



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



WGC Maintenance Team Pictured upon New Rough Mower

In front L-R: Annette Sawyer holding Tucker, Leo Munoz. In back L-R: Chris Gutierrez, Greens Chairman Pat Ford, Superintendent Trevor Thorp with Casey, Chad Evans, Jay Pascoal. Not pictured Ryan Evans, Pete Landolt

New Toro Groundsmaster 4500 Arrives at Whidbey Golf Club

Since Superintendent Trevor Thorp arrived in December, his team has had to deal with an uber-flood that placed about half the course underwater, a major windstorm that took out tens of trees, and a pandemic that closed the course for over a month. The crew handled those challenges with flying colors. Thankfully, operations have now settled down, but even the daily routine presents formidable challenges. WGC invested in the new mower because it had become an extreme challenge to keep the old and deteriorating rough mowers operable. Seemingly never more than a day or two passed without a hydraulic leak or a mechanical break.

Another challenge has been fixing pump problems and leaks in the irrigation system. The new irrigation control system (which the club installed last winter) has assisted the teams' efforts by allowing better isolation capability when repairing leaks. Also, the system's better control and monitoring of pressures has prevented leaks, as well as providing more efficient use of our water. Like the new rough mower, WGC's upgrade to the irrigation system was a prudent investment in our future. *Continued on Page 6*

Whidbey Golf Club

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Mondays: 10:00 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

My comments this month will imitate the golf game that I attempt to play every round – short and straight(forward). Every month I thank members for volunteering or applaud our staff for doing a great job. This month I commend our Board of Trustees. Together, the seven of us, spend countless hours trying to steer Whidbey Golf Club in the right direction. We oversee the operational committees and often put out fires, but also (more importantly I think) we debate the future of our club. We rarely all agree, which is a good thing. We sometimes are not efficient in making decisions, which is my fault, but we want to ensure the best course is taken.

In preparation for 2021's budget, we will spend hours debating how to make enough revenue to operate the club (assessment, dues increase, price increase, refinance, more open play, etc.) versus controlling our expenses (curtailing services and maintenance, limiting manpower, etc.).

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Greens and Grounds Update

by Trevor Thorp, Superintendent

As we come to the end of the summer golf season, the crew is getting ready for greens aerification and fall leaf cleanup. No golfer I have ever met is excited about the greens being aerified in the last weeks of good golf weather in the PNW. However, aerification is an important part of maintaining healthy greens. The process relieves compaction from the season, allows more air exchange for the roots, and improves drainage. The addition of sand helps to reduce thatch and make a smoother, more consistent playing surface. It is important that we do aerification when the weather is still nice. In order to properly move the sand into the holes created, we need nice sunny weather too dry out the sand. Warmer soil temperatures also help the greens recover quicker. While the goal is to get the greens back as quickly as possible, rushing the process only damages the mowing equipment and removes sand from the green, defeating the purpose of applying the sand. Your patience and understanding during the recovery period will be rewarded with improved greens health, firmness and smoothness.

IN MEMORY OF BILL CAMPBELL

BY PAT FORD

Bill and Cindy Campbell have been long time members of Whidbey Golf and Country Club/Whidbey Golf Club since 1995. Bill unfortunately passed away on August 19, 2020. Bill played most of his golf with the Ka-Chingers group. After playing golf they would settle their bets and set aside the money for a party later in the year. Bill would join them after rounds of golf for a drink when he wasn't able to play.

We have an active volunteer group at the club. Our current project is to start leveling the tee boxes that have over the years started to get mounded in the middle. This creates an uneven tee box that annoys all of us. The way Superintendent Trevor has asked us to work on these is to gradually add sand around the edges and build them up. This process will take a long time, but we feel like it will be better than taking tee boxes out of service.

One of the items we always seem to need more of is the metal rakes that help work the sand in. This allows the grass to continue to grow and build up the low spots.

The Ka-Chingers have very graciously offered to provide two more rakes to help us improve our course. This generous donation has been made in Bill's memory.

The Board and the Greens Chairman would like to thank the Ka-Chingers for honoring your group and Bill.

President's Comments

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It is no secret that the budget driver is the material state of our facilities and equipment, which has degraded over the last 15 years as our membership revenue has declined. But, as evidenced with last year's major upgrade to the irrigation system and this year's purchase of a new rough mower, this Board is not satisfied with treading water – we are committed to constant improvement.

