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Employee Spotlight: Curt Corey

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Beginning in April, Rock Harbor saw some new changes to our Pro Shop staff. Both Amy and John are moving on to other locations and careers, which means, we were in need of a Pro and a General Manager. Curt Corey came to us with over 45 years in the golf industry, and has been a PGA Pro for 30 of those years!

Curt started playing golf in his early twenties. His father engrained a love of sports into him at a very young age. He grew up playing baseball and even attended the University of Tennessee on a full ride baseball scholarship.

When Curt was younger, his family would vacation St. Petersburg, Florida, where he would practice golf at a local country club. He would practice so much, so often, that eventually he knew the staff members by name and inevitably played with them. Members of the country club would approach him and ask him questions, instead of the staff. Since he always wanted a job at a golf course, when they offered him his first golf related, part time job, of course, he said yes! During his time there, he would work the pro shop and pick up the driving range.

Family eventually led Curt to Atlanta, Georgia, where he got his first full time golf job as the Assistant Pro. He remained loyal to them for thirteen years. Over the years, he began giving people lessons and found out how much he loved it. In preparation, he bought roughly four dozen golf balls and two shag bags. He would teach three lessons until he had to run down to the range and pick up all those balls, just to turn around and teach three more. In his first year of teaching, where he was charging \$15 per lesson, a client gave him \$50, a big deal at the time! During his tenure, he had several opportunities to play professionally. At that point, he found out what he needed to do in order to be a PGA Pro.

With the ability to teach under his belt, he moved back to his home town and had been scouted to work at Tippecanoe Lake Country Club in Leesburg, Indiana. He started out giving roughly five lessons a week and in two years turned that into ten to twelve lessons a day as a Class A member.....

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Fresh From The Grill

*Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:*

How about this weather? Snow on Monday and in the 80's on Sunday!!! We just had one of the largest Member Opening Day Tournaments that I remember. Thank you for coming out and enjoying a beautiful day! We've opened the Cad-dyshack on weekends now and recently started running beverage carts daily. We will miss a few days here and there due to staffing issues but we'll get it taken care of as soon as possible.

Another area I want to cover, we have new staff inside and out. Please, let

them know that you're a member, and your member number, upon ordering, they won't know unless you tell them. Also, we don't allow outside alcoholic beverages on the course. It's against the law and it jeopardizes our alcohol license and potentially your membership status. As a reminder, please remember that the Starters always write down who uses what cart, and individuals can be identified if needed. Please respect the law and our policies.

We are still having issues getting product in stock. It seems to vary from week to week, but we are

going through multiple vendors to get what we need in stock. We will continue to have supply problems until sometime in 2023, from what we've been told. We may have some issues with produce from California as several areas and two of the largest processing plants have been consumed by fire. We're unable to tell how this will affect us.



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After Curt became an official PGA Pro, he worked at Sugar Ridge, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Then after that, he moved on to a job on the Ohio River. He worked there for twelve years and, in the middle of it all, qualified for the PGA tour. Eventually, the business was bought out and Curt moved to the Trophy Club in Lebanon, Indiana. In order to further his work history, he then moved to Spring Lake Country Club in Quincy, Illinois. Ultimately, his wife suggested they move here, to Winchester, VA, as it is closer to their children. So, he uprooted and moved here!

Curt has always enjoyed working at golf courses and wants to bring great things here at Rock Harbor. His favorite parts of Rock Harbor are the tournaments and teaching. Since starting here, he has taught roughly fifteen lessons. He is excited to meet everybody and states that everyone he has worked with has been a "gracious bunch", and that the clients are "wonderful and down to earth."

His top three favorite courses are Shadow Creek, Near Field, and TPC Sawgrass. He has yet to play the Rock Harbor course as running it has taken up most of his busy life, but we're sure that when he does, it will easily take the top spot in his heart.

Curt Corey was born in Indiana. He has three kids, one boy and two girls from his wife Tammy, and now two granddaughters! He has a unique collection of over a thousand logo golf balls, and enjoys clay target shooting. He still has the plaque he won when he played with a Junior on the Pro Jr. Tournament as a PGA Champion in Florida. He is looking forward to helping members enjoy playing Rock Harbor as much as he enjoys working here.

We hope that you will welcome Curt, introduce yourself and be patient as he learns the ins and outs of Rock Harbor.

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

My apologies if this newsletter becomes incoherent drabble, I am one tired Superintendent. Aerification was unprecedented.

Day 1, Monday, started with one of our most experienced employees falling on a knife as he left for work, resulting in a punctured/collapsed lung. He is home and doing well. We are now down one very experienced employee. Good news: four new employees! Next, we had the threat of snow; ultimately, I decided to put aerating off.

Day 2 of aerification, snow covered the course until noon. We started punching holes in the greens at 12 and ran the aerator until 8:45 PM.

Day 3, things went in a better direction. We finished punching holes in the greens, cleaned up the cores and top-dressed several greens.

Day 4, rain. You cannot brush sand into greens when it is wet.

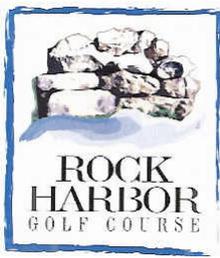
Day 5, the last of the greens were top-dressed by 4:30 PM. We brushed the sand into the holes, cleaned up excess sand and cut new cups on the greens.

In addition, we touched up the paint on the Boulder tee markers. We also sanded and repainted the cups, new coverings and flags on the Boulder flag sticks.

The best part is: next week, we get to do it all again on the Rock course (hopefully with better weather!)



Pictured left: new employee, Drew, aerifying the course!



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Just ONE week apart! April 26th, above. April 18th, below.



Photographer: Chris Dieter

Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

May 4th: Dave Rowe Outing @ 9:30

May 8th: 2 Person Aggregate Scoring @ 8:30

May 12th: Royal Golf Group @ 8:30

May 13th: Golf 4 Life @ 12

May 14th-15th: Fair Ways 4 Youth

May 18th: Shenandoah Valley Swarm @ 8:30

May 25th: Sand 'N Suds

May 30th: Memorial Day Scramble @ 8:30

****Please remember to RSVP for all socials by calling the Grill or the Pro Shop
540-722-9678/540722-7111. Food is planned for each social.*