



FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from
Whidbey Golf Club



**Thanks to our great staff
for saving Easter Brunch**
(see story pg 3)



**SATURDAY
APRIL 13**

**CELEBRATE THE
MASTERS PAR-3
TOURNAMENT**

**TEE
TIMES**

**LADIES CLUB
9 AM APRIL 11/25**

**MENS CLUB
5 PM APRIL 11/25**

**New Member Welcome
Dinner - Friday May 3
(see pg 6)**

**Whidbey Dental 2-
Person Better-Ball
Saturday May 4**

Inside this Issue:

- From the President (pg 2)
- House Happenings; Easter Brunch (pg 3)
- Celebrating Spring Dinner (pg 4)
- Membership News (pg 5-6)
- Whidbey Ladies Golf Assoc. (pg 6)
- Mens Club News (pg 7-8)
- A Note from the Greens Chair (pg 8)
- Golf News from the Head Pro (pg 9)

PRINTABLES! (last two pages)
Major Social and Golf Events
Ladies + Mens Club Events

From the President

On Saturday, April 13, the Golf Activities team puts on my favorite tournament of the year - Celebrate Masters! The course is completely redesigned to produce 18 challenging par 3 holes. This tournament is not about how far you can hit it, it's about wedges and short game (although if the wind is up some of the holes will be pretty long par 3's). My father, who rarely if ever broke 100, taught me to love the game. He also told me a secret, perhaps the worst kept secret in golf, "if you can't beat me from 100 yards in, then you can't beat me." Enjoy!

It's an exciting time of the year at WGC. Our snow-birds and fair-weather golfers are re-emerging. The high-school players are littering the driving range (and #9) with range balls. The grass is growing, way too fast for those of us who aren't always in the fairway. And, the restaurant and bar are coming alive. If you want to enhance your experience - **Monday, 15 April is VOLUNTEER DAY** (the course is closed for aerification). Please come out for a few hours and help improve the course or the surrounds and clubhouse (see banner below).

By now you have probably heard that Chef Rhandel, and Sous-Chef Lani have departed WGC. I know many of you (including me) were friends, and all of you enjoyed the chef's creations and staple plates. I wish them both the best, and I thank you for your patience with the reduced restaurant menu and hours. The Board's number one priority is to get the kitchen back to full-scale operations ASAP.

During April, members will receive a survey via email. It's been way too long since we have given our members the opportunity to help define WGC's path forward. The on-line survey is also part of a college project from one of our student-members (details to follow). If you do not feel comfortable doing an on-line survey, *or if you prefer to be surveyed in person*, we will give you that opportunity as well. Additionally, you can just let me (or any Trustee) know, or write a letter/email to the Board, if you have any constructive criticism and/or other issue. Your input matters!

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15, IS "WGC VOLUNTEER DAY"
Please call / text Todd Krantz - 360-320-8664 - to volunteer.
Opportunities to work on house and course projects!

House Happenings

Thank you to all members and guests that attended our Easter Brunch. Due to some last minute staffing challenges we had to downsize our normal offerings, but from comments I have heard so far, everyone enjoyed their experience. Our available staff and volunteers stepped up and worked long hours to ensure that the annual family brunch continued. Your charges for the event were discounted to compensate for some reduced offerings.

Our next major event is the ***Celebrating Spring Dinner***. This will be an enjoyable dinner celebrating the freshness of spring along with pairing of some wines from our current offerings. This event will be on Friday April 19th. **Please see the menu and other information detailed in the flyer on the next page.**

Lastly, but certainly not least important, the end of March was the closing point for the first quarterly food minimum period. Because the food minimum was reintroduced starting this year, we want to ensure that our members have the opportunity to fully use the program. For members that were unable to use their full \$150 quarterly minimum, we are extending the period until the end of the second quarter (June 30th) to spend any unused first quarter charges as well as your normal second quarter minimum. If you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to let us know and we can provide you an explanation. Thank you again for all your support and please take a moment when you are enjoying the club to let our dedicated staff know how much they are appreciated.

