discount on non-sale merchandise at the Proshop.

Business/Corporate & Out Of Area Members are offered advanced tee time reservation requests up to two weeks in advance and receive 5% discount on non-sale merchandise at the Proshop.

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## A Reiteration on Golf Etiquette

*Geri Lum:*

Say what?! You mean I've got to explain golf etiquette to our membership? What are you crazy? Our members know proper golf etiquette! Whatchu talkin' 'bout Willis?!

It would seem, that from time to time, members will start their round on the back nine of a selected course without deferring to the group or groups making the turn or just about to make the turn. This becomes an issue when the morning groups, especially on the weekends when the courses are busier in the mornings, who may or may not be members themselves find that they are following a group that wasn't there when they started. Taking the trouble to setup a tee time for the early morning, and having the wherewithal to start play early should afford the group or groups to play in accordance with the time set. Groups who neglect to make a tee time or have made one at a later start, shouldn't assume the "right" to start their own round "unencumbered" because the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is booked. That is, as they say, the rub of the green.

Checking with the Proshop, (as you're suppose to do) players are always advised two things in regards to beginning their round on a back nine hole, first and foremost, please do not cut in front of anyone while doing so and 2 always check in with the starter to advise him/her of your plans. It is sad, that we as players have to be reminded of that which we should be practicing during each round, nay, hole we play. It's just common courtesy and proper golf etiquette.