

THE ONLY REASON I
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THE FIRST PLACE WAS
SO I COULD AFFORD TO
HUNT AND FISH.
- SAM SNEAD

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Member Corner: Ed Nail

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Sometimes interviews happen by appointment, sometimes by chance and others by ambush. This was an ambush interview with Ed Nail. Thanks for being a good participant.

Ed Nail grew up in what he refers to as, "The Gap" an area between Round Hill and Gainesboro. He is a home town boy who grew up in Winchester and still resides here today, but he ventured away for a while.

After graduating from James Wood High School he briefly attended Lord Fairfax Community College and then joined the Navy. After the Navy, Ed began to work for the government in the field of telecommunications.

Along with his job came the excitement of travel, lots of travel. To name a few places he lived...Libya, Germany, Pakistan, Oman, Scotland... I asked Ed if he could elaborate on exactly what he did as his job and he shook his head as if to say, "if I tell you I will have to kill you." Message received loud and clear. He did say he was in the CIA and that was all.

While overseas Ed was married to his wife, Cindy, of 39 years, and they had a daughter somewhere between Libya and Germany. One of the things he enjoyed the most about the travel and living overseas

was the uniqueness of each country, they all had something different about them that made life interesting. Before Ed left Winchester to travel the world he worked for The Robinsons at their apple and peach orchards. He work on the very property that Rock Harbor and

Walmart (Rt 50) now reside on. His cousin lived in the house that was on #12, that burned, as the orchard caretaker. This was sometime around 1968-69.

Ed is a late bloomer to the game of golf and only picked it up after his friends insisted that he give it a try. Terry Tierney and Wilson Fletcher were very instrumental in encouraging him to play. Stu Hatter made Ed's first set of clubs for him back in 2007. Ed didn't become a member until 2012, but his game play has steadily increased since then. He is hoping that since his recent retirement (last week) he will be playing a lot more golf in his future. He has even signed up to play in the Tuesday weekly league.

Since his recent retirement status Ed is planning to do a lot more traveling with his wife. They have purchased a motorhome and have plans to travel north this summer on a few short trips to start with. He is also planning to do some hunting and fishing which he has not done in a long time. It sounds like Ed has a pretty good plan worked



out to make the most of his retirement...hunt, fish, golf. Ed said that he does not like #16 Rock because there is too much hill and no matter what kind of shot he has it always ends up bad. But he does like #7 Rock, the island green. He said he likes the challenge of the island. Overall, he is not a fan of the Boulder Course, but he admits it is partly because he has not played it enough. So he is hoping that will change when he plays in the weekly leagues and scores a little more time on some of the Boulder holes. It sounds like Rock Harbor will be seeing a whole lot more of Ed Nail, to all those who hold championship titles at the course, you now have some new competition to look out for.



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