



OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Fall is a great time to enjoy the colors on the course and the cuisine in the clubhouse!

From the Clubhouse

Ghost Hunting in Historic Quarters 1

Join the Rock Island Paranormal Society for a delicious & spooky evening of dinner and ghost hunting in Historic Quarters 1. This beautiful and majestic Italianate style mansion has traditionally served as the residence for the highest ranking officer at the Rock Island Arsenal, and with 51 rooms and 21,965 square feet it ranked as the second largest residence in the Federal Government (the White House being the largest). In 2006 the Army decided to discontinue its use as a residence and is now in the process of deciding what to do with this national treasure.

Due to high demand, we will offer 2 Ghost Hunters Dinners this fall on October 29th and November 11th. You will start out in the dining room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course where you will enjoy a gourmet 4 course meal prepared by our executive chef. After dinner, armed with only flashlights we will venture into the haunted mansion to explore and search for paranormal activity. The cost for this highly popular event is just \$30/person and will fill up fast so make sure to call us at 309-793-1601 and make your reservations soon.

From the Golf Shop

A word from the Course Manager

It's getting cool and the days are getting shorter but there is still a lot of great golf weather left. Many of you have asked how long the course will stay open. We will keep the course open as long as weather permits and having players on the course is not causing undue damage. The normal closing date usually occurs around Thanksgiving weekend.

I really want to show my appreciation for our golf course superintendent, Dave Harland, and his staff. It has been extremely difficult to recover from the past two seasons and those guys roll up their sleeves and maintain their resolve. They have now aerified all bent grass areas (with seeding), done slit seeding, fertilizing and all fall regular maintenance in hopes that some good weather will help the course recover and flourish going into next summer. Guys, thanks again for your extra efforts in tough times and your professionalism throughout. It is appreciated by all.

As frost begins to appear in the mornings, consider changing your tee times to a little later in the day, players that have a tee time will have right of way over players whose tee time was rescheduled due to frost.

Lastly, as the leaves begin to fall from trees, it will become more difficult to find golf balls. Please watch them carefully and keep the pace of play by not searching forever for lost balls. Thank you.

Meet Your Staff



Hello!

My name is James McCollum, I am one of the sous chefs here at the clubhouse.

I have worked here off and on for around 6 years, and have many years experience in the kitchen and am excited about working for MWR.

I enjoy baking both at work and at home, as cooking is my job and hobby. I also enjoy fixing up my house and working in the yard, as well as socializing with my neighbors.

I hope to see all of you around the clubhouse!

James McCollum,
Sous Chef

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Monthly Golf Tip from the Pro:



Todd Fowler,
PGA Professional

Fall brings cooler weather and especially different playing conditions. The ball typically travels shorter and doesn't spin quite as much. Warming up before your round becomes more important to be ready for hole #1 and to prevent injury. Use layers of clothing to stay warm...especially as the sun begins to fall and severe drops in temperature happen late in the round. Rain suits aren't just for rain!

Check out our Video Tip O' the Month on Our New YouTube Channel. This month's tip focuses on how to achieve a more consistent putting stroke. <http://www.youtube.com/user/RIAMWR>

Upcoming Events

Ghost Hunter Dinner, Oct. 29 & Nov. 11, 6:00 p.m.

See the description on page 1.

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, Nov. 12, 12:00 p.m.

Think you have the best poker face in town? Come prove it at our fall, No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Cost is \$40/player and includes lunch. Prizes include a \$400 gift card for 1st, \$200 gift card for 2nd, \$100 gift card for 3rd, and trophies for places 1-8. Reserve your spot for this popular event by calling 309-782-5890.

Thanksgiving Buffet, Nov. 24, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Are you dreading the thought of prepping, cooking, and cleaning up after a huge Thanksgiving meal? Leave all that to us and bring the whole family to the Clubhouse for our Annual Thanksgiving Buffet. The cost for this all-you-can-eat feast is \$18.95/adult and \$10.95/child (10 & under). This year's menu will include all your Thanksgiving favorites like oven roasted turkey, honey glazed ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, wild rice and too much more to list here. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 309-793-1601.

October Hours

Clubhouse:

Bar

Tuesday - Friday
10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

Lunch

Tuesday - Friday
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner

Friday and Saturday,
5 to 9 p.m.

In addition to dining, we offer special rooms and services for your meeting or banquet needs. Please contact the Clubhouse at 309-793-1601 for additional information.

Golf Shop/Course:

The first tee-time will be ½ hour after the Golf Shop opens.

Monday

10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Sunday

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Twilight Rate: Now begins every day at 3 p.m.

Pay the 9 hole rate and play as many holes as you can before dark. For your safety, please return golf carts before dark.

*Bar hours may vary based on business decline. A limited bar menu will be available outside of normal dining hours.