

RHCC NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Greetings Club Members

Your new board is in place and ready to work. I would like to welcome both the newly appointed member's and newly elected members.

Wayne Bone – President & House and Grounds

Justin Melton - Vice President & Tournament Committee

Diane Laroe - Secretary

Keith Fuhrman - Treasurer & House and Grounds

Jim Loucks – House & Grounds and Greens Committee

Curtis Henson - Tournament Committee

John Price - Director

The Clubhouse upgrade is moving slowly ahead. Waiting on painters to finish seems they have several other jobs going. Some of the reupholstered chairs will be back next week and the new table tops and bases are in. A decision to replacing old dance floor is pending. Waiting on ice dispenser, glasses to replace foam cups in grill and new tea dispensers. New window coverings have been donated and will be installed last.

Smoking Area is nearing completion thanks to Jim Loucks, Mark Hutton and crew and the members that donated funds to make it happen.

Now that the upgrading of our Club is almost complete. We need you the members help to grow our membership and the best way to do this is WORD OF MOUTH members telling friends.

Mark Hutton and crew are working on installing the new irrigation controllers that were made possible by RIGO. RIGO has invested over \$62,000 dollars to replace equipment that we could no longer buy parts for. Mark and crew have also brought potable water to the shop area.

Thanks to the Tournament committee and all the members that participated in or donated to the club improvement tournament.

Respectfully, Wayne Bone

President of the Board of Directors at RHCC

Welcome New Members

Resident – Tom Bickham - Brian & Caroline Nowell – Brett & Anne Donovan - Sue & David Wishard

General Manager / Golf Pro Corner

Howdy y'all! Hope everyone is having a good spring and getting a chance to play some golf! We had a great Spring Two Man tournament and look forward to the rest of the tournament schedule including the Memorial Day golf tournament and Club Championship Match Play which will signify the end of spring and start for the summer! We continue to have a great weekly junior clinic on Thursdays administered by our assistant golf professional Jacob Larrabee from 5pm to 6 pm. Cost is \$10 per junior. Please call the golf shop to sign up your children so that we can plan properly for them.

Thank you to the tournament committee who helped plan the club benefit tournament! Thank you to the members who sponsored holes! Thank you to our 2 fish cooks, fishermen and their assistants Mike Martin and Jim Hildreath! What a great show you put on!! And thank you to all the members who participated in playing and who brought pot luck to share! If you didn't attend you really missed a special day! Over \$5,000 was raised to help benefit club and course improvements!!

Greens Aerification – Please note that the club and course will be closed on Tuesday May 27th for greens aerification.

Golf Pro - Rules Question

If a player's ball has become unfit for play during the hole being played, he may substitute a ball, dropping it as near as possible to where the original ball lay.

Correct answer False

Explanation [Rule 5-3](#)

If it is determined that the ball has become unfit for play during play of the hole being played, the player may *substitute* another ball, placing it on the spot where the original ball lay. Otherwise, the original ball must be replaced. If a player *substitutes* a ball when not permitted and makes a *stroke* at the wrongly *substituted ball*, **he incurs the general penalty for a breach of Rule 5-3**, but there is no additional penalty under this Rule or Rule 15-2.

Course Handicap™ Explained

Acceptable Scores

Q. What scores are acceptable for handicap posting purposes?

A. Almost all scores are acceptable because of the basic premise of the USGA Handicap System™ which states that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. Therefore, all of the following are acceptable scores:

- When at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score)
- Scores on all courses with a valid Course Rating™ and Slope Rating®
- Scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, and team competitions where each player play their own ball
- Scores made under [The Rules of Golf](#)
- Scores played under the local rule of “preferred lies”
- Scores made in an area observing an active season

Please visit Section 5-1 of the [USGA Handicap System](#) manual for further reference.

Golf Quote - Error must go somewhere. If your driver is hot, your putter is ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.

