



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



Welcome and Introduction to our new Superintendent

By John Geragotelis

Meet Mr. Trevor Thorp, a Bellingham native, our new golf course Superintendent. Trevor started his career at Bellingham Golf and County Club where he worked for seven years in the maintenance shop. He then enrolled at Michigan State University, including an internship at the prestigious Valderrama Golf Club in San Roque, Spain. He graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Science, concentrated on Turf Grass Management. After a brief stint as Assistant Superintendent at the Emerald Golf Course in Michigan, he moved back to Washington.

From 2009 to 2012, Trevor worked his way up to 2nd Superintendent at the Plateau Club in Sammamish before moving to Grants Pass, Oregon, where he was Assistant Superintendent for seven years. In 2019, Trevor made his way back to Washington, taking charge as Superintendent of Vashon Golf and Swim Club. In December of 2019, WGC hired Trevor to the management position of Superintendent.

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Events

March 19th:

Ladies Club Luncheon

March 24th:

8:30am Member Shotgun

March 26th:

Ladies Short and Sweet

March 26th:

Garden Club Speaker

March 28th:

Spring Shootout

Poker

1st and 3rd Thursdays Every
Month

Bunco

3rd Wednesday Every Month

Whidbey Golf Club

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Superintendent – Trevor Thorp

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Chef – Kris Burns

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Club Hours:

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

Pro Shop (Winter Hours):

Mondays: 10:00 am-Sunset

Tue-Sun: Sunrise - Sunset

Driving Range Closes at Sunset

Restaurant:

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

Sundays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Pro Shop: Extension 1

President's Comments

by John 'Germ' Geragotelis

If you are reading this that means our new Fairway News editor, Ms. Krista Lewis, has succeeded - thank you so much! Since most of our readers are not full-time members, Krista made a dramatic change in format in order to deliver you high-interest stories and keep you informed about upcoming events. Let her know what you think or offer better ideas <wgcnewsletter@yahoo.com> (If you are looking for Board or Treasurer reports, we are working to post those in the WGC webpage member section).

You will also notice another big change at WGC – there is a WRIDER CUP trophy displayed on the premises.

Congratulations to the Bandon Boys who narrowly held off a charging Reno team on the final day to bring home the hardware.

Shout out to our new Super' and his crew for getting the course back into playing condition after the flood of the century. I actually liked the pond on the right side of hole 14 ... we may consider putting one in permanently (PS, if you left any balls in that pond you can fetch them at the Pro Shop, as long as they were marked).

March has traditionally opened the golf season at WGC: witness the Spring Shootout, the Ladies Short and Sweet, and the Oak Harbor High School boys and girls effortlessly driving their golf balls fifty yards past mine. So, dust off your clubs and make a tee time or two! And if you're a member, sign up for some of the Seven Course Clashes or other exchanges. Get out there and ... Hit 'em straight, or hit 'em often.

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more information*

HOUSE REPORT

BY PAM GLACH

February created unique views from our clubhouse. Many of us joined together for a snack or beverage, and to joke about the new water hazard growing across portions of the back 9. Fortunately, a few sunny days dried up the temporary lake and returned the course to its usual lovely green.

Our lovely staff kept the clubhouse warm and cheery for 3 fun special events in February. We had great turnouts for the Superbowl viewing party, Valentine's Dinner and Paint Night.



March will be no less eventful with March Madness for college basketball, another outstanding member buffet, and a special guest speaker from the local garden club to discuss ideas and tips for getting our personal gardens in beautiful and/or food producing condition. If you are ready to think about an interior spring refresh, mark your calendar for April speaker Vicki Matzen.



2020 Wrider Cup



By David Phay

2020 marked the 9th year in a row that Team Whidbey would be trying to regain the WRIDER CUP. The competition held down at the Bandon Dunes Resort has been a trying time for team Whidbey over the past decade with our last win being all the way back in 2011! We had the victory in our grasp last year but sadly fell short and ended up tying for the three day battle. This year was much different as we held a commanding lead of 13.5-6.5 over team Reno and all we needed was 7 out of 20 points on the final day of individual match play. Each player is matched up against their Reno Counterpart with respect to handicaps and are sent out to battle for a point. By late in that day Reno was leading in 17 matches with only 2 matches locked up for Whidbey. It was looking bleak to say the least! Team Whidbey then got to work, with 7 players getting their matches back to even or winning outright. It was an amazing comeback and it really shows the resilience that team Whidbey possesses when their backs are against the wall. Congratulations Team Whidbey!



Membership News

WRITTEN BY ARIK DAHLEN

Well the weather is starting to change, and the course is drying out.... Despite the awful year mother nature has provided so far, we are still gaining a few members here and there. We would like to welcome the new members that joined in January. Tim & Lisa Oswalt (Military Family), Jim and Linda Latham returned to the Seasonal Peak category, and JD Norton came back as a Social Member.



