

# **FAIRWAY NEWS**

NEWS & HAPPENNINGS FROM WHIDBEY GOLF CLUB

## JUNIOR GOLF CAMP & GOLF ACADEMY ARE HERE!

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### **HOUSE HAPPENINGS!**

Friday night dinners continue to grow in popularity with our members and their guests, averaging 44 attendees across five Fridays in May. Starting Saturday, June 14, and continuing on June 21 and June 28, we'll be opening to the broader local doors our community. These Saturday evenings will be open dining nights - everyone is welcome to join! (Cont'd PG. 3)

# **COMEDY NIGHT! FRIDAY JUNE 6 PUBLIC WELCOME!**









Wednesday 11 June 6-8 PM

Thursday 12 June

6-9 PM



VISIT THE WGC CALENDAR TO SEE ALL THE EVENTS!



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FRIDAY - 6/6/2025 **EXPERIENCE AN EVENING FILLED WITH LAUGHTER!** Indulge in cocktails and appetizers beginning at 5:30, with a buffet dinner to follow at 6. Tickets are priced at \$65 per guest.

85 spots available, this is an adults only event. PUBLIC WELCOME ... So RSVP faster than a comedian can deliver a punchline.

### **HOUSE HAPPENINGS!**

(Cont'd from PG. 1) The theme for Friday and Saturday, June 13–14, will be "Whidbey Island Summer Beach Party." A special menu for these themed nights will be announced approximately one week in advance via Clubster. As always, reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling the club at 360-675-5490 ext. 4. Come enjoy what Chefs Gordon Stewart and Desiree Sandlin have planned!

In mid-May, we introduced a streamlined menu aimed at enhancing both efficiency and profitability. This change included retiring the Sunday brunch menu. In its place, you'll now find a Weekly Specials Board featuring two or three rotating items, curated by Chef Desiree alongside our standard offerings.

Our "Food at the Turn" service continues daily outside the pro shop with a selection of cold wraps available seven days a week. Due to the challenges of maintaining hot food quality for more than a few hours, hot items are no longer offered at the turn.

#### **Upcoming Events**

A highlight this month is the TP Mulrooney Comedy Show paired with a Friday night buffet dinner on June 6. We're excited to welcome this talented golf comedian — be sure to reserve your spot early! The evening kicks off with drinks and appetizers at 5:30 p.m., followed by the buffet at 6:00 p.m.

#### Other events include:

- Trivia Night Wednesday, June 11, with food service from 5:00–6:00 p.m., and the trivia contest starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Poker Night Thursday, June 12, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Father's Day BBQ Sunday, June 15, with full details to be announced soon via Clubster.

#### Member Perk: June Golf & Dine Discount

New golf members can enjoy 20% off their Food & Beverage tab upstairs in the bar and restaurant on any day they play a round of golf throughout June. Coupons are available in the pro shop and are valid only on the day of play. Play often — dine well!

#### **Clubhouse Improvements**

The Food & Beverage Committee is also overseeing improvements to the clubhouse this month. Our first phase will include repainting accent walls and refinishing the bar, rolling partitions, fireplace trim, and other wood features. Work will be conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you'd like to volunteer your time and skills, please contact Mike Prewitt at <a href="mailto:mbprewitt@aol.com">mbprewitt@aol.com</a>.

#### **Next Committee Meeting**

The next Food & Beverage Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at 4:00 p.m. in the restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

#### We look forward to another great month of food, fun, and community!

Mike Prewitt

Chair, Food and Beverage Committee

## NOTES FROM THE SUPER'

With the first day of Summer quickly approaching, the irrigation season is in full swing. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain a little about the irrigation practices and challenges at Whidbey Golf Club. Hopefully this will answer some of the common questions about why and when you see sprinklers running out on the course.

