



# Rock Harbor News

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## Notes from The G

*Geri Lum, Rock Harbor General Manager:*

Greetings, from sunny Orlando.

Last month, as you are by now aware there was not a monthly newsletter printed in January with the whole Happy New Year salutations. If not, well..., yeah that's about right. So much to get to yet little precious space to accommodate. First off, for those who missed our member social of the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, well let's just say you missed it. The club's Callaway rep spent the evening with us to explain the things that manufacturers try to do with equipment and golf balls and still conform to the USGA rules governing the construct. She did an excellent job and I know that members who were able to make it enjoyed her presentation as well. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, I was out of town during the last social of the month featuring the one the only,



ladies and gentlemen, you gotta love 'em; Bobby Jenkins. I'm told that the night went well and no lives were lost nor bodily harm inflicted. Please remember our next social is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7p. we will have representatives from the VSGA (Virginia State Golf Association) there to do a rules review and they will also be very willing to answer questions or to provide rulings on your most disputed ruling throughout the past year. Hope to see you then.

It's that time of the year once more. We're getting ready for the upcoming 2017 golf season. At the start of each new calendar year, golf trade shows abound, some of which I try my best to make Rock Harbor's presence known. Last year, we just dug out of the snow and made our way to the Merchandise show. This year while chilly yes, it was rainy and stayed that way through the NC border. Now here in Orlando across from the Orange County Convention Center in International Drive, here in Orlando FL, it's 74 degrees, the sun is out with a slight breeze. Part of the agenda was to speak with purveyors on orders placed and of those to come, looking to perhaps upgrade our beverage cart, perhaps considerations to enhancing the clubhouse, then perhaps scouting for new lines or retail items. Just left the Callaway booth where I'm told that Callaway will be releasing a ladies wedge in the 58 or 60 degree variety with a lighter metal head and shaft. I'm told that Callaway will be releasing a revival of a club for those who have difficulty with bunker play -- later this year. We'll keep an eye out for that one. Also looking into replacing the practice mats as they show a bit of wear, still some bit of homework on my part.

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## Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,  
Food and Beverage Manager :*

I would like to again start the newsletter with a thank you to all the membership for the support you have been giving us through this trial and error period.

We are starting to do some things very well and we are continuing to improve the items that we are not doing so well. We are continuously testing new items and trying to improve on some old menu items as well. If you try something new and you like it, let us know because presently, I am working on a new menu and hope to have it out in late February or early March. Your

opinions matter to us and we want to know what you like and don't like about the food. We will also be starting a breakfast buffet around February 12th or the 19th. Please keep checking for our daily lunch specials and the Saturday night dinner specials. The Saturday night dinners have been doing very well with members and non-members alike, I hope this supports continues.

Coming up: Be looking for information on a Valentines Dinner on Tuesday, February 14th at The Grill. We are putting together a special selection of appetizers, entrees and desserts for you to chose



from.

Remember: to make a reservation when planning to attend our dinners or socials to help us better plan our staffing needs to serve you in a better way.

The Grill section of the website will be down for a short time while we make changes and updates to the information. Facebook and email are still a great way to contact us and get all the information you need to stay informed.

We have a new Grill Facebook page, find us and like us to receive the daily lunch specials in your feed.



*The golf show in Orlando Florida is always full of fun things to see and do. Our members sure would look classy driving these classic car golf carts around Rock Harbor.*

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Upon returning to Winchester, I'll prepare to head to the Dulles Expo Center in Centerville next weekend, actually beginning Thursday (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>). The following weekend I take to the road again. This time to the New Jersey Exposition and Convention Center. During the last weekend in February, I make my way to Pittsburgh to continue to spread the good word of Rock Harbor.

Yes, it's that time of year. Shifting gears for a bit. Don't forget to get your team together for the upcoming member leagues season. We'll be reviewing the leagues and their formats which have been updated during our monthly social evening in February (2/22). This social has been also designated for prospective members where we can try to convince persons to join the family of members at Rock Harbor. If you know of anyone who might be considering a golf membership, then please bring them along.

# New Member League

*Geri Lum, Rock Harbor General Manager:*

This year we're introducing a "new" members league. After reviewing the participation of the leagues, we found that there was perhaps a group of members who still wanted to compete but could not do so effectively within the established leagues. So this year, we're introducing a new league that addresses those members and/or playing partners who are over the age of 64. This league, called the *Jurassic League*, is setup the same as the others whereby the competitors play from two different tees. The one player from the Orange Tees must be 65 years of age or older, while the partner who then plays from the Yellow Tees must be 75 or older. What this means, though is that the age previously established for the Geezer, by effect of the above, is now pushed from 62 to 64. This age change applies to these leagues only and therefore does not affect the playing of any of the tees on a routine basis. As you all know we've advocated from the start to play the tees that make you feel comfortable during your casual round. Other competitions, whether league, golf outing or tournament will have its own governance to the competition tees and who might be eligible to play from them. And as the segue continue; speaking of leagues, we will once again host the Tuesday senior league beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017. We will be accepting registration and fee entry in March. Under consideration currently, is a nine hole open league where competitors will compete from the tees as their handicaps recognize their abilities. This determination comes from the recommended tee chart established early on. (see Proshop counter top) The complete details have yet to be finalized. Thought that this might be of interest. An after work type of league open to all comers. Handicapped with stroke allocations in accordance with inter-tee competition.

# From The Ground Up

*Bobby Jenkins,  
Course Superintendent:*

There is not a lot going on in the maintenance department this time of year, but we are doing some repairs and upkeep on our maintenance equipment. We are sharpening reels and bed knives, cutting down dead trees and pruning others.

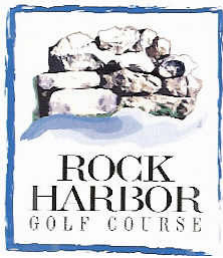
On January 25 we had a members social at The Grill to discuss course maintenance and answer any questions you may

have. For those who were unable to attend here is a brief description of the evening: We had a good attendance at the social with lots of questions and concerns brought up by the members. The main concern was the bunkers – inconsistency of the sand and not enough sand in the bunkers. Typically the bunkers are reinvaded in the winter. This is something we are aware of and will continue to update you on the conditions and progress

of this concern. Fellow member, Paul Hutzler was also on hand to present a slideshow on course damage. This was very informative and well received by all. All in all it was a very interesting and supportive meeting. Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the evening. Only 48 days 'til Spring!



*Great turn out for the January 25th Social on "Course Maintenance"*



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Can you guess what hole this is? This picture was taken on  
January 8, 2014. The date should help you in your guess...maybe?



## Winter Activities for Members

February 8th Member Social: *VSGA Seminar*

February 22nd Member Social: *Perspective Members Invitational*

March 15th Member Social: *Ladies Night*

March 29th Member Social: *League Draw*

