



FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from
Whidbey Golf Club

2023 FALL-5-BALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00 SHOTGUN



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PAULA OLDENBURG



NORM OLDENBURG AWARD WINNERS

VICE PRESIDENTS TEAM
BERNIE UPCHURCH

PRESIDENTS TEAM
ROGER PIERCE

Congratulations!

Friday the 13th
OCTOBERFEST DINNER
OCT 14 - Saturday
FALL 5-BALL
NOV 18 - Saturday
APPLE CUP 2-BALL

Men's Club
OCT 12 - 4 PM
OCT 26 - 1 PM
NOV 9 - YEAR END
HOSTED PARTY

YOGA - Mon 11 AM
Tue & Thur 9 AM
POKER
1ST & 3RD THUR 6 PM
ANNUAL MEMBER MTG
NOV 1 - 7 PM

Chris and Annette Earning Turfgrass Management Certificates from OSU



Chris Gutierrez (left) and Annette Sawyer (front), two of our finest and hardest working Greens crew, are enrolled in Oregon State University's Turfgrass Management curriculum. For more information, and to support their initiative while at the same time invest in the future of our golf club, please visit the "Go Fund Me" page below. Thank you. WGC Board of Directors

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From the President

Wow, it sure has been a wonderful summer. I don't know if I can remember a longer stretch of beautiful weather. The skies were clear, temperatures were warm, and the winds were light. It was a great summer for enjoying many outdoor activities including golf. As we transition into Fall, some much needed rain has arrived. The fairways are starting to soften. The dry spots will start to turn green. Those hard pan lies will go away. Hunting season is just around the corner.

October weather can be very nice. As I write this letter, the preparation for our prestigious Presidential Cup is almost complete. The weather forecast looks promising. As in Rome where the Ryder Cup competition will take place in the shadow of the Colosseum, our gladiators will do battle on the historic Whidbey Golf Course. The victorious team will be announced in this newsletter. I encourage all golfing members to try and qualify for the Presidential Cup. All current and past players, including spouses and significant others, are invited to the semi-formal dinner on Friday evening. The pairings are announced, and the friendly banter begins. The competition starts the following morning. It is a very fun event.

The Fall Five-Person Tournament is on October 14th. Get your teams together for this exciting format. On every hole four players will play a scramble, and one player will be designated the choker. He or she will have to play their own ball on that hole. The net choker score and the scramble score are combined and posted for that hole. It is another great tournament with a twist. A lot of pressure is put on the player designated to play their own ball. Sometimes they choke.

The Wine Dinner was well attended. Chef Rhandel and his staff prepared a wonderful dinner to pair with the wine selections. I would also like to thank the House Committee members along with Amber and her staff for all the hard work and planning they did to make it a successful event.

The Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Come early to enjoy one of Chef Rhandel's weekly specials and a cocktail before the meeting. I encourage all members to attend. We will be announcing some major changes to our membership categories and dues structure for next year.

Please continue to bring family and friends to the club to play golf. Settle your bets in the bar. Visit the restaurant for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Play well and have fun.

Respectfully,

Pat Ford

House Happenings

As we enter the last quarter of the year, the House Committee is inviting you to take advantage of your club for opportunities to host your private events. If you have large family and friends parties or are helping organize company holiday parties, please meet with Arik and see how we can help you plan and cater event at the club.

Thank you to our staff and House Committee volunteers that helped put on the recent Wine/Food event. Everyone that attend this event had a great time and met some new friends. The next event will be an Oktoberfest Dinner on Friday October 13th. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Dave Bargeon
House Committee Chairman

Whidbey Ladies' Golf Association

Whidbey Ladies win 2023 Salish Cup!

The Whidbey Ladies Golf Association won the prestigious Salish Cup - a four way competition between WGC, Gallery, Camaloch, and Swinomish golf clubs. The Awards luncheon will be October 5th, along with the Annual meeting and officer elections for next year.

Pictured from left to right:
Jane Behrman, Jean Congdon,
Anna Anderson, Paula Clancey, Marsha Phay, Paula Oldenburg, Alice Runk, and Diane Pierce.



Men's Club Info

by Roger Pierce

ALL MEN GOLFERS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS. November 9 the WGC Men's Club is hosting a social for all WGC men golfers (including casual golfers) to include a free buffet and entertainment. A cash bar will also be available. We hope to have J R Russell do some of his magic and have some fun awards to give out. This social is funded by a portion of the entry fees from the bimonthly competitions we had this year, but whether you participated in any of them or not, all men golfers at Whidbey Golf Club are invited. Come out and join us for a great time.

Only two more golfing events are left on the 2023 schedule, a 9-hole, 4:00 shotgun scheduled for October 12 and an 18-hole 1:00 shotgun scheduled for October 26. Unfortunately, it looks like we may have to cancel the October 12 date, but we are still trying to make it work. To date, we have held 14 bimonthly events this year and had a total of 78 different members participate in at least one event. We averaged about 19 players per event. The cost to enter each event is \$12.

We had two great team competitions in September, Progressive Tees on the 14th and a "Choker" on the 28th. The 9-hole Progressive Tees event was back by popular demand as this was the second time we played that format this year. Eighteen players participated and the results (as well as the results of most of the Men's Club bimonthly events) can be found on the Whidbey Golf Club website. Our new assistant pro, Eli Obstfeld, joined us here for his first day at WGC. Welcome to Whidbey, Eli.

The 18-hole Choker was a lead up to our Fall 5-man tournament (October 14) where one player (Choker) plays each hole individually and the rest of the team plays a Scramble. The holes that each player must play as the Choker are designated on the score card. We welcomed our newest WGC member, Tom Woods, at this event. If you haven't already signed up for the Fall 5-man, I strongly encourage you to give it a try. It truly is one of our best tournaments of the year.

Men's Club events are open to all men golfing members of all categories at WGC. There are no dues or bylaws, just sign up online or with the Pro Shop at least one hour prior to the event. Guests are also always welcome.

All competitions are followed by an optional dinner/social, and it's nice to see that most participants are taking advantage of it. The social is a great way to meet our new members as well as reacquaint with many members that you don't normally play with. There are always at least two optional menu items available for those who want to eat, and the bar is open.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Unlike the Ryder Cup, the Whidbey Golf Club President's Cup was tightly contested. When the dust settled, the Vice President's team retained the cup with a 9-7 victory.



President's Team, Back L-R: Captain Pat Ford, Mike Lacey, Roger Pierce, Tim Wyer, Dave Smith, John Geragotelis, Bill Carson, Todd Krantz, and Ass't Captain Arik Dahlen.

Vice President's Team, Front L-R: Captain Jeff Waller, Bernie Upchurch, Tracy Vass, Mike Prewitt, Jim Phay, TJ Kubisiak, Fred Farris, Jared Murdy, and Ass't Captain Dave Phay

2023 WGC Presidential Cup

Captains: President—Patrick Ford Vice President—Jeff Waller
Assistant—Arik Dahlen Assistant—David Phay

Vice Presidents Team (Top)

David Phay, Michael Prewitt, James Phay, Fred Farris, Bernie Upchurch, Tracy Vass, Jared Murdy, Jeff Waller, (NP)TJ Kubisiak

Presidents Team (Bottom)

Arik Dahlen, William Carson, Todd Krantz, Tim Wyer, Roger Pierce, Michael Lacey, John Geragotelis, David Smith, Patrick Ford



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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