Today's modern irrigation systems are controlled by a central computer and satellite boxes out on the course. Much more advanced than back when Leo (Whidbey's Equipment Manager) was plugging in sprinklers during the night by hand. The computer program is assisted by a weather station on top of the maintenance building. This weather station collects data such as wind, solar radiation, temperature, humidity and rainfall. The computer then calculates an ET value in inches. ET stands for evapotranspiration. It is the combined amount of water that has left the soil due to evaporation and the use of water by the grass (transpiration). This time of year, on a sunny day this will be around 0.19in. Further into the summer it regularly reaches values of 0.23in. That means almost a quarter of an inch of water is lost daily from the soil. It takes the average sprinkler on the course 30 minutes of running to replace that amount of water.

Every night I must decide what parts of the course are going to get watered trying to replace the water lost due to ET. How long the system will water is called the "water window". Due to the pumps that we have, there is no way I can replace the water lost every day for the entire course. This would mean a 16+ hour water window.

On the course we have two pump stations. The main pump house next to #3 green and the back 9 pump house by #10 green. The back 9 pond can only hold about two nights worth of water. It is refilled by using the main pump house to transfer water from Loer's Pond. This is the water you hear/see spraying when you are on #10 green. The system can use more water in a night than can be refilled the next day. When the back 9 pond fill is running, no other watering can be done. This means no hand watering or running any sprinklers on the course or the main pump will run too fast and shut itself down. It makes for a very challenging system to manage efficiently. If you are out in the evenings, you may even see my car out on the course. This is me coming back to shut down the pond fill and turn on the back nine pump in preparation for the night's irrigation.

Due to some of the limitations of the system as explained above you can now understand why you will see sprinklers running in the morning, throughout the day and me out hand watering with a hose. It is all to try to produce the best possible playing conditions with the system we have.

If you have any questions about the irrigation system or watering the course, feel free to wave me down when you see me out and about.

# Whidbey Golf Club Ladies Association

Hopefully you have been able to get out and enjoy the course on the "not so" rainy/windy days. Looking forward to the nice weather coming our way.

A gentle reminder that our annual Ladies Club Invitational is coming up on June 26/27 and there are still spots for more players, so call your golfing friends that would like a challenge and come out and have a couple days of fun, great comradery, and hopefully great weather.

As we play our way through the coming months, here are the results from our May competitions:

Thursday, May 1, with a "One gross and One Net" format. 1st place was the team of: Pam Smith, Diane Pierce, Melissa Bader and Anna Anderson

Thursday, May 8, was a "Friendly Fours" format.

1st place went to Paula Oldenburg with a net score of 40.

2<sup>nd</sup> place tie went to Melissa Bader and Anna Anderson with a net score of 44 each.

Thursday, May 15th, was a "2-Person Best Ball (Blind Draw)" format.

1<sup>st</sup> place team was Marsha Phay and Pat Conners

Thursday, May 22nd, was a "Net Skins" format.

Tied for 1st place were Paula Clancey and Kathy Vass

Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Diane Pierce and Patty Caufman

Thursday, May 29, was "Ace of the Month" competition.

Congratulations to Diane Pierce, our "Ace of the Month" with a net score of 70.

Great playing to everyone that participated in our weekly events.

Our upcoming weekly events in June include:

5<sup>th</sup> – Mutt N Jeff (monthly meeting to follow play

**12<sup>th</sup> – TOE** 

16<sup>th</sup> – Salish Sea Cup Exchange at Swinomish

19<sup>th</sup> - ACE OF THE MONTH

26/27 – Ladies' Invitational

Looking forward to seeing everyone out there.

Anna Anderson, President adustylane@comcast.net

## MENS CLUB UPDATE

The Men's Club held two very successful events in May. May 8th was the very popular "Horse Race" with 11 twosomes competing in a wild competition where all 22 played the same hole at the same time. Quite an event! We played an aggregate score for the first five holes (#s 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7) and then the top six teams played the last hole (#9) for all the marbles (golf balls). In the end, the team of Scott Bader/Rich Rosenberg won and managed to par every hole in the process. Each received two sleeves of golf balls. Four teams tied for second and received 3 balls each: Nick Krantz/ Shaun Hohenstein, Andrew Bighouse/Gary Sheridan, Roger Pierce/Art Lubin, and Dave Acton/Tom Ford. KPs worth 3 balls each were won by Tim Wyer on #2 and Tom Ford on #7. Dave Acton sank the putt on #7 for a birdie which won a \$55 skin for him and Tom. Another \$55 skin went to Scott Bader and Rich Rosenberg for a par on #9.

