



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



History of Whidbey Ladies Golf Invitational

by Lynn Coffey, Ladies Club President

The first Whidbey Ladies Golf Invitational was held June 27 and 28th, in 1974. The golf field was small, with each member bringing a guest from outside the club. Remember sending invitations by snail mail? And the wait for registrations and money to come before being able to order food and prepare for the tournament? Well, some things do not really change!

Our initial game was a 2-person Best Ball competition on Friday with a free practice round on Thursday. There was also an Optional Horse Race and side competitions. For 46 years the Ladies Club has put on Invitationals and some of the themes were: "Under the Big Top," "Out of the Ashes," "Everything's Coming Up Roses!," "Puttin' On The Ritz," "Las Flores and Stripes, Stars & Pars."

In 1999, the Ladies Golf Invitational became a two-day tournament formatted as a 2 Person Eclectic Best Ball with the option of offering mulligans for sale. We have continued that popular format for 21 years. In 2004, the "Horse Race" was renamed the "Filly Race". In 2007, we added the very popular option of purchasing a "Magic Putt," (a ball anywhere on the green is considered holed in one stroke). One per player per day.

The Ladies Golf Club has put on many great golf Invitationals for the past 46 years. Kudos to all of the women in the past who have spent considerable time contacting sponsors, raffle donators, creating themes, decorating, sending out invitations, collecting money and playing.

The 47th Whidbey Ladies Golf Invitational is changing yet again. There are less of us to do all the work and thus we have turned the management of this tournament over to the pro shop. They have secured for us a title sponsor "Whidbeylocal.com." We have moved our dates to include a Friday, Saturday format - hoping to attract more women players who work during the week. *Continued on Page 5*

Events

June 3rd & 17th

Poker 6pm

June 5th

OHHS Athletics Charity Scramble

June 25th and 26th

Whidbeylocal.com Ladies Invitational

June 29th

Board Meeting 5:30pm

Every Thursday

Ladies' Club 9am

Every Friday

Member Dinner

Use member log in on Website for full calendar

Whidbey Golf Club

2430 S.W. Fairway Lane,
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
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Board of Trustees:

President - John Geragotelis
Vice President - Pat Ford
Secretary - Dave Acton
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Committee Chairs:

Club House/Restaurant - Pam Glach
Finance/Treasurer - Mike Prewitt
Greens and Grounds - Pat Ford
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Water Mitigation - Ross Geller
Ladies Club - Lynn Coffey

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Club Hours:

Office (Tue-Fri) 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Pro Shop (Summer Hours):
Mondays: 10:00 am - sunset
Tue-Sun: 7 am - sunset

Restaurant:

Weds thru Sat 11am - 8pm
Sunday - 9am - 5pm

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Pro Shop: Extension 1

President's Comments

This month, WGC officially started renegotiating the nineteen-year-old Drainage Agreement with the City of Oak Harbor and Island County. Thank you to Trustee Ross Geller, Chair of the Special Water Mitigation Committee, for all his hard work. The current Drainage Agreement expires in spring of next year, so WGC is spearheading the process, with the goal of having a signed deal in place by the end of 2021.



*Looking for TJ's Ball Again ... Actually,
Trustee Ross Geller (white golf cap) leads a group of WGC, Oak Harbor, and Island County officials on an informative tour of the course waterways, ponds, and pump stations.*

Good news on the COVID side of business. The state, in accordance with CDC recommendations, has relaxed indoor mask mandates. I am hopeful that by July the restaurant will resume full-capacity operations so that WGC can finally host the "back-to-normal" party that has been promised. In the meantime, our staff will do its best to accommodate food and drinks outside and inside, avoiding "buffet style" and large banquet-type dinners. Of course, the absolute best way to prevent COVID from spreading is to VACCINATE!

President's Comments

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I do not have any pressing business to report ... our managers are moving full speed ahead as evidenced by the new furniture in the restaurant, multiple Junior Golf Camps, and the beautiful course. Please thank the Club Manager, Head Pro, Superintendent, Chef AND their staffs when you frequent the club. If you are a golfer enjoying the premium conditions, remember that April, May, and June require the maintenance crew to put in the longest hours and hardest work of the year, so give them an extra thanks when you see them on the course. See you at the bar!

Hit 'em straight or hit 'em often!

John 'Germ' Geragotelis

President, Whidbey Golf Club

Membership News

by Arik Dahlen, General Manager

The weather has held up in May and we have seen plenty of great golfing days. I cannot remember that last time I have heard so many members comment on how great the course playing right now.

Island County is still currently in Phase 3, and the Bar and restaurant continue to operate at almost full capacity with regular weekly specials, Friday Night Dinners, and Poker on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. So please feel free to come by for a meal.

May was another great month for membership growth. In all we had 13 new members join WGC in various categories, and that includes a new Shareholder Family.

We would like to thank Linda Latham for joining the membership committee, we are very excited to have her on board to help with recruitment. We still need more members to step up. So please if you or someone you know is passionate about helping WGC grow, contact me and ask about what is involved with the committee. We would love to have you!

If you have anyone that you have been talking to about getting started here at WGC, please direct them to me. I would be more than happy to show them around and answer any questions they may have about the many benefits membership has to offer.

Ladies' Club News

by Lynn Coffey

Our ladies' club golfers are looking forward to more summer weather and 'golfing in the sun'.

