



Members and friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club

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Well folks another season of golf concluded on our great course on the rock. Members take ownership with pride in the fact there is a hidden gem there for us to play on. The weather was kind to players with some cloud cover masking the sun for the first two days. A cool stiff breeze accompanied the days, which moved the ball around in the air. Sunday was generally clearing skies and sun-block the order of the day.

Our Captain and permanent fixture on all event weekends was unfortunately missing for his Captain's Cup Challenge event due to family commitments. His wingman Scott Jones filled in admirably and rolled off poetry and jokes to keep everybody laughing. Don't worry Strutty you're still the best poet and we do miss you, hope we see more of you next year. Thanks to all other members that sent in apologies for not being able to attend the season closing round. In particular to Club Patron John Birkett who's presence is always missed. Need also to mention Colin and Thelma Goddard who will be back all fired up for 2016. Best wishes and a speedy recovery Colin.

Apart from the loyal core group of regulars at each event there were a couple of new faces lined up to play and apply for membership. One potential new member, Aaron Doig posted a low "*new course*" benchmark score at 81 off the stick during our round of Stroke for the Captains Cup. The pressure was on him when he picked up the NP on 18th prize. He is a 3 marker so it was felt this could be improved on next year.

The course is in great condition with several holes reseeded and coming along beautifully. Once they get a better hold and rolled smooth they will be quite a treat. Did you know we now have “Bunkers” out on the course? They are excavated on hole 2 and hole 8. They look a bit daunting in their newly dug stage but once the natural growth takes hold should add another dimension to the course.

On to the weekend’s results.

All 26 players signed the book for the Hotel Rottnest Trophy challenge of Stableford format over 9 holes. The winners are listed below.

Winner:	Graham Annan	20 Pts
Second:	Scott Jones	18
Third:	Warren Groves	17
Fourth:	Glen Trebilcock	16

The Rottnest Golf Club is most appreciative of the assistance of the Hotel Rottnest in sponsoring this event and making available the opportunity for players to have their name etched in gold. As with the other club sponsors, the hotel also makes prizes available for all events.

The Captains Trophy had all 28 signatures registered to play. The game was played under Stroke format and can be demoralising if you have a bad hole. During presentations there were two members that had a “Stand out hole” for all the wrong reasons. During our light-hearted fines session Ray “Noddy” Turnbull and Scotty Jones both cracked the 17stroke barrier for one hole. I must add that Scott had a wonderful way in delivering this dilemma by comparing the score to a “moose” i.e. one hand’s fingers up around your head is 5 over (one side of the antlers) 10 is both hands (2x antlers) and then broken antler fingers for more score above ten. The prospect of running out of bent fingers at 17 over drew much laughter and several members said to me they had never heard of it explained that way before. Great work Scotty, cutting edge comedy!! Special thanks go to another great and reliable sponsor, The Lodge, for a fabulous and expansive meal on Saturday – try as we might, there was no way those present could finish it all! Another great spread for members to enjoy.

Congratulations to the winners.

First	Graham Annan	Gross	90	Net	67
Runner up	Jenni Rowley		104		70
Third	Tim Goddard		88		72
Fourth	Jon Pearce			103	72

Novelties:

Men	Long Drive 13 th	Boom Boom Jones
	Near Pin 6 th	Tim Goddard
	Near Pin 18 th	Len Strother
Ladies	Long Drive 14 th	Amanda Mather
	Near Pin 6 th	Jan Mountford
	Near Pin 9 th	Amanda Mather

The Rottnest Lodge Trophy on Sunday was conducted at a very suitable start time of 0900hrs. Plenty of time to enjoy the fantastic breakfast buffet for those that stay at the lodge. 25 signatures were in the book for a crack at the Lodge Trophy.

The winner	Phil Bray	21pts
Second	Scott Jones C/B	19
Third	Tim Goddard C/B	19
Fourth	Mike Davidson C/B	18
Fifth	Graham Annan C/B	18
Ladies closest to 6 th and 9 th pin	Jan Mountford	
Men's closest to 6 th pin	Tim Goddard	
Men's closest to 9 th pin	G Annan	

Further light-hearted "fines" on players. I have to mention Scotty Jones for not driving past the ladies long drive marker on the 8th. The swear jar being filled up by Glen Trebilcock. Graham Annan for getting too emotional on presentations and the match committee for not placing novelties out on the first day.

So that wraps up another weekend of fun and games on the beautiful rock we call Rottnest!!

Thanks to sponsors:

Rottnest Lodge Rottnest Express
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Jeff King of KC Sports

As a member you are soon to receive an invitation to the Rottnest Golf Club **AGM**, to be held at Maylands Peninsula Golf Course on Sunday 29 November.

As an enticement the club is fully subsidising members for a 9 hole game, to finish in time for the meeting.

Why not think about nominating for a committee position – forms will accompany the notice.

Season 2016 Event dates.

Opening Weekend 8th-10th April
Classic 20th-22nd May
Cup and Ledger 19th-21st Aug
Closing Weekend 14th-16th October 2016

The Rottnest Foundation has produced a beautiful Calender for 2016. Contact Jeff King for directions where to purchase a copy at jeffk@kcsports.com.au.

Well done to the winners and thanks to members and friends that were able to participate to make for a great weekend.

Have a look at rotnestgolf.org for the weekend's photos.

Good golfing – *More on putting.*

It's true you drive for show and putt for \$. Our practice putting range is a great representation of what to expect when you are out on the course. Most people try practicing the straight putt. This is always going to count but what should be practiced is the roller coaster putt from several hills away, trying to get it in or as close as possible to the hole for the straight putt to be effective. Use this tip next time you are over and see if your score drops accordingly.

Cheers

Phil Bray, Club Secretary