



FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from

Whidbey Golf Club

COMMUNITY GOLF DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

HOSTED BY

WHIDBEY GOLF CLUB



- Golf - \$1 per Hole (9 hole min)
- Free Range Balls
- Swing Tips from a PGA Pro
- Contests & Giveaways
- Hosted Appetizers (2-5pm)
- Food & Drink Specials

Ask about our \$299 for 2 month Promotional Membership!

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 8 - SUN
EASTER BRUNCH &
CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

APR 22 - SAT
WGC OPEN HOUSE

APR 29 - SAT
2 PERSON BEST BALL

LADIES CLUB
APR 6 - THUR
SPEEDY SCRAMBLE

MENS CLUB
APR 13 - THUR 1PM
APR 27 - THUR 4PM

YOGA - M 11 AM
T & Th 9 AM

POKER
1ST & 3RD TH 6 PM

**PRINTABLE SCHEDULE
ON LAST PAGE**

From the President

As we head into the busy golf season, I hope everyone's game is improving better than mine. After the first month of posting scores, our handicaps should be reflecting how well we are playing. That is a subtle reminder to post scores. You do not want to get on the Handicap Chairman's (Tom Ford) watch list.

The first week of April means that the spring greens aerification is just around the corner. This is a huge inconvenience for all golfers. Unfortunately, it is unavoidable if we want healthy greens for the summer. The reason our greens have improved so much is because Superintendent Trevor and his maintenance crew have been very diligent to punch twice a year. I look forward to fielding more complaints on how smooth and fast our greens are. We appreciate your patience as the greens recover.

Our annual open house will be on Saturday April 22nd. If you know anyone wanting to learn the game of golf or wanting to play a challenging golf course in excellent condition, please invite them to see what we have to offer. If you have friends and or family who are looking for a place to relax and socialize, please invite them to inquire about our social memberships. The House and Membership committees, along with Club Manager Arik and Head Pro Dave, have planned a fun day of activities and interaction with members.

Besides playing with your normal groups, we have the Master's Par Three tournament, the Two Person Best Ball, and two Men's League events planned in April. I encourage everyone to play and support these fun events.

As always, I ask all members to support the club. We have three new servers. Take the time to introduce yourselves while enjoying breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Bring your playing partners up to enjoy a drink as you settle your bets. Make reservations for Easter brunch. The Easter egg hunt is always a fun event for the kids. The golf course and clubhouse complement each other. Take advantage of and enjoy both.

Happy Easter, play well and have fun,
Pat Ford

WGC LADIES CLUB

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN GOLFERS!!!!

The WGC Ladies' club invites all women to play on April 6th, which will be a Speedy Scramble. There will be a No-Host Lunch after golf, and our first WGC Ladies' club meeting of the year will follow.

**Save this date:
Ladies' Invitational
June 26 & 27, 2023**

To join the WGC Ladies' Club, drop off your check in the business office.

Membership = \$40/yr

Paula Clancey, President
PaulaClancey@comcast.net



ALL WOMEN'S TEAM CRUSHES THE FIELD IN WGC SPRING SHOOTOUT!

Congratulations to (pictured L-R) Alice Runk, Janet Chaykin, Christine Wier, and Linda Haslund who shot -28 in the 2-Net format, to win the Annual Spring Shootout on March 18 by 4 strokes (see full results on page 9).

WHIDBEY ISLAND YOUNGLIFE "GLOW GOLF"



Support one of Whidbey Island's largest Youth focused charity organizations, AND play golf like never before. Each hole will be adorned with **state of the art LED lighting.**

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 19, AT WGC!

House Happenings

WGC would like to welcome three new members of our restaurant/bar team. Steve, Nick and Rhenee all come to us with valuable experience that will enhance your social and dining experience. Next time you visit be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our family. Also , please congratulate Amber for her recent promotion to Restaurant/Bar Manager.

New window blinds have arrived and hopefully will have been installed by the time you read this. We have raised over \$1,300 from generous donations to purchase the new blinds and will be looking at opportunities to raise an additional \$2,100 to completely offset this much needed improvement. If you have any suggestions to help in this effort, please see Arik.

The House Committee will be assisting in our Open House on April 22nd and also have exciting future events planned for our members. Watch for email messages advising of future dinners and events.

