



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



The President(ial)'s Cup

Over the course of one year, Whidbey Golf Club members earn points based primarily on participation and to a certain degree on performance in tournaments. The points are weighted towards the Mens and Ladies Club Championship and Invitationals, followed by all other events. The actual Cup matches comprise three rounds of intense match play – Round 1) Two-Person Best Ball; Round 2) Two-Person Alternate Shot (nobody's favorite); and Round 3) Individual Match Play.

Prior to the event, the President John Geragotelis with Co-Captain Club Manager Arik Dahlen and Vice President Pat Ford with Co-Captain Head Professional Dave Phay, meet to select teams and pairings. Then the competitors, along with family and ALL former-year competitors, begin the weekend with a formal dinner. Pictured on Page 3 are the 16 members who qualified and accepted the challenge.

The teams split the Saturday morning Best Ball matches, 2 to 2. This year's Cup was essentially decided in Saturday's second round, the dreaded Alternate Shot format when the VP Team took 3.5 out of 4 points, all but guaranteeing a victory. Though the President's team fought gallantly on Sunday in the Singles matches, winning 2 matches handily and bring the 6 remaining matches down to the wire, the VP team could not be beat, ultimately winning the Cup 9 to 7.

See Page 3 for more!

Events

October 7th

Ladies Club Awards Luncheon

October 16th

RIS Insurance Fall 5-Ball

November 3rd

Annual Meeting 7pm

First and Third Thursdays

Poker

Every Thursday

Ladies' Club 9am

Every Friday

Member Dinner

**Use member log in on
Website for full calendar**

Whidbey Golf Club

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Board of Trustees:

President - John Geragotelis

Vice President - Pat Ford

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Club House/Restaurant - Pam Glach

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Greens and Grounds - Pat Ford

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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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President's Comments

Dear members, you are invited to the Whidbey Golf Club Annual Members Meeting. Shareholders will receive ballots to elect four trustees (one ballot per share) in their next statement. Additionally, ballots will be available at the annual meeting. The Board has not proposed any By-Law changes, and perhaps more newsworthy, for the first time in years the proposed budget (spoiler alert) does not include any planned assessments, so I expect the meeting to be short and sweet.

WHIDBEY GOLF CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 7 PM

Thanks to Dave Phay and his staff for coordinating another amazing Presidential Cup and thanks for Chef and the house staff for a splendid dinner event. Trivia - WGC's annual members' match used to be called the President's Cup, but the PGA Tour took the time to inform us that holding a "President's Cup" golf competition was an infringement on their copyright. Hmmm ... if I ever meet the POTUS, I will certainly mention this.

While watching the golf channel last week I saw Freddie Couples on vacation in the PacNorWest. He was playing golf at Useless Bay... great press for Whidbey Island. Freddie said he wanted to continue playing on the Champion's Tour until he is 65 years old, and maybe longer (he turns 62 this month). His point is that he still loves golf more than anything else. I am the same age as Freddie, and though there are times when I feel somewhat old, I haven't lost my passion to play. So it's very reassuring and inspiring to see fellow members, many much older than me, still enjoying the greatest game ever played. Not to mention that our club is a special place because of those who have chosen to spend their lives here at WGC.

Summer may have left us, but there is still plenty of golf remaining in 2021. The Fall 5-Person Tournament - Saturday, October 14 - has openings for teams. The greens have recovered beautifully from September's aeration, and the fairways are greening again. If you enjoy fall golf as much as I do, I'll see you around the club.

Hit 'em straight or hit 'em often!

John 'Germ' Geragotelis

President, Whidbey Golf Club



President's team (seated L-R): Arik Dahlen, Gary Boonstra, Mike Prewitt, Tom Ford, Mimi Bommersbach, Roger Pierce, Tim Wyer, Tyler Sauer, and John Geragotrelis (Jeff Waller not pictured). Vice President's Team (standing L-R): Dave Phay, Jim Phay, Mike Lacey, Dan Phillips, Steve Richardson, Tim Wyer, Dave Smith, and Pat Ford (not pictured TJ Kubisiak)



2021 NORM OLDENBURG AWARD WINNERS
 Winning the highly coveted Norm Oldenburg award as Most Valuable Players on their respective teams were Mike Prewitt (left) winning 2 ½ points and Tim Wyer (right) who was undefeated in all three matches, shooting a dazzling 65 in round three.



Watching the action in their sharp team jerseys are WGC Military members Dan Phillips (blue) and Tyler Sauer (white).



This year's Presidential Cup outcome came down to the final matches.

Pictured above are team anchors Jeff Waller and Gary Boonstra (President) along with TJ Kubisiak and perennial "clean-up hitter" Mike Lacey (VP).

Membership News

by Arik Dahlen, General Manager

Fall is in full affect, and with the season change we saw some much-needed rain. The course had greened up nicely, and the greens are very healthy. There are plenty of good golf days left, and this is the time of year that I appreciate Whidbey Golf Club more than ever because we have one of the most playable golf courses in the northwest during the off season.

As the end of the golfing season approaches, we see a dip in new golfers joining our club, but still saw a handful of new social and military members get started last month.

We are bringing back the 2022 Annual promotion for brand new members only. If you know of someone that was thinking about giving WGC a try now is the time to get going.

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

Congratulations to the Ladies Club Champions:

Mimi Bommersbach – Gross and Diane Pierce - Net!

There was exciting playoff for Low Net on hole #1 between Diane Pierce, Marsha Phay and Ellie Wright. Congratulations to Diane Pierce.

Thank you to all of the ladies who played.

