



# FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from  
Whidbey Golf Club

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**WISHING ALL OF YOU A GREAT 2024!**  
**THANKS FROM ALL OF US, WGC**

# 2024



# LONG & WRONG SCRAMBLE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**

**11:00 SHOTGUN**

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# From the Outgoing President

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024.

First, I would like to welcome the new Shareholders of Whidbey Golf Club. Whether you are converting from another membership category, or a new Shareholder, we look forward to your input and participation in our great facility. Welcome to ownership.

December was busy with Christmas and Holiday parties. The Clubhouse looked beautiful and festive. The Members Holiday Party and News Year's Eve Party were very well attended. The dance floor was packed as we brought in the new year at midnight. (East coast time) Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new members and visit with old friends.

I sent a letter out in early December asking members to consider paying their 2024 dues in advance. The membership response was inspiring. The cash generated will help provide a needed cushion for the first quarter, which are traditionally slow months. This is an option we will probably offer every year. It is still not too late to take advantage of this opportunity, contact Arik. Thanks in advance.

I would like to welcome our newly elected Trustees, John Geragotelis (Germ) and Todd Krantz. John and Todd are very active in the community, volunteering and serving on other boards. John is retired Navy. Todd is a prominent businessman in town. Both are avid golfers. The wealth of knowledge and previous experience they have to offer will complement the Whidbey Golf Club Board of Trustees. I have complete confidence in our new leadership as they implement the new business plan.

To the Membership, Managers, and resolute employees, thank you for your encouragement and patience over the last four years, especially my last year as President. We made some significant changes last year. Your questions, comments and suggestions were always thoughtful and in the best interest of Whidbey Golf Club. It has been my honor to serve. I would like to thank Anna Anderson for her service on the Board as well. Anna will continue to serve as President of the Ladies Club going forward.

Congratulations to the Universities of Washington and Michigan football teams. It was an exciting New Years Day. Looking forward to the National Championship Game on January 8th, 2024.

Respectfully,  
Pat Ford  
WGC Member

# From the President

Happy 2024 of course. I had the pleasure of spending New Year's Eve with some very interesting friends. Here's a snapshot of a few of them. If I may steal a line from a funny comedian, the Grown Little Man Kevin Hart...



“TOO MUCH MAGIC  
J.R., THAT'S TOO  
MUCH MAGIC”

## New Year's Resolutions

- Play more golf
- Drink more wine
- Eat more food
- Make more friends
- Replace the word “more” with “better” as soon as possible

Thanks to the indomitable Pat Ford, for holding the reins in 2023. I know he will continue to be an active committee member and more importantly, an active club member (i.e. he will play in every tournament, frequent the restaurant, and buy 200 Pro V1s). As his last official act of 2023 (I kid you not), Pat gave me a ride home. Thanks for the parking spot buddy!

We have not finished compiling all the plans being considered for WGC's future. But, to give you a flavor of your Board's direction, here's a small sampling of some key goals, and examples of what that may mean to you:

**Financial Stabilization** – Meet departmental budgets; when revenue projections or collections change, then expenses or services will be adjusted (and vice versa). E.g. There should not be surprise deficits except for emergencies; Hours of operation or services may change.

**Greater Participation** – Increase membership, golf play, and restaurant usage. E.g. Public play pricing will be dynamic to optimize tee sheets; Certain house events, such as Poker Night, will accommodate non-members.

**Customer Satisfaction** – Enhance member and patron golf and restaurant experience. E.g. Survey members and patrons to gauge what is preferable. Use feedback to help drive course maintenance priorities, restaurant options, social events, and tournament formats.

**Transparency** – Address all questions and concerns at committee and/or board level. E.g. I have been asked a lot of questions about the food minimum, so allow me to clarify (see pg 4 – Food Minimum Q&A)

Thank YOU in advance for your support. The Board is counting on it.

Hit 'em straight or hit 'em often  
John 'germ' Geragotelis

# House Happenings

Now that the holidays are over, it is a great opportunity to thank all our members and their guests for supporting our events in December. We had a great buffet Christmas party on December 15th with 73 attendees. Everyone enjoyed a nice dinner and the fun gift drawing while connecting with their friends over a night of holiday cheer.

The New Years Eve party on December 31 was attended by 78 members and guests. The great meal, music and dancing was a huge success. I would like to thank our house staff for all their hard work putting on not only our parties, but also providing outstanding service to the groups and organizations that used our facility for their holiday parties.

Thank you to Deb Fisher for organizing the decorating of the clubhouse this year. Deb and I also want to thank members Pat Connery, Linda McNamara, Lynn Burgin, Pam Smith and Pat Ford for helping decorate the club for everyone to enjoy.

Let's make 2024 a success by supporting your restaurant and bar after golf, for social events or gathering of friends and family. Your continued support helps us improve your facility.

Dave Bargeon  
House Committee Chairman

## Food Minimum Q & A

### 1) How is the food minimum billed?

The \$50/month food minimum is billed quarterly – this means that you really have 3 months (JAN-MAR; APR-JUN; JUL-SEP; OCT-DEC) to spend \$150. So, if you will be gone for a month to 6 weeks, you can comfortably spend the minimum while you are here. But, if you will be gone for 2 months or so during any quarter, see Arik.

### 2) If I pay cash or credit, will my bill still count towards my minimum?

Yes. If the tab is under your name, the restaurant bill will accrue to your “food minimum” account, regardless of payment type.

### 3) Do pro-shop purchased drinks & snacks count towards food minimum?

No. The LightSpeed system can not combine the registers from different departments. However, if you need pro-shop food and snacks to meet the minimum, then ask for a receipt *on your account*. SAVE those receipts (onus on you) and 10 days prior to the end of each quarter, bring the receipts to Arik and he will manually adjust your food minimum account.

