



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



Men's Club Championship

by David Phay

This year's club championship was held on July 11-12 this year which was 3 weeks earlier than our traditional early August event we have had for many years. This was done to move the championship away from our annual 5-Person Best Ball which is always on the last weekend in July. It worked out very well and the weather was pretty good considering you can get just about anything in July around the Northwest.

This year was a tale of come-back-winners with every champion having to overcome Saturday deficits that were formidable. Tim Wyer, our eventual defending champion ran into a tough test against Nick Krantz and AJ Davis who shot 69 and 71 during day competition. Tim, shooting 74, found himself in the lead after firing 3 under par 33 on the front nine. Krantz and Davis struggled on the front nine and were not able to mount a comeback with Wyer continuing his play with a 1 under par back nine shooting 68 for the second round (74-68-142). This left him 4 strokes clear of Nick Krantz at (69-77-146).

Congratulations go out to Tim Wyer for defending his championship and engraving his name on the trophy for a 5th time in 6 years.

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Events

August 15th

Grass Roots
Junion Golf

August 29-30th

Pacific Grace Tax &
Accounting
Couples Chapman

Every Friday

Member Dinner

Whidbey Golf Club

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Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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Board of Trustees:

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Club Hours:

Office (Tue-Fri) 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Pro Shop (Summer Hours):

Mondays: 10:00 am - 7 pm

Tue-Sun: 7 am - 7 pm

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Wed-Sat: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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President's Comments

Thanks to all our staff for hosting two great WGC events - the Men's Club Championship and our biggest tournament of the year, the 5-Person Best Ball, sponsored by MELNICK & SON'S Painting, which had 200 participants. Congratulations to all the winners, and "better luck next time" to all the other folks (like myself). Both events were a ton of fun, especially since the weather cooperated and the course was in great shape. Our next big event is the Couples Chapman at the end of August.

Well, just when we started to gain a little momentum in the restaurant, the state regressed the Covid-19 guidelines for indoor dining and gatherings. Please comply with the new rules and protocols when inside the bar and restaurant dining areas. Our focus will remain on keeping WGC safe and our priority will be on golf, as opposed to socializing, until progress is made in defeating the virus.

Speaking of golf, the links business is doing well all over the country. We have the PGA back in full swing, sans galleries, as well as the Ladies and Champion's Tours starting up. For whatever reason, golf seems to be regaining popularity at family and youth levels. It sure is nice to see so many people playing our wonderful course every day.

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Greens and Grounds Update

by Trevor Thorp, Superintendent

July is done and we are finally getting summer weather. The course is drying out and the grass is slowing down. We continue to have issues with the irrigation system, especially on the back 9. I am working hard every day to try to figure it out so we can produce a more consistent golfing experience.

Many of you have seen the dog that comes to work with me. Her name is Casey. She belongs to Jonathon Bailey, a WGC member, who I have been renting a room from since getting to the island. Jonathon has accepted a position in San Diego and will be moving soon. Casey will be missed by those that have interacted with her. As much for her happy disposition as well as her recent interest in chasing geese.

TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!

BY PAT FORD

It has been an interesting year. Starting with extreme weather, Covid -19, and our course being shut down for over a month, 2020 has presented Whidbey Golf Club with many challenges. Through it all our membership continued to pay their dues and support our club. Everyone deserves recognition. I am writing this to highlight the volunteer efforts of a few members whom I think should be recognized. I am sure I will forget someone. I apologize in advance. The board appreciates the effort of everyone who volunteers their time.



The entrance to our club is the first impression for anyone playing the course or using our facilities. There are three individuals I would like to recognize. Dave Lura, Gordon Sears, and Leif Haslund. You will see Dave and Gordon maintaining the planted areas in front of the clubhouse, the parking lot, the putting green and the first tee area. Leif has painted the men's bathroom on the entry level and the old snack shack on the lower level. Leif, Keith Larsen and other volunteers painted both restrooms on the golf course a few years ago. Dave Lura recovered fifteen hundred range balls along the access road to the maintenance shack in the spring.