The Ladies Golf games this month's winners included:

- Team Scramble Winners- Mimi Bommersbach, Marsha Phay, Paula Oldenburg, Cathy Horribon
- Net Skins winner was Marsha Phay with two

Outside Tournaments

Mimi Bommersbach and Lynn Coffey won 2nd place (2nd flight) on the first day (Scramble) and second day Best Ball won 1st Place Gross (2nd flight) at The Cedars at Dungeness Ladies Invitational.

Mimi Bommersbach and Lynn Coffey won 2nd Place Gross at the Gallery Ladies Invitational as well as Anna Anderson her partner Annette won 3rd Place Net.

October 7th Ladies Luncheon and Awards

Greens Report, From the Super

The greens are healing after a successful fall aerification. We did see quite a bit of fungus attacking some of the back nine greens, especially number 14. This is quite common after all the stress and damage caused to the plant during aerification. *Microdochium nivale* (pink snow mold) likes 50 degree Fahrenheit nights and moist weather. With the cooling temperatures and rain, the conditions were perfect for the fungus to attack the grass. A fungicide application was applied and the grass is recovering. The greens are now down to the winter height of cut @ .130 inch. During the summer we cut @ .120 inch. Just the one hundredth of an inch difference helps the plant stay healthier and resist being infected by fungal pathogens that are always present in the soil.

You may have noticed the birds digging up areas around the course, especially the area left of 9 approach. This is them going for the European Crane Fly larvae. In the coming weeks I will be making an insecticide and surfactant application to the whole course. This means that each of the 9's will have to be shut down for a day. Nobody is allowed in the areas being sprayed for 24 hours after the application. The surfactant is basically a soap that helps water move through the soil profile. The particular product I will be spraying has been used for decades by potato farmers to make harvesting less muddy and has been approved to use on turfgrass for a few years now. I sprayed this last year and I feel that it really helped keep the fairways less soggy all winter.

On Oct. 20th and 21st Pacific Sportsturf will be here to deep tine the greens again. The process involves an eight inch tine that goes into the green and then "kicks" at the bottom to break up the subsoil of the green. This allows for better drainage and airflow in the green. Similar to aerification but less damage to the surface. When we punch the greens we can only affect the top four inches of the profile. This process breaks up the profile further down than our aerification machines can go.

House Update

Our clubhouse continues to be open for dining and socializing which has picked up with the cooler temps and football viewing. We are able to accommodate groups again and had a busy weekend in October with both our Presidents Cup banquet and a recent wedding. If you are considering a holiday get together, we would love to host your group and alleviate the stress of cooking and hosting people in your home, contact Arik for solutions.

Our bridge group has returned but we have not yet restarted Bunko. In lieu of that activity, consider enjoying fresh air and fall leaves while learning/practicing a bit of golf. The Wed/Thurs 9-Holers always have room for another player regardless of skill or membership status. Here is a message from lead organizer, Linda Latham.

As the summer comes to a close, there are now 20 participants in our newly formed 9-hole ladies group, encompassing all levels of golfing experience and includes shareholders, casual golfers, social members, non-member guests, and 18-hole ladies. We are all enjoying a comfortable environment on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, then gathering after the shorter round for happy hour, food, and socializing. Since almost half are new to golf, the summer scramble and best ball team formats helped to keep individual scoring pressure down while we share and learn the rules of golf, while developing skills. It's a great way for working ladies, moms, and all ladies with other interests to find time for golf. There is no obligation to play... just another fun way to enjoy our great Pacific Northwest outdoors here at Whidbey Golf Course.

Please call or e-mail Linda, if you or someone you know would like to join us as we continue this fall, weather permitting, and look forward to next season!

GOLF NEWS - OCTOBER, 2021

Hello everyone,

We had a great September and our greens aerification went smoothly so I am excited for our off season play. We have a few events left in the year so make sure to get your teams signed up as soon as possible as we have seen some of the events fill these last couple years.

October 16	RIS Fall-5-Ball	10:00am Shotgun
November 20	Apple Cup 2-Man	10:00am Shotgun

2021 Ladies Club Championship September 3-4

Mimi Bommersbach won the 2021 Ladies Club Championship in convincing fashion. After day one she was in a tight race with past champion Pam Smith. On day two, Mimi put together one of the better rounds our club has seen in quite a while to winning going away. Congratulations to Mimi on her first Championship win.

Our Ladies Net Champion this year was Diane Pierce who went into a three-way sudden death playoff with Marsha Phay and Eleanor Wright. She won on the very first hole to take the 2021 Ladies Club Net Championship!

2021 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



LADIES CLUB CHAMPION

MIMI BOMMERSBACH

LADIES NET CHAMPION

DIANE PIERCE



91-82 173



72-75 147

Fall Five Ball

October 16th 10:00 AM Shotgun

The most interesting tournament format is just around the corner. Each five-person team will be playing a 4-person scramble with the fifth person playing their own ball as the "choker." The choker rotates on each hole and the two scores will be added together. This is our last major tournament of the year and we expect to go out with a bang. Be sure to put together a team and join us.

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (GROSS)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (GROSS)						
Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Points
1	Bommersbach, Majorie	+29	91	82	173	1500.00
2	Meis, Gail	+56	104	96	200	1000.00
3	Wright, Eleanor	+59	104	99	203	0.00
4	Smith, Pamela	+60	93	111	204	0.00

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (NET)

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Points
1	Pierce, Diane	+3	72	75	147	1500.00
T2	Wright, Eleanor	+3	76	71	147	750.00
T2	Phay, Marsha	+3	73	74	147	750.00
4	Behrman, Jane	+9	81	72	153	0.00
5	Congdon, Jean	+11	81	74	155	0.00
6	Oldenburg, Paula	+17	78	83	161	0.00
T7	Bommersbach, Majorie	+1	77	68	145	0.00
T7	Meis, Gail	+14	83	75	158	0.00
T7	Smith, Pamela	+24	75	93	168	0.00