



## Members and friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club

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Day 1 saw forty-seven names in the record book on Friday vying for new sponsor's trophy, the Rottnest Express Perpetual Trophy.

The ferry ride over on Friday produced ominous warnings for what we were in store for over the weekend. Gale warnings were posted towards the end of the week but this did not stop our intrepid club members from travelling to our beloved golf course and island life.

Friday's game of Par was underway with a stiff breeze from the north. The sun was out and about though this was the last we would see of it for a couple of days.

The course looked fantastic and pin placements were set up to test the best putters in the club. They were fast and tricky with the 4<sup>th</sup> demanding accuracy as it was all down hill if you missed the cup. The competition was scored over the back 9 holes with some continuing the round to 18.

Congratulations to these winners of the inaugural Rottnest Express Perpetual Trophy:

1. Leon Cuso with a fine score of square to the card
2. Scotty Jones also on square was runner up OCB
3. Ray Turnbull OCB was close behind on -1

Novelties: NTP on 15 <sup>th</sup> Hole	John Birkett
NTP on 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leon Cuso and Amanda Mather
Longest Drive A Grade	Tim Goddard
Longest Drive B Grade	Glen Trebilcock
Longest Drive Ladies	Aruni Vaswani
Men's Closest 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 17 <sup>th</sup>	Garry Fletcher
Ladies Closest 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ester Whitmee
Closest to Circle on 1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Mountford

The weather had deteriorated by late afternoon Friday enough to see only one ferry coming over Saturday morning. This caused the field to reduce by those that did not make the island and others that were already there but had the foresight to withdraw knowing the event was in for a huge blow.

The northern sky was blue at 0800 Saturday so good enough to get the Classic under way. Wet weather gear was at the ready and the game started.

The Norseman boys were first cab of the rank. They made it to hole 11.

The rest of the field, 41 in total were doing their best as the rain had set in and did not stop all day. The breeze was that strong it blew the golf balls off the green on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Now that's hard to play and consequently saw the course controller cancel play for the day.

The duty of care for members was a priority as the wind gusting to 95kph was causing the trees to bend in a dangerous fashion, let along golf buggies blowing over, flags bending and umbrellas destroyed.

A hot shower took precedence before we reconvened at the Lodge for dinner. Once again it's thanks to Glen and the team at Karma Lodge Resort for a great feed. The decision was made to have a go on Sunday for another attempt at a result for the 2015 Classic. Gov's Bar was rocking so plenty stayed to talk about the day's experience.

Sunday morning had 37 names in the record book. Congratulations members for keeping up the determination and club spirit by lining up for another shot at club glory and their name on the Classic Trophy.

This enthusiasm was dashed by more gale force winds and rain as the morning grew on. Manager Matt was forced to cancel the game once again.

The rain was so strong it caused a white out and reduced vision. All players

were soaked to the skin with slippery clubs and soggy shoes. Time was just past 12 noon so the welcoming hot cup of soup worked to revive the walking wet.

Believe it or not a handful of intrepid players continued in the atrocious conditions and completed 18holes. A standing ovation was gathered on the 18th for their conclusion. Well done to them for persevering.

All those that finished 18 holes were presented with prizes from our sponsors: Karma Lodge Resort; Hotel Rottnest; Dome Rottnest; Rottnest Express and Golf Oracle. with a rousing round of applause from members.

So that concludes the weekend's Fun!!!! Well done to those that were able to make the event another memorable one with continued camaraderie in the tradition befitting the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

Thanks again to the weekend sponsors.

It was 1994 when the Classic suffered similar bad weather and Ryan Birkett was awarded the Trophy as all players had completed 9 holes or more.

By now you will have received an entry form for the Rottnest Classic Rerun, to be played on 27-28 June – it's a very generous offer and we've also arranged a fine and mild weekend, so look forward to everyone being back to get a result for this most important event.

Calendar for final events for 2015

**Re run** Rottnest Classic 27-28 June

Rottnest Cup & Ledger Plate 14-16 August

Closing 23-25 October

**While you're organizing your accommodation for the Classic re-run, why not also do it for the 55<sup>th</sup> Cup and Ledger to be held 15-16 August 2015.**

Have a look in the picture page at [rotnnestgolf.org](http://rotnnestgolf.org) for the weekend's photos. Members are able to upload their own photos of weekend. Follow the link to the flickr site and hit upload.

Good golfing – *and remember easy rhythm and tempo* (also good for playing the guitar)

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