Sincerely,

Dave Bargeon, House Committee Chairman

MENS CLUB

ALL MEN GOLFERS please come and join us... see schedule on LAST PAGE!

The WGC Men's Club kicked off its first two events in March with "March Madness" on the 16th and "Short & Sweet" on the 30th. A total of 37 players participated in the two events. March Madness was a 9-hole event with one best ball net of the 4-some in a modified Stableford format. The Short & Sweet was an 18-hole competition where all holes were set up as par 3s with distances between 50 and 100 yards and a format of two best nets of the 3-somes. Both events were well attended and received positive feedback.

At the awards ceremony after the Short & Sweet, we recognized three new WGC members: Jon Cooper is a new promotional member for 2023, Mike (and Beth) Clark who have been shareholders since May 2022, and Seth Woltz who is a new Shareholder. Thanks, gentlemen for playing and welcome to WGC and the Men's Club.

The \$15 optional dinner following March Madness was a taco bar buffet and after the Short & Sweet, players had a choice of a patty melt with fries or a grilled chicken salad served with a warm roll. Kudos to Chef Rhandel and the House Committee for providing us some delicious choices at such a reasonable cost. We will continue to offer a food option after each of our Men's Club Events (cont'd on next page).

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 20
All active duty military golf for FREE!

MENS CLUB (cont'd from previous page)

Formats for the April Events — Call the Pro Shop to Sign up.

April 13, 1:00 PM: Progressive Tees — This 18-hole event will be a two-net best ball of the 4-some or 3-some (depending on how many are signed up). This has been a popular format in the past. Teams will be created by blind draw. We will tee off from different colored tees on each hole. Some will be on blue tees, some on white tees, some on gold tees, and some on orange tees. It gives us a chance to tee off from tees that we don't normally use.

April 27, 5:00PM: 3-club Team-2-net — This is a challenging format that we haven't done in a while. Each player may only use 3 clubs of his choice for the entire 9 holes. One of the clubs may or may not be the putter. We will use a modified Stableford scoring system, awarding 1 point for net bogey, 2 points for net par, 3 points for net birdy, 4 points for net eagle, and 5 points for net double eagle. The team score on each hole will be the total of the two best nets in the 3-some or 4-some. The teams will be formed by blind draw.

Membership News

Not only is the exciting spring golf season upon us, April is a huge month for our club to rally behind our membership drive. I am super-excited to announce that WGC is hosting Community Golf Day on Saturday, April 22nd. You saw the Ad on the front cover ... the promotional membership is an incredible \$299 special for two months of unlimited golf. **If you play golf, come enjoy our course for \$1 per hole.**

Members, come join us in showcasing the course and the club. You are our very best form of advertisement so send this newsletter to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, social media, etc. Even better, invite your friends and colleagues to come play a round or have dinner with you at the club. All members will receive an e-mail next week with a flyer attached that I will ask you to liberally share with friends, Homeowners Associations, co-workers, and other organizations and places of business. If we get people to our course and clubhouse, it will sell itself and give WGC a much-needed boost as we head into prime golf season!

Sincerely,

Bernie Upchurch, Membership Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 3
2023 marks the fourth year for the new OHHS Athletics Department Scramble. The Athletics Department could really use your help, so grab a few players and enjoy a fun event while giving to a great cause.

Register your team at OHHS Athletics website.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OHHS ATHLETICS / GOLF TEAMS



a note from the GREENS CHAIR ...

Dear Members,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the start of the golf season. The Greens Committee has been hard at work preparing the course for the upcoming season, and we have some updates to share.

Firstly, we are pleased to report that the course has come through the winter in good condition. Despite the challenges posed by the weather, our greens staff have done an excellent job of maintaining the course and ensuring that it remains playable year-round. We have also made some important improvements to the course, including the widening of the #9 fairway as well the persistent upkeep to our drainage and sprinkler systems. We expect to have received the new roller by time you receive this newsletter.

Please note that our greens will be aerated from April 2-5. While this process may cause some temporary disruption to play, it is an essential part of our maintenance program and will ensure that the greens remain healthy and in top condition throughout the season.

Looking ahead, we are focused on maintaining the high standards that we have set for the course. We will continue to monitor and improve our maintenance practices, and we are committed to ensuring that the course remains in excellent condition throughout the season. We will also be working closely with the Clubhouse and Membership Committees to ensure that members receive the best possible experience at our club.