The next group of volunteers I will refer to as the Monday morning group. They have been working on many projects ranging from; tree removal and trimming, sprinkler head trimming, mowing, geese away light maintenance, geese mitigation effort, and tee box leveling. The Monday morning group rebuilt seventeen's white tee box under the supervision of Trevor. It should be ready for play soon. The rest of the tee boxes will be leveled gradually by adding sand. The Monday morning group is Dave Acton, Mike Prewitt, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasmussen, Steve and Todd Robinson, Jim Phay, Troy Johnson, Elton Gifford, John McMahon, and Steve Anderson. Steve trailered his excavator to the club to clean up the damage caused by the February storm. He also mows fairways when needed. Ray Rasmussen and Steve Robinson are our resident loggers. John Geragotelis and John Matzen volunteer for course setup before tournaments which include penalty area marking and out of bounds. Germ also maintains the tee box markers. These are just a few projects happening under the volunteer banner. Monday morning is the usual gathering time before the course opens. Let one of us on the board know if you would like help.

When you see any of these volunteers, please let them know you appreciate their efforts to improve our club.

"The game has such a hold on golfers because they compete not only against an opponent, but also against the course, against par, and most surely- against themselves."

Arnold Palmer

Ladies' Club News

By Linda Haslund

Jane Berhman won Ace of the Month for July. Congratulations, Jane. Nice win!

August is upon us & I hope for good weather, good golf & no new golf restrictions.

To start, please send cards of encouragement to Barb Bland, Diane Pierce, Cindy & Bill Campbell. If you know of anyone else, please let Pat Conners know or call me.

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the 2020 Ladies' Invitational. We just don't know what new rules might go into effect. In place of that we are going to have the Short & Sweet we could not have in March. This will be fun for the members who are normally down south in March. They get to see what they are missing!

I would like to welcome our newest member, Laurie McCully. She played with us for the first time on July 30th. Please say hello and introduce yourself if you see her!

Let's have a wonderful August and see you on the course!



Questions? Comments? Ideas?

As you may have noticed, the newsletter has been updated and reformatted for easier updates and more options for changes and special sections.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas for the Whidbey Golf Club newsletter, don't hesitate to contact me at wgcnewsletter@yahoo.com or Arik at arik@whidbeygolfclub.com.

"Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe."

~Bob Williams

Membership News

WGC Members & Guests,

July continued the growth trend in new member signups. We welcomed 1 new Shareholder Family, and 14 other members in different categories. We did see a slight decrease in our military membership due to Gallery still being open, but most of the growth we have seen since May has stayed steady. Our hope is that the word of mouth on how great our course is will continue to spread.

July's tournaments were very well attended.... However, the updated restrictions for Restaurants are going to inhibit us from doing many events in the clubhouse for the foreseeable future. We have and will be adding more outside seating to be able to accommodate as many patrons as possible. Please continue to support the house, by coming by for a bite to eat or a quick drink on a nice day!

As always.... 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.

Please join our committee! We meet on the Wednesday prior to the board meetings at 4:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Arik Dahlen,
General Manager, Whidbey Golf Club

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This month the Board of Trustees and managers will begin the onerous budget writing process for 2021. Our aim will be forward-looking, as opposed to reactionary, i.e. WGC needs to get out of the business of "wait until it breaks then assess" (this practice severely limits purchase capability which delays replacement and forces extensive repairs, hence most equipment and assets are well over service life and failing). Our managers have a good handle on all necessary improvements and impending replacements (we have an actual target). So, we will continue building the capital reserves to systematically cover these big-ticket expenses. As I stated last year, this process may require about five years before the program is self-sustaining. But thanks in no small part to your tremendous support, WGC has made significant progress in 2020 and intends to build on that success in 2021.

