

ROCK NEWS

Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

Welcome to the 64th running of the Rottnest Cup newsletter incorporating the results from Cup and Ledger Plate competition held on the Rock over 15th to 18th August 2024. 80 plus people attended the weekend with 73 of those playing the game. The winter weather forecaster showed several large fronts passing over our part of WA. Once again it will be the luck of the draw as to what sort of effect it will have on your round with “it’s a bit wet” being the preferred words of the day. The old saying “you should have been here last weekend” didn’t help so it is what it is and somewhere in all of it there was good golfing to be had.

Thursday’s Handicapper Lament game is slowly growing with 25 players engaged in the friendly warm up game. Lenny Strother had the early form and led the field on 22pts. The match committee and several other volunteers helped where they could but a big thanks goes to Simon and Alison Bennison, Greg and Esther Whitmee, Steve and Leisa Clarke, Leon Edmonds, Merv and Phil all doing what they do to help make the course presentable for the commencement of the August Event.

Friday’s President’s Trophy had 65 out there with the Thursday arrivals starting early to make way for the Friday arrivals. The word was it was a bit rough on the journey over though to be expected with the wind whipping up to around 43klms pushing the swell in. The signs where not good for the rest of the weekend as the large front on the radar showed an arrival over night and early Saturday morning. Still after the difficult conditions the season’s program suffered over the Classic weekend most thought well we are getting use to these winter conditions. Admittedly WA has had a pretty good measure of rain in June, July, August and with spring around the corner better now than not at all! Phil Bray popped up out of the blue(well cloudy wet and cold blue) and led the field on 20pts.



Handicappers
Lament Winner
Len Strother



Runner up Rhonda Singh

3rd Paul Rose



Save the Date

The Longest Day, charity event : held on 15-16-17th November 2024. Come over and generate support for the event even on a day trip

Accommodation Booking reminder for the 65th Rottnest Cup and Ledger Plate will be emailed a week prior to the **4th December booking window** with Stay Rottnest. Do it or you could miss out!!!!

2025 Season Calendar

- Chairman's Cup
• 4 – 5 – 6 April 2025.
- Classic Weekend
• 6 – 7 – 8 June 2025.
- Cup Weekend
• 22 – 23 – 24 August 2025.
- Closing Weekend
• 17-18-19 October 2025.



Friday's President Cup game.

The President handing over his trophy to the Vice President



Friday's President's runner up Steve Clark and 3rd Jenny Ditton



Saturday's Major the 64th Rottneest Island Cup
Winner Phil Bray on even par.

Cup runner up
Len Strother -2 and
3rd Doug Martin -2
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Well played in the tough conditions



Novelty winners President's Cup Friday

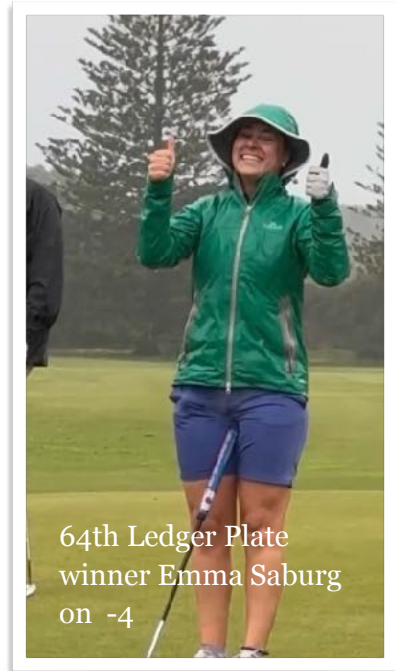


Pretty much the sky colour all weekend

Saturday's Famous Rottnest Cup and Ledger Plate both in their 64th year saw 73 resilient golfers prepared to take on the weather onslaught that we all woke up to. Once again the match committee don't get to sleep in and where out there prepping the course for the benefit of all. After checking the water levels and cleaning up the greens from the overnight quokka invasion the Captain declared that the game will go on and someone will win the male-female Major Event on the Calendar. The morning groups had to be away by 07:30 hrs to finish up by 12:00 hrs for the afternoon group. The day didn't favour any side of the start times as it was pretty terrible all day were the wind gusts peaked at 50-60klms and a massive amount of rain. Both am and pm had individuals pull out after 9 or more holes needing to go back to lodgings and get out of the wet clothes, grab a hot shower and hope they avoided a touch of pneumonia.

