Member Corner: John Piccolomini



Misty Fields:

John Piccolomini is one of our Anniversary Members turned full fledge Rock Harbor Member. John became a member in December 2019 after his Anniversary membership ran out and he says that the staff of Rock Harbor won him over, it was their kindness and attentiveness and the overall maintenance of the course that made him chose Rock Harbor as his home course.

John is originally from Martinsburg and now lives in Shepherdstown, WV. He attended WVU, played basketball for them and then transferred to Shephard University to finish his degree in 1970 in Special Education. He was head of the Special Education Department in Harpers Ferry and retired from Musselman High School in 2017 where he also coached basketball and football.

John has been married to his wife Dottie for 49 years. They met while at Shephard University, both in the Education Department.

Dottie went on to be a Physical Education teacher at Boonsboro High School in MD for 38 before she retired. Together they have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

During the years of teaching, coaching and raising children, John says, not much happened, it was just normal, routine life. Webster's defines routine as: commonplace tasks, chores, or duties as must be done regularly or at specified intervals; typical or everyday activity. The words dull and boring came up a few times in our interview, but I would challenge those words with these word: dependable, secure, loyal, steadfast, constant. Since retiring from teaching and coaching for 47 in 2017 John has traveled to his grandchildren, fed them break-fast and put his oldest granddaughter on the bus. John also has a group of about 12 men that he keeps in close contact with and they play golf at least 3 days a week together. As a group they have logged more that 25 rounds since December 1, 2019, not bad for the winter months!

John said that one of the best things about the course is the challenge it always presents to him as a golfer. He loves to play 8 Boulder and finds it challenging, no matter where he plays it from. 18 Boulder is also one of his favorites. He said he is always impressed with the maintenance of the course and he see the maintenance workers on the course all the time, working at maintaining the course conditions. He said that the condition of the bunkers and the greens during the winter months keeps him coming back for more.

I asked John if he had a favorite course he liked to play or a favorite hole, he said that if Denny Perry would have had him by his side while designing and making this course it would have been the best 18 holes in the area. He laughed....this of course was his solution to making the course play to his advantage and thus taking away the very thing he loves the most about the course—the challenge. He also said he was going to take orange spray paint with him on his next round and label a few tress for Chris to remove. Again, he laughed. John knows these things are his greatest challenge on the course and yet he comes back for more each week to face his challenges and one day conquer them.

"A life lived in love will never be dull."



Shout Out to Beau and his team in the kitchen!!

Testimonial from one of our members to Beau:

Beau,

We had your Raspberry cake on Saturday night, it was fabulous! Any chance that you could make one for me? My daughters birthday is February 17th and she is requesting this .

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Request for Fictures

We are trying to create a picture wall for each hole on The Boulder and Rock Course to display in our Pro Shop and Grill area.

If anyone has pictures they would like for us to consider, please email them to Misty at mistyautumn@comcast.net Please also include your permission for Rock Harbor to use the photo(s).



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