We would like to encourage our members to get involved in the care and upkeep of our beautiful course. We are seeking volunteers to adopt a hole and help fill divots throughout the season. Adopting a hole is a great way to give back to the club and help ensure that the course remains in top condition. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Finally, we would like to remind members that we are always open to feedback and suggestions. If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to serve you, and we are committed to ensuring that Whidbey Golf Club remains one of the premier golf destinations in the region.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on the course.

Sincerely,

T.J. KUBISIAK

The Whidbey Golf Club Greens Committee Chair

WGC Ladies 9-hole League Spring Schedule

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN GOLFERS! WGC Ladies 9-hole group is about to start our 2023 golfing season on Wednesday afternoons per the below schedule. Female golfers of all levels, membership categories, and guests are welcome. The Challenge 36 was initiated with the help of our assistant pro last year and should once again get us out of any winter doldrums and ready to play in the many activities at WGC, including both 9 and 18 hole rounds.

The Challenge 36 format is a shortened version of the front 9, beginning with tees set just 25-30 yards from the pins, and all holes are par 4's. Once a score of 36 is achieved in each division, tees are moved back to 50, then 100, then 150 until we reach the orange tees after June 7. Our 9-hole ladies group provides a comfortable and friendly environment in which beginning golfers as well as seasoned players can improve based on their schedules, other limitations, or challenges. So please mark your calendars and join this friendly group whenever your schedule allows!

Need more information? Contact Linda Latham at 503-267-6895 or e-mail lindaloulatham@gmail.com. Drop-ins are welcome and all of Assistant Pro Laurel Gill's ladies clinics are just \$10 per player. Please visit the WGC website for more information about lessons.

Many thanks to Ryan Byrne for hosting his farewell playing lesson for our ladies during March! We wish him the very best in his new career, and are grateful for his many contributions to WGC.

PS. Those lessons really paid off as the Lady 9-Holers WON the SPRING SHOOTOUT



April 6 (Thursday) - 12:04 Speedy Scramble w/ WLGA Ladies; meeting
April 19 - 12:30 chipping clinic w/ Laurel followed by Div 1 @ 25-30 yds
April 22 (Saturday)- **Open House at Whidbey Golf Club**: bring a friend!
April 26 - 12:00 Indoor clinic on Golf Mental Management by Laurel
April 26 - 1:15 Division 1 final round
May 3 - 12:30 putting clinic with Laurel followed by Division 2 @ 50 yds
May 10 - 1:15 Division 2 final round
May 17 - 12:30 Range clinic w/ Laurel followed by Division 3 @ 100 yds
May 24- 1:15 Division 3 round two
May 31- 1:15 Division 3 final round
June 7- 12:30 Sand clinic w/ Laurel followed by Division 4 from par 3 orange tees and 150 yards on all par 4's & 5's
June 8 (Thursday) - Friendly Fours with WLGA Ladies
June 14- Division 4 second round
June 21- Division 4 final round

Golf News from the Head Pro

... David Phay



Whidbey Dental 2 Person Best Ball Saturday, April 30th

The 2 Person Best Ball is the first major tournament for the 2023 year. We are excited to announce that Whidbey Dental has agreed to be the title sponsor for the seventh straight year which brings a larger payout and extra added benefits. Women and seniors are encouraged to play, and qualifying participants will be able to play from the forward tees.



Whidbey Dental Associates

Mountain Mist Men's Invitational May 27-28

The biggest club event for the men is on the horizon. The Annual Men's Invitational, Sponsored by Mountain Mist Spring Water, will be held on May 26th, 27th & 28th. We are shooting for 144 players and we need our membership to support this year's event. There will be 3 handicap divisions with the option to play from the white tees for those who qualify. We hope to be able to have the Long Drive and Chipping contests along with the Horse Race. We will also be running Closest to the Pins, Deuce Pots, 144 Club, Skins, and 2 Man Best Balls.

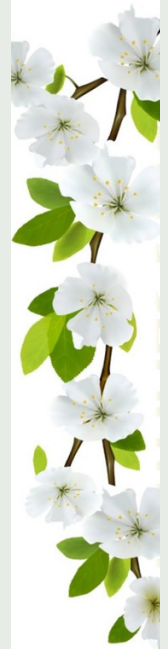
There are plenty more perks to the weekend so come out and enjoy yourself with all of your other members and guests. Visit whidbeygolfclub.com or stop by the pro shop to sign up.



