



# Rock Harbor News

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## Amy's Anecdotes

*Amy Adams: Course Manager:*

Well January has come and gone and we were very fortunate to have had such mild weather. Even on the coldest of days there were some hardy folk at play here at Rock Harbor and we salute you!

Our annual Christmas party was a tremendous success and thank you to those who attended the Trivia Night we held on the fly. It was a cold and snowy evening but I believe fun was had by all. Many of our new members attended our Callaway Social as well and Mary was a ROCK STAR! Thank you Mary and I am working on your parking spot, Leahy Lane!

If you see a new member, I invite you to stop and introduce yourselves. I am thrilled to be a part of the greatest golf club in the area and I see the excitement bubbling over with our new friends who are looking forward to joining our core membership in tournaments, socials, Sand N Suds, and league play. This is going to be a fantastic golf season!

We still have a lot of last year's inventory so stop by the pro shop and let's make a deal! I am making room for all of the super exciting 2020 HOT LIST of apparel, new golf balls and clubs infused with the latest technology!

The new Callaway Mavriks have arrived, irons optimized for distance and forgiveness and drivers that are super strong with unmatched ball speeds, so be sure to check them out, literally and see how they feel! Advanced A.I. created the next level of performance that I dare say defies convention! Imagine how great you will play! We also have new JAWS to demo, wedges that bite! These clubs get 5 stars for performance, innovation, looks, sound, feel and are in very high demand.

During the last month or so of the off season we will be preparing for leagues and tournaments, also if you have not booked your charity event or corporate outing, NOW is the time! All league information will be sent out by March 15<sup>th</sup> so stay tuned. On a side note, if you have not renewed your VSGA membership, please stop by and see us, it is \$38.00. This is a must have for league play, tournament play and just helps create a fair and equitable competition. Our Golf Genius software recognizes and computes competitions quickly and efficiently so long as everyone has a handicap index. Otherwise, it's kind of a nightmare...which I would prefer to avoid like the plague.

It is also time to get your clubs ready for the Spring golf season. We have an excellent selection of great grips, Golf Pride, Lamkin, Winn, Super Stroke and more! If we don't



Amy at the Pittsburgh Show

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## Fresh From The Grill



*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*

Winter is flying by!! Hopefully we only have a few more weeks of cold weather.

As most of you know we have started wing night up on Friday nights from 4pm-8:30ish. This will continue on Friday night's until Thursday night league starts up again in April. We have add-

ed a new sauce: Garlic Parmesan and will be adding a Chipotle wing sauce in the next few weeks.

Turnouts for our Saturday night dinner have been great, if your going to dine with us please make a reservation as early in the week as possible, it does let me know how much to prepare. Also we have a few tables left for the 7:30 seating

on Valentines and we are also running the same menu on Saturday night for anyone who can't make it on Friday.

One other item I wanted to go over: As a full member you have a responsibility to sign you tickets. You must verify the bill is correct then sign before departing the club please. Friday February 14th we will not be doing wings at all due to the Valentines dinner. Everyone have a great February!!!!

## Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

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have what you want, we will get it and quickly! It is, at this writing, 1 month, 15 days, 10 hours, 49 minutes and 4 seconds to SPRING!!!

Also of note, we have a new Pro Shop staffer, Taylor Loudoun, so please stop by and introduce yourselves. He is a Christopher Newport graduate, is a pretty great golfer and came highly recommended! Our team is still in training. I am always open to coaching, recommendations and I sincerely welcome and value your feedback. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the VSGA will be at our Rock Harbor Member Social to explain the new World Handicapping System and Rules of Golf for 2020. This is one you may not want to miss. We begin at 6pm and will be serving an Italian feast, created by Beau and his creative team. Please mark your calendars for May 8<sup>th</sup>, it's Manufacturer Fitting Day! All the greats will be there!

I have been on the road for the Golf Show Season and headed to Toronto Thursday. I met so many wonderful folks in Pittsburgh, the Dulles Expo Center this last weekend and we have a huge Canadian following that are also Winter Warriors! If you need to reach me, I am always available by email. I head to New Jersey at the end of the month and then it's crunch time! Thank you all for the safe travel wishes and I wish the same for our members heading to and fro to avoid the cold!

I want to take a moment to thank ALL of the employees of Rock Harbor, our fabulous team, for making our club feel special, for working together as a team and just being so devoted and GREAT! Thank you! New Years Blessings for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020! AAA

# The Green:



*Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:*

It seems as if Winter never really got here and now the groundhog is telling us it is over. Mother Nature always seems to know before we do, this week I have seen geese flocks moving more, Robins are coming back, and some geese are starting to pair off. I was really looking forward to a few days of snow-covered golf course to give me an excuse to stay home. The Winter has been a very busy one. We have had more play than the last three winters. In our shop, we have had to sharpen more cutting units than ever in our history. We have kept more golf course staff on this winter than we have in several years. It has been a few years since I have seen this much winter activity.

The new season is looking promising. We recently acquired three new (to us) fairway mowers with lighter cutting heads. We have also bought a used dump trailer and two triplex mowers. The dump trailer will be a significant help with bunker renovations and other projects.

The past month has been one conference/class/tradeshows after another. The golf industry is ever changing in new technology as well as the science behind growing turfgrass. Recently Mr. Perry and I

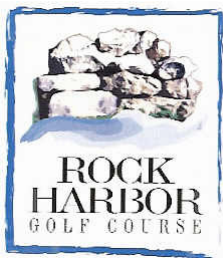
went to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's conference and tradeshow. (Picture Right) We spent a day and a half looking at everything you can imagine that has to do with golf course maintenance. One of the items we are looking closely at is a new *Topdresser*.

A *Topdresser* is used for spreading many different materials. We are particularly interested in this topdresser (Picture Below) to improve the way we spread sand / topdressing on the greens. In the upcoming years, I would like to do more light topdressings on the greens. Doing this will make the greens smoother, truer, and healthier. The new machine would make this process possible, as it is much more efficient than our current topdresser. With or without new equipment we will always be putting our best efforts into producing a quality golf course for your enjoyment.

Always feel free to stop me for questions, comments or criticisms.







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*"Golf is such a wonderful game.  
I love it to death."*

*Charlie Sifford*

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# Winter Member Events

February 12—VSGA Seminar

Feb 14 & 15—Valentine's Dinner at The Grill

February 19—Members Social—Superintendent Report

May 8—Manufacturer Fitting Day

