



# FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from  
Whidbey Golf Club



**JOIN US!**

**WGC HOLIDAY BUFFET DINNER  
FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 5:30 PM**

Celebrate  
the  
New Year  
in Style!



**31 December**  
Reception 6 PM  
Dinner: 6:45 PM  
Champagne East Coast  
Toast - 9 PM

**LOTS OF HOLIDAY EVENTS!  
CHECK OUT THE FLYERS STARTING ON  
PAGE 8!**

# From the President

As we enter December the days have become shorter. With the cold clear nights and the frost delays associated with those beautiful days, the hours to play golf have become even shorter. We appreciate your patience with maintenance and the pro shop as they determine when the first group can tee off. The text message system used to notify members seems to be working well. If you are not receiving text messages informing you of a frost delay or course closures, let Dave or Arik know.

The golf course is in great shape going into winter. We are still able to drive our golf carts on the course. The greens are firm and smooth. As the December weather brings in more rain, be sure to check with the pro shop to see if the green flag is still flying.

Here are two dates I would like you to highlight on your calendars. The Member Holiday Party is on December 15th. The New Years Eve Party is of course on December 31st. These parties are a fun time to mingle with fellow members, meet new friends, and support the club.

This is a wonderful time of year. We are all busy purchasing our trees and decorating our homes preparing to gather with family and friends for the holidays. I am sure most of us have taken advantage of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. They never seem to end. We continue to commercialize all our holidays. With the chaos we see in our country and around the world, I ask you to please remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

I will once again ask for your continued support of the Clubhouse. Settle your bets after a round of golf in the bar. Bring your family and friends in for breakfast, lunch, and dinner when available. **We have a core group of dedicated employees. Please be as generous as possible when contributing to the Employee Christmas Bonus Fund ([please see last page](#)).** Cindy and I wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pat Ford

President WGC

PS. Looks like Santa brought me that new putter I wanted!!!!



## ***To the brightest of smiles,***

I am writing this letter with the help of my co-worker Annette Sawyer in an effort to express our deepest thanks for all that has been done to aid us in our time spent at Whidbey Golf Club. It has often been said that those with a generous heart smile brighter than all the others. Since we started working at the club, roughly five years ago, we have seen nothing but the brightest and most beautiful smiles of all those we have encountered. People often talk about how those you work with, if given enough time, become some of your closet friends. Working for the club, we have received so much more than a few close friends. Thanks to the generosity of all those who contributed to the recently started "Go Fund Me", we can honestly say, "Whidbey Golf has become an important member of our family." Not a day goes by that we don't receive a caring hello, a bright smile, or a friendly wave from all those who pass us by while working the course. It is these encounters, as well as the recently shown generosity that makes all our hard work more than worth the effort. Thank you, to every one of those who gave to the fund, thank you very much, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Annette Sawyer  
Chris Gutierrez

*Editor's Note: 35 people donated a total of \$3,045 towards Chris and Annette's education!*

## **House Happenings**

I cordially invite all members to enjoy our upcoming Holiday Party on Friday December 15th. If you are looking for an opportunity to get together with friends or family, but don't want the hassle of hosting at your home, this is a great opportunity to entertain them with a fully stocked bar, and a buffet dinner celebrating the holiday spirit. No mess or fuss for you or your spouse. Let us do the decorating, prepare the food, and most important of all, clean up the mess. See the flyer (**page 8**) for information. Let's pack the clubhouse for this holiday event and enjoy the company of our fellow members.

We also are planning our fun New Years Eve celebration and just want to remind you that we offer great place to spend the evening. More information will be coming on this event though email, so watch for updates in the near future.

Please remember that the support you provide through your usage of the clubhouse, also supports the overall stability of our wonderful membership.

Dave Beargeon  
House Committee Chairman

# Membership News

As we wrap up a busy year, golf and membership activity has slowed down in the meat of our winter months. But if you can get out, the course is still playing great and always a great time to steer any prospective members to me or Arik and we will give them a good tour and a free round of golf. As the top course in all of Skagit, San Juan and Island Counties, particularly for year round play, our course is the best selling point.