The advice from the ferry companies threw another obstacle into the players minds as all travel was cancelled on Sunday. The only returning ferries were at 16:30 hrs Saturday. That information certainly didn't help concentration on the game that's so important to all. That's why they are here to get their hands on those allusive trophies. So more players were forced to decide if they could stay till Monday or pack the weekend up early. The remaining field finished with 40 players still keen to have a go and where not required to be back on the mainland by the start of Monday work week.

The Captain Greg Whitmee predicted square to the card would likely win the events this year and he was spot on as Phil Bray carrying good form from Friday led the field home for the Cup on even par after 18 holes and the worthy Ledger Plate winner in Emma Saburg on -4 OCB after 18 holes. The result sheets posted later in this letter are quite ad-hoc after players understandably deciding to give up on the cold, wet conditions and pull out at various levels of completed holes.



64th Ledger Plate winner Emma Saburg on -4



Runner up Sue Bentley
3rd Sandra Hackett
Well played Ladies





Novelty winners Cup and Ledger. Left to Right
Chris Saburg, Emma Saburg, Phil Bray, Eldred Day, Aaron Doig, absent Sam King twice.



That's Greg Humble's drive on the 9th.
A near miss to ace it. Good Shot!



Your committee of volunteers.

The remaining entrants and friends along with the O'Mahoney's and their extended family all fronted up for the annual Elgar O'Mahoney Memorial Ambrose in its 22nd year. As there was no requirement to rush off the Island the players and friends met for lunch at 12:00 noon and got the game underway by 12:45 hrs.

41 signed the record book with the Sunday forecast considered a bit better than the smashing we received on Saturday. Still it managed to rain on our parade with the wind hovering around 50ks but at least the rain fronts blew past quickly and didn't set in like the previous day.

The winning team is Paul Rose, Mark Pink, Bec Rodin, Scott Jones

Runner up was the O'Mahoney and Allen Families. Well done

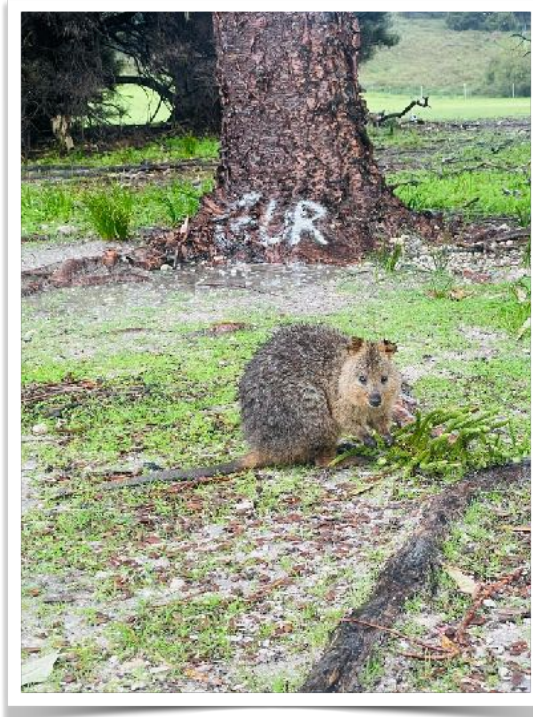
3rd Anil Mehra, Carrol Stocker, Graeme Sellars, Ashok Mehra