The Board of Trustees made some tough decisions earlier this year, which again I thank you for supporting. I know decisions are like putts; every putt makes someone happy and someone sad. But despite COVID, WGC is on track to realize some consequential gains in 2020. Certainly, there are many improvements, changes, and challenges ahead, but thanks to your Board, for the first time in years I feel like WGC is on an upswing.

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

Ladies' Club News

Just a reminder, the Ladies' Club meets every Thursday, 8:30-10am. All are welcome!

In case you missed it, the Ladies' Club Championship was September 3rd and 4th and we had two deserving victors! Bobbie Johnson defended her title that she held in 2019 to go back to back. It was no simple task as Pam Smith held the day one lead by 3 shots over Bobbie. It was a close match until half way through the back nine on day two where Johnson pulled away to win by 7 total strokes.



Our Ladies Net Champion this year was Lynn Coffey who went wire to wire shooting two solid rounds of -6 and -2 consecutively. You can find the full results below. Congratulations to both players!



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,

August was another positive month for membership! Most of the new members coming to the club last month were military, as we gained 11 in that category.

Unfortunately, Whidbey Golf Club lost a couple of beloved members last month in the passing of Bill Campbell and Buzz Miller. Both Bill and Buzz were a big part of our family here for many years and they will both be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to their loved ones.

August's event calendar continued to be exceptionally light due to the Covid restrictions, but the additional outdoor seating and pleasant weather has added a nice element to the clubhouse. It is nice to see all the balcony seats occupied most of the time.

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.

Sincerely,

Arik Dahlen

General Manager, Whidbey Golf Club

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Speaking of the future, some goals for WGC's Maintenance Team include:

- Continued improvement of irrigation hardware (transfer pumps, valves, sprinkler heads) to achieve more efficiency and better coverage
- Improvement in greens consistency via aerification (twice per year), verticutting, light topdressing, better moisture control, and rolling
- Improvement of fairways via aerification, topdressing, and spraying
- Leveling of tee boxes

We have no doubt that the Superintendent and his team will achieve these goals, so when you see the crew on the course, please thank them for their hard work.

September Club Events

**September 10th
Ladies' Club Short and Sweet**

**September 12th and 13th
WGC President's Cup Tournament**

**September 14-16th
Course Closed for Greens Aeration**

**Every Friday - Member Dinner
Call for reservations**

GOLF NEWS - SEPTEMBER, 2020

August was not as busy of a month as previous years for obvious reasons but we had some great days to enjoy the course and work on getting our handicaps down. With the handicaps being a hot topic this year I would like to introduce you to our new Handicap Chairman, Tom Ford. He will be overseeing the club and handling the duties of such a position. Please see the writeup on Page 7.

Couples Chapman

Our Chapman had a great weekend despite the limitations due to the COVID-19. A huge thank you also goes out Roger & Diane Pierce who ran their last Chapman as Tournament Chairs. This tournament has grown quite a bit since they took it over and I hope to see their replacements continue to grow the event. Great job Pierce's! See Results starting on page 9.

Greens Aerification

Greens Aerification is September 14-16 this year. The first tee and the pro shop will be closed Monday through Wednesday but the range will be open from 9:00AM-4:00PM all 3 days. The course will be back open for regular play on Thursday, September 17th

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HANDICAP UPDATE

2020 Golf Handicap Rules

The following are a few key guidelines for the new 2020 Handicap Rules:

1. In order to post a score, especially during the current COVID-19 conditions, please use the USGA GIIN mobile app on your phone or computer to **post your score on the day of play**. You will need your GIIN number and a password to log on.
2. A player's handicap is normally determined based on the **lowest 8 scores out of the last 20 scores**. If you are not playing your normal golf course you need to know the course name, course rating and course slope as well as your gross score to correctly post the score. You also need to select the correct tees that were played.
3. **Scores should be posted on the day of play** because the system uses a course playing conditions calculation to calculate your daily handicap. Post either 9 or 18 hole scores along with the tees used (ex. Blue or orange) or combination, such as blue/white. If you post late, please change the date on the app to the date played. **Your handicap will not reflect any change until the next day.**

Note: **DO NOT** post scores when you are playing alone!

