

Rock Harbor News

February 2015

Member Social Events in February

February 4th
VSGA Odd Rules and
Application
6 PM

February 26th
Ladies Night
New afternoon
league, and
How to make playing
the course a
little easier
6 PM

Valentine Dinner at Rock Harbor Grill

**Saturday, February 14, 2015
Reservations Required**

**Shared Appetizer: Hot Crab & Artichoke Dip
Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter
Sautéed Mixed Vegetables & Scalloped Potatoes
Filet Mignon & Lobster Tail
Chocolate Torte**

**This is a set menu (no substitutions)
No other menu items available**

**\$59.95 per head
Seating is limited—Reservations are required
Reservations start at 5 PM
Last reservation 7:15 PM**

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Thanks to all of you who were able to come to our mid-January social. *Mahalo Nui Loa* to Ms. Jennifer Smith who was gracious enough to lend us her time and expertise this last month (January 14th, 2015) on keys to staying fit and healthy for golf. If you were not among the fortunate few that attended our social, you missed a perfectly executed presentation. We most certainly hope you can take advantage of her expertness as a fitness

trainer working out of Stonebrook Club right up the road from us. Speaking of which. Another special shout out goes to Ms. Laurie Smith, General Manager of Stonebrook, who was also present to lend her knowledge and support with Jen's presentation. Thank you to both of you and we hope to see you out at the course soon.



Employee Spotlight: Maintenance Crew

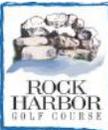
The Rock Harbor Maintenance crew does not take a break just because there's snow on the ground and no grass to mow. Each crew member is working hard to maintain, repair, and upgrade the course equipment to insure your fairways, greens and roughs are the best they can be at the very first cut.



Mark Clem (left) is replacing the fuel line in the 5210 John Deer Tractor that mows and maintains the course roughs.



David Brown (right) is setting up a bed knife for the 2500 reels to be sharpened. This will give a better quality cutting for the surface of the greens.



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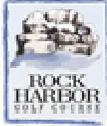
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*"When you fall in love with golf,
you seldom fall easy. Its obsession at
first sight."*

Thomas Boswell



Rock Harbor News would like to recognize the "Sandbagger" of the month in each upcoming newsletter based on your anonymous nominations. This is intended for fun and a little shameful recognition of our members. Please let us know how you feel about this being a regular part of our newsletter. You can express your opinion to Gerri Lum or email mgr.proshop@rockharborgolf.com



Member Corner

Mike and Kathleen O'Dell

In March of this year Mike and Kathleen will celebrate 22 years of marriage, they met at a Chamber of Commerce Event in Winchester a few years earlier. Kathleen moved here from New Orleans and Mike from Beckly, WVA in the 1980's. Mike has always had a love for golf, but not Kathleen.

When they first started dating it was obvious that if Kathleen did not begin to play golf she might not spend as much time with Mike as she wanted to. Now Kathleen truly enjoys the game and spends more time playing than Mike. Mike is a financial advisor for Edward Jones, but also wears many other hats. As a part owner of The River, 95.3, a local radio station, he is the

voice of the Play by Play for Shenandoah Basketball, Monday Night Sports Talk and MC's special events. Kathleen works part time as an independent bookkeeper but also finds time to work in the garden and quilt with three different quilting groups in her spare time.

The O'Dells have been members of Rock Harbor for about six years now. They were drawn to Rock Harbor because of the well maintained course conditions, and the challenging holes. One of their favorite qualities of Rock Harbor is the social aspect, the O'Dells enjoy the fellowship of the other members and the non-members that they come in contact with while playing or attending



other social events at the course.

Some of Mike's favorite holes include No. 16 Rock and No. 7 Boulder, he said basically because of the Risk/Reward factor. Kathleen enjoys playing No. 17 Rock and No. 15 Rock, but finds No. 5 Boulder, No.12 & 18 Boulder to be among her least favorite holes to play.



Rock Harbor Newsletter is currently seeking your funny or interesting golf stories. We want to hear stories from our readers, member or non-member. If you have a golf story that you think our readers would enjoy share it with us and we will publish it in upcoming issues of the Rock Harbor News. Please keep your stories to 250 words or less and if you have pictures to accompany your story please attach them also.

Send all entries to mgr.proshop@rockharborgolf.com



Notes From The G



"I didn't say this course had a LOT of water. I said it was ALL water."

Gerri Lum, Rock Harbor Manager

So February is upon us now. The first month of the new year is out of the way and we're getting closer to golf season. The course is under a wintery siege currently and it presents a bleak outlook for play. We take from this, however, that since it is February -- oh by the way a road trip is planned to seek and destroy a certain groundhog north of here [jk] -- there remains but two months ebb and thus to bring forth the lushness of spring ipso facto the bloom of the Boulder course. Whilst there still lay work to the course surround, the playable areas are sure to be, well, playable. The target opening, which has become the mantra of the new year, is the first day of summer as officially marked on the calendar as Sunday, June 20th, 2015. This is of course, weather permitting.

You know, during this "down" time your management team has been feverishly working toward initiating new and exciting strategies for golf entertainment by way of new leagues for member and public alike. We've established a Tuesday Senior League, which at initial introduction is quite well received. We are currently on a mission to solidify the Saturday morning play where it is our intent to be fair and equitable for all participants. Yet alas, it has been said... you can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time but you can never please all of the people all of the time, or some such. We are furthering a format for interested persons, in the late afternoon 9-hole leagues. In these leagues we endeavor to further the game by introducing newer players and perhaps develop a mentoring program between the veteran player and the novice. The idea is to cajole the novitiate into the game of golf while offering a venue of progress for the player. Stifling the psychological obstacle of intimidation.

Thank you to all. Stay warm and safe. Until next time, or as we say back in the land of *Aloha* -- 'A hui hou. Malama pono.'

It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to one of our own Rock Harbor family members, Corey Mattison. Corey worked at Rock Harbor from 2004-2006 as a Pro Shop Employee. Corey will always be remembered for his bright smile, encouraging attitude and big heart.

Donations can be made to
The Denise Mattison Fund at:
www.gofundme.com/kdjh1o



Corey Mattison 1977-2015