May Delinquent accounts

Please see member information boards located outside golf shop and in club house. These former members have been suspended and are not permitted to use the club in any fashion until their accounts have been settled. Please advise management should you see these people on property or if you know anything about them.

See you on the Links!

Mark Côté

PGA General Manager / Director of Golf

Late Payments - Your Board of Directors has adopted a tougher policy regarding late payment of your membership account. Effective immediately the new policy is as follows: accounts must be paid in full as of 10th. Accounts are considered to be late on the 15th. Accounts not paid in full on the 15th will be charged a \$25 late fee. Those accounts will also be suspended and privileges will be suspended. If the account is not paid in full by the next billing cycle (26th) the membership will be terminated. Anyone wishing to rejoin subsequently will be subject to initiation and rejoining fees.

Pro Shop News



Master Choi 1st Hole In One - March 21, 2014

Hole #16

125 yards

7 Iron

Witnesses: Joe Goode Sam Hartman

Tom Inman Hole In One – March 30, 2014

Hole#14

125 yards

9 Iron

Witnesses: John Shotts, Mark Cote, Tim Honea, Robert Guerrero

Charlie Chapman Hole In One April 8, 2014

Hole #14

125 yards

5 Hybrid

Witnesses: Frank Crawford, Bob Brittain, Roy Rouse

Jim Martini 1st Hole In One April 12, 2014 Wharton Country Club

Hole #17

137 yards

8 Iron

Witness: Helen Bowman

Bruce "Scrappy" Henderson Hole #16 Par 3 April 27, 2014 127 yards 7 Iron

Witnesses Mike Dennis, Dave Petros, John Pierce, Ronny Lee

Scotch Foursome

April 6, 2014

1st Gross

Robert Arnold

Kristen Arnold 56

Larry Martin

Eddie Thornton

CTP 4- Eddie Thornton

CTP 14- Robert Arnold

1st Net

Ed Persall

JoeBear Martinez 53.9

Bob Forrest

George Rueff

Chipoff

Herbert Power

Bubba Broughton

Curtis Henson

Don Snapka

**2014 Spring Two Man
April 12-13**

1st Flight

1st

Richie Kolb, Greg West 66 66

2nd

Derret Fromme, Adam Richter 68 66

3rd

Robert Mieras, Lee Martinez 71 68

2nd Flight

1st

Karl Whitmire, Darel Blohm 68 72

2nd

Corky Long, Robert Guererro 73 70

3rd

Joshua McKinny, Trevor Beck 71 72

3rd Flight

1st

Dave Dungan, Mike Gonzales 74 72

2nd

Ronnie Porfirio, Darryl Guess 73 74

3rd

Tim Lear, Rob Ray 76 73

4th Flight

1st

Larry Martin, Bill Sugarek 62 61

2nd

Ambrose Hernandez, Felix Meru 60 64

3rd

Eddie Thornton, Herbert Power 63 63

Reel News from River Hills

April 23, 2014

Warmer conditions have finally set in and the turf and trees are responding well. Rainfall, as usual continues to be a limiting factor on growth with the year to date deficit approaching -4". With the return of warmer weather and better growing condition we have resumed verticutting and topdressing greens. The spring aerification of greens is scheduled for May 27th with .5" coring times. This will produce a .375" hole that will recoverS in about 2 weeks.

The staff has done a terrific job preparing for the irrigation control upgrade. Once the FCC assigns our radio frequencies the hardware will be delivered and installed. The vendor has been provided with our course irrigation information to pre-program the new satellites and computer prior to arrival so the turnaround for the new control system will be as quick as possible.

We have made a second application of herbicide to the course. This time along with the fairways we have also treated the immediate rough. In addition, we have also sprayed these same areas with fertilizer. The hydraulic line issues we have had with the tractor pulling the AerWay slicer have (for the time being) been corrected and we have resumed slicing the fairways and immediate rough.

Mark Hutton CGCS