4. For those golfers with an established handicap, the **maximum score** on any hole for posting purposes is a **net double bogey**! It is calculated as follows - par for the hole + 2 strokes + plus handicap stroke(s). For example, let's say you are a 10 handicap playing the WGC par 5 number 1 hole, which is the 5th handicap hole. You have some bad swings and shoot a 10 on the hole. Your score for posting would be 5 (par for the hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) +1 (handicap stroke) = 8, not the 10 you scored. At the end of the round before posting, please make sure you adjust scores on those holes where you shot over a net double bogey.
5. **You should check your handicap daily before you play**. Go to the GIIN app, select your course name, select the tees you will be playing, press done and your current handicap for those tees will be displayed. **Do not use the Handicap Index as your handicap!** There are some annotations such as C.H. or P.H. or S.O.. If you press the little circle with the i in it, you will get the definition of the annotation.
6. **The new handicap system takes into account the handicap differences between players who are competing from separate tees** (ex. Golfer A playing from whites while golfer B is playing from the blues). If you select the handicap from the tees you are playing and your opponent selects the handicap from the tees they are playing, you are competing on a level playing field because the system takes into account the necessary differences. You no longer subtract 3 or 4 strokes.
7. A **soft cap** is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated index and their low handicap index is greater than 3.0 strokes. When a calculated handicap index greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase. The **hard cap** triggers to restrict the amount by which a player's handicap index can increase after application of the soft cap to no more than 5.0 strokes above their low handicap index. **The is no limit on the amount a player's handicap index can decrease.**

For questions regarding your handicap, please contact Tom Ford at tjford72@comcast.net.

5th Annual President's Cup, September 12th and 13th

We have finally made it to through the fifth year of qualifying for the Presidents Cup at Whidbey Golf Club. This event was put together to recognize and reward the Whidbey Golf Club members that best exemplify the spirit of competition. A points system was put together to identify those players and kept throughout the year from August 4, 2019 to August 3, 2020. The 16 players to compete will play on either the Presidents team or the Vice Presidents team (8 players a side). This is a two day "Ryder Cup" style event including a best ball, alternate shot and individual match plays. Congratulations and good luck to the teams. It should be a fun weekend!

2020 PRESIDENTS CUP TEAMS

Presidents Team

Captain: President John Geragotelis

Robert Clemmer, Tom Ford, John Geragotelis, Michael Lacey, TJ Kubisiak, Michael Prewitt, Keith Snavelly, Keith Tod

Vice Presidents Team

Captain: Vice President Steve Richardson

Pat Ford, Bill Johnson, Todd Krantz, Roger Pierce, David Smith, Tracy Vass, Jeff Waller, Tim Wyer

Hole-In-One Party

Postponed Until Further Notice

This annual event will be postponed until we are able to gather normally

Fall Five Ball

October 10th 9:00 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.

Couples Chapman Results

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Thank you to all Participants!
Special thanks to our Sponsor



OVERALL LOW GROSS

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Purse
1	Smith, Pamela / Kubisiak, TJ	-7	71	66	137	\$400.00
2	McMahan, Tim / Lodolce, Meg	-6	68	70	138	
3	Choiniere, Kate / Waller, Jeff	-5	65	74	139	
4	McCarty, Sharon / Miller, Scott	-4	68	72	140	
5	Thompson, Darcy / Thompson, Lenny	E	71	73	144	

OVERALL LOW NET

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Mansson, Jennifer / Essman, Eric	-18	64	62	126	\$400.00
T2	Franssen, Monique / Geragotelis, John	-17	66	61	127	
T2	Conners, Patricia / Smith, Glenn	-17	62	65	127	
--	Smith, Pamela / Kubisiak, TJ	-15	67	62	129	
T4	Behrman, Jane + Phillips, Daniel	-14	67	63	130	
T4	Tracy, Nancy / Tracy, Bob	-14	64	66	130	

GROSS (FLIGHTED)

Flight 1

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Purse
--	Smith, Pamela / Kubisiak, TJ	-7	71	66	137	\$0.00
1	McMahan, Tim / Lodolce, Meg	-6	68	70	138	\$350.00
2	Choiniere, Kate / Waller, Jeff	-5	65	74	139	\$250.00
3	McCarty, Sharon / Miller, Scott	-4	68	72	140	\$187.50
--	Thompson, Darcy / Thompson, Lenny	E	71	73	144	
--	Beeson, Don / Whitmire, Debra	8	75	77	152	
4	Meadows, Jane / Meadows, Gregory	9	77	76	153	
--	Pool, Martin / Robbins, Roberta	11	78	77	155	
T5	Pierce, Diane / Pierce, Roger	13	80	77	157	
T5	Hoffmann, Pamela / Hoffmann, Carter	13	80	77	157	
T5	Gifford, Elton / Kunow, Rosemary	13	76	81	157	
--	Elmendorf, Kathy / Horn, Skip	18	85	77	162	
--	Anderson, Julie / Ford, Tom	18	79	83	162	
--	Summers, Char / Bush, John	22	83	83	166	

