
Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

On behalf of the Management and Match Committee it gives me great pleasure to forward on to you the news and results from the 2016 Rottnest Island Cup and Ledger Plate Trophy. A maximum field of members and friends made the trip over to compete in this prestigious weekend event. An event that attracts members as far away as Norseman and the surrounding shire of Dundas.

Club record books reveal a long history of winners dating back to the club opening in the early nineteen sixties. I am sure the original members would be proud that the tradition they created back then is alive and well in 2016. It was a welcome change to have to cut entries to a manageable number to play golf during the shorter hours of winter. Club Vice Captain Scott Jones was responsible for convincing the Match Committee to apply a shotgun start for the weekend's events. It turned out to be a masterstroke as the format of 13 groups playing in the morning and repeated with the rest of the field teeing off at 1230 in the afternoon. Member feedback was extremely positive with limited delay between holes. Four and a half hours was a common finishing time for the 18 holes. The Match Committee was congratulated during presentations for making the hard decisions.



The committee encourages members to keep getting involved and help build our shoulder events like the closing weekend coming up in October 15 to 17. There are some fantastic winner and novelty prizes on offer with the Hotel Rottnest Trophy played for on the Friday, the Captains Trophy on Saturday and the Lodge Karma Resort Trophy on Sunday. This year we will be holding Saturday presentations at the Hotel and finishing the night with the evening meal there.

On a sadder note the club lost an eight-year member in Austen Hugill.

Past club Captain Michael Wear asked the Club President to read out a small note to members on Austen's passing.

"Dear Members, it's with sad news that I wish to inform you a fellow member of the Rottnest Island Golf Club in Austen Hugill passed away on 7th July. I introduced Austen to Rotto golf about 8 yrs ago and he has become a regular since then. Rotto was one of the best 'Goat Tracks' he has ever played on he would tell me.

Sadly Austen suffered a massive brain aneurism unexpectedly and never recovered.

He leaves his wife Leanna and 3 beautiful children who all loved coming over for the golf weekends. In fact Austen and I had planned to come for the closing day as I could not make the Cup weekend.

As a past captain of this club and good friend of Austen can I please ask we all charge a glass to Austen Hugill.

RIP Austen



Regards to all, Mick Wear"

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Apology

A correction is noted from Newsletter 19 where the wrong name was tagged to Herb Williams

Club and Cup Legend
Herbie Williams

During Cup presentations Vice President John Peddie conveyed a message from a recent chat with club life member Herb Williams

"2016 marks the first year that Rotto Golf Club life member, Herb Williams, will be forced to discontinue venturing to the island due to his tired body just not able to make the trip any longer. Indeed, last year's Cup saw a brave face on our longest standing member as he ventured to the course for the last time. Herb has presented in every Rottnest Cup since its inception in 1961, and is the only one to do so.

We the members stand proud of this life member, who has exhibited the absolute values of clubmanship. Don't think for one minute though that we are making Herbie out to be an angel; in fact those that know him will say that he's always been a naughty, naughty boy.

We'll miss seeing you but you'll be with us in this year's Cup in spirit Herbie, and many more to come".



In other Cup news Club Patron John Burkett was unable to play in this years Cup as he has just completed some bionic surgery with a new hip. He is not one to want to miss any event so he graciously nominated himself as Course Marshal on Saturday to make sure the groups didn't fall behind from the group in front. I can tell you that his job was made much easier after the shotgun start spread the field adequately.



The Presidents Trophy on Day 1 Friday. Seventy-Three players signed the book. The field was spread as the earlier ferries enabled a lot of starters to get their 9-hole game completed. The President along with 27 players were on the afternoon ferry from Northport. That brought their tee time to around 1430hrs. Enough time to finish before the light faded for the day. Rain was threatening but missed the island, which kept the umbrellas dry. We were treated to a sumptuous meal courtesy of Aristos Restaurant, and thank Carol Jones, and especially Hans for organizing in her absence – it was definitely more than we expected, not only in volume but also in flavor.



The winners were:

1st Merv Lockhart 21pts
 2nd Katherine Frew 20pts OCB
 3rd Scotty Jones 20pts

Novelties

NTP Men Hole 6 Rod Anthony
 NTP Ladies Hole 6 Jane Wishaw
 LD Men Under 20 Chris Monk
 LD Men over 19 Don Dixon
 LD Ladies Amanda Mather
 NTP Men Hole 9 Brett Mackey
 NTP Ladies Hole 9 Jenni Rowley

2nd Shot Men Brett Mackey
 2nd Shot Ladies Pat McFarlane
 Other Good Scores: Anil Mehra 19
 Rod Anthony 19
 Steve Bowyer 19
 Tim Goddard 19





Day 2 The Rottneest Island Cup and Ledger Plate 2016.

The first cadre of players arrived at 0700hrs for the 0730 tee off. The match committee detailed the shotgun start draw on Friday night. So players were ready and raring to go. Weather was overcast with occasional showers in competition with sunshine. The wind was fresh so any persistent rain didn't hang around long. The golf traditions continued with the only exception being group tee photos were not possible for addition to the club archives. A group shot will be called for when the field is this large in future.

