



FAIRWAY NEWS

News & Happenings from
Whidbey Golf Club

Upcoming Events

Ladies Club Golf Clinic / St.
Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 17th

Member's St. Patrick's Party

March 19th

Spring Shoot Out Tournament

March 26

Short and Sweet, Ladies
Tournament

March 31st

Masters Par 3 Tournament

April 2nd

WGC Open House

April 23rd

Young Life Charity Scramble

May 6th

Military Appreciation Day

May 7th

Gallery Home and Away

May 14th and 15th

Yoga with Cindi and Mimi

Mondays 11am

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am

Poker

First and Third Thursdays 6 pm



Join us at 5PM for a
St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, 19 March

Enter your team in the
SPRING SHOOT OUT
Saturday, 26 March



Don't miss the
**CELEBRATE MASTERS
PAR 3 TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, 2 April



Invite a friend to our
WGC Open House
Saturday, 23 April

President's Comments

As I watch the PGA make their Florida swing every year, I get the "itch" to hit the driving range and resuscitate my game. Surely, we have seen the last of winter's snow and frost. Within a week or two our course will magically transform into a sunny, green, masterpiece adorned with a variety of splendid tournaments, including high school matches, charity scrambles, club invitationals, our signature 5-person events, etc., etc. And I hope to compete in ALL of them.

But enough about golf for a while. 2022 is a very critical year for Whidbey Golf Club, and we already have some challenges. Firstly, our Maintenance department, tasked with the upkeep of the course, equipment, and facilities, is severely undermanned. With the departure of our Assistant Superintendent, the crew is basically down to four people. As we aggressively search for qualified personnel to hire, please have patience with any inconsistencies that may occur regarding the condition of the course. Secondly, we are counting on the "house" coming alive as folks start reemerging from their Covid hibernation. We will depend on the support of our tremendously loyal members, along with the hosting and catering of outside events. We have already had members "step up" to coordinate social events like Ladies Night Out last weekend, and our upcoming St. Patrick's Day celebration. Let's keep the party rolling!

Besides our managers and staff, there are a lot of other people involved in making Whidbey Golf Club successful. Our business model truly relies on an active Board, committee Chairs and members, and volunteers to make things happen. I am encouraged by the participation in our committees so far, but we can still use more help. For example, if any of you readers are interested in being the editor for this Newsletter, please let me know.

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

House News

Submitted by Club President, John "germ" Geragotelis

The House Steering Committee and House Committee met in February. We will be focusing our efforts on six areas: 1) revamping the menu; 2) selling more food and drink to golfers (on course and after the round); 3) expanding social events for members; 4) expanding external events; 5) selling food and drink to public (take-out and special events only); and 6) enhancing the clubhouse. We have lots of energy and hope to build momentum for our socials, themed dinners, tournaments, and other events as the spring season nears.

On behalf of the entire membership, I thank the Wasinger and Glach families for outfitting our bar with a Video Wall! Our two pros - Dave and Ryan - are men of many talents as they did a tremendous job building the backsplash and mounting the TVs. Expect more enhancements throughout the year.

Please check the calendar (front page) for upcoming social events.

Greens Report

by Superintendent Trevor Thorp

The weather is starting to change, and Spring is around the corner. This means Spring greens aerification April 4th thru the 6th. The Spring aerification is an important part of maintaining healthy greens. The process relieves compaction from the wet winter 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. Hopefully we have good weather on the planned dates

In order to properly move the sand into the holes created, we need nice sunny weather to 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 through the summer playing season.

Whidbey Ladies Golf Association

by Mimi Bommersbach, Tournament Chair

Several fun activities are scheduled for the month of March. Saturday March 5th, a "Ladies Night Out" was organized by Linda Latham, the 9-hole group and the WLGA. We gathered to listen to jazz, eat hors-d'oeuvres, sip exotic cocktails and get to know one another better. Members donated raffle prizes, the guys worked the door, and we had lots of fun.

On St. Patrick's Day, Thursday March 17, the WLGA is hosting a playing clinic with Assistant Pro Ryan Byrne "Getting Ready to Play". Ryan, a true Byrne, admits St. Patrick's Day is his favorite holiday. Therefore, we will follow the clinic with an Irish themed lunch, and if you will, an Irish Coffee, a Guinness or green beer? Clinic starts at 10:30 and will cost \$20.00. Anyone can join us for lunch (even men) with begins at noon.