With the traditional slow down of new members during the winter months, our focus is now on member retention. Our conversion of promotional and corporate members to shareholder status is underway and we hope all will convert their membership and become a full member and owner of Whidbey Golf Club, now a true member owned golf club. If you haven't heard from us already, all corporate and promotional members will be hearing from either Arik or me regarding your transition and hearing the many benefits of becoming a shareholder and owner of the club.

I would like to offer a public thank you to Dave Acton who has done such a wonderful job creating and updating our membership picture wall in the lobby of the clubhouse. Dave is ready to turn the reins back over to the Membership Committee and we are looking for a volunteer who is good with a camera to succeed him. If anyone would like to step up and lead this, please shoot me a text at (360) 320-5594 and your next few drinks are on me!

Finally, as we wrap up the year and my first 11 months on the board (and my first 11 months of retirement), there have been many inquiries about my stated goal in the January newsletter to get to a single digit handicap by the end of the year. Alas, it did not happen....from a high of 19 down to 14. But hope springs eternal and I am happy to announce I have started a series of lessons with Dave Phay, the best teaching pro in the Northwest. Dave, you have your work cut out for you on this public quest to get me to a 9 in 2024! If anyone wants to find me, I'll be on the driving range....

Sincerely,  
Bernie Upchurch, Membership Chair

## WHIDBEY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

- WLGA annual Christmas Luncheon is Dec 14th at 12:30 pm. Please call the Restaurant to RSVP.
- Also, remember to pay your \$40 dues for 2024! Give it to Pat Connors, WGLA Treasurer, at the luncheon; or deliver it to Pat in the business office.

Merry Christmas,  
from your outgoing President  
Paula Clancey



# Men's Club Info

by Roger Pierce

The Men's Club concluded its inaugural year, 2023, November 9th with a fun and entertaining awards banquet in the restaurant. The Asian buffet provided by **Chef Rhandel** was excellent as always and the entertainment by our own magician, **J R Russell was hilarious**. Over 50 attended the event which was free and open to all men golfers at WGC and paid for by left over entry fee money from our bimonthly events during the season.

J R did a great job picking on some of our award winners, like **Mike Prewitt, winner of the "He's Got Balls- Sandbagger"** award for winning the most golf balls for the year from our bimonthly competitions. Another fun award went to **John McMahan for being the "Most Unimproved Player"** by having his handicap index for the year go the wrong way by 4.5 shots during the summer. I think John must be trying to set himself up for the "He's Got Balls" award for next year.

The **"Most Improved Player" award was a tie between Dave Dimatteo and Tom Ford** whose handicaps got better by 3.4 strokes. Our **"Iron Man" for the year was Warren Brown** who competed in 13 of the 15 events we held, closely followed by Jim Phay who competed in 12. Honorable mentions for the "Iron Man" go to Gary Boonstra (11), Mike Prewitt (10) and Bernie Upchurch (10).

The Men's Club will start up again next year in March. We will hold two competitions each month through October with the majority being 9-hole, 5:00 shotgun starts. We will have two or three 18-hole, 1:00 shotguns during the summer, but most will be 9 holes. We have also tentatively scheduled an exchange with the Useless Bay Men's Club in June.

If you didn't get a chance to join us in 2023, please come out and give us a try next year. We don't have any dues or bylaws, and all men golfers at Whidbey Golf Club are automatically eligible to play in any event. In 2023, we averaged 19 players per event and had 79 different club members participate in at least one competition. We hope to increase that next year.

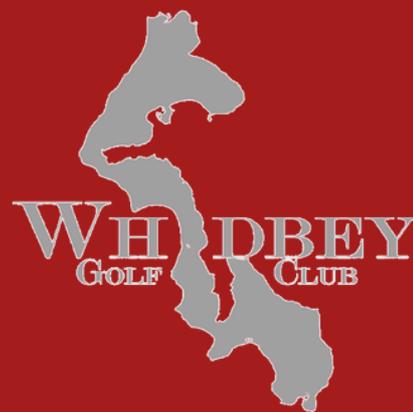
The entry fee to play in a bimonthly event is \$12 and all prizes are paid out in golf balls. Almost all the competitions are blind draw team events so you will often get to meet and play with men you haven't played with before. Every event is followed by an awards presentation and social up in the bar where an optional no-host dinner menu is available.