May 22 was our biggest turnout so far this year with 26 players participating in a scramble. Two teams (TJ Kubisiak, Brian Nelson, Pat Ford, Rich Rosenberg and John Geragoteli, Robert Clemmer, Ed Carrigan, and Don Hall) finished tied for first with an amazing score of 10 under; each player winning a sleeve of balls. KPs worth a sleeve of golf balls were won by Rich Rosenberg on #2 (5 feet, 4 inches) amd Brayden Maltbie on #7 (10 feet 5 inches). The Honey Pot was worth \$130, but since no team won any skins, it will be carried over to the next event on June 5th. See full results below.

Our next event on June 5th will be "1, 2, 3 Net Best Ball" (holes 1, 4, and 7 = one net best ball, holes 2, 5, and 8 = two net best balls, holes 3, 6, and 9 = three net best balls). On June 19 we'll compete in a "Mr. Piggy" contest. Each guy is given a title of Diamond, Heart, Club, or Spade, and each hole designates whose score is taken.

The race to the Red Barn Cup is a season-long competition where players receive points each week based on how their team finished. For details see the March Newsletter. The total of the best 7 scores of the possible 16 will be used to determine the winners. After 6 events, thetop 5 leaders are Tom Ford (76.5), Germ Geragotelis (76), Rich Rosenberg (76), Pat Ford (70.5) and Roger Pierce (61.5); point totals are in parentheses.

It's great to see the number of participants increasing as the year goes on. So far this year, through six events, we have had a total of 60 different players compete. We encourage you to try one of these bimonthly Thursday afternoon events. It's a great opportunity to meet, mingle and compete with members you don't normally play with. All Men golfers (WGC members or not) are invited to play in any of our events. The cost is \$15 for WGC members and \$30 for non-WGC members which includes Green Fees. As always, at the conclusion of the competition, we meet up in the bar for optional dinner, drinks, and camaraderie. Come join us for a fun afternoon and evening. Rich and I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Roger Pierce and Rich Rosenberg

T1	Kubisiak, Theodore + Nelson, Brian + Ford, Patrick + Rosenberg, Rich	-10	26
T1	Geragotelis, John + Clemmer, Robert + Carrigan, Edward + Hall, Don	-10	26
T3	Matzen, John + Sheridan, Gary + Maltbie, Brian + Ford, Thomas	-8	28
T3	Wyer, Timothy + Schmidt, George + Tyson, Mukunda-krishna + Thomason, Daniel	-8	28
T3	Pierce, Roger A. + Johnson, Rodger + Crawford, Tyler	-8	28
6	Bighouse, Andrew + Maltbie, Brayden + Amirehteshami, David	-7	29
7	Durnford, Doug + Upchurch, Bernie + Waller, Jeffrey + Anderson, Steve	-5	31



# JUNIOR GOLF

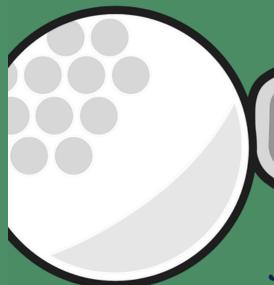
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# JUNIOR DAY CAMP

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19** 

6-10YRS 9:00AM-12:00PM (\$30)

11-14YRS 9:00AM-3:00PM (\$50)



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THURSDAYS 3:00PM-5:00PM

**JUNE 24, 26** 

JULY 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

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### **NINERS NEWS**

#### From Linda Latham

During May, the weather finally improved enough for us to kick off our women's summer clinics! Rebecca Brooks provided excellent advice on the putting and chipping greens. A complete list of the remaining clinics is posted in the ladies locker room; there is also an automated jotform for signing up per the link below.\*

During June, the focus will be on finding more new players and adding more fun rounds that will follow the weekly clinics, including a skins competition, 2-person best ball blind draw, and playing with only 3 clubs and a putter.



