



Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



Celebrate the Masters Par 3 Tournament

We had our Masters Par 3 Tournament one week early this year and were able to tie the record attendance we set last November. We had 108 players with 6 teams being fully made up of women, which also tied the record from November. The setup proved to be a little tougher this year which can probably be attributed to the great greens thanks to the hard work of the maintenance crew. Congratulations to our president, John Geragotelis (AKA Germ) for being the closest shot all day. He hit it to 0'9" on hole #9 (actually, #17 orange tee to #16 green) to walk away with \$520. There were no hole-in-ones this year, but we can hope for next year! Thank you to all who participated, and we hope to see you back for next year's event.



Events

April 7th

House Meeting 5:30pm

April 15th

Poker 6pm

April 20th

Greens Meeting 4:30pm

Golf Activities Committee 5:30pm

April 22nd

Finance Meeting 5:30pm

April 27th

Board Meeting 5:30pm

Every Thursday

Ladies' Club 9am

Every Friday

Member Dinner

Whidbey Golf Club

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Board of Trustees:

President - John Geragotelis

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Club House/Restaurant - Pam Glach

Finance/Treasurer - Mike Prewitt

Greens and Grounds - Pat Ford

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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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President's Comments

Spring is officially here – Easter Egg Hunts, Celebrate the Masters Tournament (my favorite of the year), and of course, greens aerification. This spring our hard-working maintenance crew used a more modern and efficient greens “puncher” which we borrowed from another country club. If we are happy with the results, we will attempt to acquire a similar type. Speaking of the golf course, there is a lot happening – major tree removals and new plantings, front-nine irrigation pump and back-nine transfer pump repairs and replacements, and tee box enlargement. The drainage agreement negotiations with the City and County are also on-track.

Reminder to all members! In May's statement you will receive an assessment (\$150 for shareholders, pro-rated across some other membership categories) to offset the cost of WGC's new rough mower. Credit to our Treasurer and Finance Committee because this year's assessment is roughly half of the past 8 year's assessments. Furthermore, based on the updated Capital Expense Plan (approved by the Trustees on 30 March), there is a reasonable chance that assessments will be phased out soon (fingers crossed).

Someone just asked me (euphemism) about the WGC cart-owner policy regarding loaning carts to others. In a nutshell: For each individual that a cart-owner allows to use his/her cart when the owner is not present, the owner will be charged \$10 per month. If as a cart-owner you want to establish a list of approved users for your cart, just stop by the pro-shop. When the Board approved this policy last year, there was really no dissension.

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Think of it this way, a member cannot allow a friend to “borrow their membership number” and play golf for free at WGC just because the member is not playing that day. The same is true for a member’s cart, i.e. cart-owner fees are for the owner. \$10 is still a bargain for the guest (if you choose to be reimbursed) and the proceeds will be earmarked for long overdue cart-path improvement. Certainly, if the cart-owner is playing, he/she can give a free ride to anyone.

This month’s Shout Out goes to Cassie and Amber. I watched them handle a large Friday dinner followed the next day by the Spring Shoot-Out Tournament ... all with no additional help. **Thank you both!** I also want to welcome back Chef Rhandel. WGC has employed him in the interim and I personally love his dishes.

Hit ‘em straight or hit ‘em often!

John ‘Germ’ Geragotelis

President, Whidbey Golf Club

Membership News

by Arik Dahlen, General Manager

Spring is officially upon us, and we are really looking forward to a great season. As we move through, and the phases and the Covid restrictions begin to loosen up, Whidbey Golf Club will be operating at a much more “Normal” capacity! We are currently in Phase 3, and that allows us to pretty much run business as usual day-to-day operations. 50% max capacity in the dining room/Bar is 82 people, and we can have a max table size of 10 (with no household restrictions). We are going back to the normal hours of Wed thru Sat 11am-8pm, and 9am – 5pm on Sundays (breakfast from 9-2p). Regular Member Dinners will be every Friday night (unless a conflicting event is scheduled) April through Oct. Even though we are opening back up, we have decided to not reinstate the food minimum for social members at this time, and that decision will be made when the path forward is clearer and more certain.

We saw more growth in March month in number of new members with a few new casual golfer members, a 2021 annual promo, social, and military joining.

Jeff Waller, and I are still looking to recruit members and build a strong committee. That means we need volunteers! 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

We started the Ladies' golf games on April 1. We will continue every Thursday through October 31.

April's golf clinic with Ryan, our assistant pro, will be on April 22 at 8:30 am. All women members are welcome; the cost is \$20.

We will be having a luncheon on April 22 after the Ladies' golf game, and all women members are welcome to come.

The Ladies Invitational will be Friday, June 25, and Saturday, June 26. Please invite a guest to come out and play. You can register online through the Whidbey Golf Club or in the pro shop.

