

# Rock Harbor News

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## Notes From The G

*Geri Lum: Rock Harbor Manager:*

We've not generated a note in a while. I apologize for being remiss. June was exciting for tournaments, both in the fundraiser department and then there was our Member Guest. You know, sometimes, well intentions can outgrow its ideology and the actual practice, well, let's just say, lessons learned. What we learn most from experience is that when proper communication is employed, many ill-effected consequences would otherwise be prevented or avoided altogether. 'nuff said.



*Member Outing: July 4th*

The month also proved to be rather fickle where the weather was concerned. It would seem that only when fundraiser tournaments were scheduled that rain was in the forecast. And as it turned out, those events went off without a hitch. We were fortunate enough to have some traveling groups to consider Rock Harbor a *must stop* on their itinerary and their highly complimentary remarks were well appreciated. I'm sure they'll be back to visit our little piece of paradise. This most recent month, we felt the wrath of summer with intermittent thunderstorms that only served to exacerbate the already high humidity whereupon one's *perspiratory* glands surely expended themselves. Our monthly *Sand 'N Suds* yielded a boatload of sand & seed onto unrepaired divots to help return the course to its pristine condition. Thank you to all of you who made the time to come out and care for this wonderful place of which we are so proud.

Along the lines of communication, I submit the following.

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# Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:

We have had a great summer so far and I wanted to thank you for



**WING NIGHT  
EVERY THURSDAY  
NIGHT  
5-9 PM  
.55 CENT WINGS  
MULTIPLE SAUCES**

all your support.

I want to remind everyone that we have a Thursday night "Wing Night", which we feature wings for .55 cents each, we also have multiple sauces to accompany your wings. This is in conjunction with the Nine-Hole League that plays on Thursday nights but anyone is welcome to come and enjoy the wings.

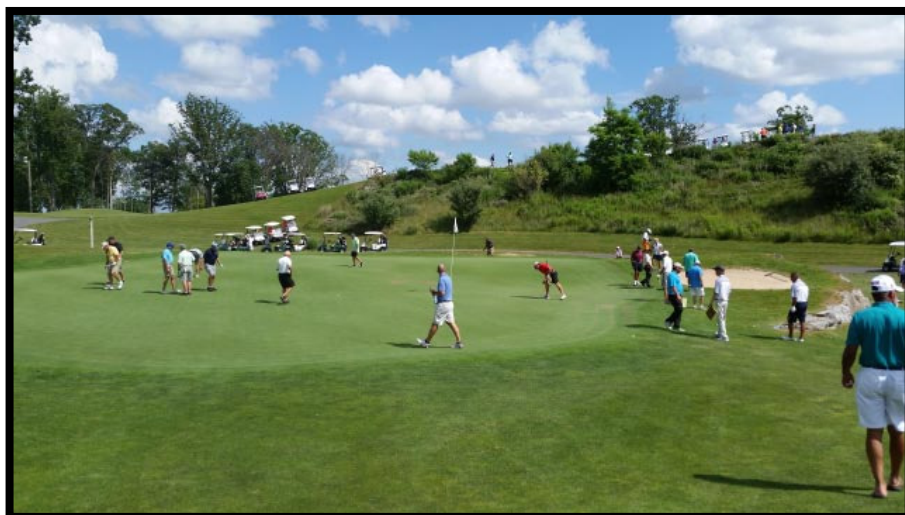
We are currently working on changing a few menu items along with upgrading a recipe or two in the near future. We have hired a new cook in the kitchen, Angelo Zaccone, he brings

years of restaurant experience and will be helpful in taking us to the next level.

I also want to remind you of your member charge accounts: As a member you can leave your check open while you golf, eat or socialize but please remember before you leave the club: stop by, sign your check and close out your ticket. This will insure your charges are correct.

Thanks again for your support and we hope to see you on Thursday nights to enjoy some wings.

## Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM



If you didn't play in the Member/Guest this year, you missed the best one ever. The *playoff* was better than anything that was going on at The US Open.

# The Green

Chris Dieter,  
Course Superintendent:

Summer in Virginia can be very unpredictable, and this summer seems to be no exception from weeks with no rain, heat, and little humidity to high temperatures in the mid-eighties, and night temperatures as low as the fifties, add rain and high humidity. All types of conditions raising all types of challenges.

Water management is a challenge we face



*Damage to #15 Rock.*

every day, always considering the playability of the course for the members and other customers. Moisture levels affect every aspect of the game, starting with sticking a tee in the ground, the roll of the ball down the fairway, how the greens hold a shot, and the speed of putts. We have made a lot of changes to the way we are watering the course.

You may have noticed Mark and I hand watering the greens. This process helps us not to overwater some areas of the green while keeping some of the knobs and slopes from drying out. Even the flatter greens re-



*Mark hand watering the greens.*

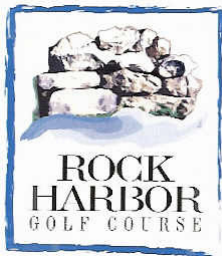
quire hand watering at times due to localized dry spot. Localized dry spots are areas which develop a soil condition which repels water more than absorbing it. When hand watering we have the ability to add a wetting agent which helps the water penetrate the localized dry spots. Areas such as these are one of the many reasons we aerify the greens twice a year.

The most asked question this month has been "What happened on Rock #15 fairway?" In an attempt to improve the soil conditions, and the thickness of the turf, on #15 fair-

way, we spread a compost which has many nutrients and organic matter. The spreader did not throw the material evenly and it being a very hot week the areas with the heavier amounts of compost caused the grass blades to be burnt. We did a few things to help these areas and by the time you read this article #15 Rock fairway will be back to better conditions than before. Please feel free to stop me to chat, ask a question, and express an opinion or complaint.

*"If there is any larceny in a man, golf will bring it out."*

*-Paul Gallico*



## Pictorial Diary

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## Summer Activities for Members

**August 5** Annual Boulder Tournament

**August 12-13** Club Championship

**August 26** Glow Ball

**August 30** Sand N Suds

**September 4** Labor Day Outing