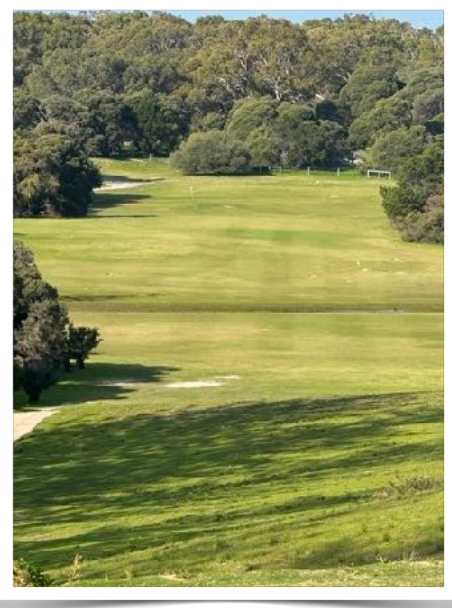
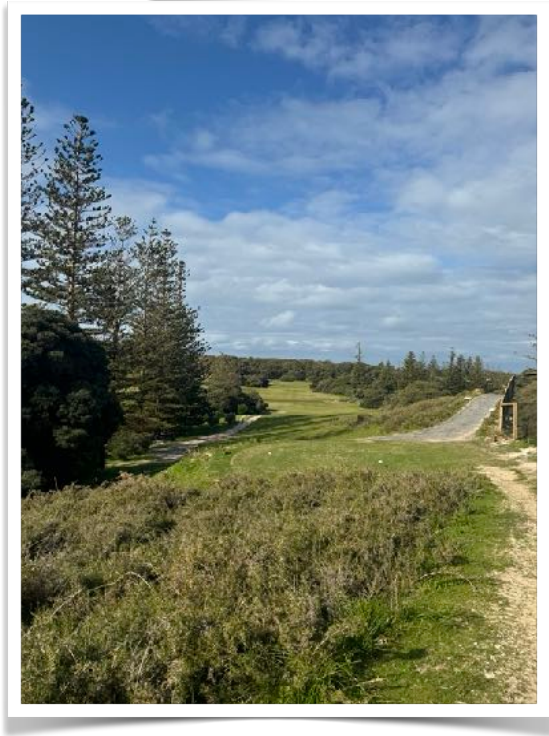
Once again the O'Mahoney family brought a round of drinks at presentation's end to honour Elgar. Cheers

A new formidable Ambrose group came home on 27.625 strokes over the back 9 to round out the weekend's games. Congratulations to Paul Rose, Mark Pink, Rebecca Rodin and Scott Jones.

Special Thanks to Glenn Evans of the Lane/Simmos and his chef and staff for looking after the members and friends over the whole weekend's catering requirements. The food was varied and excellent so well done to all involved.







Well that wraps the news up for the second Major event for 2024 on the Rock.
Your Committees look forward to seeing the next lot of players for the Season Closing event “The Captains Cup” in October 10-11-12-13. Surely this one will not be a washout
Stay safe and best wished from Club Vice President on behalf of Management and Match Committees.

Thursday Winners

1st	Len Strother	22
2nd	Rhonda Singh	20
3rd	Paul Rose	20

Novelties

Long Drive 16 under 2 Jeff King

Long Drive 17 over 4 Ian Strovar

NTP 6 Simon Bennison

Closest 2nd 8 Cameron Gray

NTP 18 Len Strother

Novelties

Closest 2nd 14 No One

NTP 6 Rhonda Singh

Long Drive 7 Aprille Birkett

NTP 9 Rhonda Singh

Friday Winners

1st	Phil Bray	20
2nd	Steve Clarke	19
3rd	Jenny Ditton	18

Novelties

Long Drive 16 under 2 Sam King

Long Drive 17 over 4 Mike Thompson

NTP 6 Justin Bower

Closest 2nd 8 David Gilbert

NTP 9 Greg Humble

Novelties

Closest 2nd 7 Jenni Rowley

NTP 6 Kelsie Hains

Long Drive 5 Jenni Rowley

NTP 9 Gill Ashley

Saturday Cup Winners

1st	Phil Bray	0
2nd	Len Strother	-2
3rd	Doug Martin	-2

Saturday Ledger Plate Winners

1st	Emma Saburg	-4
2nd	Sue Bentley	-5
3rd	Sandra Hacket	-6

Novelties

Long Drive 16 under 2	Sam King
Long Drive 17 over 4	Phil Bray
NTP 15	Aaron Doig
Closest 2nd 17	Chris Saburg
NTP 18	Sam King

Novelties

Closest 2nd 14	No One
NTP 15	No One
Long Drive 16	Emma Saburg
NTP 18	Eldred Day

Sunday Elgar O'Mahony Winners

1st	Paul ROSE and Rebecca RODIN and Scott JONES and Mark PINK	27.625
2nd	O'Mahony Family	28.187
3rd	Carol STOCKER and Anil MEHRA and Ashok MEHRA and Graeme SELLARS	28.625

Vouchers were sourced from GolfStix so reach out to Greg or Marie to visit the studio in Wangara or for south of River recipients Greg goes to Melville Golf Complex in Leeming on a Wednesday from 2 PM. The QR code also works.



Thanks Greg and Marie for your support. Sorry about the blue tac on the reverse side, I had stuck it on my office wall



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