#### **ATTENTION:**



Due to Aeration of the Course Greens, our Courses will be closed the following days:

Mailing and Physical Address: 365 Rock Harbor Drive Winchester, VA 22602

Rock Course: August 12—16 Boulder Course: August 19—23

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Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### Up Coming Events at Rock Harbor

August 3rd-4th — Club Championship Tournament

August 18th — Member Medal Play Tournament

August 28th — Sand & Suds







Curt Corey and Drew Thomas teaching the youth in our Junior Golf Camp!

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# Rock Harbor News

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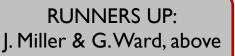
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Congratulations are in order for our Champions and Runners Up of our Member/Member Tournament!!



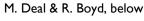
L. Rohr & K. Sager, above







S. Gross & B. White, above





R. Adams & J. Helfrich Jr., below



## Fresh From The Grill











Beau Rudiger, RH Grill Manager:

I do not remember a hotter or drier July than the one we just finished. I hope August isn't the same. We have major issues with our food supply being out or on back order so I'm trying to find other avenues to get what we need. Beef prices have gone through the roof in the last 4 - 5

weeks and I
expect chicken and
pork to go up too.
Also, produce has hit
an all-time high and is
starting to trickle
down some.

We have the Club Championship this weekend. Good luck to everyone involved! I hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July and Member/Member food. We had some big groups to feed in

those tournaments.
Turnout has been great on the member events. Let's keep it up going into the other half of the year. We will be testing a few new menu items near the end of the month, so if you see some specials, give them a try. Let's hope for rain and cooler temperatures in August.

## L. Howard & R. Pownall, below





R. Larry & D. Ganse, above

## B. Stover & M. Hall, below



# The Green



Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Every day brings much thought about the weather. Are we going to get rain today? When is the next rain or chance of rain? How hot will it be? How windy will it be and how drying will the winds be?

Then comes the next round of questions: How can we get more water without rain? How often is the quarry refilling and can pump water to the irrigation pond? When will the county start restricting us on water usage? What else can be done to help the grass survive the drought? How much seed will we need to buy to take care of lost turf areas? Is it better to restrict carts now in the heat or have to restrict them when we start seeding large areas during nicer golfing weather? These things could tend to keep you up at night.

Our maintenance crew is adapting to the conditions.

Boulder #10 we repaired the pond, hopefully with success, it would be nice to see that pond continuously full of water.

On Rock #10, we repair an old cast iron pipe on the well which feeds our ponds on Boulder #10 (pictured below). To conserve water once the well was back in operation, we laid temporary pipe above ground down #10 fairway. This way we did not have to fill multiple ponds before filling the irrigation pond.









Keenan, Bryar and Isaac helping uncover, repair, and excavate the well line on Rock 10.

Boulder 10 Well transfer pipe

Other projects currently happening: Cleaning out the drainpipe which runs from Rock 14 waste bunker to Boulder 14 fairway. Finishing Boulder 13 bunker. Repairing Rock 13 Pond.

As we begin August, the new question becomes: will tropical storm Debby bring us the potential five inches of rain the weather people are anticipating for our area?