See you next year,

Rog

# *Golf News from the Head Pro*

*... David Phay*



**COUGS WIN**

**25-23**

(see results next page)

***FINALLY!***

## **HANDICAP POSTING**

We are now into our "Inactive Season" for posting scores which means that scores for the next few months cannot be counted toward your handicap index. The only exception being rounds that are played in active regions like California or Arizona for example. If you are playing in those areas during our inactive season, scores must be posted when played. If you have any questions, please direct them to David Phay (Head Golf Professional) or Tom Ford (WGC Handicap Chairman).

## **LONG & WRONG SCRAMBLE**

January 20, 2024 (11:00am Shotgun)

This tournament is in its 11th year and will test everyone's ability to hit long approach shots and drain long putts. "What is a Long & Wrong Scramble?" It's a scramble like no other! The "long" is where the tees are placed and the "wrong" is where the pins are placed. The tees are going to be as far back as possible, and the pins will be in places that you've never seen. Put together a team of 4 and come out to see a whole new course. There will be some shorter tees for the seniors and women that will make them competitive.

## **PRO SHOP CREDIT ...**

must be used by the end of the year or it will be cleared from the books! Please contact the Pro Shop with any questions.



## NET BEST BALL

Pos.	Players	To Par Net	Total Net
T1	Stone, Jeff + Sears, Gordon <i>COUGARS</i>	-5	67
T1	Anderson, Steven + Ford, Pat <i>HUSKIES</i>	-5	67
T1	Helm, Matthew + Dozier, Steven <i>COUGARS</i>	-5	67
T4	Bayliss, Beau + Walker, Justin <i>HUSKIES</i>	-4	68
T4	Dahlen, Arik + Kubisiak, Tj <i>HUSKIES</i>	-4	68
T4	Waller, Jeff + Hamming, Greg <i>HUSKIES</i>	-4	68
--	Wyer, Tim + Wyer, Aiden <i>COUGARS</i>	-4	68
T4	Tormey, Chris + Upchurch, Bernie <i>HUSKIES</i>	-4	68
T4	Murdy, Jared + Farris, Fred <i>COUGARS</i>	-4	68
--	Norton, Jason + Elvebak, Ryan <i>COUGARS</i>	-3	69
T9	Dale, Kenton + Norris, Rick <i>COUGARS</i>	-3	69
T9	Boonstra, Gary + Rasmussen, Ray <i>HUSKIES</i>	-3	69
T9	Smith, Glenn + Phay, Jim <i>COUGARS</i>	-3	69
T9	Davis, Robert + Crawford, Tyler <i>COUGARS</i>	-3	69

## GROSS BEST BALL

Pos.	Players	To Par Gross	Total Gross
1	Baker, Stephen + Geffe, Doug <i>COUGARS</i>	-4	68
2	Wyer, Tim + Wyer, Aiden <i>COUGARS</i>	-2	70
T3	Moss, Nathan + Lee, Jeremy <i>HUSKIES</i>	E	72
--	Dahlen, Arik + Kubisiak, Tj <i>HUSKIES</i>	E	72
T3	Bighouse, Andrew + McLeod, Paul <i>HUSKIES</i>	E	72
--	Murdy, Jared + Farris, Fred <i>COUGARS</i>	E	72
--	Stone, Jeff + Sears, Gordon <i>COUGARS</i>	+1	73
5	Norton, Jason + Elvebak, Ryan <i>COUGARS</i>	+1	73

### TEAM SKINS (GROSS)

Players	Skins	Details
Waller, Jeff + Hamming, Greg <i>HUSKIES</i>	2	Birdie on 10, Birdie on 16

### DEUCE POT

Pos.	Player
T1	Addison, Cody <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Moss, Nathan <i>HUSKIES</i>
T1	Sears, Gordon <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Wyer, Aiden <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Zimmerman, Alex <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Bathurst, John <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Crawford, Tyler <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Helm, Matthew <i>COUGARS</i>
T1	Dozier, Steven <i>COUGARS</i>

### TEAM SKINS (NET)

Players	Skins	Details
Waller, Jeff + Hamming, Greg <i>HUSKIES</i>	1	Eagle on 10
Tormey, Chris + Upchurch, Bernie <i>HUSKIES</i>	1	Eagle on 15
Johnson, Heidi + Troyer, Haley <i>COUGARS</i>	1	Birdie on 2
Helm, Matthew + Dozier, Steven <i>COUGARS</i>	1	Eagle on 5

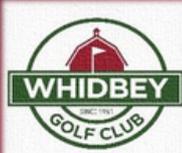
### KP HONEY POT

**#2 ROBERT DAVIS 10'0" \$70**

**#7 JOHN BATHURST 4'8" \$70**

**#13 TIM WYER 3'6" \$70**

**#17 JERIN APPLGARTH 10'7" \$70**



# WGC HOLIDAY BUFFET DINNER

FRI Dec 15TH 530-8PM

ONLY \$26\* per person

5-530pm Welcome Social  
(With Happy Hour Drink Specials)

530p-8pm Buffet Dinner

Join us for this festive evening with great atmosphere in our decorated clubhouse, holiday music, and giveaways!

\* Children under 15 - \$15

Make your reservation today (360)675-5490 ext 4

# Christmas Sale

December 16

7:30am - 5:00pm

10%-70% Off almost everything in the  
shop.

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*travis Mathew*



**PING**®

I can't wait to buy some new Top Flites at that Christmas Sale ... this is my fifth try to get over the water ... hmmm, can you post a thirteen?



Celebrate  
the  
New Year  
in Style!



*ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION*

December 31, 2023, at 6pm

**Ring in 2024 with flair at the Whidbey Golf Club Annual New Year's Eve Party! Enjoy a cocktail reception with passed hors d'oeuvres and custom 3 Course Dinner.**

**Live Music will be provided as well, so be sure to make your plans to join us!**

Cocktail Reception 6 – 6:45 pm

3 Course dinner: 6:45 – 8:30pm

\*\* Champagne East Coast Toast at 9pm

**\$70 PER PERSON**

**fee will be charged for reservations cancelled within 24 hours of the event.**

(Price does not include tax & gratuity)

(Seating limited- Reservations required -360 675-5490 Ext 4)

*New Year's*  
**EVE**



# WHIDBEY GOLF CLUB EST. 1961

# 2024

# LONG & WRONG

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**  
**11:00 SHOTGUN**

Shareholders \$65

Members \$70

Guests \$80

**Includes: Golf, range balls & a large prize fund**



# Whidbey Golf Club

2430 SW Fairway Lane  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
[www.whidbeygolfclub.com](http://www.whidbeygolfclub.com)

## Board of Trustees:

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Pat Ford – President  
Jeff Waller – Vice President  
Anna Anderson – Secretary  
Mike Prewitt – Treasurer  
Dave Bargeon  
TJ Kubisiak  
Bernie Upchurch

## Committee Chairs

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Club House and Restaurant  
--Dave Bargeon  
Finance / Treasurer  
--Mike Prewitt  
Greens and Grounds  
--TJ Kubisiak  
Golf Activities  
--Jeff Waller  
Membership  
-- Bernie Upchurch  
Ladies' Club  
--Paula Clancey

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## Club Hours

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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

## Contact Information

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House / Restaurant: Extension 4  
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# THE BALLET SLIPPER CONSERVATORY

presents



Come watch Olivia  
Hamilton  
(waitress Sarrah's  
daughter) dance  
in her first  
ballet!

Tickets / Information at:  
**TBSCOH.ORG**

## *The Nutcracker*

### DECEMBER 9 & 10

at OAK HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL



SCAN ME

(Paid Advertisement)

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### Employee Christmas Bonus 2023

**WGC Members:** here is an opportunity to show your appreciation for all the services the employees in the Maintenance Department, Pro Shop, Business Office, and the Restaurant/Bar have given this last year by contributing to the Annual Employee Christmas Bonus Fund. For your convenience you may use this form and return it with your monthly statement. Please return by December 15.

I am sending my contribution with this form



I authorize you to charge my account

\$ 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (Please Print)

Member # Telephone

Member Signature

Date