Flight 2

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Purse
1	Franssen, Monique / Geragotelis, John	5	77	72	149	\$350.00
--	Mansson, Jennifer / Essman, Eric	6	76	74	150	
--	Tracy, Nancy / Tracy, Bob	12	77	79	156	
2	Anderson, Anna / Anderson, Steven	12	76	80	156	\$250.00
-	Bommersbach, Majorie / Brewer, Bob	18	80	82	162	\$0.00
3	Croce, Linbeth / Croce, Jerry	21	83	82	165	\$187.50
4	Woodburne, Cathy / Mardesich, Mike	27	88	83	171	
--	Huguenin, John / Myron, Nikki	29	82	91	173	
--	Crabtree, Jerry / Crabtree, Gary	30	86	88	174	
--	Seaburg, Rosemary / Seaburg, Chuck	32	85	91	176	
5	Goebel, Millie / Ennis, Greg	33	93	84	177	
6	Gibson, Brandi / Gibson, Bryce	36	88	92	180	
--	Phay, Marsha / Phay, Jim	39	88	95	183	

Flight 3

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Purse
1	Oldenburg, Paula / Lacey, Michael	19	82	81	163	\$350.00
--	Connors, Patricia / Smith, Glenn	19	80	83	163	
2	Boonstra, Gary / Nelson, Kaarin	22	83	83	166	\$250.00
--	Behrman, Jane + Phillips, Daniel	24	86	82	168	
3	Ford, Pat / Ford, Cindy	27	91	80	171	\$187.50
4	Nakahara, Hisayo / Nakahara, John	28	80	92	172	
--	Pierce, Don / Pierce, Ruth	32	87	89	176	
5	Hudson, Andrea / Benard, Bruce	39	90	93	183	
--	Wilson, Joyce / Wilson, Kurt	40	96	88	184	
6	Coffey, Lynn / Glach, Cory	43	88	99	187	
--	Haslund, Linda / Haslund, Leif	43	96	91	187	
--	Hartman, Maryann / Ranger, Jim	69	98	115	213	
7	Johnson, Nancy / Persyn, Allan	72	107	109	216	

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2	Beeson, Don / Whitmire, Debra	-8	67	69	136	\$250.00
3	Pool, Martin / Robbins, Roberta	-7	69	68	137	\$187.50
--	Choiniere, Kate / Waller, Jeff	-7	64	73	137	
--	Gifford, Elton / Kunow, Rosemary	-5	67	72	139	
--	Meadows, Jane / Meadows, Gregory	-5	70	69	139	
--	McCarty, Sharon / Miller, Scott	-4	68	72	140	
--	Hoffmann, Pamela / Hoffmann, Carter	-3	72	69	141	
--	Pierce, Diane / Pierce, Roger	-1	73	70	143	
4	Elmendorf, Kathy / Horn, Skip	E	76	68	144	
5	Summers, Char / Bush, John	4	74	74	148	
6	Anderson, Julie / Ford, Tom	6	73	77	150	

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4	Huguenin, John / Myron, Nikki	1	68	77	145	
--	Croce, Linbeth / Croce, Jerry	1	73	72	145	
5	Seaburg, Rosemary / Seaburg, Chuck	2	70	76	146	
--	Woodburne, Cathy / Mardesich, Mike	3	76	71	147	
--	Goebel, Millie / Ennis, Greg	3	78	69	147	
6	Phay, Marsha / Phay, Jim	9	73	80	153	
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--	Oldenburg, Paula / Lacey, Michael	-13	66	65	131	
--	Boonstra, Gary / Nelson, Kaarin	-10	67	67	134	
3	Pierce, Don / Pierce, Ruth	-8	67	69	136	\$187.50
--	Nakahara, Hisayo / Nakahara, John	-6	63	75	138	
--	Ford, Pat / Ford, Cindy	-5	75	64	139	
4	Wilson, Joyce / Wilson, Kurt	-2	75	67	142	
--	Hudson, Andrea / Benard, Bruce	3	72	75	147	
5	Haslund, Linda / Haslund, Leif	5	77	72	149	
6	Hartman, Maryann / Ranger, Jim	9	68	85	153	
--	Coffey, Lynn / Glach, Cory	13	73	84	157	
--	Johnson, Nancy / Persyn, Allan	26	84	86	170	