Dave Bargeon
House Committee Chairman

On behalf of all members, guests, & staff, the WGC Trustees wholeheartedly thank the kitchen/wait staff for making Easter brunch a success!



(L - Back to front) Chef Jaime Fierro (volunteer), Richard Galvan, Jesse Vergara, Joven Light, Sara Hamilton, Katelyn Gordon. (C- Mike Lacey and his son, future PGA'r Lucas, High-5 the Easter Bunny aka Amber Griffin; (R) Nick Prime

Celebrating Spring Dinner April 19th

Doors open 5:30 pm – Service begins 6:00 pm

Appetizer:

Roasted Grape, Brie and toasted Crostini – vegetarian friendly
PAIRED WITH LA MARCA PROSECCO – ITALIAN SPARKLING WINE

First Course:

Creamy Asparagus Soup – vegetarian friendly
PAIRED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF RYAN PATRICK SAUVIGNON BLANC or
EOLA HILLS CHARDONNAY

Entrée:

Choice of Seared Lamb Chop or Lemon Chicken Piccata
Served w/ Spring Vegetable Risotto – Steamed Butter Broccoli – Crusty
Bread

Vegetarian option – Spring Vegetable Risotto – Steamed Broccoli – Bread
PAIRED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TRIVENTO MALBEC or
CS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dessert:

Vanilla & Strawberry Panna Cotta – vegetarian friendly
PAIRED WITH CHATEAU STE MICHELLE RIESING

Reservations Required – 80 seats available

Reservations Close April 17th or 80 reservations (whichever comes first) ...

\$80.00 per person; wait list available

*Min 24 hour cancellation notice of reservation required.
(Cancellation fee of \$20 will be charged if less than 24 hours)

360.675.5490 ext 4

*Price Does NOT Include Tax & Gratuity

Membership News

What an amazing start to 2024 as the large shareholder conversion initiative is complete. We are proud to announce that we now have 125 shareholders who own Whidbey Golf Club. Welcome to all of the new shareholders and all of those who converted their membership to that of shareholder. We are the lifeblood of Whidbey Golf Club and it is our collective involvement and commitment to our club that sustains us and ensures our continued success. All shareholders, new and old alike, are encouraged to attend the Friday, May 3 Dinner during which we will welcome new members. **Additional details are on the next page** and dinner details will be emailed separately.

We are proud to announce another springtime promotion that will run between now and the end of June. Prospective members will be offered a two month trial membership for \$299 (two months for the price of one) and at the end of the trial be invited to join as a shareholder at standard rate. The promotion will end June 30th at the start of prime summer gold season.

Our annual WGC Community Day, when we open up the entire golf course and clubhouse to the public as part of our membership drive, will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Like last year, we will have golf specials (\$1 a hole), free driving range and lessons, clubhouse specials, complimentary food, social and golf membership specials. Additionally, there will be a Srixon free demo day and other fun activities. If you have any friends, neighbors, or colleagues that may have any interest in joining WGC, this is the day to host them at our course or restaurant - they will not be disappointed! A flyer will be published soon and I will be asking all members to give it wide distribution via their social networks, HOA newsletters, etc. in order to make this our best Open House ever!

As always, please put the word out that WGC is seeking new members. If you have any leads, please pass them to Arik or me (bernieupchurch4@gmail.com) and we will be glad to discuss further, or host them for a tour of the facility, or even a round of golf. I hope everyone is ready to enjoy an awesome Spring and a great year of golf!

