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10 Storylines that Will Dominate Golf's Headlines in 2019

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2018 was one of the more eventful golf years in recent memory. We had Tiger's comeback, Brooks' emergence, a Ryder Cup debacle and so much more. Here are some of the storylines we think will dominate headlines in 2019.

1. Rollback Debate Rolls On

If you frequent golf Twitter, you've been exposed to diatribes on how players are hitting the golf ball too far, rendering classic courses obsolete and turning the PGA Tour into a driver-wedge contest. There's significant momentum calling for a rollback of the golf ball, both from within the game-Tiger Woods is among a number of Tour pros that have voiced support for it- and from fans who feel things have gotten out of hand.

2. Tiger's Back.....Year 2

Last season, watching Tiger Woods was nothing short of surreal. The man everyone wrote off was back on the course, healthy, contending in some of the biggest events in the sport. Adding to the intrigue was his newfound easygoing nature; Woods seemed to have greater appreciation for simply being able to compete, often bantering with his playing partners and interacting with fans.

3. Staggered Scoring At The Tour Championship

In an effort to avoid September golf like it's the Boogeyman, the PGA Tour revamped its schedule for 2018-19. There are some significant changes: the PGA Championship is moving from August to May, and the Players Championship switches from May to March. Both moves make sense on a number of different levels. Less explainable is the new format for the Tour Championship, which will feature a staggered scoring system- the FedEx Cup leader heading into the season finale will start the tournament at 10 under. Second place will begin at eight under...so on and so forth. The player with the lowest "score" at the end of the week will win the Cup and the \$15 million first-prize, which is up from the \$10 million Justin Rose took home for winning the points race last season.

4. Ariya Jutanugarn's Time To Shine

How's this for a resume: 10 LPGA Tour Wins, two-time LPGA Tour Player of the Year, two-time LPGA Tour moneylist leader, two-time major winner, No. 1 player

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Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

April is finally here!!! We have the Opening Day member golf tournament on April 14th. Along with that, we will be rolling out the updated menu in the first week of April. One of the major changes to the menu will be that we are going away from the Arcadian Spring mix for salads to a Romaine & Ice Berg mix, the Spring mix has had major quality issues lately. Some of the other changes are the fresh roasted turkey and a larger portion of the in house roasted top round for the roast beef sandwiches. Our beer prices will be going up \$.25 per can, bottle or draft. I've had 3 price hikes from the dis-

tributors since I lowered the beer prices 2 years ago.

I would like to thank everyone that has commented on the Beef jerky we are now making in house. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a try, it's perfect for an on-course snack. We also are getting ready to roll out our own trail mix mixture, this should also be a good snack for your rounds of golf. I will be running a homemade sausage link sandwich out at the food trailer on number 7 this year, we ran it as a lunch special for a few days and received good feedback.

The kitchen has been busy trying to add some new things for the members and we will continue to keep improving.

Last but not least, we have

been getting great support for our Saturday night dinners Thank you!! Please keep coming out, if you happen to know that your going to be dining with us, send your reservation in as early as possible. I've been running out of some of the specials because I'm prepping for the amount of reservations I have on Saturday morning or early Saturday afternoon. There may be 20 guest in the morning but at 3 pm to 4 pm we go up a 150% in reservations. I do not have enough time to get extra product ready. So like I said if you know ahead of time just shoot me an email or give us a call. If it is a last minute thing come on in anyway and we'll take care of you!

We have been sending out reminders for wing night on Thursday evening, it starts at 4 pm and last thru 8:30 so make sure you come in. We've had some great crowds so far!!

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

in the world. That's the haul of Ariya Jutanugarn, who is still just 23-years-old, and it's why ESPN recently (and controversially) listed her as the fourth dominant athlete in 2019, regardless of gender or sport.

4. New PGA Tour Schedule

The PGA Championship will make its debut in May after switching from August, and the move make sense on a couple levels. First, it creates a nice rhythm to the majors. Now it's the Masters in April, the PGA in May, and the US Open in June and the British Open in July. Golf always has its most momentum after the Masters, but in the past it has squandered it by making fans wait a full two months for the next major. No longer. More practically speaking, the move means that PGA won't have to shift once every four years to accommodate the Olympic games, which now has golf back in the fold.

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The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

I am going to officially declare Rock Harbor a no frost zone. I am fed up with frost. As soon as we get a few warm days Mother Nature throws us a curve ball of night temperatures in the 20's. (picture below, on April 1) Unfortunately we have a few nights in the next couple of weeks our weather folk are calling for temperatures in the low 30's. Keep our fingers crossed and with some luck we won't get any more frost.



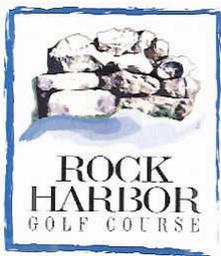
Number 10 Boulder, April 1, early morning frost

I have had a few questions about Rock #6 fairway, the right side. Rock #6 fairway had a high amount of kyllinga, a weedy type of nut sedge. Last fall we sprayed out the kyllinga, aerified, topdressed, and seeded the fairway. Unfortunately the extremely wet conditions prevented a good take on our seed. This month we will be re-seeding the bare areas on #6, as well as any other bare fairway areas we have due to past weather and/or elimination of large weedy areas. (picture Rock #6 Bare Areas, below)



Number 6 Rock, Bare Areas

We are continuing to improve course conditions: Continuing bunker renovations. Starting our new spray program on fairways. Aeration of tees. As always feel free to stop me for questions, comments, or criticisms.



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Can anyone guess what hole this is now?

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Spring Member Events

Members Opening Day Event—Sunday, April 14th

Sand N Suds—Wednesday, April 24th

2 Ball Aggregate Event—Saturday, May 4th