Assistant Pro, Ryan Byrnes, has been hosting monthly golf clinics for the ladies. These clinics are open to all golf members and the cost is \$20. Next month Ryan will be demonstrating how to hit better iron shots. Join us if you are looking to improve your golf game. Our next clinic is Thursday June 10th, 8:30 am.

Winners of Ladies Golf Tournaments in May: Tee Ball - Lynn Coffey

- **1 Gross, 1 Net Best Ball Team**- Anna Anderson, Lynn Coffey, Mimi Bommersbach, Pat West
- **2 Person Best Ball**- Marsha Phay and Diane Pierce
- **Mutt'n Jeff**- Pam Smith
- **Ace of the Month** - Mimi Bommersbach
- **Chip In Winners** - Pat West and Monique Franssen

The Birdie Tree in the women's locker room is filling up with birdies thanks to Diane Pierce, Pam Smith, Mimi Bommersbach, Pat West and Jean Congdon.

Our 47th Whidbey Ladies Golf Invitational, is being held June 25 and 26th . "Driving Whidbey: Exploring the Magic of Coupeville" is this year's theme. You can sign up to play online or in the pro shop. If you need a partner, let us know.

Greens Report, From the Super

by Pat Ford, Greens Chair

The weather has been nice. The course is looking great and is presenting many fair challenges. The maintenance crew is working feverishly to keep up with the rough. Trevor has kept the greens smooth and fast. We have let the grass along the bunkers grow a little longer. The crew gets as close as they can with the mower and the rest of the grass grows naturally. Other courses have done this. Let me know what you think.

As I write this update the course is being groomed for the Invitational Tournament. It should be a good test for all players. I would like to thank everyone who has decided to play and wish you luck.

I appreciate all your inputs.

Respectfully,

Pat Ford

Greens Chair

House Update

by Arik Dahlen

May continued our upward trend of new social members, and the Governor has removed the mask mandate for all vaccinated guests and employees!

As we get closer and closer to operating at full capacity, we are starting to narrow down a big "Reopening/Thank You" celebration date. Be on the lookout for notification once that is set!



Some really big news, as some of you might already know, but we got a much needed facelift in the Bar, with brand new lounge chairs! Just one of the many improvements that we are hoping to accomplish in the future, and would not be able to do without your continued support. Other than the OHHS Wildcat Scramble on June 5th and the Ladies Invitational on the 25-26th there aren't many big events.

Please continue to look for the weekly specials and Friday Night Dinner menus, and we look forward to serving you.

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We have secured some additional financial sponsorship from some of our members who are interested in giving back to local businesses impacted by the restrictions of 2020. The 2021 theme, "Driving on Whidbey : Exploring the Magic of Coupeville" will feature 18 women owned/run businesses in Coupeville who are donating items for our raffle. New this year is a hosted cocktail party on Friday following the Filly Race. In addition, we will offer a dinner Friday night for purchase for our players. Club member Bob Brewer has offered to pick up the dinner tab for each woman owned business participating in our event.

Come join the fun. You can register for the tournament online or in the Pro Shop.

This year's tournament brought to you by Whidbey Local!



Pictures from the 1983 Ladies Invitational



As the newsletter goes to "print," we are in the midst of our Men's Invitational and the weather is perfect as usual! We have results for our Friday Practice Round, but you will have to wait until the July newsletter for the tournament results.

2021 HORSE RACE CHAMPIONS



Lucas Horrobin / Jeremy Amundson

Team #27 \$125 Each

Place	Team #3	Dave Smith / Nick Krantz	\$75 Each
Show	Team #16	Mel Elvebak / Darren Justus	\$50 Each
4th Place Tie		Mike Prewitt / Alex Ancheta	\$40Each
4th Place Tie		Todd Robinson / Joel Peterson	\$40 Each

June is going to be a very busy month which we are going to dub "Junior June" as we have 3 separate junior camps throughout the month.

June 8-10	5th Grade – 9th Grade
June 21-23	All Ages
June 28-30	K-4th Grade

The first and third camps will be hosted by Whidbey Golf Club but put on through the OH School District. The second will be solely put on by Whidbey Golf Club. The contact at WGC for these camps is Blaine Ward this year, so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at the club or via email blaine.ward96@gmail.com.

LADIES INVITATIONAL (Brought to you by WHIDBEY LOCAL)

June 25-26

The ladies have made a change to this annual tournament by making it a Friday-Saturday event instead of Thursday-Friday. This was done in the hopes of making it more palatable for the working ladies to participate. It will still be a two-day eclectic best ball event which has proven to be a favorite of the ladies' events.

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

July 10-11

Guys, please do not miss this prestigious event we hold once a year. You will find the sign up in the Pro Shop. It will be a 36-Hole stroke play event that will end with a champions dinner for all on Sunday. There are several divisions, so everyone has an opportunity to do well. Good Luck men!

5-PERSON BEST BALL (Brought to you by MELNICK & SONS PAINTING)

July 24-25

This event is already over half full and is expected to fill again this year. This is a 36-hole stroke play event using 3 scores on each hole (1 gross, 2 net). This is our biggest field of the year and is not to be missed.

**Thank you, as always, to all of our tournament sponsors!
We couldn't do these events without your support!**

