









Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

Lots of news in this Opening round edition. 60 members and guests attended a perfect weekend on the Rock. The course was dry in places though after the long hot dry summer all mainland golf courses suffer from the same fate. Several sprinklers where out particularly the top tee on MCNab hole 7 was disappointing along with the out of bounds tee 8 is pretty rough but it always has been in that state considering the fence was not put behind the tee to protect it from the wild life.

The quokka population perhaps numbers 4 to 5 hundred inside the fence and there is plenty of diggings on fairways and a great deal of scat on all the greens from the over night feeding frenzy. It does give the Match Committee Captain Greg Whitmee and Vice Steve Clarke a very early start, blowing off the poo to make the course presentable for the players each comp day. It goes un-noticed by most but a great deal of thanks is credited to their diligence and volunteered free time.

All weekend we experienced perfect weather, fantastic to play golf on such a calm and windless weekend. Rottnest Express ferries were choc-a-block with day

trippers and extended stay passengers. Needless to say they do a fantastic job and the club looks forward to their sponsored Friday event on the Classic Weekend in June. Programmed Island Logistics had the golf club cages up at the club house before the 10:15 crew arrived so players were able to grab their gear and get out and enjoy the course playing in the Hotel Rottnest Trophy.

Congratulations to President Jeff King for a Hole in One on the 9th on day one. They're hard to come by but low and behold Heather King missed one herself by centimetres on the same hole the next day.



Rottnest Express Notice

Northport is closed for upgrades
Entrants into the next event in June
will have to consider the changes in
place for our next ferry travel to the
Island with all transfers from Barrack
St Jetty and B-Shed Fremantle.
Parking is no longer secure on the EShed precinct overnight parking. So
make arrangements as required.
Transfers of club and buggy cages
should remain the same, with an
update released in the forthcoming
June Event Entry email.
Hillarys Fast Ferries have no changes





Save the Date

Thursday 6th June 2024

For those that can go early to the Island and have accommodation for Thursday they can play in a formal 9 hole game from 3pm or after the busy bee to assist with course preparation and installing tear drop flags ect to promote the sponsor and create that festive feeling.

Friday 7th June

The Rottnest Classic and Challenge Trophy

this year over 36 holes.

7-8-9- June 2024.

The stableford front 9 hole format for Friday's Rottnest Express Trophy game will count towards the Rottnest Bakery Saturday 18 holes and Sunday back 9 holes to finish with an aggregate total for 36 holes to decide the Classic and Challenge top three place holders.

It would be prudent to book the 16:30 ferry return to mainland ports as the game, lunch and presentations for the Classic and Challenge winners will go past the 14:30 mark. Congratulations to Greg Ashton who was recognised for his 50 years as PGA Golf Professional A fantastic achievement Well done Greg.

Greg offers tuition so any member looking to improve their game give him a call on +61 491 945 810



On Monday 29th April 2024 Pat Barblett AO presented a Book Launch "Remembering Rottnest" of her memoirs from her time as the first woman to be elected to the Rottnest Island Board, instigator for the Rottnest Foundation and her life long memories on the Island.





Remembering Rottnest Pat Barblett AM

To purchase a copy click link

https://www.rottnestfoundation.org.au/shop



Rottnest Island Golf Club

Competition Report

Friday, 19 April 2024

Competition:Stableford - Hole 1-9 - MaxMens SR:33.5Type:StablefordWomens SR:35.0Course:GA Course 9 Holes 1 to 9Total Entrants:46

Description: Sblfd - Front Nine - Max DH 27&36

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Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

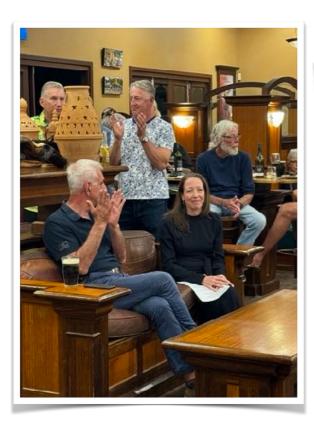
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Ran	Name	Golflink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	Prize
1	Jones, Scott	6640100126		13		22	
2	Rowley, Jenni	6402400142		34		20	
2	Terrell, Sarah	6011505161		3		20	
4	Catak, Alen	6402400482		6		19	
4	Bennison, Simon	6010800784		4		19	
6	King, Jeffrey	6011602139		14		18	
6	Bentley, Sue	6050500001		23		18	
6	Pink, Mark	6560700005		19		18	
6	Cropper, Dorothy	6011104146		26		18	
6	Craggs, Christie	6402400486		32		18	
6	Sabburg, Chris	6402400424		13		18	
12	Bennison, Allison	6010302956		36		17	
12	Orr, Christine Melville Glades Golf Club	6011105772		21		17	
12	Pearce, Jon	6402400135		25		17	
12	Strother, Len	6680600157		15		17	
12	Hains, Kelsie	6050200253		25		17	
17	Ashton, Greg	6402400466		3		16	
17	Whitmee, Esther	6402400258		26		16	
17	Day, Eldred	6011201757		19		16	
17	Luker, Ben	6011704628		9		16	
17	King, Samuel	6011631479		7		16	
17	Olson, Steve	6402400468		16		16	
17	Doig, Aaron	6011503097		-2		16	
17	Ashley, Gill	6050200188		21		16	
25	Rabjones, Shane	6560700037		27		15	
25	BRAY, PHIL	6402401012		21		15	
25	Fourie, Justin Royal Perth GC	6011631731		10		15	
25	LOCKHART, MERV	6402401010		22		15	
25	Hitchen, Anne	6011104533		14		15	
30	Ditton, Jenny	6050200251		29		14	
30	Humble, Greg	6680355215		18		14	
30	Woodward, Robin	6013202322		14		14	
30	Whitmee, Greg	6402400253		6		14	
30	Brady, Paul	6402400295		18		14	
30	BENTLEY, KEVIN	6402400336		16		14	
36	Ashton, Marie	6402400453		34		13	1
36	Clarke, Steve	6402400155		18		13	
38	Richards, Tim	6402400485		15		12	
39	Hames, Kim	6402400227		22		11	
40	Hames, Stephanie	6402400351		36		9	
41	Rodin, Rebecca	6402400416		36		7	
41	McMahon, Mike	6911403454		17		7	
43	Hitchen, Gregory	6011104841		10		6	
	Edmonds, Naomi	6402400462		36		-	
	Craggs, Alan	6402400498		null			
	Edmonds, Leon	6402400331		9			
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Day 1:

Friday had a field of 46 who sign the record book and the Thursday arrivals were able to get around before the 10:30 group arrived. There was a lot of run on the fairways with the big hitters finding straight drives so far down they have seldom reached before.

The greens are always tricky if you place your approach shot on the down hill slopes. Very quick was a term used a lot. Match Committee reset all the holes on all greens where the surrounding turf had a fresh cut so as not to hinder your putt. There were plenty of lip-outs for misjudged putts and most were pretty true on the chosen line.



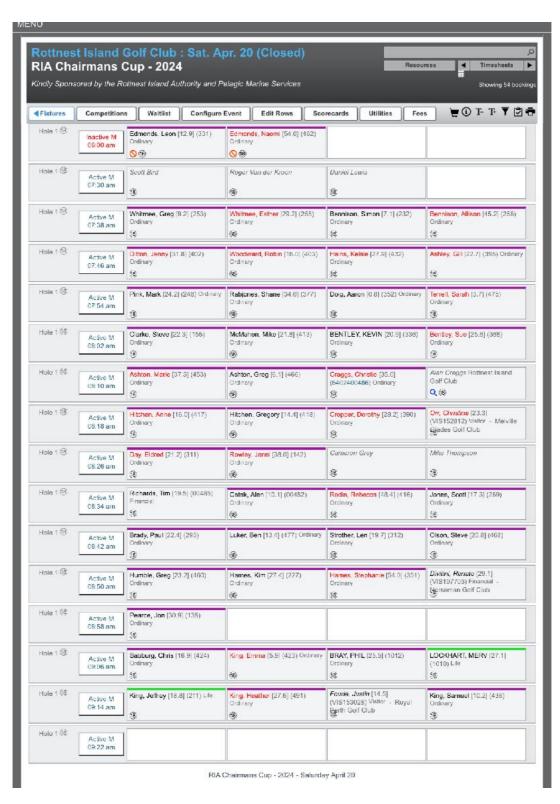




Day: 2 Chairman's Cup game had a rolling start commenced from 07:30 thru to 09:15 with everybody under way. A fine clear morning, fresh to start which warmed up in a few hours to hot past lunch time. Two ball Ambrose with 3 drives each per 9 holes.

Some magnificent score were made by the winners set out in the results sheets.

Below is the Draw for starting times.



The 2024 Chairman's Cup top three pairs

1st Sarah Terrell and Aaron Doig

2nd Allison and Simon Bennison

3rd Emma and Chris Sabburg







Special Thanks to Michael and Luke Seir for Pelagic's Marine Services generous assistance in sponsoring all the extra prize vouchers for the Chairman's Weekend.





Many thanks to RIA board member Anneke Brown stepping in for the Chairman and conducting the presentations.

Aaron and Sarah went back to back to back Chairman's Cup champions with a very impressive combined score of 59.75 off some very low handicaps. Well done!!







Stephen and Irene Walsh's Dome Rottnest looked after the members and guests superbly once again for the evening meal and presentations with many thanks to all the Dome crew for their wonderful hospitality





Novelties: Steve Clarke, Greg Humble, Sue Bentley, Sarah Terrell, GM Paul Clark, Jeff King(hole in 1)





Greg's emotional talk on his late business partner's contribution and life with Marie by his side.



The exceptional GolfStix "Birdy" Perpetual Trophy

Rottnest Island Golf Club

Competition Report

Sunday, 21 April 2024

Competition: Stableford - Hole 10-18 - Max Mens SR: 33.5

Type: Stableford Womens SR: 35.0

Course: GA Course 9 Holes 10 to 18 Total Entrants: 43

Description: The Golfstix Trophy 2024

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Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

Ran	Name	Golflink P	cc	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	Prize
1	Strother, Len	6680600157		15		20	
2	McMahon, Mike	6911403454		17		19	
3	Cropper, Dorothy	6011104146		25		18 C/B	
4	Jones, Scott	6640100126		13		18	
5	LOCKHART, MERV	6402401010		22		17 C/B	
6	King, Heather	6011640730		25		17 C/B	
7	Pearce, Jon	6402400135		25		17 C/B	
8	Pink, Mark	6560700005		19		17 C/B	
9	Rabjones, Shane	6560700037		27		17	
10	Catak, Alen	6402400482		6		17 C/B	
11	Ashley, Gill	6050200188		20		17	
12	Woodward, Robin	6013202322		14		16 C/B	
13	Divitini, Renato	6402400500		23		16 C/B	
14	King, Jeffrey	6011602139		14		16	
15	BRAY, PHIL	6402401012		20		15	
16	Luker, Ben	6011704628		9		14 C/B	
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38	Hains, Kelsie	6050200253		25		8 C/B	
39	Rowley, Jenni	6402400142		34		8	
40	Rodin, Rebecca	6402400416		36		6	
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Runner up Mike McMahon And 3rd Dorthy Cropper



Locky's Lake on the dry side.





Novelty recipients L to R Paul Brady, Emma Sabburg, Mike Thompson, Eldred Day, Kevin Bentley, Sponsors Marie and Greg Ashton, Aaron Doig, Gill Ashley, and Greg Whitmee.

All the event photos are viewable by joining the Flickr secure group - details via email invite to follow















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Well that wraps the news up for the first event for 2024 on the Rock. Look forward to seeing the next lot of players for the Bakery Rottnest Classic and Challenge Trophies

Stay safe and best wished from the Vice President on behalf of Management and Match Committees.