



# Whidbey Golf Club Fairway News

News and Happenings from Whidbey Golf Club



## We're Back Open (mostly)!

by Pam Glach



Great news- Indoor dining in an "open air" setup is now available! Arik has a device to monitor the CO2 levels ensuring that we have proper air flow and circulation to provide a safe environment for those who would like to be inside. We must remain under 25% occupancy with a max table size of 6 for the inside areas. I tried out the setup Wednesday, and recommend you bring a jacket and/or blanket to stay cozy. The enhanced circulation creates a draft that

is worth accommodating for the companionship of your club friends. The restaurant will follow winter schedule Wednesday to Sunday 11-5pm with a special menu. Togo orders and outside dining remain available.

Many of us have really missed Kris and Lexi's Friday creations. Arik assures me they will come up with a remedy for that soon. If that happens before the next newsletter, you will be emailed with details. If you use Gmail be sure to check your "promotions" and "spam" folders. I have found many WGC updates there.

Thank you for continuing to support our club and staff by eating, drinking and socializing in the way that you are most comfortable. A special word of thanks to the many social members who have persisted. I look forward to hosting a special thank you event for you, when that becomes an option.

## Whidbey Golf Club

2430 S.W. Fairway Lane,

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[www.whidbeygolfclub.com](http://www.whidbeygolfclub.com)

### Board of Trustees:

President - John Geragotelis

Vice President - Pat Ford

Secretary - Dave Acton

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### Committee Chairs:

Club House/Restaurant - Pam Glach

Finance/Treasurer - Mike Prewitt

Greens and Grounds - Pat Ford

Golf Activities - Jeff Waller

Membership - Jeff Waller

Water Mitigation - Ross Geller

Ladies Club - Lynn Coffey

### Managers:

Club General Manager - Arik Dahlen

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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 (Summer Hours):

Mondays: 10:00 am - sunset

Tue-Sun: 7 am - sunset

Driving Range Closes at 4pm

Restaurant:

Please call to confirm the  
current restaurant hours

### Contact Information:

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House / Reservations: Extension 4

Pro Shop: Extension 1

# President's Comments

Welcome to 2021 at WGC. The club has already hosted a successful "Long and Wrong" scramble in January and the plan is to hold all annual tournaments as usual with COVID conventions as required (see the "Pro's" article for tentative schedule). Besides golf talk other news this month is that the House is finally reopening, starting with an "open air" protocol that limits capacity to 25% plus additional outdoor seating, weather permitting. On behalf of all the Trustees, I want to vociferously thank all our Social Members who continued supporting the club when the House was closed. Honestly, the Trustees were consternated over your plight (I know I was) and wrestled to figure out some form of amends. Yet almost none of our Social Members complained - we are so proud of your staunch loyalty to WGC. Thank you again and I promise everyone a huge, hosted celebration when Covid clears!

In 2021 WGC will continue making steady investment in our course, facilities, and capital assets. We are already seeing some of the results of our Capital Expense Plan - e.g., the cart enclosures and new rough mower in 2020, and the new irrigation control system in 2019. There will be a mid-year assessment to help pay for the rough mower - as opposed to previous years when shareholders were charged \$300, 2021's assessment is planned for \$150 (prorated across other member categories as is customary).

2021 will also witness the signing of a new Water Mitigation Agreement between WGC, the City of Oak Harbor, and Island County. Over the past two years we have had to close the course for flooding, and spent numerous man-hours and dollars fixing drainage pumps and clearing water ways.

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## ***President's Comments***

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The amount of run-off flowing through our course has significantly multiplied over the last twenty years due to the expansion of neighboring communities like Fireside and Fairway Point. WGC intends to enter into an agreement that not only fairly compensates the club for its current (punny) efforts and costs, but also accounts for future runoff increase, wage hikes, material replacement, and procedures for emergency operations.

I look forward to another healthy year for golf at the club ... one byproduct of the various Covid regulations around the country has been a 15-35% uptick in golf play. But far more important than a healthy tee sheet at WGC is a healthy *you* at WGC. Please take every precaution to stay safe and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Hit 'em straight or hit 'em often!

John 'Germ' Geragotelis

President, Whidbey Golf Club

## **Membership News**

Happy Late New year! As we enter 2021, we really hope to move forward and focus on the few positives that 2020 brought us. One of those was that Golf took off and was one of the few safe activities that people could enjoy. With that we welcomed a lot of new members to the club and the game we all love. We feel that we can really build off that momentum and the trend will continue this year. The membership committee is determined this year to do what we can to attract new golfers to our club and show them all what an amazing experience being a member at Whidbey Golf Club is.