Hit 'em straight, or hit 'em often

(despite contention to the contrary, this quote was not stolen from my good pal Mike Lacey)

John 'germ' Geragotelis

2020 Men's Club Championship

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Our Senior Club Champion was not a defending champion, but he is no stranger to the victory circle with this being Roger Pierce's 3rd victory in 4 years. This group produced the first 3-way playoff in the history of the WGC Men's Club Championship series. Tracy Vass led the way after day one with a solid even par 72. When the dust settled on Sunday Tracy shot 78 to tie with Roger who shot 76-74-150 and a day 2 dark horse Keith Tod who shot his lowest round ever (69) after having a rough 81 on day one. The playoff went one hole with Roger sinking a twelve-foot birdie putt on the 500 yard par 5 first. Congratulations Roger!

We found ourselves with a new Super Senior Club Champion, but he is not a new name for anyone who has been around the club. Tom Ford won his first championship by overcoming a 5-stroke deficit on day one to Chuck Krieg who shot a spectacular 75. Mr. Krieg struggled right from the start on Day 2 and quickly found a whole bunch of contenders vying for the lead with him. Gary Boonstra was in early positing a solid 80-78-158 which looked as though it may hold up for the win. This is when Tom Ford made a couple of the hardest holes on the course look easy with birdies on 12 & 14. This gave him a 2-stroke lead that he held all the way to 17 where he bogeyed. With a 1 stroke lead he easily tapped in a 3-footer on 18 for the victory. Congratulations Tom!

2020 CLUB CHAMPIONS

JULY 11-12, 2020



MEN'S CLUB CHAMPION

TIM WYER



SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION

ROGER PIERCE



SUPER SENIOR CHAMPION

TOM FORD

GOLF NEWS - AUGUST, 2020

5-PERSON BEST BALL This years 5-Person Best Ball was the largest field ever with 200 players. A big thank you goes out to Todd Melnick and his company, MELNICK & SON'S PAINTING. Without his help our event would not be the success that it is. We also need to congratulate his team for taking the title this year with a stellar 52 under par. Also, Congratulations goes out to Bob Brewer who made his first HOLE IN ONE ever on Hole #13 Sunday, July 27. You can find all the results and statistics below.

