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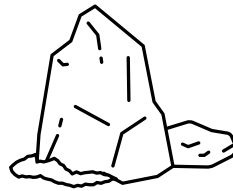
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ROCK MANOR GOLF COURSE

IT'S JUNE!

DEAR MEMBERS OF ROCK MANOR,

Happy June! While May was very back and forth with weather, I am hoping June treats us golfers a bit better. In June's edition you will hear from some of our leadership team and get some course updates. As always, thank you for being dedicated to Rock Manor!



"TIP FROM A PRO" - HOLE #10

Hole #10 at Rock Manor Golf Course is one of those holes that can make you feel like a genius... or humble you very quickly. This short, downhill par 4 plays just 345 yards from the white tees, but it offers a true risk-versus-reward decision right from the tee box. The aggressive play is to take driver and try to shape a fade over the fairway bunker on the right. If executed properly, you can leave yourself with nothing more than a short chip and putt. However, the tree line down the right side comes into play quickly, and anything overcooked can leave you scrambling for par.

The safer option is to lay back with a short iron or hybrid to the fairway at the top of the hill. While this takes the trees mostly out of play, it does bring the fairway bunkers into consideration and leaves a delicate wedge shot into a green that slopes back to front. The key on the approach is to land the ball short of the pin and use the slope to your advantage.

So the question becomes — do you take the risk and try to set up a birdie opportunity around the green, or play it safe and trust your wedge game? On Hole #10, you truly have to pick your poison.
– Nikita Romanov, Head Golf Professional

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A NOTE FROM THE SUPER:

My name is Jim Elliott and I have dedicated the past 35 years to the turf industry, building a career around the maintenance and management of quality golf course conditions. I have proudly served as a Class A Golf Course Superintendent overseeing all aspects of golf course conditions, turf health, and course presentation. I take great pride in the profession and remain committed to improving both the golf course and the experience for all who play it.

Our 2026 agronomy team is made up of many employees who are new to golf course maintenance and learning the responsibilities of this job. Every morning begins at 4am, often in complete darkness, which makes training even more challenging. Crew members are learning a wide variety of important tasks, including changing holes, mowing greens, tees, fairways, rough areas, and raking bunkers... all while trying to maintain the high standards expected on the course. While progress may not happen overnight, the crew is working hard every day to improve, and with continued guidance and experience, they will continue to develop their skills and become stronger as a team!

As part of our ongoing maintenance program, the greens will be lightly top-dressed on June 2nd to improve smoothness, firmness and overall turf health throughout the season. In addition all fine turf areas have been sprayed for ABW, or Annual Bluegrass Weevil. For those unfamiliar with ABW, it is a small insect that is considered one of the damaging pests to golf course turf, especially on greens, tees, and fairways. The larvae feed within the grass plant and can quickly cause thinning turf, discoloration, and large damaged areas if left untreated. Preventative applications are extremely important in protecting the health and playability of the golf course.

Over the past several weeks, rainfall has left many areas of the course soft and vulnerable to damage, which makes it extremely important golfers follow all posted cart rules. Keeping carts in designated areas helps prevent rutting, turf damage, and unnecessary wear that can take weeks to repair. We also ask golfers to do their part in protecting the course by filling their divots and repairing ball marks on greens. With the cooperation of our golfers and the continued efforts of our agronomy team, we can keep the course in great condition throughout the season.

Thanks,
Jim Elliott
Golf Course Superintendent

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A COUPLE OF THINGS TO MAKE NOTE OF:

- Callaway Fitting Day: Sunday, June 28th.
 - A personalized, one-on-one club fitting event at our very own driving range. Please inquire with Nikita, if interested.
- Junior Camps are starting up! If you know anyone who is interested, we have select spots available. Learn more [HERE](#).
- Adult Clinics are up and running! We have an addition of the Learn and Play Clinic, learn more [HERE](#)!

TO FINISH MY LETTER,

A note from me, the best Director of Operations around. A huge thank you to all the members who support the course outside of golf. We see you and we appreciate you!

HOPE YOUR DAY IS AS GOOD AS THIS EMAIL,

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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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