On Thursday, March 31 the "Short and Sweet" tournament is being organized by Roger and Diane Pierce. It will be followed by the WLGA Season Opener Luncheon. The Short and Sweet is a par three tournament - perfect for beginners or those whose swings have gathered rust over the winter. It is a much more golf-friendly version of "The Long and Wrong." The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for guests. See enclosed flyer for details.

Some ladies have noticed that there have been snow fairies, cupids and leprechauns working magic in the Women's Locker room in recent months. We are witnessing wonderful efforts by new member Christine Weir! She has assisted Lynn Coffey and me in making our locker room more festive and better organized.

**SAVE THE DATE: 2022 Whidbey Ladies Golf Invitational
Monday June 27th and Tuesday June 28th**

Membership News

WGC Members and Guests,

We are off and running with our social programs to retain and recruit members .. and most importantly have fun! Ladies Night Out on March 5th was a smashing success. Next weekend we have a St Patrick's Day Party for our members on Saturday night (19 March) -- please bring a friend or two .. and come in GREEN!

Our biggest membership rally will be the OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, 23 April ... I will be asking members for support to make this day special for all those who attend.

Following closely on the heels of the Open House are Holland Happening and WGC MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY... two more opportunities for members to support our club.

Besides social activity, the Membership Committee is busy with community outreach, including mailings to new residents, updating our "Stay and Play" packages, and relationship building with local HOA's. The committee is also exploring options for a "loyalty" program aimed at our long-time Shareholders who just don't play as much golf as they used to... more to follow.

Contact Lynn Coffey or Arik if you are interested in being part of the team.

2022 WRIDER CUP



Team Whidbey headed down to the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort this year with a 2 year winning streak, something we haven't seen since 2011. We had a lot of ground to make up after a 7 year hiatus as Reno relentlessly racked up victory after victory. After day one we saw the two teams knotted up at 5 apiece. It was all Whidbey after that. We took day 2 with a 7.5-2.5 route and never looked back, winning the next two days decisively, giving us a runaway victory *** 31 - 19 *** when all was said and done! Congratulations Team Whidbey!



Steve Robinson, Brian Wasinger, Greg Hamming, Tracy Vass, Jeff Waller, David Phay, Mel Elvebak, Mike Lacey, Ryan Elvebak, Tom Ford, Cory Glach, Arik Dahlen, Kent Dale, Troy Johnson, Steve Anderson, John Geragotelis, Todd Robinson, Pat Ford. Not pictured: Don Beeson, TJ Kubisiak

Wrider Cup Standings:

	Reno	8-5-1
	Whidbey	5-8-1
2009:	Reno	15.5 - 14.5
2010:	Whidbey	25.5 - 14.5
2011:	Whidbey	22.0 - 18.0
2012:	Reno	24.5 - 15.5
2013:	Reno	24.0 - 16.0
2014:	Reno	23.5 - 16.5
2015:	Reno	22.5 - 17.5
2016:	Reno	23.0 - 17.0
2017:	Reno	24.0 - 16.0
2018:	Reno	22.5 - 17.5
2019:	Tie	20.0 - 20.0
2020:	Whidbey	21.5 - 18.5
2021:	Whidbey	28.75-31.25
2022:	Whidbey	31.0 - 19.0

2023 WRIDER CUP DATES

Day	Date	Course	Competition
Monday	Feb. 20	Bandon Dunes	Practice Round
Tuesday	Feb. 21	Pacific Dunes	Fourball Match Play
Wednesday	Feb. 22	Bandon Trails	Fourball Match Play
Thursday	Feb. 23	Sheep Ranch	Fourball Match Play
Friday	Feb. 24	Old Macdonald	Singles Match Play
Saturday	Feb. 25		Departure

Golf News from the Head Pro ... David Phay

High School Golf

High School golf has begun, and the teams are out practicing & playing every weekday afternoon at 3:00pm. 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.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set you clocks forward the night before Sunday, March 13th.

Spring Shootout

Saturday, March 26th (Tee Times)

\$65/Shareholder, \$70/Member, \$80 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.

Ladies Short & Sweet

Thursday, March 31st (10:00 SG)

The ladies are doing a pre-season kick-off where they play a shortened course set up by volunteers. Each hole will be made into a par 3 between 50-100 yards. The format is going to be individual low net stroke play. For those that don't have a handicap, no worries, we will create one for you.

