



# ROCK NEWS

Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

The Closing event has been run and won. A beautiful weekend it was on our favourite Island. It was very busy with day trippers filling the ferries on each crossing. The club had 43 entered and playing over the weekend with perfect conditions to score well.

The course was looking good with a nice cross cut mow of the fairways and greens just starting to recover from the winter coring to improved them further for the coming months. Putting was tricky with a bit of bounce resulting from some stubborn core marks. Still we all had to putt on them and if you got a favourable bump or turn it went in the hole. The wheatbelt flies were a pesky problem this time possibly getting a free ride over to the Island on the strong easterly in the mornings. Blockout was an essential application as over here it felt like summer. The obligatory smile on everybody's faces proves that Golf on Rottnest is good for your health.

The Thursday Handicapper Lament busy bee game was down on participants but the Captain Greg Whitmee did the work of 10 helpers and as always his expertise and dedication to the course can never be taken for granted. Steve Clark Vice Cap is also an integral part of making the events run smoothly and their sacrifice of time each event is greatly appreciated.

## Rottnest Island Golf Club

### Competition Report

Thursday, 10 October 2024

Competition : Stableford - Hole 10-18 - Mens SR: 33.5  
 Type : Stableford Womens SR: 35.0  
 Course : GA Course 9 Holes 10 to 18 Total Entrants : 7  
 Description : Stableford Hole 10-18

null Groups :

Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

Ran	Name	Golfink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	Prize
1	Pearce, Jon	8402400135		25		20	
2	Clarke, Steve	8402400155		17		16 C/B	
3	Catak, Alen	8402400482		9		16	
4	Whitmee, Esther	8402400258		27		13 C/B	
5	LOCKHART, MERV	8402401010		22		13 C/B	
6	Whitmee, Greg	8402400253		6		13	
7	BRAY, PHIL	8402401012		18		11	

Friday was the Rottnest Dome Trophy event. 38 players signed the book and with the sun shining and little breeze everybody stood a good chance to score well. First group off was the sponsor Stephen Walsh with Life member Merv Lockhart and other long term members. Stableford format over the front. The Sponsor was a bit rusty though you wouldn't know he hasn't picked a club up all year. The early tee time players were able to get their game over by the time the field filled up with the arrival of the rest of the Friday entrants.

Cages were a little late getting to clubhouse but the longer sunlight hours didn't effect the last group's vision.

Presentations and dinner was at the Dome, especially opened for the event. To all the Dome staff thanks very much on behalf of all the members that enjoyed the night.

The first prize was a copy of the sponsors Trophy ( not as big as the original ) and RIGC sponsored vouchers. Novelty winners were able to pick up a coffee and cake on the way home Sunday. Thanks again Stephen and Irene, next year is the 10 years game and how time flies.



## *Save the Date*

**Annual General Meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

All office bearer positions will be open and nominations from those keen to give back to the club and be involved in it's future, will be welcomed.

The club Secretary will email the relevant information and nomination forms towards the end of this year

**The Longest Day  
November  
15-16-17**

**Get involved for  
charity**

**Email Mark  
Heron**

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# Rottnest Island Golf Club

## Competition Report

Friday, 11 October 2024

**Competition :** Stableford - Hole 1-9      **Mens SR:**  
**Type :** Stableford      **Womens SR:**  
**Course :** GA Course 9 Holes 1 to 9      **Total Entrants :**  
**Description :** Sblfd - Front Nine  
**null Groups :**