You might say you were lucky if you drew the afternoon shotgun tee time. A little sleep in never hurts, that's if you got stuck into holiday mode on the beautiful island. 12noon had the afternoon group ready on time for the 1230 tee time. The morning groups were all in after an average 4 hours 20 minute round for 18 holes. Players were commended on the movement of play, which left the Course Marshall complaining he couldn't yell at anyone. The only delays occurred when cover was required under trees when a large group of dark clouds found the golf course. They passed and the course dried out quickly, though the greens may have been a bit slower in the morning. I can report the afternoon was free of rain and the greens were scarily quick, particularly the par 5 second. It didn't get any easier on the 11th. The uphill putt seemed to be best off the green as the ball would not stay close to the pin on the down hill slope. The winners mastered this aberration and it gives one hope there is a one or two **putt for par** out there.



After an enjoyable day's golf the results were soon to be revealed. There was enough time after the match for players to make their way back to barracks to freshen up before presentations and the evening meal catered for by the **Lodge Karma Resort**. Thanks to Glen and his staff for a fantastic meal and also to the wait staff for their service and plate clearing for over a hundred attendees. **Rottnest Express, Dome Cafe** and **Rottnest Hotel** also are greatly appreciated for supplying vouchers for prizes used over the weekend's events. The winners are:

The Rottnest Island Ledger Plate Trophy

1 st	Katherine Frew	-3
2 nd	Sue Bentley	-3 OCB
3 rd	Jan McNab	-3 OCB



Congratulations to the worthy winners from of a field of 28 ladies vying for the event. Well done Katherine and to the runners up. All on -3, a close fought battle. Sue a past winner and Jan you were there back at the early days with your name etched in the record books, truly a wonderful contribution to the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

The 56th Rottnest Island Cup

1 st	Greg Whitmee	+7
2 nd	Glen Trebilcock	+1
3 rd	Len Strother	Even
4 th	Scott McPhail	Even OCB



Best Gross score: Aaron Doig 72 at -2.

The final result says it all. Both Major events were a close fought battle. The OCB rule featured heavily in match committee card verification.



Well done Greg you attend all events, consistent!!! Just like your golf.

Glen congratulations! Runner up, a fine effort on backing up an early tee time after the All Blacks did you proud the night before.

Third to Len, well done you played well just when you needed to. There were 3 other players in the count back but just missing out on the podium.



Best Gross. Great golf Aaron, your tee to greens shots were a pleasure to watch when we played together on Friday. Congratulations

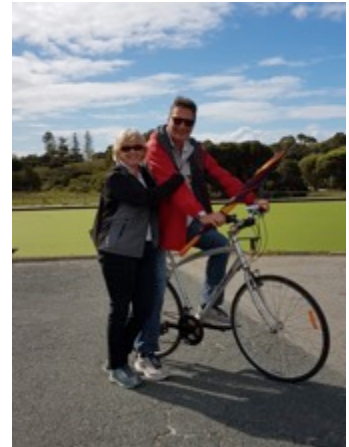
Novelties

NTP Men Hole 6	Stephen Harber	2 nd Shot Men-8th	Chris Monk
NTP Ladies Hole 6	Paula McFarlane	2 nd Shot Ladies-16th	Amanda Mather
LD Men Under 20	Chris Monk	Other Good Scores:	
		Merv Lockhart Even	OCB
LD Men over 19	Michael Bargerbos	Scott Jones	Even OCB
LD Ladies	Elizabeth Chewter		
NTP Men Hole 18	Peter Goodes		
NTP Ladies Hole 18	Noelene Edwards		



Day 3: Elgar O'Mahony Memorial Ambrose.

This year was the largest field for a long time. The match committee once again setup a shotgun start with two cadres starting at 0730 and 1030. Necessary arrangements to allow the players time to make the ferries' return travel. The extended O'Mahony Family and friends also added to the large field, which made for a wonderful game. Weather conditions were good in morning with a build up in storm activity for the afternoon groups. We got through in time and found our winners.



Congratulations to:

1 st	Mark Pink	Len Strother	Shane Rabjones	Mike Bargerbos	24.82
2 nd	Leon Cuso	Steve Bowyer	Peter Ladewig	Lyn Smith	25.63
3 rd	Greg Whitmee	Esther Whitmee	Glen Trebilcock	Scott Jones	26.75
4 th	Ross Tate	Peter Newman	Mike Thompson	Ben Boisdevesy	27.07

Novelties

NTP Men Hole 6	Ben Boisdevesy
NTP Ladies Hole 6	Raelene Hick
NTP Men Hole 9	Kevin Bentley
NTP ladies Hole 9	Stephane Hames



Thanks to Mary-Louise Allan and Stephen O'Mahony's cash donation to the event. It enabled members to have a drink on Edgar's memory.

The afternoon catering was supplied by "The Lane " food and café outlet, part of Simmo's Ice-Cream. A delicious selection of rolls and wraps which included hot soup and crusty rolls. A nice way to finish up a great weekend.



Good to see the Norseman boys finally got their names on this coveted trophy board. Mark Pink also spoke about the late Alan Moir and produced a photo and text sheet that now has it's place in the cabinets upstairs at the club house. Alan was the original donor of the gold nugget. Mike Bargerbos has continued that tradition and the club thanks Mike as the raffle for the nugget creates substantial funds for the club. So as the sun was disappearing in the afternoon cloud cover the Norseman boys returned to the course for their local challenge that is played every year after the close of the Cup weekend.

That wraps up the 56th Rottnest Cup and Leger Trophy. Hope to see you for our closing event **14-15-16th October**



Good Golfing:

My brother in law, Professor Geoff Driscoll's pro tip is:

"The hardest part of any golf course is the 6 inches between your ears".

Regards

Phil Bray

President RIGC