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You know the year just seems to be passing quickly. It seemed like just a short time ago, that Mr. Perry and I were granted the privilege to attend a practice round in Augusta, well now it IS August.

It has been a very trying summer, the spring took it's time getting here then decided to visit with rain showers throughout the month of May, followed by sweltering heat. But some of you may recall the lament of the past winter months as the bitter cold held us at bay, saying that we would never complain about the weather again... well, we might've exaggerated a bit. We did however, get to do quite a bit of golf, despite the inconsistent weather. Our Member/ Guest weekend went splendidly with compli-



ments galore – dinner was superb! We've had a few fundraiser events that started out a little shaky as far as the participation was concerned and yet turned out to be just as popular as in prior years. Our weekly Tuesday league as grown as such that we actually have 100 players on the roster. Perhaps one day all 100 players would be on the course.

We had: member glow ball, holiday scrambles and two person competitions, we've held our member/member weekend and mixed league play throughout. This year it seems with the added incentive, we've had a lot more teams making an effort to get their matches in. As we now prepare for the annual Boulder tournament and look ahead to the Club Championship, that usually signals the start of the fall series events. Following the Club Championship, we cap off the month with another glow ball captain's choice tourney with the Labor day scramble and then the two person Chapman Scoring tournament, then the much anticipated Harbor Cup tournament for which the anxious league participants await.

Thank you once again to all of those who continue to support the club and the course with your participation of our Sand 'n Suds socials. We continue to strive making Rock Harbor a great place to play and more especially a great place of which to be a part.



#### Fresh From The Grill

Chip Connelly,
Director of Food and Beverage:

Hoping everyone's Summer is going well. As we move into August, we will see some of our "seasonal" folks disappear; some going back to school, some going to the work force after graduating and some are moving. We're working diligently to replace them, but there

may be a "little" inconvenience here and there until we get it worked out. Coming up this month is the Boulder Tournament on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Club Championship on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14th. Breakfast will be served both days, with a luncheon following on Sunday (only). As a reminder, the Members' August Open House socials on

the 31<sup>st</sup> will be another "Sand & Suds" soirée, with the same goal for July of spreading one (1) ton of seed mix throughout the course. "Sand & Suds" at 7 p.m., mix-



Please RSVP for the Open House/Social/Mixers NLT the Monday prior by calling 540-722-9678, or emailing me at <a href="mailto:chip@rockharborgolf.com">chip@rockharborgolf.com</a>

# The Speilman's

Happy Birthday, Lynn, the staff at Rock Harbor hopes you had a wonderful birthday celebration.



Misty Fields:

The Speilman's are not members of Rock Harbor but the are frequent visitors. They travel from Baltimore, MD to play our humble course. Lynn was getting ready to celebrate her 70th birthday and her husband, Ed, asked her what she wanted to do. She im-

mediately replied with "play golf at Rock Harbor." So, they decided to make the trip and play golf all weekend. When they arrived on Friday, July 22nd to play their first round, the staff of RH had a cake ready to present Lynn which brought tears to her eyes. She said, "no one had ever

done some-thing so nice for her be-fore", then turned to her husband

and said, "we need to move here".



### Round Hill Volunteer Fire Co Tournament

July 22, 2016

The annual Round Hill Community Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company held their annual tournament which started out looking a little bleak in participation but turned out to be a good turn-out to match last year's total of 25 teams. This is always a great tournament to host and the even better news is that no natural disaster took place while the event took place. Rodney Snapp, whom you may see around the course as

one of our guest/player assistants has held the reigns of this tournament and has vowed that he is ready to bow out following this year's event. We will look forward to working with his stead in years to come but for now, Rock Harbor is appreciative of Rodney and his volunteers' efforts in making the Round Hill Community Volunteer Fire and Rescue Golf Tournament the success it has enjoyed. This year a new champion was crowned. Joe Bowman, Dave Keller,

Joe Ott and Scott Williamson posted a 52. Defending champs, Don & Justin Harrison, Bryce Moore and Kyle Riffey came up just shy of a repeat with a 54. The 2<sup>nd</sup> flight named their winner as Rob Shields. Bill Lees, Wade Ramey and Dennis Havarick having posted a team 62 via a card playoff with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team of Jim Whitley, Jeff Beard, Jason Clarke and Doug Alger.

Congratulations to you gentlemen. While the contest yielded no *Hole In One* winner, proximi-

ty winners are: Closest to Pin on hole #2 was Jim DuBrurler at 5' 5". Dave Slater fired a shot to 7'9" on the island green (#7). Hole 13 saw Jason Clark put his tee ball to 10' of the hole and Chuck Shimp launched a near perfect 4'7" to the flagstick on hole #17. The Long Drive contest on hole #11 was posted by Bill Martin.

Congratulations to one and all. Good job, good shootin'!

# From The Ground Up

Bobby Jenkins, Course Superintendent:

July was a very stressful month, not only for the turf but for the crew also. The extreme heat and lack of rain is taking it toll on everyone and everything.

One of our irrigation pumps is down and had to be taken to the shop. This has our irrigation schedule completely out of whack. Normally we are able

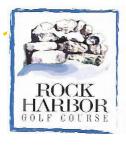
to irrigate the greens, tees and fairways in one night, but now it takes us three nights to complete this work. It takes 3 full nights just to water the fairways. We try to get the greens and tees watered, but Mark has been coming in early because we just cant do it all in one night. The greens and tees have to be watered every other day in order to stay healthy.



Even Roxie is finding this heat intolerable. She decides its best to just take a break.

The rain has been eluding Rock Harbor for some reason, its raining around us but not on us. This is also not helping with our irrigation issues. Remember to drink plenty of water and

stay hydrated while playing golf during these "dog days" of summer.



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#### **Summer Activities for Members**

August 6- 14th Annual Boulder August 13 & 14- Club Championship August 27-Member Glow Ball August 31-Member Social

Check out our website for all our leagues and events happening throughout the month

Please visit our website for full details of each event.