Time Of Day	null	Gender	Tee Blocks				
Ran	Name	Golflink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score	
1	Catak, Alen	6402400482		9		20	
2	Rowley, Jenni	6402400142		34		19	
2	Hames, Kim	6402400227		22		19	
4	Clarke, Steve	6402400155		18		18	
4	Jones, Scott	6640100126		10		18	
6	Bentley, Sue	6050500001		21		17	
6	Strother, Len	6680600157		14		17	
8	Pink, Mark	6560700005		20		16	
8	Richards, Tim	6402400485		15		16	
10	Major, Tony	6570400140		12		15	
	<small>Pink Lake Country Club</small>						
10	Woodward, Robin	6013202322		16		15	
10	Whitmee, Greg	6402400253		6		15	
10	Mavros, Evangelos	6011106702		24		15	
10	Deeley, Beth	6680203514		15		15	
15	Haffenden, Patricia	6011640325		31		14	
15	Ashton, Marie	6402400453		32		14	
15	McGougan, Barry	6402400213		18		14	
15	Gilbert, David	6402400395		18		14	
15	Craggs, Christie	6402400486		33		14	
15	Heron, Mark	6402400494		8		14	
15	LOCKHART, MERV	6402401010		23		14	
22	Mehra, Anil	6011505055		14		13	
22	Fletcher, Garry	6011700208		19		13	
22	Pearce, Jon	6402400135		26		13	
22	Muir, Gordon	6680201249		12		13	
	<small>Bunbury Golf Club</small>						
22	Ashton, Greg	6402400466		4		13	
22	Hains, Kelsie	6050200253		26		13	
28	Day, Eldred	6011201757		19		12	
28	Gobby, Shonna	6011200840		12		12	
30	BENTLEY, KEVIN	6402400336		17		11	
30	BRAY, PHIL	6402401012		18		11	
30	Buchan, John	6402400140		18		11	

Ran	Name	Golflink	PCC	Daily H/C	New GA H/C	Score
33	McMahon, Mike	6911403454		20		9
34	Whitmee, Esther	6402400258		27		7
35	Craggs, Alan	6402400498		29		4
	Hames, Stephanie	6402400351		49		



Novelty winners:  
L to R  
Mark Heron  
Alen Catak  
Host Stephen  
Steve Clarke  
Shonna Gobby  
Raelene Hick  
Kelsie Hains  
Esther Whitmee

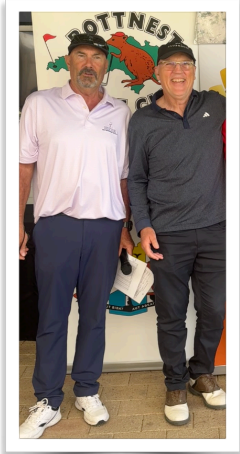


The Captain's Cup Saturday had a rolling start with the first group away at a suitable 08:00 am

Weather report started off good then a southerly picked up that was slightly cold and changed the feel out on the course from the day before.

The Greens where the X factor and caused the extra stroke when you least needed it. Good putting was difficult for everybody. The field of 43 was flowing ok considering errant shots resulted in extra looking in the allowable 3 minutes. Sadly there is a fair bit of tree debris left around the course with age fallen trees that should really be mulched up and removed. Luckily the Captain saw to marking out the really bad spots as GUR with helps speed up the process of getting to the hole.

Dinner was catered by The Lane upstairs at clubhouse and once again Glenn Evans produced a great Mexican feed. A big thank-you to the catering team.



Captain's Cup 2024 Winner Len Strother

Best Gross Male and Female  
Cindy Stobbard and Len Strother





- Saturday Novelty  
winners L to R
- Anil Mehra
  - Tim Richards
  - Alen Catak
  - Mark Pink
  - Tony Major
  - Christie Craggs
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  - Robin Woodward
  - Cindy Stobbard
  - Trish Haffenden

Sunday was the Phil Strutt Memorial Game in honour of his sponsorship over the last couple of years prior to his passing this year. RIP Mate.

The game was a Canadian Foursome event with pairs grouped together to find the winners. A beautiful day presented itself to finish the weekend off for the last of the season's games. A glass was raised in remembrance of the Club's resident "BARD"

The Lane catered as usual on the Sunday and the lunch offering was NOT disappointing.

Thanks to all the sponsors and caterers which make our weekends spacial.