We have had a positive start to 2021 with 4 new people taking advantage of the 2021 annual promo. 4 of the 5 members that joined last year in that category found WGC to be a place they wanted to call home and converted to another category for 2021.

We have opened the Bar/Restaurant for "Open Air" indoor dining and look forward to other restrictions to be lifted. For all social members, we will not be holding anyone accountable for the food minimums for at least the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2021. We really appreciate every member's continued support.

With this new year comes a new Membership Chair and Jeff Waller has asked that I really reach out to the membership to build the membership committee this year. If you, or someone you know, is passionate about helping WGC grow please 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

Once a month, on Thursdays, there is Ladies Golf Clinic open to all woman members. Our assistant pro, Ryan Byrnes, will be demonstrating and guiding your golf shots as well as videotaping your swing.

Please come and join other women who are looking to improve their golf game.

The next Ladies Golf Clinic is February 18th, 2021, at 10:30 am; the cost is \$20.

Happy 2021!  
Lynn Coffey

## SAVE THE DATE

Whidbey Golf Club

47th

Annual Ladies Invitational

June 25 & 26

*Driving  
On  
Whidbey*



## Greens Report

by Trevor Thorp

Thankfully the winter has been less wet than last year. We have still had a few large rain events of over an inch that caused the greens to be quite soggy.

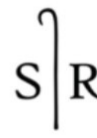
The green on the 10th Hole is the only USGA sand based green on the course. The rest are all native soil. This means they can take days to recover from such rain events. The surfactant product applied to the fairways this fall has done a good job of keeping them drier and more playable. We even have been able to mow them.

The crew has been working on cleaning and repairing clogged drains that have been neglected in the past, specifically the #6 greenside and left of #18 fairway just short of the green. Both of these areas have been improved tremendously. We are currently working on a new drain to fix the soggy gully on #3 fairway.

**"It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball.  
It took one afternoon on the golf course."**

***~Hank Aaron***

## 2021 Bandon Dunes Trip



Another year has passed and we are again setting off with a hardy group of 20 gentlemen to face down the team from Reno in a battle for the ages. The WRIDER CUP is going into its 13th year and we finally have a winning streak....One in a row!!! Unfortunately, this honor has bestowed upon us the ugliest trophy known to man, which is the Wrider Cup. We will try to go back-to-back which is something we have not done since 2011. Wish us luck on our quest to retain the unsightly cup along with our dignity!

Representing Whidbey: **Captain** – David Phay **Co-Captain** – Arik Dahlen



**Returning** Don Beeson, Kent Dale, Ryan Elvebak, Mel Elvebak, Pat Ford, Tom Ford, Greg Hamming, TJ Kubisiak, Mike Lacey, Jeff Waller, Brian Wasinger, Chuck Yurcina, Steve Robinson, Todd Robinson, Steve Anderson, Tracy Vass

**New** James Phay, Cory Glach

You can follow our matches and scoring by visiting [whidbeygolfclub.com](http://whidbeygolfclub.com) and finding the Wrider Cup under the Golf tab. Hopefully you can join us in 2022.

### 2021 Super Bowl Scramble

February 7th, 10am Shotgun

We will be holding a fun scramble tournament on Sunday, February 3rd to celebrate the Super Bowl. We play using a points system much like football does. We will be unable to schedule a party afterwards as we have normally done in the past but we hope to have the bar and restaurant open for the game.

### Pro-Am Allocations

If you are interested in going to any of the pro-ams we will be putting the signup sheet out as soon as we receive the allocations from the PGA, somewhere around February 17th. **The sheet will need to be returned by February 20th.** You should receive it by email or you can pick one up in the Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please ask any of the Professionals (David, Ryan or Blaine) before you turn in your sheets.

## High School Golf

With the pandemic throwing a wrench into all High School sports I am pleased to inform you that we should see the golf teams coming out to the course again. It will be a shortened season but expect to see the kids start coming out in early March. I will have more information in the next newsletter.

# 2021 Schedule of Events

All events and dates are subject to change

Month	Date	Day	Event	Notes
February	7	Sunday	Super Bowl Scramble	10:00 SG
March	20	Saturday	Spring Shootout	9:00 SG
	25	Thursday	Ladies Short & Sweet	10:00 SG
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
	29 & 30	Sat-Sun	Men's Invitational	Tee Times
	31	Monday	Memorial Day	Open All Day
June	5	Saturday	OHHS Athletics Scramble	1:00 SG, 8:30 Mbr SG
	25 & 26	Fri-Sat	Ladies Invitational	9:00 SG Both Days
July	5	Monday	Day after 4th of July	Open All Day
	10 & 11	Sat-Sun	Men's Club Championship	8:00-10:00 Tee Times Both Days
	16	Friday	SICBA Scramble	8:30am Shotgun
	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