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Full Swing

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We are in full swing at Rock Harbor at this time of year. Everything is blooming, new faces are showing up everywhere, new polices, new procedures, new parking, new menus. If you are one who fears change, this is not the place for you. But if you face challenges head on, do not fear.....we promise that all our new changes are for you, the member. Everything we do is to make your course better, your membership experience better and to make your game the best it can be. So do not fear. We will guide you through every new step the best we can.

When you come into the parking lot, you will notice that we have moved the handicapped parking spaces to the general parking area. Cars are no longer allowed to park up close to the clubhouse. If this causes any concern for you getting into the clubhouse, please let us know and someone will be happy to assist you. If you are feeling unsure or confused in anyway

please feel free to ask anyone on staff, they will be happy to answer any and all of your questions.



Two of our new employees: Top: Thomas Haines is repairing the green on 6 Boulder. Left: Sergio Martinez is trimming on 7 Boulder. Welcome to the crew!

Fresh From The Grill

If you haven't been to The Grill for lunch in a while you are missing out on a fabulous new lunch menu.

We have a brand new section: *Healthy Choices*, which features lunch items of the lighter fair. This section is paired with a side salad but you can add chips or fries if the healthiness is too much. You can choose from Grilled Tuna Steak, Grilled Chicken Wrap or Egg Salad Sandwich. There are many other choices also.

The Cold Sand-wedges section has also been given a face-lift, a personal favorite

is the addition of a new side – the pasta salad. If you haven't had the pasta salad, you must try it, you may never go back to chips or fries again.

The Hot Sand-wedges section has seen the return of the Pulled Pork sandwich and a new Grilled Chicken BBQ Melt.

The Appetizer Sections or *Tee It Up!* Section has a few new additions: a Buffalo Chicken Dip which is a blend of 3 cheeses, diced chicken and a buffalo sauce served with corn tortilla chips. There is also Soft

Pretzels served with a warm Cheddar Cheese dipping sauce.

In case you didn't know, Monday– Friday we have daily lunch specials and a soup of the day that starts at 11:30.

Thursday evenings we have .45 cent wings and drink specials to accompany the 9-hole league.

So if you haven't been out for a while, the weather is beautiful, new faces are appearing and the food is still irresistibly good.

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

? Ask Denny:
What's the most unique hole on the Boulder Front Nine?

Denny Perry:

Last month I picked Boulder No. 4 as the most unique hole on the Boulder Front Nine. Remember, I am not talking about the most difficult, that is a whole new category of articles. I am talking about someone seeing the hole for the first time and saying, "I've never seen a golf hole like this before." My pick this month could be in the running as the most difficult but for now let's just go with unique.

My pick for this month is Boulder No. 13, aka, "The Castle Hole". I know we all have gotten a little used to this hole, but think back to the first time you stood on the tee box and confronted the green. Was there a wow factor? Does intimidating come to mind? If only this hole could talk, what stories it would tell. Boulder No. 13 could be the most talked about hole at Rock Harbor. Do you have a story about this hole? Tell us and maybe we will print it in the next newsletter.



Cole's Corner: Lateral Hazards

Cole Lee, Tournament Director:

I'm sure you all have noticed the changes happening all over the golf course and I wanted to inform you of how it will affect your play. Chris and his crew have been working very hard to improve our conditions and to grow in new aesthetic areas. We have come to the conclusion to add a local rule which will apply to all play. Every area on the course, higher than the cut of our rough, not identified or marked by stakes or lines, will be played as a lateral hazard. So all of the natural areas growing in will be played as such.

Also I wanted to mention that we need entries for the Member/Guest event in ASAP. We appreciate each and every one of you for your participation in our events.

Thank you all!!



The new "no mow" areas will be played as a lateral hazard.

The Green

*Chris Dieter,
Course Superintendent:*

It is hard to believe a month has flown by already. Most of you may have noticed the new "No Mow" areas, out of play areas circled with wire flags which we have stopped mowing. These naturalized areas are designed to highlight the look of each golf hole. As the vegetation in these areas gets a little taller the flags will be removed. The "No Mow" areas will then be mowed two or three times a year at a height of 12+ inches. For the golfer, less mowing means less interaction with mowers and

less noise. Maintenance will benefit by freeing up man hours that will be used in other ways to improve golf course conditions. The pro shop will be establishing the rules of play for these areas. Please keep carts out of these areas.

Recently I reduced the forward speed of the fairway mowers by 50 %, allowing the reels to clip the grass at an increased frequency giving a smoother cut. Slower speeds also keep the mower units from bouncing adding to the smooth cut. The cleaner cut will give your ball a longer roll and help the fairways thicken.

The never ending battle

with the weeds continues.

The clover is currently the most visible. We now have two 200 gallon sprayers operating and if the rain lets up long enough we will send them out in force.

Backpack sprayers will be used to spot spray tees, fairways, areas close to greens, weeds in bunkers, and around trees.

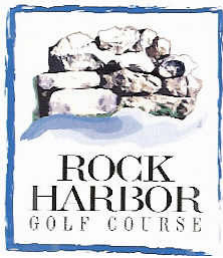
We have recently eliminated the divot sand boxes on some of the larger tees.

The larger tees have room to rotate the tee markers often enough for the tees to heal on their own. Aeration of the tees will keep them smooth and the maintenance crew will fill

some divots as needed on these tees. Removing the divot boxes give the course a cleaner, less cluttered look as well. **Please remember to use the divot bottles on the carts only in the fairways.** Our fairways are Bluegrass while our tees are Bentgrass. Some of the weediness of the tees is actually caused by fairway divot mix.

Please feel free to stop me to chat, ask a question, express an opinion or complaint.

Thank you for repairing your ball marks and divots.



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Putting Green Ducks



Photo by: Chris Dieter

This picture accurately depicts the amount of rain we received at Rock Harbor in the month of May.



Spring/Summer Activities for Members

June 15-17: *Member/Guest Weekend*

June 24: *Glow Ball Outing*

June 28 *Member Social: Sand N Suds*

July 4: *Independence Day Event*

July 9: *Medal Play Championship*

July 22-23: *Member/Member*

July 26: *Sand N Suds*



Don't forget Father's Day is June 18th.
Dads love Rock Harbor Gift Certificates.
Available in the Pro Shop