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	R1	R2	Total	Purse
1	Melnick / Horrobin / Tercero / Campbell / Amundson	-52	188	192	380	\$2,000.00
2	Beatty / Bonallo / Damskov / Harris / Porter	-45	193	194	387	\$1,750.00
T3	Keresey / Ward / Krantz / Krantz / Keresey III	-42	192	198	390	\$1,425.00
T3	Richardson / Richardson / Helwick / Solis / Amell	-42	199	191	390	\$1,425.00
5	Cyr + Carter + Zylstra + Altman + Hawkins	-39	195	198	393	\$1,200.00
6	Marckstein / Sauer / Salatka / Bighouse / Smith	-37	200	195	395	\$1,100.00
7	Parot + Hogue + Hogue + Dailey + Caparas	-34	198	200	398	\$1,000.00
8	Chambers / Munoz / Bjorling / Thompson / Jacobs	-33	203	196	399	\$900.00
9	Yurcina / Schmidt / Tod / Anderson / Wyer	-31	198	203	401	\$800.00
T10	Noda / Hillman / Lowell / Gasow / Vu	-30	200	202	402	\$650.00
T10	Smith / Wesley / Allen / Turner / Reed	-30	198	204	402	\$650.00
T12	Davis / Hatch / Crawford / Factor / Ovalle	-28	198	206	404	\$250.00
T12	Noteboom / Noteboom / Wyatt / Brisben / O'Neill	-28	200	204	404	\$250.00
T14	Fodor / Louis / Collins / Gentry / Gentry	-27	200	205	405	\$0.00
T14	Pierce / Pierce / Pierce / Matzen / Ford	-27	202	203	405	\$0.00
16	Kubisiak / Waller / Elvebak / Hamming / Smith	-25	198	209	407	\$0.00
T17	Melohusky / Melohusky / Brannan / Metzdorf / Regan	-24	209	199	408	\$0.00
T17	Melnick / Audette / Martens / Shelley / Lindgren	-24	199	209	408	\$0.00
19	Bommersbach / Brewer / Phay / Phay / Wright	-23	208	201	409	\$0.00
20	Prewitt / McCaul / Ancheta / Johnson / Gifford	-22	207	203	410	\$0.00
21	Robinson / Robinson / Peterson / Hobbs / Boyle	-21	204	207	411	\$0.00
T22	Clemmer / Beeson / Hall / Harrison / Vass	-20	200	212	412	\$0.00
T22	McKinlay / Skogen / Chavez / Howes / Saunders	-20	205	207	412	\$0.00
T22	Dahlen / Sprague / Chrisman / Ross / Schelling	-20	209	203	412	\$0.00
T22	Lowe / Wade / King / Radder / Olsen	-20	213	199	412	\$0.00
26	Schuller / Derrig / Nelson / Wilcox / Nelson	-18	202	212	414	\$0.00
27	Mulcahy / Kirkland / Olmstead / Stone / Bratrude	-17	207	208	415	\$0.00
28	Rigwood + Winn + Gray + Donnelly + Bohrer	-15	206	211	417	\$0.00
T29	Kidd / Ford / Acton / Snavelly / Nordstrom	-13	210	209	419	\$0.00
T29	Lacey / Geragotelis / Phillips / Lee / Cohan	-13	212	207	419	\$0.00
31	Rodgers / Rodgers / Nunn / Stone / Stone	-11	211	210	421	\$0.00
T32	Noyes + Konopik + Moss + Kolste + Castillo	-9	202	221	423	\$0.00
T32	Anderson / Snyder / Hendricks / Wells / Shewfelt	-9	212	211	423	\$0.00
34	Klunt + Klunt + Gatter + Yanagida + Roop	-8	206	218	424	\$0.00
35	Jermyn + Tracy + Dunn + Falk + Tracy	-7	204	221	425	\$0.00
T36	Gibson / Murdy / Rennes / Santa / Browning	-6	215	211	426	\$0.00
T36	Hall / Brusco / Smith / Sweet / Nelson	-6	219	207	426	\$0.00
38	Petosa + Morris + Morris + Petosa + Denessen	-3	210	219	429	\$0.00
39	Winn / Gould / Leonetti / Kirkland / Anderson	12	217	227	444	\$0.00
40	Ellis + Fisher + Helton + White + Carpenter + Anerson	19	230	221	451	\$0.00

Couples Chapman

BROUGHT TO YOU BY Pacific Grace Tax and Accounting

August 29-30th

This year's Couple's Chapman will look a little different due to the regulations set forth by the State, but we expect to still have a great time with a smaller field of 48 teams. We have cancelled the dinner and made the breakfasts and lunches a to-go style of meal so to adhere to social distancing guidelines. A big thank you goes out to Roger and Diane Pierce for all the hard work they have put into this event. They have done a spectacular job making this tournament so great the last few years. Thank you so much Roger & Diane!



Greens Aerification

Date

September 14-16

Greens Aerification will start Monday, September 14th. The course will be completely closed on September 14-16. It will reopen on Thursday, September 15th for normal play. The range will be open from 10:00am-5:00pm on Monday - Wednesday for members only as the pro shop will be closed.




Updated Phase 3 restaurant restrictions affecting WGC

Restaurants and Bars

- Indoor dining limited to household members
- Alcohol sales must end at 10 PM
- Table size reduced to 5 people and total occupancy to 50% capacity in Phase 3
- Game areas must close
- Bars will close indoor service

Office of Governor Jay Inslee



Restaurant guidance will now require parties to be members of the same household in order to dine indoors. Outdoor dining and take-away remains available for small parties from different households.

Table size for dine-in in Phase 3 will be reduced to five individuals (indoors or outside) and occupancy reduced from 75% to 50%.

Bars will be closed for indoor service but can continue outdoor service. Alcohol service inside of restaurants must end by 10 p.m.

Don't hesitate to contact the restaurant if you have any questions.

We know that these new guidelines may hamper some social gatherings, but they have been put into place, by the state, for all of our health and safety. We're looking forward to going "back to normal" as soon as possible - just like you!