SPRING SHOOTOUT



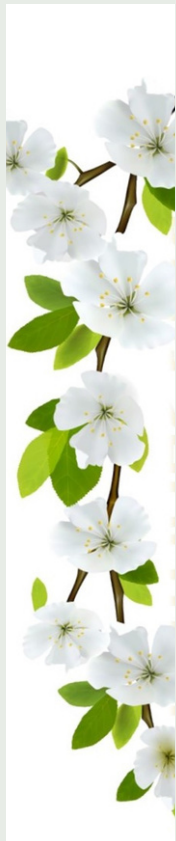
Pos.	Foursome	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse	Points
1	Runk, Alice + Chaykin, Janet + Wier, Christine + Haslund, Linda	-28	116	\$1,000.00	1500.00
2	Farris, Fred + Georges, Ryan + Dozier, Steve + Helm, Matthew	-24	120	\$800.00	1000.00
3	Melnick, Todd + Gentry, Eric + Tercero, Robert + Melnick, Tyler	-23	121	\$600.00	750.00
4	Geragotelis, John + Ford, Pat + Wyer, Tim + Wyer, Aiden	-22	122	\$400.00	600.00
5	Cragin, Rod + Rasmussen, Ray + Carrigan, Ed + Laphorne, Bill	-21	123	\$280.00	500.00
6	Elvebak, Mel + Elvebak, Ryan + Justus, Darren + Merlino, Gary	-19	125	\$200.00	400.00
7	Haugen, Steve + Carpenter, Dave + McCauley, Sean + Luna, Desi	-18	126	\$0.00	0.00
8	Warner, Shaun + Amell, Patrick + Richardson, Casey + Solis, Dave	-16	128	\$0.00	0.00
9	Prewitt, Michael + Johnson, William + Ancheta, Alex + Clemmer, Robert	-15	129	\$0.00	0.00
10	Krantz, Todd + Carson, William + Snavelly, Keith + Thor, Marcus	-14	130	\$0.00	0.00
11	Cassidy, John + Linville, Matthew + McIntosh, Kevin + Crawford, Ed	-13	131	\$0.00	0.00
T12	Smith, David + Kubisiak, Tj + Waller, Jeff + Schelling, Eric	-12	132	\$0.00	0.00
T12	Thorp, Trevor + Munoz, Leo + Brewer, Bob + Bommersbach, Mimi	-12	132	\$0.00	0.00
T12	Cushway, Gene + Beargeon, Dave + Dimatteo, Dave + Cushway, Marcus	-12	132	\$0.00	0.00
15	Davis, Aj + Appleton, Jason + Clement, Nick + Ovale, Jacob	-11	133	\$0.00	0.00
T16	Lacey, Michael + Chrisman, Robert + Murdy, Jared + Bighouse, Andrew	-9	135	\$0.00	0.00
T16	Marckstein, Joseph + Sauer, Tyler + Weaver, Josh + Upchurch, Bernie	-9	135	\$0.00	0.00
T16	Carter, Adam + Shearer, Brady + Tutterrow, Tanner + Zylstra, Doug	-9	135	\$0.00	0.00
19	Pierce, Doug + Rodgers, Jeffrey + Sears, Gordon + Pierce, Roger	-7	137	\$0.00	0.00
20	Nunn, Rick + Johnson, Kevin + Beeson, Don + Cooper, Jon	-5	139	\$0.00	0.00
21	Yale, Lucas + McGee, Deane + Beard, Aaron + Kanellis, Jeff	-4	140	\$0.00	0.00
22	Vass, Tracy + Bamonte, John + Rosenberg, Rich + Steve, Powers	-2	142	\$0.00	0.00



Foursome	SKINS	Skins	Details
Farris, Fred + Georges, Ryan + Dozier, Steve + Helm, Matthew	2	2	Net 6 on 6, Net 5 on 8
Cushway, Gene + Beargeon, Dave + Dimatteo, Dave + Cushway, Marcus	2	2	Net 6 on 1, Net 5 on 3
Elvebak, Mel + Elvebak, Ryan + Justus, Darren + Merlino, Gary	1	1	Net 4 on 7
Melnick, Todd + Gentry, Eric + Tercero, Robert + Melnick, Tyler	1	1	Net 4 on 13
Prewitt, Michael + Johnson, William + Ancheta, Alex + Clemmer, Robert	1	1	Net 4 on 17
Nunn, Rick + Johnson, Kevin + Beeson, Don + Cooper, Jon	1	1	Net 6 on 4
Cragin, Rod + Rasmussen, Ray + Carrigan, Ed + Laphorne, Bill	1	1	Net 6 on 18

