

## Notes from The G

*Gerri Lum, Rock Harbor General Manager:*

This past month, February 2017, we've been the beneficiary of some wonderful temperatures that saw the course with a fair amount of activity. This truly extra ordinary winter calls attention to the fact that the spring/summer season is just around the corner. Time to buckle down and prepare for the upcoming golf season. Where are we as a club? How do we advance ourselves? A litany of ills experienced, this past year, is being responded to.

The Grill has been undergoing a makeover that I believe will take the food product and service to a higher level. We will continue to evolve.

The Proshop has and will continue to bring in fresh merchandise each season and our efforts have left us an abundance of inventory that could be yours at a reduced price. The practice range needs an overhaul. We've ordered some test mats for the upcoming season – these new hitting areas will determine the future upgrade of the practice range.

The conditions of the course, while always a challenge to maintain, has suffered greatly with some diseases that had not thus far been experienced and caught us with our proverbial pants down. We are on the mend, and have taken necessary steps to remedy the on-going difficulties of course maintenance.

Our membership remains a vital source of our sustenance. As part of our continued efforts to garner additional members, we created supplemental memberships: The Business/Corporate Membership and the new Out Of Area Membership. The referral commission is still in effect for those who bring in new members.



With the early spring we are already beginning to see the Day Lilies pop out of the ground.

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## Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,  
Food and Beverage Manager :*

We are still working on the new menu for the mid-march roll out. We have been working on our alcohol pricing and we should have the new beer prices out with the menu. The beer pricing will now be the same for beverage cart and clubhouse moving forward, I am also working on a draft

beer price specifically for members only that would not be shareable for your guest. It's a member perk!! I am currently working at updating our wine and liquor pricing which will follow shortly behind the beer pricing roll out.

We have started running the beverage cart as much as the weather and golf traffic warrants it. We will start



making our standard premade sandwiches and will probably be adding a few different premade sandwiches for purchase on the cart and at the counter as soon as golfer traffic makes it feasible. We've added a few new snacks to our list and I will be looking around to try to change a few that are not big sellers. As before, thank you for being patient and your support.

## Member Corner: Brian Hyde

*Misty Fields:*

Brian is from Ridgefield, CT. which in the past was a resort town for most of Wall Street but has transitioned into a bedroom town for NY City workers. This is where he got a taste for the game of golf. His father was a golfer, so he was his father's caddie by the age of ten. Eventually he began to caddie for others and he watched

how they played, how they took each shot, which club they decided to use. He absorbed the habits, both good and bad of these golfers.

By the age of 16 he moved on to get a "real" job at the A&P, he stayed at this job until he went away to college.

Brian attended Villanova and then graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and

a minor in Physics. He originally went to school with a Pre-Law mind set, but decided words and debates were not his passion. Brian has a nickname among the "gang" he plays golf with, they called him Mr. Boring. Little do they know the interesting life Brian had, prior to retiring and settling in at Rock Harbor.

Brian has worked in the music industry for over 40 years.

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# Happy St. Patrick's Day to the Top Five Irish Golfers

Brian Wacker, PGATour.com, an article from *The Tour Report* (2015)

- 1. Rory McIlroy.** At 25 years old he is already at the top of the heap with 16 worldwide wins, including four major championships. Should the Northern Irishman win the Masters next month, he'll complete the career Grand Slam and have won his third straight major championship.
- 2. Padraig Harrington.** He was the first Irishman to win multiple majors, capturing the Open Championship in 2007 and 2008 and the PGA Championship in 2008. He has 30 career wins and reached as high as No. 3 in the world.
- 3. Christy O'Connor Sr.:** None of his 44 career titles include a major championship, but he did finish in the top 10 at The Open Championship 10 times in his career, including second in 1965. He also played in every Ryder Cup between 1955 and 1973 for Great Britain & Ireland.
- 4. Darren Clarke:** The Northern Irishman has 22 wins around the world, including the 2011 Open Championship at Royal St. George's. He also finished second at the 1997 Open Championship and third at the 2001 Open Championship and has two World Golf Championships titles to his credit. He also played in five Ryder Cups and was on the winning team four times.
- 5. Graeme McDowell:** The Ulsterman won the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and two years later finished second at Olympic. He has 13 career wins as a professional and has played in four Ryder Cups, playing on the winning team three times. McDowell has reached as high as No. 3 in the world.

## From The Ground Up

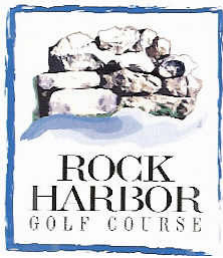
*Bobby Jenkins,  
Course Superintendent:*

February has been an usually warm month for our area. Because of this

weather there has been a lot of play on the course. We are still trying to do maintenance on our turf equipment and course clean up due to the high

winds from a couple of weeks ago. Maintenance employees will be returning to full time work on February 20 and helping with the continued course clean. It is time to start reminding you to replace your divots and repairs your ball marks. Another good reminder before the season gets in full swing is that the divot sand on the carts is NOT to be used on the tees or greens it is for FAIRWAYS ONLY.





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Any guesses?



### Winter/Spring Activities for Members

- March 15th Member Social: *Ladies Night*
- March 29th Member Social: *League Draw*
- March 30th: *Member Leagues Start*
- April 23: *Opening Day Scramble*
- April 26 Member Social: *Sand N Suds*



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