Bernie Upchurch
WGC Trustee, Membership Chair

New Shareholders Welcome Party - May 3

We are excited to announce that on the first Friday in May there will be a "new member" welcome dinner. We will take the opportunity to welcome all of our new members, especially our newest shareholders who either joined WGC or converted their previous status to that of shareholder. The following are cordially invited to attend and be recognized:

Ryan Elveback	Dave Branch	David Guy	Al Baza
Eric Schelling	Trevor Reed	Keri Molitor	JR Russell Family
Eric Benson	Bill Gillespie	Robert Clemmer	Peter Paulino
Keith Snavelly	Linda Latham	Frank Mortenson	Gary Stultz
Scott Bader	Ronnie Wright	Gino Wolfe	Tim McMahon
Jon Cooper	Frank Zwetsloot	Brian Maltbie	Dan Caufman
Rick Norris	Kirk Matthews	John & Kristine Young	
Merilee Horton	Troy Johnson	David & Diana Amirehtshami	
Bill Vogel	Pat West	Ron & Gail Meis	Keith Tod
Todd & Paula Oldenburg	Chris & Kelli Tormey	John Sommantico	

We know that many of you are long time members, but we want to recognize the fact that you are now officially shareholding owners of our club. Please plan on joining us on May 3rd when you will receive welcome package and have your picture taken for the shareholder photo board!

Whidbey Ladies' Golf Association

ATTENTION ALL WLGA GOLFERS!!!

The WLGA Ladies' club invites all WLGA members to play on April 4th, which will be a Speedy Scramble with a shotgun start at 9:00. There will be a No-Host Lunch after golf, and our first of the season WLGA Ladies' Club meeting of the year will follow.

Save the Date:

Ladies' Invitational June 27 & 28

To join the WLGA Ladies' Club, drop off your check (made out to WLGA) in the business office.

Membership is \$40 / yr

Anna Anderson, President
adustylane@comcast.net



MENS CLUB UPDATE

from Roger Pierce and Rich Rosenberg

2024's first two WGC Men's Club competitions are in the books with a total of 28 different players participating in at least one of the events.

On March 14th, we had a fun threesome team competition, "March Madness," with a "One Best Net" format converted to Stableford points. Whoever had the low net on each hole then had an opportunity to putt from two feet (Free Throw) for one extra Stableford point, OR from six feet (Jump Shot) for two extra Stableford points, OR from ten feet (Beyond the Arc) for 3 extra points. It was very interesting to see all the different strategies the teams used. In the end, the team of Rick Norris, Mike Schaffer and Arik Dahlen prevailed and won three golf balls each. Second place for two balls each went to Rich Rosenberg, George Schmidt, and Leo Munoz. Third place for one ball each went to Tom Woods, Tom Ford, and John McMahon. The highlight of the day, at least for Doug Undesser, was the cash KP Honey Pot. It was set up for KPs on #2 and #7, but since nobody hit on the green on #2, the total payout (\$100) went to the KP on #7. Doug's shot to 8 feet 6 inches won the big prize for the day.

Our second event on March 28th was the "Short & Sweet." This competition coincides with the Ladies' annual "Short & Sweet" and the course was set up with all holes being 100 yards or less, Par 3s. With the very windy day, this proved to be much more challenging than it looked and gave the guys a great opportunity to test their short game. We used a "Stableford Two Net" of the threesome format with the team of Tom Sayers, Mike Prewitt and Gary Boonstra winning three golf balls each. Although we didn't give out any individual medalist prize, a special mention should go out to Mike Prewitt as he shot a gross one under par, 55. Second place for two balls each went to Steve Anderson, George Schmidt, and John Matzen. We also had nine KPs (all the even holes) for one ball each to Bernie Upchurch (#2 and #8), Tom Ford (#4), George Schmidt (#6), Roger Pierce (#10), Gary Boonstra (#12), Rick Norris (#14), Denny Behrman (#16), and T J Kubisiak (#18). The optional \$5 Honey Pot was for "Canadian Skins." There were seven total and paid \$12 each to Roger Pierce on #1 and #17, Jim Phay on #13, Denny Behrman on #16, Steve Anderson on #14, Tom Ford on #4, and Bernie Upchurch on #8.

Our April competitions, both 9-hole, 5:00 Shotguns, will be on the 11th ... **(cont'd on next page)**



Notes from the Greens Chair

ALL - MONDAY, APRIL 15, WILL BE A WGC VOLUNTEER WORK DAY. PLEASE CALL ME - 360-320-8664 - TO VOLUNTEER!