# Rottnest Island Golf Club

## Competition Report

Sunday, 13 October 2024

**Competition :** Phil Strutt's Memorial - **Mens SR:**  
**Type :** Canadian Foursomes Stableford **Womens SR:**  
**Course :** GA Course 9 Holes 1 to 9 **Total Entrants :**  
**Description :** Canadian Foursomes  
**null Groups :**

Time Of Day null Gender Tee Blocks

Ran	Name	Score
1	Strother, Len & Mavros, Evangelos	20 C/B
2	Martin, Doug & Mehra, Anil	20
3	Pearce, Jon & Stobart, Cindy	19 C/B
4	Clarke, Steve & Richards, Tim	19
5	Woodward, Robin & Deeley, Beth	18
6	Gobby, Shonna & Muir, Gordon	17 C/B
7	Whitmee, Greg & Whitmee, Esther	17
8	Bentley, Sue & BENTLEY, KEVIN	16
9	McMahon, Mike & Gilbert, David	15
10	Day, Eldred & Rowley, Jenni	15 C/B
11	BRAY, PHIL & LOCKHART, MERV	15
12	Catak, Alen & Major, Tony	14
13	Hains, Kelsie & Haffenden, Patricia	13 C/B
14	Fletcher, Garry & Pink, Mark	13
15	Hames, Kim & Hames, Stephanie	8
	Rodin, Rebecca & Jones, Scott	





**Vale Ernie Shardlow.**

Recently the club received the sad news that “Life Member” Ernie Shardlow had passed away.

The club would like to convey its condolences to the Shardlow family and all his friends from Rottnest. As Island building Forman saw him oversee most of the major works on the Island including the existing club house we all enjoy to this day.

RIP



Club Vice President reading out a segment on Ernie’s time on Rottnest from the 50th book

The club also welcomed 2 new members that were present at this event.

Shonna Gobby and Gordon Muir from Bunbury Golf Club. Welcome to the famous Rottnest Island Golf Club and enjoy your future games on the Rock.



Not all members are able to play all events but it is a proviso that new members participate in as many events as possible as the Club’s season’s success is by attendance levels over all events.

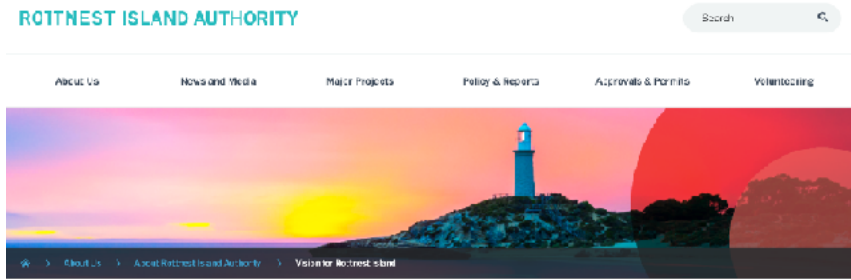
The key to being there is to be pro-active and jumping on the Accommodation booking sites at the appropriate day *9 months* prior to the event weekend.

The Club sends emails out on a regular basis to remind you when these booking windows open.

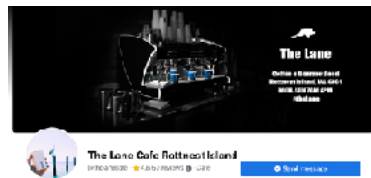


**On Saturday night Scott Jones spoke of his beloved daughter Ella's struggles with thyroid cancer. She is a trooper and rode in the "Macca" charity ride for the Perkins Institute to raise funds for cancer research. Members that were present were very generous when the hat was passed around and we raised \$1120.00 for Ella's group which rode over 200 kms. Her group's total fund raise was \$30.000 The full video is there with Ella thanking all that contributed to this special cause. The RIGC has a Facebook page setup, you can find it by searching for the *Rottnest Island Golf Club* page on FB.**

# Thanks to all our faithful Sponsors



**The Rottneest Island Golf Club acknowledges all Club Sponsors who's**



Well that wraps the news up for the last event for 2024 on the Rock. Look forward to seeing you in November supporting the **“Longest Day” WA Cancer Council fund raising event**

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