Our summer eclectic tournament is also underway with 12 participants so far and more just returning from their long winter break! Awards will be announced at the end of our season, including MOST IMPROVED, LOWEST SCORE, LOWEST PUTTS, AND MOST ROUNDS PLAYED. All of our rounds are open to all female members & guests, including public players and walk-ons. Our Golf genius invitations can help ensure we reserve enough tee times in advance, so replies are much appreciated whenever received.

During July, we visit Camaloch! If you want to be included in the carpool plans for Camaloch on July 8, please let Merilee or me know. There are also plans underway for a few other surprises, including some field trips and special guest days during the remaining summer season. The lassies will return to Whidbey in August.



\*FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF CLINICS AND TO SIGNUP, PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK AND/OR SEE FLYER ON NEXT PAGE:





# Rebecca Brooks Women's Clinics

Wednesdays 11:45-12:45



Each clinic provides group instruction and individual attention.

\$20/person per clinic (pay at clinic)

To participate, sign up by 5:00 the Tuesday prior by emailing Kellie at kctormey@gmail.com

May 21 Putting (setup, stroke, reading the green, aim, and mental game)

May 28 Chipping (setup, chipping stroke, aim, various lies, and mental game)

June 4 Essential Swing Items

June 11 How to Make Practice Effective and Fun (Dining Room)

How to make the most of your time at the driving range, putting green, and chipping green; and how to get creative so you want to practice!

June 18 Individual Swing Tips

I'll quickly (so you can all work on the items early in the hour) look at each of your swings and tell you what you should work on. I will continue to loop around to help each of you.

June 25 Body-Led Swing

July 9 Course Management/Strategy (Dining Room)

How to prepare for each shot. (Including mental components!)

July 23 Sand Shots & Pitch Shots

July 30 TBD

Aug 13 Golf Etiquette (Dining Room)

Aug 20 TBD

Aug 27 Various Golf Clubs(Dining Room)
What's with all the wedge degrees? Description of all clubs and when to use them.

Rebecca's Non-Clinic Lesson Rates

1-on-1 Lesson: 45 minutes \$75 Group Lesson for 2: 1 hour \$100

Group Lesson for 3 or more: 1 hour \$120 On-the-Course 9-hole Lesson for 1-4: \$175

Contact: rebeccabrooksgolflessons@gmail.com\_760-851-5623



# ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL JORDAN GRASIS - NEW ADDITION TO THE WGC TEAM

Jordan, a proud native of Yuma, Arizona, began her college career at West Texas A&M University before transferring to Chadron State University, where she played four years (extra year due to Covid). After earning her degree in digital marketing, she spent a year coaching volleyball and golf in her hometown. We're thrilled to have her join the Whidbey Golf Club family and look forward to supporting her journey toward becoming a Class A PGA Professional. Be sure to stop by and say hello on your way to the course or the range!







Speaking of new arrivals, if you have seen some new faces around it is because WGC has added **150+ new golf and social memberships** to our ranks during the just-concluded April/May new member promotion. If we account for families, that means there are at least 200 new people that are now a part of our growing club. Great job Membership committee!

When you see someone new, please welcome them to our club, introduce yourself, and encourage them to participate in the wide array of events we have to offer in addition to our fabulous golfing activities. Our ever-expanding list of non-golf activities includes weekly Member Dinners (currently every Friday and adding Saturdays beginning on June 14th), Texas Hold'em style Poker tournaments (twice monthly), Trivia Nights (2nd Wednesday of each month), and children's events such as Putt-Putt and Pizza coming up on June 22nd. Our Events Committee is hard at work to keep lots of fun activities for us all to enjoy.

We hosted 11 such events in May that hosted over 450 participants and generated more than \$20k in revenue. That said, we have plenty of room for many more. Refer to the WGC <u>CALENDAR</u> or Clubster for more information. We hope to see everyone out and enjoying the spring weather, having fun times and making memories at WGC.