Below are some of the tasks that the Super, Greens and Grounds crew, and volunteers are (or will be) working on this month:

1) Widening of the fairways - this will help in certain landing areas on many holes, especially during the later Spring months when the rough is quite thick and we start playing the ball down.

2) Tree trimming on April 8th - this will mainly be to trim the willow to the left of the White/Yellow tees on #12 (yeah!) and the deciduous tree blocking the lay-up area about 100 yds out on the right side of #18 (double-yeah!). Two staunch volunteers, Steve Robinson and Troy Johnson, will lead the charge along with other WGC faithful Pat Ford, Bill Johnson, and others.

3) Greens Aeration to take place on April 15th-17th.

4) I am working with the super and maintenance staff to establish a regular schedule for moving tee markers. Note: It is still imperative to use the green canisters filled with sand on the Par 3 tee boxes and repair divots in the fairway. *Please carry a bottle of sand and help to maintain the beauty, aesthetics, and playability of the course.*

Sincerely,
Todd Krantz

MENS CLUB UPDATE (*cont'd from previous page*)

(Progressive Tees) and the 25th (Three Club). For the "Progressive Tees," we will assign a different tee box to play for each hole. This was a very popular format last year, so we brought it back. The "Three Club" format is also back by popular demand. In it, each player can use only three clubs in his bag for the entire nine holes. One of the clubs may or may not be a putter, the player's choice.

All Men golfers and guests are invited to play in any of our events. The cost - \$12 for members / \$25 for guests - includes Green Fees. Each event has an optional \$5 Honey Pot with cash payout, and as always, each competition is followed by an optional dinner/social/awards presentation in the restaurant/bar. For the full schedule of our events, see the last page of this Newsletter, or the brochures in the Pro Shop and entry to the bar.

Please come out and join us! We look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Golf News from the Head Pro

... David Phay

CELEBRATE THE MASTERS PAR-3 TOURNAMENT April 13, 2024



Each hole will be turned into an interesting par 3.
Scoring will be 2 net best ball of the four-some.
Includes individual stroke play prizes.

18 Closest to the Hole Competitions

Shareholder \$55 Member \$60 Guest \$75

Includes: Golf, Lunch, Range Balls, Multiple Competitions
Optional Side Games: Team Skins; Overall KP Honey Pot

SPRING SHOOTOUT RESULTS

T1	Geragotelis, John + Bargeon, Dave + Sayers, Tom + Cushway, Gene	-19	125
T1	Prewitt, Michael + Anчета, Alex + Whitlock, Chuck + Gano, Mike	-19	125
T3	Phay, Jim + Norris, Rick + Warner, Shaun + Phay, Jon	-18	126
T3	Krantz, Todd + Carson, William + Snavely, Keith + Snavely, Brian	-18	126
T5	Munoz, Leo + Thorp, Trevor + Bommersbach, Mimi + Brewer, Bob	-17	127
T5	Bighouse, Andrew + Byrne, Ryan + Murdy, Jared + Farris, Fred	-17	127
T5	Anderson, Steve + Schmidt, George + Ford, Pat + Tod, Keith	-17	127
T5	Johnson, Kevin + Kidd, Thomas + Nunn, Rick + Boonstra, Gary	-17	127
9	Lacey, Michael + Upchurch, Bernie + Lee, Dylan + Wichers, Dave	-15	129
T10	Hamming, Greg + Elvebak, Mel + Elvebak, Ryan + Applegarth, Jerin	-13	131
T10	Woltz, Seth + Chrisman, Robert + Wright, Chad + Skogen, James	-13	131
T12	Smith, David + Kubisiak, Theodore + Waller, Jeffrey + Schelling, Joel	-12	132
T12	Freeman, Jordan + McKnight, Chris + Armstrong, Braedon + Hall, Deven	-12	132
T12	Marckstein, Joseph + Sauer, Tyler + Sauer, Ayhdn + Bl[Chrisman, Robert]	-12	132
15	Parot, Tanner + Dale, Brandon + Faubert, Westin + Matson, Mike	-10	134
T16	Gentry, Eric + Louis, Jamey + Fodor, Bradd + Kolste, Shawn	-8	136
T16	Prime, Nicholas + Wigen, Kaleb + Addison, Cody + Hayes, Tristen	-8	136
T18	Wyer, Aidan + Wyer, Timothy + Johnson, Sam + Tenborg, Gage	-5	139
T18	Jenzen, Hailey + Bl[Upchurch, Bernie] + Nickols, Emily + Bl[Hayes, Tristen]	-5	139
20	Dozier, Lane + Dozier, Steven + Helm, Matthew + Slowik, Marina	-4	140

DEUCE POT

Lee, Dylan
Farris, Fred
Wyer, Timothy
Faubert, Westin
Wigen, Kaleb
Sauer, Tyler
Norris, Rick
Warner, Shaun
Geragotelis, John
Slowik, Marina
Snavely, Keith

TEAM SKINS

Munoz, Leo + Thorp, Trevor + Bommersbach, Mimi + Brewer, Bob	Net 4 on 2, Net 4 on 17
Kubisiak, Theodore + Schelling, Joel + Smith, David + Waller, Jeffrey	Net 4 on 5, Net 6 on 12
Norris, Rick + Phay, Jim + Warner, Shaun + Phay, Jon	Net 4 on 7, Net 5 on 16
Carson, William + Krantz, Todd + Snavely, Brian + Snavely, Keith	Net 4 on 8
Geragotelis, John + Bargeon, Dave + Sayers, Tom + Cushway, Gene	Net 5 on 13
Woltz, Seth + Chrisman, Robert + Wright, Chad + Skogen, James	Net 5 on 3
Anderson, Steve + Ford, Pat + Schmidt, George + Tod, Keith	Net 6 on 18
Bl[Upchurch, Bernie] + Bl[Hayes, Tristen]	

CLOSEST TO THE PIN \$90 EACH

HOLE #2	CHAD WRIGHT	6'11"
HOLE #7	RICK NORRIS	4'9"
HOLE #13	JOHN GERAGOTELIS	3'0"
HOLE #17	KEITH SNAVELY	10'1"

Whidbey Golf Club

2430 SW Fairway Lane
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
www.whidbeygolfclub.com

Board of Trustees:

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

Managers:

General Manager – Arik Dahlen
arik@whidbeygolfclub.com
Head Professional – David Phay
dave@whidbeygolfclub.com
Superintendent – Trevor Thorp
poa_thorp@hotmail.com
Chef
chef@whidbeygolfclub.com

Contact Information

Phone: 360-675-5490
Business Office: Extension 2
office@whidbeygolfclub.com
General Manager: Extension 3
House / Restaurant: Extension 4
Pro Shop: Extension 1

Committee Chairs

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

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 2024 MAJOR SOCIAL AND GOLF EVENTS

(as of 5 APR

Subject to change - SEE WGC WEBSITE CALENDAR)

APR 13 - SA	WGC CELEBRATE MASTERS - X-COUNTRY PAR 3
APR 15 - M	VOLUNTEER DAY
APR 15-17/M-W	COURSE CLOSED FOR AERIFICATION
APR 19 - FR	CELEBRAT SPRING DINNER / SOCIAL
MAY 4 - SA	WGC 2 PERSON BEST BALL BY <i>WHIDBEY DENTAL</i>
MAY 5 - SU	CINCO DE MAYO PARTY
MAY 11 - SA	WGC OPEN HOUSE (BRIDGESTONE FITTING)
MAY 12 - SU	MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
MAY 18 - SA	MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 24-26/FR-SU	MENS INVITATIONAL BY <i>MOUNTAIN MIST</i>
JUN 1 - SA	OHHS ATHLETICS SCRAMBLE - 1PM (8:30AM MBR SG)
JUN 8-9/SA-SU	ISLAND CUP: GALLERY VS WGC (PING FITTING)
JUN 16 - SU	FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH
JUN 27&28/TH-FR	LADIES INVITATIONAL BY <i>WHIDBEY LOCAL</i>
JUL 26-28/FR-SU	5-PERSON BEST BALL BY <i>MELNICK AND SONS</i>
AUG 10-11/SA-SU	WGC MENS & LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
AUG 16 - FR	CHAMBER SCRAMBLE - 1PM (8:30AM MEMBER SG)
AUG 24&25/SA-SU	COUPLES CHAPMAN BY <i>PACIFIC GRACE</i>
SEP 7&8/SA-SU	WGC MEMBER-GUEST - LOTS OF FUN AND GOLF
SEP 9-11/MO-WE	COURSE CLOSED FOR AERIFICATION
SEP 27 - FR	BEER AND CIDER PAIRING DINNER EVENT
SEP 28/SA	ANNUAL YOUNGLIFE GLOWGOLF CHARITY SCRAMBLE
OCT 4-6/FR-SU	WGC PRESIDENTS CUP (TOP 16 ON POINTS LIST)
OCT 18 - FR	OCTOBERFEST DINNER
OCT 19 - SA	FALL 5 BALL - 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE + 1 CHOKER
OCT 31 - TH	TRUNK OR TREAT
NOV TBD	APPLE CUP - 2 PERSON BEST BALL & MATCH PLAY
DEC 13 - FR	WGC HOLIDAY PARTY
DEC 31 - TU	WGC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

WGC 2024 LADIES CLUB; MENS CLUB EVENTS

AS OF 5 APRIL

ALL EVENTS THURSDAY - LADIES 9 AM; MENS 5 PM - UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

APR 4 LADIES *SPEEDY SCRAMBLE*

APR 11 LADIES *2 PER BB BLIND DRAW*; MENS *PROGRESSIVE TEES*

APR 25 LADIES *ACE OF THE MONTH*; MENS *3-CLUB TEAM 2-NET*

MAY 2 LADIES *PROGRESSIVE BEST BALL*

MAY 9 LADIES *FRIENDLY FOURS*; MENS *HORSE RACE*

MAY 16 LADIES *ONE GROSS ONE NET*

MAY 23 LADIES *MUTT N JEFF*

MAY 30 LADIES *ACE OF TGHE MONTH*; MENS *SCRAMBLE*

JUN 6 LADIES *PRO-PICK*;

JUN 13 LADIES *3 PER BB BLIND DRAW*; MENS *1,2,3 NET BB*

JUN 19 WED 9AM MENS EXCAHNGE USELESS BAY (THERE)

JUN 20 LADIES *ACE OF THE MONTH*

JUN 26 WED 9AM MENS EXCAHNGE USELESS BAY (HERE)

JUN 27-28 / TH-FR LADIES INVITATIONAL BY WHIDBEY LOCAL

JUL 2 LADIES *PLANT THE FLAG*;

JUL 11 LADIES *3 CLUBS + PUTTER*; MENS *PICK YOUR TEES*

JUL 18 LADIES *T'S AND F'S*;

JUL 25 LADIES *ACE OF THE MONTH*; MENS *CHAPMAN*

AUG 1 LADIES *MISS PIGGY*;

AUG 8 LADIES *TEAM SCRAMBLE*; MENS *SHAMBLE*

AUG 10-11 / SAT-SUN WGC MENS AND LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUG 15 LADIES *TOE*;

AUG 22 LADIES *BETTER 9*; MENS *BLIND DRAW 2-SOMES*

AUG 29 LADIES *ACE OF THE MONTH*;

SEP 5 LADIES *STABLEFORD*; MENS *PROGRESSIVE TEES*

SEP 12 LADIES *AUTO 2-PUTT*;

SEP 19 LADIES *NET SKINS*;

SEP 26 LADIES *ACE OF ACES*; MENS *CHOKER*

OCT 3 LADIES *CARD TRICKS*;

OCT 10 LADIES *ODD OR EVEN*; MENS (4:30 PM) *STABLEFORD*

OCT 17 LADIES *2 PER BB*;

OCT 24 LADIES *MULTI-TEE SCRAMBLE*; MENS *CLUB CHAMPION* (12:00 PM)

OCT 31 LADIES *NO CRYIN' IN GOLF*;