### 4) How do I know if I will meet my minimum?

The LightSpeed system does not allow you (or us) to query a single account for an itemized report, so the easiest method is to save or record your own receipts. Arik will run a member-wide “*food minimum*” report about one week prior to the end of each month (when he runs other financial reports). So, if you need to know, ask Arik about a week prior to the end of the month or quarter.

**Note:** Remember, the food minimum is optional. If you choose to opt out for the year, then only \$30/month will be added to your bill.

# A Note from the Greens Chair

Happy New Year! As we usher in 2024, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for an incredible year spent together on the greens. Your unwavering support and camaraderie have made 2023 truly memorable.

First and foremost, I am delighted to officially welcome Todd Krantz as our new Greens Chair. Todd brings with him a wealth of experience and a passion for the game that will undoubtedly guide us to new heights. As I step back from this role, I am excited to see the continued growth and success of our beloved golf club under Todd's leadership.

A heartfelt thank you is in order for our superintendent, Trevor Thorp, and the entire maintenance staff who worked tirelessly to keep our golf course in impeccable condition throughout the challenging weather conditions we faced. Despite the rain, frost, and winter weather, their dedication has ensured that our course remains a joy to play.

Our golf course has undergone some fantastic transformations, with particular attention given to the refurbishment of bunkers and the edging of cart paths. The sand bunkers now boast a fresh, inviting look, adding both aesthetic appeal and strategic challenge to your rounds. The cart paths, expertly edged, not only enhance the overall visual experience but also contribute to the smooth flow of play.

As we embark on the new year, we have some exciting projects lined up. One noteworthy endeavor is the installation of a new drain from the front bunker on the 6th hole to the front pond. While this may create a temporary ditch through the approach area, it is a crucial step in ensuring the long-term health and playability of the course.

Additionally, we plan to expand the #3 blue tee box towards the cart path. This adjustment aims to mitigate the impact of trees on the right, enhancing the tee shot experience. Your understanding and patience during these enhancements are greatly appreciated, and we are confident that these improvements will contribute to an even more enjoyable golfing experience for all.

Thank you once again for an incredible year. Wishing you a year filled with birdies, eagles, and countless memorable moments on the course.

Sincerely,  
T.J. Kubisiak  
Outgoing Greens Chair  
Whidbey Golf Club

# Golf News from the Head Pro

... David Phay



## “Ugly Sweater Open” Winners See Full Results on Next Page



**1st**  
Jeremy Amundson



**2nd**  
TJ Kubisiak



**3rd**  
Eric Schelling



BLIND DRAW BEST BALL (85% HDCP)

Pos.	Team	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Elvebak, Mel - Snavely, Keith	-5	67	\$100.00
T2	Acton, David - Krantz, Todd	-3	69	\$70.00
T2	Amundson, Jeremy - Johnson, William	-3	69	\$70.00
T2	Crawford, Tyler - Norton, Jason	-3	69	\$70.00
T5	Gentry, Eric - Rosenberg, Rich	-2	70	\$40.00
T5	Boonstra, Gary - Sears, Gordon	-2	70	\$40.00
T5	Kubisiak, Tj - Waller, Jeff	-2	70	\$40.00
T8	Louis, Jamey - Norris, Rick	-1	71	\$0.00
T8	Beals, Jared - Upchurch, Bernie	-1	71	\$0.00
T8	Farris, Fred - Tod, Keith	-1	71	\$0.00
T11	Dozier, Steven - Kidd, Thomas	E	72	\$0.00
T11	Krantz, Todd - Melnick, Tyler	E	72	\$0.00
T13	Anderson, Steven - Gifford, Elton	+1	73	\$0.00
T13	Fodor, Bradd - Krantz, Nick	+1	73	\$0.00
T13	Helm, Matthew - Shelley, Tim	+1	73	\$0.00
T16	Carson, William - McLeod, Paul	+2	74	\$0.00
T16	Chaykin, Janet - Murdy, Jared	+2	74	\$0.00
T16	Justus, Darren - Lee, Dylan	+2	74	\$0.00
T16	Ford, Judd - Melnick, Todd	+2	74	\$0.00
T20	Bighouse, Andrew - Schelling, Eric	+4	76	\$0.00
T20	Hamming, Greg - Yurcina, Chuck	+4	76	\$0.00
22	Elvebak, Ryan - Runk, Alice	+9	81	\$0.00

INDIVIDUAL SKINS (GROSS)

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Kubisiak, Tj	2	\$43.00	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 8
Boonstra, Gary	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 16
Lee, Dylan	1	\$21.50	Eagle on 1
Amundson, Jeremy	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 13
Ford, Judd	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 15
Tod, Keith	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 17
Bighouse, Andrew	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 5
Krantz, Nick	1	\$21.50	Eagle on 6
Carson, William	1	\$21.50	Birdie on 7

INDIVIDUAL SKINS (NET)

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Amundson, Jeremy	2	\$86.00	Eagle on 12, Birdie on 13
Lee, Dylan	1	\$43.00	Double Eagle on 1
Melnick, Tyler	1	\$43.00	Birdie on 11
Tod, Keith	1	\$43.00	Birdie on 17

# Whidbey Golf Club

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## Board of Trustees:

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John Geragotelis – President  
TJ Kubisiak – VP / Secretary  
Mike Prewitt – Treasurer  
Dave Bargeon  
Todd Krantz  
Bernie Upchurch  
Jeff Waller

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## Committee Chairs

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Club House and Restaurant  
--Dave Bargeon  
Finance / Treasurer  
--Mike Prewitt  
Greens and Grounds  
--Todd Krantz  
Golf Activities  
--Jeff Waller  
Membership  
-- Bernie Upchurch  
Ladies' Club  
-- Anna Anderson

## 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