Open to WGC ladies of all membership categories (including social members and guests)

Sign up with Diane at: dianelpierce@comcast.net or Cell PH: 360-929-9325

OR

Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the ladies' locker room

CELEBRATE THE MASTERS



Saturday, April 2nd (Tee Times)

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! This tournament is probably the most anticipated of the non-major tournaments that we host.

Whidbey Ladies' Short & Sweet **2022**



Welcome to the 2022 Ladies' Short & Sweet Golf "fun" Tournament. This is the WGC ladies' answer to the January "Long and Wrong." All 18 holes will be set up between 50 and 100 yards and the format will be individual low net stroke play. For those that don't have a handicap, no worries, we will create one for you.

Prizes will be awarded for the first three or four individual low net scores and one other random place finisher. Who knows, maybe even if you finish last, you may win a prize.

Open to: **All WGC ladies of all membership categories (including social members and guests)**

WHEN: Thursday, March 31, 2022—10:00 Shotgun

Entry Fee: \$20

Sign Up with Diane at: dianelpierce@comcast.net or Cell PH: 360-929-9325

OR

Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the ladies' locker room



Side Games will include a "Skins Game", "Fewest Putts Game" and six KP holes.

After the round, all ladies will gather in the restaurant for a "no host" lunch and awards ceremony.

Please Join Us for A Fun Day!!



MAY 6, 2022

WHIDBEY GOLF CLUB

2430 SW Fairway Lane · Oak Harbor, WA

INCLUDED:

Green fees, Cart, Lunch, Two Raffle Tickets



Closest to the Pin Contest
& Long Drive Contest

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:30AM

TEE OFF @ 1PM
\$150 PER GOLFER



REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
bit.ly/3HXSndY



2022 WGC Golf Schedule

March	15	OHHS Girls (Whidbey Shootout)	11:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	17	OHHS Boys JV	3:00 TT	
	18	OHHS Boys V	3:00 SG	
	22	OHHS Girls V	3:00 SG	
	26	SPRING SHOOTOUT	TEE TIMES	
	29	OHHS Boys V	2:30 SG	
	31	LADIES SHORT & SWEET	10:00 SG	
April	31	OHHS Girls JV	3:00 TT	
	2	MASTERS PAR 3 TOURNAMENT	TEE TIMES	
	4-6	Greens Aerification	COURSE CLOSED	
	21	OHHS Girls JV	3:00 SG	
MAY	30	2 PERSON BEST BALL	9:00 SG	
	5	OHHS Boys V	3:00 SG	
	6	Young Life Charity Scramble	1:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	7	Military Appreciation Day	Tee Times	
	14-15	Gallery Exchange	Tee Times	
	27	MEN'S INVITATIONAL (Practice Rd.)	Tee Times	
	28-29	MEN'S INVITATIONAL	COURSE CLOSED	
JUNE	30	Memorial Day	Open All Day	
	4	OHHS ATHLETICS SCRAMBLE	1:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	18	US Open Day (House Game)	Tee Times	
	27	LADIES INVITATIONAL RD. 1	COURSE CLOSED	
	28	LADIES INVITATIONAL RD. 2	9:00 SG	
JULY	4	4 th Of July	Open All Day	
	9-10	MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	8:00-10:00 TEE TIMES	
	11	PGA Pro-Am	Course Closed	
	29	5-PERSON BEST BALL (Practice Rd.)	Tee Times	
	30-31	5-PERSON BEST BALL	COURSE CLOSED	
AUGUST	4-5	LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	8:00-10:00 TEE TIMES	
	12	Chamber Scramble	1:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	26	COUPLE'S CHAPMAN (Practice Rd.)	Tee Times	
	27	COUPLE'S CHAPMAN RD. 1	1:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	28	COUPLE'S CHAPMAN RD. 2	9:00 SG	
SEPTEMBER	5	Labor Day	Open All Day	
	6-8	Greens Aerification	COURSE CLOSED	
OCTOBER	24	Penn Cove Charity Scramble	1:00 SG	8:30 Mbr SG
	1-2	Presidential Cup	Tee Times	
	15	FALL 5 BALL	10:00 SG	
NOVEMBER	19	APPLE CUP 2-MAN	10:00 SG	
	24	Thanksgiving	Course Closed	
DECEMBER	25	Christmas	Course Closed	
JANUARY	1	New Years Day	Course Closed	

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Club Hours

Office (Tue – Fri)
9:00 am – 3:00 PM
Pro Shop
Mondays: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tues – Sun: Sunrise – 5:00 pm

Restaurant
Weds – Sat: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm