

ROCK NEWS

Dear Members and Friends of the **Rottnest Island Golf Club.**

In this issue there is a full report on the **Bakery Rottnest Classic and Challenge Trophies**, Update for 2025 Season fixtures with reminder dates for booking Stay Rottnest. Results for the Rottnest Express trophy and much more.

You could say this year's June Event was doomed from the start by what mother nature had installed with the start of Winter. Yes it was the beginning of the month and after such a long hot and dry summer/ autumn Perth was long overdue for the rainy season and rain it did.

Thursday's Handicapper's Lament event had 20 players and friends on the Island recovering from a reasonably rough trip over. The predicted storm front was evident though the 9 hole event played in pretty good conditions considering what was on its way. It is an addition to the event experience and 20 players attended for the first day of four. The early form had

Greg Whitmee 1st on 16 pts

Karam Singh 2nd on 15 pts

Peter Wearne 3rd on 14 pts OCB

Thursday start is not always easy to be missing for work commitments but if members can juggle the time off, you will help grow the event and guaranteed to have fun.

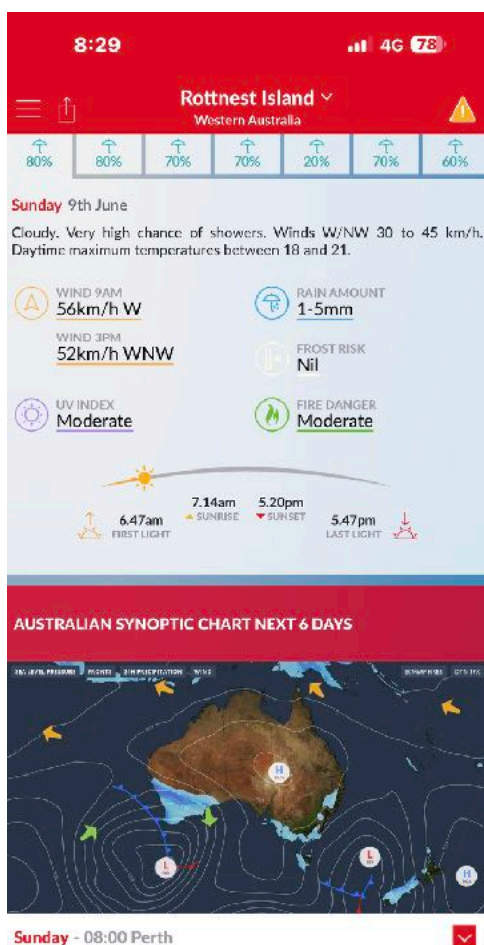




Friday’s game belonged to long term sponsor **Rottnest Express**, and the **Rottnest Express Perpetual Trophy** event was held in perfect golf weather. Rottnest Express not only sponsors the event but have offered discount travel and free freight for our golf bags for the RIGC season events for many years. On behalf of all members the Club thanks Rottnest Express for their continued support.

The front 9 hole stableford day also counted to the planned 36 hole Classic, taking

us back to its original format from the early days. The committee planned to play the 2 x 18 holes over Friday Saturday and Sunday but had to hold an impromptu meeting to adjust the format after the ferries services advised that all travel was cancelled for Sunday and Monday. This created a big distraction for the entrants as some decided it did not fit their prior commitments and had to cancel on Friday and not come over at all. All the rest of us where busy working out what to do as Monday for most was back to work.



So the revised plan was to reduce the Major Event to 27 holes over Friday and Saturday games with the majority heading back on the Saturday afternoon ferries. Several entrants did not have commitments the following week and were locked in on the Island till Tuesday. Obviously for those lucky stayers there was not much else to do except play golf. Not all went mad with golf but half the stayers finished the five days and played 90 holes and our intrepid Captain got to 99 as he started Wednesday. Wow how did they that? It was tagged “The Longest Weekend Stayers”. After the appropriate beverages and medication as required I can personally advise it

was a lot of fun. Sure it still pelted down and the course cross hazards filled up along with Lockey’s Lake turning into the winter course we all know.

All results are posted in the following pages.

Friday catering was held upstairs in the Clubhouse with the gathered group enjoying the meal supplied by Glen Evans of The Lane.

Glen certainly has great staff and the selection of food was well received by the consumers. Thanks as always Glen for looking after the RIGC over our event weekends.

The worthy winner of this years Rottnest Express Trophy was long term member Phil McPhail with runner up and new member John Hackett along with Vice Captain Steve Clark in 3rd spot



Novelty winners from left to right Greg Whitmee, Anne Hitchen, Sue Bentley, Cameron Gray, Mitch Rabjones, Matt Algie and Luke Bosniak





The Saturday weather was forecast to be wet and windy for the start of the Bakery Rottnest Classic and Challenge Trophies. The tee times were forced to be set for the majority of players leaving the island Saturday afternoon so a 07:30 am shot gun start was put in place with the rest of the leavers tee off time at 13:00hrs. It was a case of “*luck of the draw*” and the morning group was pretty well drenched from the get go. The field fell away with only the very resilient players playing thru the tough conditions. Understandably some scores were incomplete with a DNF applied. The Afternoon group did manage to dodge a bullet and moved around with the brolly out over several holes. Wind was a factor particularly on McNab hole 7 and 16 so the method was to swing the ball over out of bounds and let the NNWesterly bring it back to the fairway. Great plan, worked most times but if you got it wrong the penalty is sever. Sadly after completion of the Classic the group broke up with only 20 of the lucky ones able to stay on the Island and were able to manage any commitments back home till Tuesday. Consequently being “stuck” on Rottnest had its benefits. There was not much else to do accept play golf and play we did.

Friday Mens

1st	Phil MC PHAIL	20
2nd	John HACKETT	19
3rd	Steve CLARKE	19

Friday Womens

1st	Jenni ROWLEY	18
2nd	Anne HITCHEN	18
3rd	Sandra HACKETT	18

Novelties

Long Drive 16 under 12 Matt Algj
 Long Drive 17 over 13 Mitch Rabjones
 NTP 15 Greg Whitmey
 Closest 2nd 17 Luke Bosniak
 NTP 18 Cameron Gray

Novelties

Closest 2nd 14 No One
 NTP 6 Sue Bentley
 Long Drive 7 Ann Hitchin
 NTP 9 Ann Hitchin

Combined Mens Classic

1st	Len Strother	52
2nd	Steve CLARKE	49
3rd	Aaron Doig	48

Combined Womens Challenge Trophy

1st	Beth DEELEY	49
2nd	Robin WOODWARD	45
3rd	Sue BENTLEY	44

Novelties

Long Drive 16 under 12 Jeff King
 Long Drive 17 over 13 Steve Olson
 NTP 15 No One
 Closest 2nd 17 Steve Olson
 NTP 18 Simon Bennison

Novelties

Closest 2nd 14 Beth Deeley
 NTP 15 Carol Sellars
 Long Drive 16 Emma Sabburg
 NTP 18 Beth Deeley

Sunday Mens

1st	Greg WHITMEE	17
2nd	Karam SINGH	15
3rd	Simon BENNISON	15

Sunday Womens

1st	Jenni ROWLEY	15
2nd	Sue BENTLEY	13
3rd	Rhonda SINGH	12

Novelties

Closest Mens 2nd 17 Simon Bennison
 NTP Mens 15 None
 Long Drive Mens 13 Greg Whitmee
 NTP 18 Mens Matt Algje
 Long Drive Mens 17 Steve Clarke
 Closest Ladies 2nd 14 None
 NTP 18 Ladies Eldred Day
 NTP 15 Ladies None
 Long Drive Ladies 16 Rhonda Singh

The above results are just to hand for this edition of the June RockNews. Thursday's "Handicappers Lament" was won by Greg Whitmee on page 7. The Friday points was the first 9 calculation for all players is in the completion report sheet on page 8. Saturday results page 9. The Sunday results was the continuation of the "unofficial" Classic and Challenge trophy scores to 36 holes. Page 10. Unfortunately the presentations for the 27 hole Classic and Challenge winners will have to wait till the Cup in August. So to complete the newsletter there will be many photos that only have the stayers in them. Congratulations to Beth Deeley Challenge winner and Len Strother Classic winner and to all who have their names on the winners sheets. All the results go towards the Patron's Medal awarded at the 2024 AGM for game consistency and attendance over the Golfing Season. Thanks John (JB) and we hope to see you at the Cup.



Beth was happy before the Saturday game and went on to win the Challenge Trophy



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Competition Report

Thursday, 06 June 2024

Competition :	Stableford - Hole 1-9	Mens SR:	33.5
Type :	Stableford	Womens SR:	35.0
Course :	GA Course 9 Holes 1 to 9	Total Entrants :	20
Description :	The Handicappers Lament		

null Groups :

Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

Ran	Name	Golfink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	Prize
1	Whitmee, Greg	6402400253		5		16	
2	Singh, Karam	6010302420		7		15	
3	Wearne, Peter	6012000576		23		14 C/B	
4	King, Jeffrey	6011602139		13		14	
5	Olson, Steve	6402400468		17		13 C/B	
6	Bennison, Simon	6010800784		5		13	
7	Catak, Alen	6402400482		8		11 C/B	
8	Whitmee, Esther	6402400258		26		11	
9	Clarke, Steve	6402400155		18		10	
10	King, Samuel	6011631479		7		10 C/B	
11	BRAY, PHIL	6402401012		20		10	
12	Richards, Tim	6402400485		15		9	
13	Singh, Rhonda	6010303919		30		8 C/B	
14	Sabburg, Chris	6402400424		13		8 C/B	
15	Pearce, Jon	6402400135		26		8	
16	Edmonds, Leon	6540600279		10		7	
17	Fletcher, Garry	6011700208		21		5	
	Bennison, Allison	6010302956		41		NSNA	
	Turnbull, Ray	6011700344		25		NSNA	
	Groves, Warren	6011702029		20		NSNA	

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Competition Report

Friday, 07 June 2024

Competition :	Stableford - Hole 1-9	Mens SR:	33.5
Type :	Stableford	Womens SR:	35.0
Course :	GA Course 9 Holes 1 to 9	Total Entrants :	54
Description :	The Bakery Rottnest Classic and Challenge Trophy - 1-9		

null Groups :

Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

Ran	Name	Golfink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	Prize
1	Mc Phail, Phil	6010902330		8		20	
2	Rabjones, Mitch	6402400470		27		19	
2	Hackett, John	6010302735		15		19	
2	Clarke, Steve	6402400155		18		19	
2	Circosta, Tony	6010904518		13		19	
2	Doig, Aaron	6011503097		-3		19	
7	Strother, Len	6680600157		15		18	
7	Rowley, Jenni	6402400142		35		18	
7	Hitchen, Anne	6011104533		14		18	
7	Hackett, Sandra	6010304922		31		18	
7	Deeley, Beth	6680203514		14		18	
12	Fletcher, Garry	6011700208		21		17	
12	Bentley, Sue	6050500001		21		17	
12	Gray, Cameron	6402400501		14		17	
12	Anderson, Alan	6012101582		14		17	
12	<small>Western Australian Golf Club</small> Whitmee, Esther	6402400258		26		17	
17	McMahon, Mike	6911403454		17		16	
17	Woodward, Robin	6013202322		15		16	
17	Bosnjak, Luke	6011107994		12		16	
20	<small>Melville Glades Golf Club</small> Singh, Karam	6010302420		7		15	
20	Sabburg, Chris	6402400424		13		15	
20	Pearce, Jon	6402400135		26		15	
20	Stocker, Carol	6011104604		23		15	
24	BENTLEY, KEVIN	6402400336		17		14	
24	Mehra, Anil	6011505055		14		14	
24	Bennison, Simon	6010800784		5		14	
24	Edmonds, Leon	6540600279		10		14	
24	BRAY, PHIL	6402401012		20		14	
24	Richards, Tim	6402400485		15		14	
30	Day, Eldred	6011201757		19		13	
30	King, Jeffrey	6011602139		13		13	
30	Algie, Matt	6011802981		5		13	

Sunday 9 hole to complete the unofficial 36 holes

Position	Player	GolfinkNo	Daily Handicap	GA Handicap	Gross	Nett
1	Greg WHITMEE	6402400253	5	8.7	39	17
2	Jenni ROWLEY	6402400142	35	38.4	31	15
3	Karam SINGH	6010302420	7	10.3	38	15
4	Simon BENNISON	6010800784	5	8.4	34	15
5	Jon PEARCE	6402400135	25	31.1	54	13
6	Alan ANDERSON	6012101582	14	18.6	33	13
7	Sue BENTLEY	6050500001	21	23.6	50	13
8	John HACKETT	6010302735	15	19.5	33	13
	Anil MEHRA	6011505055	14	18.1	-	13
9	Steve CLARKE	6402400155	17	22.3	28	12
10	Rhonda SINGH	6010303919	30	32.6	48	12
11	Phil BRAY	6402401012	20	24.9	51	12
12	Eldred DAY	6011201757	19	20.7	23	12
13	Kevin BENTLEY	6402400336	16	21.2	39	11
14	Leon EDMONDS	6540600279	9	13.5	40	11
15	Alen CATAK	6402400482	8	11.8	36	8
16	Matt ALGIE	6011802981	5	8.2	28	7
17	Esther WHITMEE	6402400258	26	28.9	29	5
18	Sandra HACKETT	6010304922	31	34.1	49	5
Novelties						
	Closest Mens 2nd 17	Simon Bennison				
	NTP Mens 15	None				
	Long Drive Mens 13	Greg Whitmee				
	NTP 18 Mens	Matt Algie				
	Long Drive Mens 17	Steve Clarke				
	Closest Ladies 2nd 14	None				
	NTP 18 Ladies	Eldred Day				
	NTP 15 Ladies	None				
	Long Drive Ladies 16	Rhonda Singh				



To finish off Monday for the Stayers the Captain created a master stroke and suggested a 4 ball Ambrose 18 hole game with all player's marked golf balls drawn from a bucket to create the 5 groups. Allison Bennison had the honour and the smiles kept rolling all day. It was an informal game with the plan for everybody to enjoy the game. It was one of the most memorable days on the course for the 20 players and I am sure the Match Committee will do it again at one of our future events



The winning foursome had 6 birdies and an eagle to get the chocolates on 55.65 strokes



The RIGC welcomed 4 new members present for the June Weekend-
L to R
Cameron Gray, John Edwards, Sandra Hackett, John Hackett



This completes the Results News with a bit of a mixed event over the weekend. It is a winter sport for the Club and if you go back to the 2015 -2016 RockNews letters you will see its happened before with 2015 when it was cancelled completely. The RIGC Members treat the Island and the course as special and they will not be put off by Nature. Congratulations to all that were able to attend. Can't wait till the next major, the "Mighty Rottnest Cup's 64th Year".

Reminders will be emailed soon for the Stay Rottnest bookings for next year

Opening	April 4-5-6 2025	book StayRottnest 7th August 2024
Day trip	May 17th Saturday	
Classic	June 6-7-8 2025	book StayRottnest 2nd October 2024
Day trip	July 26th Saturday	
Cup	August 22-23-24 2025	book StayRottnest 4th December 2024
Day Trip	September 20th Saturday	
Closing	October 17-18-19 2025	book StayRottnest 5th February 2025

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