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Now, at least a temperate respite has come to pass and thus creating the optimal golf weather. With the sun sitting high upon its perch over the earth, and its rays shining on our own little hamlet, one would expect the golfing world to converge onto our little slice of heaven. Alas, the realization of such is thus absent. Woe betide the coffers.

The fourteenth annual Boulder Tournament was held this year for the 1st time on the Boulder Course. The course as per custom is setup in accordance with the USGA's preferences to the U.S. Open course conditions. Here, we grow the roughs not quite so high but higher than normal which usually runs about 2.25 inches to now be settling in at approximately 3.50". In earlier years, we were known to have let the roughs grow out to as high as 4" (Whaaaat?!) – Now using the final layout of a full eighteen hole course, The Boulder presents its own set of challenges with varying routes and undulations of greens, even separate greens. The entrants were very excited about playing the new setup. We still look forward to the day when this truly does become the region's premier amateur championship.



Speaking of championships, our own Club Championship was held over the weekend of the 13th and 14th August. Participation here experienced a slight uptick, yet familiar faces were ne'er seen. Could it be that other, pressing engagements held captive the competitive souls of the absent? Perhaps, one cannot be entirely sure to what behests the golfers of these days.

Another crinkle added; this year, at the urging of a few of our lady members, a women's open flight was created allowing for competitors to play during this weekend, not for the Club Championship to be sure, but yay for the sheer joy of competing and now this year, from the yellow tees. Sadly a very poor showing for this particular flight has effectively postponed from future championship weekends.

Saturday's competition went off relatively quickly and each player excited to do well in the tournament. All participants were relaxed and excited with anticipation of what the day may bring. Excessive heat was on the menu, and it was served piping hot. A few of our participants had to withdraw for safety reasons. Yet to those who braved through and weathered the excessive temps, experienced the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat and most importantly the human drama of athletic competition at its finest.

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Fresh From The Grill

Chip Connelly,
Director of Food and Beverage:

The season is winding down as we have already sampled some “cooler” weather. Some of our Staff has returned to school and we wish them well, and hope to see them next year.



There are three (3) member happenings left this month (Labor Day Scramble has passed as we go to print); September 17th, the Two-Man Chapman (not gender specific), September 23rd, 24th & 25th the Rock Harbor Cup Matches and our monthly Social on September 28th with starting time TBD, usually 7 p.m., but we will try to get going earlier (confirm w/Pro

Shop). The weekend events may impact your dining pleasure, so be sure to stay in touch with us.

Don't forget about Steak Nights on Saturdays and always check for our weekly dinner special; would hate for anyone to miss out on their favorite.

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

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

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(cue in the Jim McKay voice over)...

The next Friday saw the annual Youth Sports Scramble as hosted by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Department. This year, the organizer (Rob Riggelman, Frederick County Parks and Rec) asked if they would be allowed to have one of their sponsors put a tent up near hole #7 and it was met with great success. Direct Tile Solutions

(DTS) and Valley Proteins, Inc. co-sponsored the event as the players; all 72 of them, enjoyed a beautiful day for golf.

Thank you to all of the players and sponsors for this great event, benefiting the county's youth programs.

As you can see, August, despite having the high temps and high humidity, we've had activity albeit a little less than in previous years.

Before I close, I wish to urge all of our members,

especially our newer members to come out on the last Wednesday of each month and enjoy the company of other members. People who share the same passion as you. The love of the game and the love of the course. Come by and mingle with future besties, enjoy the comradery and good cheer. There is a sign up sheet at the Grill, simply let one of the servers know that you wish to join in on the fun, and we'll see you there.

Club Championship

Cole Lee, Tournament Director:

This year's Club Championship was a hot one for sure. We had the summer's hottest weekend to play. Thankfully enough, no one was hurt by the stifling temperatures. Competition was very close with all the flights close after day one. Winning by 1 shot in the Men's Championship was our new champion, Dave Keller. In the Women's Championship, Colleen Connolly defended her title.

Along with the Championships themselves we hold "Competitions". In the Men's Open we had another one shot victory by Sterling Keen. The Men's Senior flight was won by Roger Hill, and the Legends flight was won by Don Stotler. We in the shop appreciate your participation in all our events and hope you all continue to take advantage of your membership opportunities.



Congratulations to our Club Champions: L to R: Dave Keller, Roger Hill, Sterling Keen, Colleen Connolly, Donnie Stotler.

From The Ground Up

*Bobby Jenkins,
Course Superintendent:*

Last month the maintenance department was dealing with a broken irrigation pump and the lack of rain. I am happy to report that the irrigation pump is fixed and we are back on our regular schedule. The rain has also found its way to Rock Harbor, so much that the bunkers are washing out. So we are spending time getting those back in shape which puts us behind in our daily mowing rou-

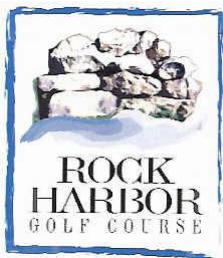
tine. Our ideal weather conditions would be nice steady rains in the evenings so no ones game is interrupted and we can mow. During the last week of August and first part of September we will be busy with airifeing, verticutting and overseeding of the dry spotted areas on the course. You can see in the pictures to the right, Mickey Garrett is preparing one of our arifying machines by replacing the tines. Mickey has been our resident mechanic in the



course maintenance department for about 6 months now.



Mickey Garrett replaces the tines on the Aercore Machine.



Welcome to New Member

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Summer/Fall Activities for Members

September 17th Two-Person Chapman
September 23, 24 & 25 Harbor Cup
September 28 End of Month Social

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

Please visit our website for full details
of each event.