Pos.	Player	DEUCE POT	Instances
1	Wyer, Tim		3
2	Geragotelis, John		2
T3	Elvebak, Mel		1
T3	Waller, Jeff		1
T3	Gentry, Eric		1
T3	Tercero, Robert		1
T3	Munoz, Leo		1
T3	Linville, Matthew		1
T3	Thor, Marcus		1
T3	Ancheta, Alex		1
T3	Yale, Lucas		1

CLOSEST TO THE PIN	HOLE #2	ERIC GENTRY	2'0"
	HOLE #7	MIKE LACEY	4'4"
	HOLE #13	LEO MUNOZ	1'6"
	HOLE #17	CASEY RICHARDSON	11'6"



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--TJ Kubisiak
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--Jeff Waller
Membership
-- Bernie Upchurch
Ladies' Club
--Paula Clancey

Club Hours

Office (Tue – Fri)
9:00 am – 3:00 PM
Pro Shop
Mondays: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tues – Sun: Sunrise – 5:00 pm

Restaurant
Weds – Sat: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

WGC 2023 MAJOR TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

(updated 31 March)

APR 1 – SAT	CELEBRATE MASTERS - TEAM BEST BALL - X-COUNTRY PAR 3
APR 22 – SAT	OPEN HOUSE – FAMILY GOLF & SOCIAL EVENTS
APR 29 – SAT	2 PERSON BEST BALL - 2 PERSON BEST BALL
MAY 13/14 – S/S	ISLAND CUP VS. GALLERY
MAY 19 - FRI	WHIDBEY ISLAND YOUNGLIFE "GLOW BALL" NIGHT SCRAMBLE
MAY 20 – SAT	MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 27/28 – S/S	MEN'S INVITATIONAL - 36 HOLE INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY
JUN 3 – SAT	OHHS ATHLETICS SCRAMBLE (OHHSATHLETICS.COM)
JUN 10/11 – S/S	MEMBER GUEST – 2 PERSON BEST BALL MATCHES
JUN 26/27 – M/T	LADIES INVITATIONAL - 2-PERSON ECLECTIC BEST BALL
JUL 8/9 – S/S	MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 36 HOLE STROKE PLAY
JUL 10 – MON	PGA PRO AM
JUL 14 – FRI	BBBS SCRAMBLE (bbbsislandcounty.org)
JUL 29/30 – S/S	5 PERSON BEST BALL - 36 HOLE STROKE PLAY, 1 GROSS/2 NET
AUG 4 – FRI	CHAMBER SCRAMBLE (OAKHARBORCHAMBER.COM)
AUG 10/11 – T/F	LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 36 HOLE STROKE PLAY
AUG 26/27 – S/S	COUPLES CHAPMAN - 36 HOLE CHAPMAN SCORING
SEP 30/OCT 1 – S/S	PRESIDENTS CUP - TOP 16 ON POINTS LIST PARTICIPATE
OCT 14 - SAT	FALL 5 BALL - 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE SCORE + 1 CHOKER SCORE
NOV 18 - SAT	APPLE CUP - 2 PERSON BEST BALL STROKE & MATCH PLAY

COURSE CLOSURES (OTHER THAN TOURNAMENT CLOSURES):

APR 3-5; SEP 5-7; NOV 23; DEC 25; JAN 1

WGC 2023 MEN'S CLUB SCHEDULE

(updated 31 March)

<u>18-hole (1:00PM)</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>9-hole (4:00PM or 5:00PM)</u>	<u>Format</u>
April 13	Progressive Tees	April 27 (4:00)	3-Club Team-2-Net
May 11	1,2,3 Net Best Ball	May 25 (5:00)	Scramble
June 8	TBA	Jun 22 (5:00)	TBA
July 13	TBA	July 27 (5:00)	TBA
August 3	TBA	August 24 (5:00)	TBA
September 14	TBA	September 28 (4:00)	TBA
October 12	TBA	October 26 (4:00)	TBA
		November 9?	End-of-Year Awards Banquet