

# Rock Harbor News

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## Notes From The G

Gerri Lum, Rock Harbor Manager:

We are underway...

At the close of March, we put together the *Member Wars Leagues*. All the divisions are set and the festivities have begun. Remember that the mid-way check point for the leagues is June (06/20/2016) – that means at least two matches must be played within your division to continue. Please be sure to turn in the match cards to the Proshop and date them. The Proshop will post the scores to the GHIN system for you.

The *Tuesday Senior League* has begun as well, and we've surpassed the number of participants and hope the popularity continues to grow. The welcome and kick off breakfast went well – Thank you, Chip and the Grill staff.—the weather was a little crappy, but some hearty players made their way onto the course and initiated the new season. As we close the month of April, the senior league completed the first month and so I announce the winner for the month of April 2016 as Mr. Jim Morgan, who shot an aggregate net of 119. Followed by Lonnie Moore just two strokes behind Mr. Morgan, which as it turned out was given on the last day of the monthly competition. In third place, Frank Wright, posting an aggregate net of 127. Congratulations to these players and all those who participated this month. The league will continue each Tuesday and we're starting the monthly competition anew in May.

Also this past Wednesday (04/28), we held another *Sand 'n Suds*. The weather again wasn't ideal, yet praise to our members who came to help us care for the course. We worked on four holes of the Boulder course (3,4,6 &7) and at the end of the evening, laid out over ½ a ton sand/seed mix. We fervently hope that rain and warm temps with sunshine thrown in will assist in the growth. Thanks again to our members who came out and thanks to Superintendent Bobby J and to Robert Rissler for having manned the sand gators during the evening. Thanks to The Grill staff for providing the evening's Hors D'ouvres.

Just before closing this writing, member Pat Lunghi scored an ace on Boulder 11 from 116 yards away with a 56 degree wedge – one bounce and in. Great shot Pat. You will join those honored players on the wall of fame. This would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole-in-one for Pat at Rock Harbor, going back to June of 2011, where he scored an ace on Rock #2 from 160 yds. out. When asked if he wanted to commemorate the event with a hole recognition plaque, Pat responded "Nah, just the slide on the wall is good. I'm two up on Jay and that's good enough."

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*Dinner  
Special:  
Smoked  
Beef  
Brisket*

## Fresh From The Grill

*Chip Connelly,  
Director of Food  
and Beverage:*

Greetings from the Grill! As we speak, we are hoping Mother Nature is finally transitioning from March into at least what should be seasonal climate.

The season is definitely getting busy fast. The best way to know what is going on is stay in touch with the website, [rockharborgolf.com](http://rockharborgolf.com) and go to "Course Info" and then "Calendar of

Events" to see what's happening at The Rock. Apple Blossom is in the books and we are looking forward to a busy member season, not the least of which is Member/Guest in six (6) weeks (where does the time go). You may find all of our member events posted over the front inside door, or in the passageway near the restrooms.

There are/will be some new faces this year (at least three (3) new cart

girls), so please introduce yourselves and let your servers know your account numbers to ensure proper billing. Please remember to make reservations for Saturdays to let us know you are coming and to discover what the weekly special is, and don't forget to "Like" the grill on Facebook.

As always, we look forward to seeing you, and serving you.

## Cole's Corner: The Players Championship

*Cole Lee,  
Tournament Director,*  
It is interesting to note that of the four "majors" in professional golf, the PGA Tour owns exactly none of them. The US Open belongs to the USGA; The Open Championship to the R&A; the Masters to Augusta National; and the PGA Championship to the PGA (which is a separate entity from the PGA Tour). That's presumably why the Tour started the Tournament Players Championship in

1974—and why they have spent so much time and treasure promoting it as the "Fifth Major." The purse for the Players Championship is the largest purse in golf, \$1.8 million to the winner. The tournament also counts for as much as the traditional four Majors in the FedEx Cup points standings. It is worth 80 points in the World Golf Rankings, while the majors are worth 100. The winner of the tournament receives a five



*The TPC at Sawgrass, the island green, par 3 seventeenth.*

year exemption on the PGA Tour, a three year invitation to the Masters, a three year exemption to the Open Championship, and same year invitations to the US Open and PGA. Consequently, The

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Players attracts one of the strongest fields in golf, bringing in all but a handful of the top ranked players. It arguably has a stronger field than any of the other majors, for there are no amateurs or club professionals invited; every player there is a professional tournament player.

The inaugural Players Championship was held in 1974 at the Atlanta Country Club and was won by Jack Nicklaus. It moved to the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth in 1975, and then to the Inverrary Country Club in Ft. Lauderdale in 1976. In 1977, The Players Championship found something of a perma-

nent home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. It was held at the Sawgrass Country Club's Oceanside Course until 1982, when it was moved across the road to the Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass.

The TPC at Sawgrass has given the Players an identity because that course boasts what is arguably the most famous hole in golf—the island green par 3 seventeenth.

For the first thirty-three years of its existence, the Players Championship was held in March. With the PGA Tour's 2007 restructuring surrounding the FedEx Cup championship, The Players was

moved to May. This gives professional golf (and television) a signature event in each month running from April to August.

Nicklaus won three times: 1974, 1976, and 1978. Other multiple winners have been Fred Couples (1984 and 1996), Steve Elkington (1991 and 1997), Davis Love III (1992 and 2003) and Hal Sutton (1983 and 2000). Greg Norman holds the tournament record, with an aggregate score of 264, -24 to par.

I will be running another pool for this year's event held on Mother's Day weekend. The format will be best ball of your 2some. I will

ask you to select 1 alternate in the case that a member of your team does not make the cut. I will use Saturday and Sunday scores from that alternate. In case you don't have any players after the cut? You can guess the answer... Each entry costs \$5.00, as many entries as you wish. Good luck everyone. and see you soon!

## From The Ground Up

*Bobby Jenkins,*  
*Course Superintendent:*

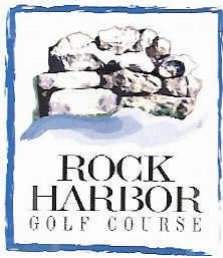
Spring is here and our schedule is packed full of golf course maintenance. All of the greens have been aerated, verticutted, and top-dressed. The new Boulder greens have been over seeded and fertilized. They are now in need of some good warm days and nights (which we haven't had) for the healing process to take

effect.

We are in the process of over seeding the tees on the Boulder Course and a few of the tees on the Rock Course. We have also started spraying the fairways and rough areas for clover, dandelions and crabgrass curative as a preventative measure.



*Boulder No. 16*



## Welcome to New Members

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### Spring Activities for Members

May 24th VSGA One Day  
May 25th Members Evening Social  
May 30th Members Memorial Day Event

Check out our website for all our leagues  
happening throughout the week

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