In 2020 the main goal in the membership committee is to build on the growth that we saw in 2019. We are always looking for ways to increase the number of Shareholders, to make them feel valued, and expand the benefits that they get here at the club versus other categories. The promotions we have done and are looking to do this year are to bring new people to the game and our club with the hope that they will be our future shareholders. We are also very much looking for new members to join the Membership Committee. We welcome all from different types of membership here at WGC, and if you are interested please feel contact me at the office or shoot me an email and I will get you in touch with Steve Richardson, Our Membership Committee Chair. arik@whidbeygolfclub.com. I can't begin to tell you how excited we are for this year and the opportunities there will be for our club. Here is to an amazing 2020!

Ladies Club

WRITTEN BY LINDA HASLUND

We had a good turnout for our lunch on Thursday, Feb. 27th. Our next lunch will be on March 19th at 12 noon. Please remember to call the restaurant to let them know if you are coming. The wait staff needs to know how many tables to set up.

The Short & Sweet competition will be on March 26th at 10:00 am. Diane & Roger Pierce work very hard to set this up. We hope for a good turnout. This is a lot of fun.

If you know of anyone needing a thinking of you or get well card, please contact Pat Conners. Thanks for signing up for this job Pat.

We are all looking forward to getting back to regular play. It will be fun to have everyone back on the island. By the time play starts, the course should be in good shape.

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to text or call.

See you soon!.



Welcome Trevor Thorp

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While undeniably technically qualified in all agronomic and cultural aspects of maintaining turf grass, Trevor really prides himself in meeting the ever-changing daily challenges of maintaining a golf course. He has introduced new ideas and made positive changes at every place of employment. This type of ingenuity is a key reason why our club is very fortunate to have Trevor as the Super'. In fact, Trevor and his hard-working crew have already passed their first major challenge with flying colors, not only readying the golf course for play after Whidbey's "flood of the century," but also implementing new procedural and technical procedures to mitigate future water damage. Welcome to Whidbey Golf Club!

Wrider Cup 2021 - Mark your calendars!

I can't wait to join you once again in 2021 where we are adding the newest Bandon Dunes Resort course "The Sheep Ranch." The sign ups for 2021 will be in late July. Here are the dates for and what will be included for 2021:

Monday, Feb. 22	Arrival	Old Mac	11:10-12:50	
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Breakfast	Bandon Dunes	8:40-10:20	Dinner
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Breakfast	Sheep Ranch	8:40-10:20	Dinner
Thursday, Feb. 25	Breakfast	Bandon Trails	9:10-10:50	Dinner
Friday, Feb. 26	Breakfast	Pacific Dunes	8:10-9:40	Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 27	Breakfast	Departure		

High School Golf

High School golf just got started which means you will be seeing many more juniors out on the course during the afternoon hours. This will last into early May so if you play in the afternoons please check with the pro shop before showing up to play. That way we can give you the priority for the 1st tee.

Spring Shootout

Saturday, March 28th

\$40/Shareholder, \$45/Member, \$60 for guests

Let's kick off the season with some fun! The teams will be made up of 4 players (Men & Women) that will count two net scores on each hole. Each player will receive 90% of your handicap for the team game. This will be a "HOW LOW CAN YOU GO" course setup which will be achieved by playing the tees up from where most would normally play. Come out and join us for an exciting day that includes lunch and prizes.

Celebrate the Masters

Saturday, April 11th

This is an annual event where we turn the course into a par three challenge. Each hole is turned into a par three and most of the approach shots will be from places you have never been before, or at least you shouldn't have been there! Afterwards, we all meet upstairs for a lunch and the 3rd round of the masters. This tournament is probably the most anticipated of the non-major tournaments we run all year.

2020 Island Cup

Qualifying & Exchanges

This year will mark our fifth year of the battle between WGC and Camaloch GC. The qualifying will be the same as 2019.

Point System for 2020 Exchanges

Participation

50 pts per Day

Match points

Home & Away Matches - 1 Point = 10 pt

Peninsula Matches - 1 Stableford point = 1 pt

1st Tie Breaker Player with more matches

2nd Tie Breaker Player with lowest net score

3rd Tie Breaker Coin Flip

Traditional Exchanges (2 days each)

Sudden Valley Wednesday, May 6 (Here) – Wednesday, May 13 (There) 15 Ams, 1 Pro

Camaloch Tuesday, July 23 (Here) – Thursday, July 25 (There) 15 Ams, 1 Pro

Peninsula Matches (1 day each)

Each of these matches will be attended by 6 total clubs bringing 15 players. Each round will use the top stableford point scores from each team and the pro to get a team score that will be kept as a running total for the season.

Tuesday, March 24	Gold Mountain	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Wednesday, April 8	White Horse Golf Club	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Friday, May 1	Peninsula Golf Club	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Tuesday, June 9	Whidbey Golf Club	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Wednesday, July 15	Sunland Golf & Country Club	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Thursday, August 27	The Resort @ Pt. Ludlow	14 Ams, 1 Pro
Thursday, September 17	The Cedars @ Dungeness	14 Ams, 1 Pro



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-Ben Hogan

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