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Cole Lee:

With ominous clouds and a forecast that was suspect, I have to say I was a bit nervous that Thursday morning. But with the luck of the golf gods we stayed dry and had a great weekend.

Participation was down just a bit from years past with 8 flights. None the less, it gave us the opportunity to focus more on the little things. This year we incorporated The Boulder front 9 into the playing cycle, making pace of play a bit faster than in previous years.

We kicked things off on Thursday afternoon with the skills challenge. It consisted of 3 challenges; the flop wall on 4 Boulder, the bunker shot on Boulder 5, and the tee shot into 8 Boulder. As you would expect it challenged everyone's game that participated. The winner was your very own Denny Perry.

The first day of competition began Friday morning at 8:30 and all were excited. Players went out to play their first 2 matches back to back and then to return for lunch before playing match 3 of the day. The second day of competition began again at 8:30 and they were to play the final 2 matches of the event before returning to see if they won their flight and received an invitation for the shootout.

The shootout consisted of the 8 flight winners and a "wild card" team. The wild card is determined by the team that acquired the highest point total without winning a flight. The format is best ball starting on 15 Rock. After the first hole was played, we had eliminated 2 teams by score. The next playoff hole was 16 Rock. There, we eliminated 3 teams by score and a chip off. We then went to 17 Rock. This is where we were left with the final 2 teams after eliminating 2 more teams.

Now down to 2 teams, the playoff is sudden death. We keep playing until an outright winner is determined. We had Bill Martin and his guest Terry Frye playing against Dean Shewbridge and his guest Paul Ways. The first hole of sudden death is 18 Rock. After Bill holed a *must make* 12 footer, both teams recorded a par and play resumed on 10 Rock. This hole was much of the same. Both teams made par and we went to 11 Rock to continue. This hole again tested the nerves of Bill and his guest. Again he was left with a putt to force another playoff hole and drained it! Talk about clutch!

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Fresh From The Grill

Chip Connelly,
Director of Food and Beverage:

Just a reminder, the Members' Open House socials are in full swing; our next one will be another "Sand & Suds" extravaganza, with a goal of spreading one (1) ton of seed mix throughout the course. Mixers are always on the last Wednesday of the month (this month being July 27th). "Sand & Suds" at 7 p.m., mixer from 8 – 9 p.m. Fun, food and perhaps folly for all who attend (could be that perfect

date night you've been trying to arrange) A kinder, gentler reminder; when trying to meet your monthly minimum, the grill is not a grocery store. We will always try to accommodate large orders for pints and quarts (Ps & Qs) of Chicken Salad, Pulled Pork and such, but we do not always have sufficient quantities for every one if you wait until the last day of the month. Additionally, as we **do not** have an "Off-Premise" license for

alcohol, you cannot purchase beer to go. Doing so puts our "On-Premise" license at risk, along with your servers continued employment status.

Remember, on average, you only need to spend \$2.00 (American) per day to meet the minimum. Please try to plan ahead.

Stay cool, it is July.



Please RSVP for the Open House/Social/Mixers NLT the Monday prior by calling 540- 722-9678, or emailing me at chip@rockharborgolf.com

The Clubhouse

The plan has always been to build the Club House where the gravel parking lot is near the putting green. Everything was designed for it to be there. From the putting green to the view of both number one starting holes and the paved cart staging area near the main parking lot.

We are zoned for a 24,000 square foot multilevel (up to three) club house, grill, and restaurant and fitness center. As Paul Harvey said, here's the rest of the story. We have to wait for county water and sewer. The extension of Jubal Early to Route 37 and the development of the

Willow Run project is the driving force for the water and sewer to reach us. A recent article in the paper said this could happen by 2018. I am still a sceptic, as I was told in 2000 when I was getting all my permits completed that we should see the extension completed by 2008.

Personnel Profile: Graeme Robinson



Did you know that you can view the newsletter on our website? You can increase the font size for easier reading and you can zoom in on your favorite pictures to capture all the details of each shot.

By Misty Fields:
Location! Location! Location! Being in the right place at the right time. Our GPS on this earth often has a lot to do with what we do.

Graeme (pronounced Gram) Robinson grew up on the property adjacent to RH.

When he was a child, the property was not yet RH, it was still orchards and open fields. So the love he developed for golf came from a place within him, not his surroundings. Around the age of 10, Graeme and

some friends decided they wanted to play golf, so they started hitting balls in the fields around his house. This progressed to playing at golf courses and then when RH opened he played here.

You can rest assured in the advice that Graeme gives you about the course because despite his youthful look, he has probably logged more hours on this course than some of our seasoned members.

Graeme graduated from Radford University with a degree in Me-

dia Studies and a concentration in Production.

He desires to work in college sports and eventually move his way towards professional sports. Graeme is interested in all the behind the scenes action of working with the cameras, directing games and announcing. So, if one day you don't see Graeme behind the counter at the Pro Shop, look for his name at the ending credits of the next sporting event.

From The Ground Up

*Bobby Jenkins,
Course Superintendent:*

June was a crazy month of weather, we had; wind, low humidity and lots of rain. We had everything except snow! With the wind and low humidity the greens developed some *hot spots* which forced me to *pencil tine* the greens to allow water to penetrate and better release the gases below.

During the month of

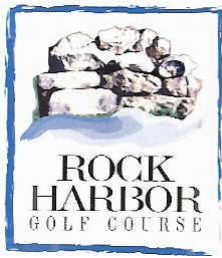


June we also spent a lot of time preparing for the Member/Guest Tournament. The maintenance crew worked a lot of hours to achieve and main-

tain your course. If you see members of the maintenance crew, give them the thumbs up for a job well done, they will know what you mean and it will let

them know how much you appreciate what they do.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fathers Day and congratulations to the Member/Guest overall winner.



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Summer Activities for Members

July 10 Member Medal Play
July 22 Roundhill Vol. Fire Company
July 23-24 Member/Member
July 27 Sand N Suds Mixer

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

**Please visit our website for full details
of each event.**