Greens Report

by The Greens Committee

Tee boxes! The Greens Committee discussion focused on the state of our tee boxes – not only the “uneven” condition of some, but also the “worn out” condition of many, due to high usage in the same spot. It was decided that all tee boxes shall be enlarged, via mowing patterns, to the maximum extent possible. This will facilitate routine movement of tee markers which will allow the ground time to heal. The committee also decided to remove the sand fill boxes from all holes except par 3's. Over time, the generous placing of sand on the tee boxes has caused acute crowning. It is a better practice to just leave the divots bare until maintenance personnel move the tee markers and judiciously fill and smooth any large divots. We plan to add more “divot fill” stations around the course for those of you who need to replenish bottles in order to fill fairway divots.

The water mitigation committee met virtually with the Mayor of Oak Harbor and City staff on Friday, March 26, 2021. The meeting went very well. The City has agreed to reimburse WGC for the new transfer pump being installed near Hole 13. The current Drainage Agreement was also discussed, and all parties are ready to move forward with renegotiation.

The course will be closed on April 5th, 6th and 7th for aerification.

House Update

by Pam Glach

Activities in the house are beginning to get back to normal. Poker and cribbage are back, we have several new social members who are adding to the regular crowds in the bar, restaurant, and patio. Many guest and members stuck around to see the Master's tournament results, and it felt much closer to pre-Covid times than anywhere I have been in a year. I heard several people at the Easter brunch say this was their first time out with friends in a year. Isn't it great that our club can help bring people back together!

The staff deserve all the credit for cleaning, adjusting and sticking with us so that we are positioned to come back stronger than before.

Chef Rhandle has returned to the club and made sure that the we didn't miss a day of service. He has already made some positive adjustments to the menu, but it will continue to evolve over the next couple of months as we make sure not to waste any inventory left by the previous chef. One focus moving forward will be to add in more fresh options. Please let Arik or I know if you have something you really like and we will relay the feedback.

We are moving toward Phase 3 of reopening. That means there will be plenty of room for our current members and plenty of new members to join in our clubhouse activities. Masks are still required when you aren't seated and we will continue to provide hand sanitizer stations indefinitely. Stay health and come see your friends!

GOLF NEWS - APRIL, 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Golf Season

Our season is off to a great start with all of our tournaments reaching record attendance!

Our play is up, and our course is looking great. Once we get the greens back to normal after the punching, I suspect we will see the best year yet. Please take a look at the updated schedule below, as things change with every month. Remember, enjoy the good ones, and laugh at the bad ones! If you didn't have bad ones, you'd be on the Tour! 😊

Whidbey Dental 2 Person Best Ball

Saturday, May 1st

The 2 Person Best Ball is our first major tournament of the 2021 season. We are excited to announce that Whidbey Dental has agreed to be the title sponsor for the fifth straight year, which brings a larger payout and extra added benefits. Women and seniors are encouraged to play, and qualifying participants will be able to play from the forward tees.



Whidbey Dental Associates

Four Ball Match Play

We have brought back the team match play format for the first 16 teams who sign up (Men and women may both play). It will start on May 3rd and teams will have 3 weeks to get their first match completed. Each team that advances has at least 3 more weeks to complete their next match. Good Luck!

Round 1 May 3 – May 23

Round 2 May 24 – June 13

Final 4 June 14 – July 4

FINAL MATCH July 5 – July 25

UPDATED 2021 Golf and Tournament Schedule

(Subject to Change)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
April	3	Saturday	Celebrate the Masters (Par 3)	9:00 SG
	5, 6, 7	Mon-Wed	Aerification	Course Closed
May	1	Saturday	2-Person Best Ball	9:00 SG
	8	Saturday	Military Appreciation Day	
	29 & 30	Sat-Sun	Men's Invitational	Tee Times
	31	Monday	Memorial Day	Open All Day
June	5	Saturday	OHHS Athletics Scramble	TBD
	25 & 26	Fri-Sat	Ladies Invitational	9:00 SG Both Days
July	5	Monday	Day after 4th of July	Open All Day
	9	Friday	SICBA Scramble	8:30am Shotgun
	10 & 11	Sat-Sun	Men's Club Championship	8:00-10:00 Tee Times Both Days
	19 & 20	Mon-Tue	WJGA Districts	Mon: 10:30-2:30 TT, Tue: 9:00-1:00 TT
	24 & 25	Sat-Sun	5-Person Best Ball	Front & Back Tee Times Starting @ 7:30am
August	2	Monday	PGA Pro-Am	Front & Back Tee Times Starting @ 7:30am
	6	Friday	Chamber Scramble	1:00 SG, 8:30 Mbr SG
	13	Friday	Frontier Scramble	12:00 SG, 7:30 Mbr SG
	28 & 29	Sat-Sun	Couples Chapman	Time TBD
	2 & 3	Thu-Fri	Ladies Club Championship	8:00-10:00 Tee Times Both Days
	6	Monday	Labor Day	Open All Day
	7, 8, 9	Tue-Thu	Aerification	Course Closed
	25	Saturday	Penn Cove Scramble	1:00 SG, 8:30 Mbr SG
October	2 & 3	Sat-Sun	Presidential Cup	Tee Times
	16	Saturday	Fall 5 Ball	10:00 SG
November	20	Saturday	Apple Cup 2 Man	10:00 SG