



# ROCK NEWS

Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.

Welcome to the latest News and Event Results for the 2021 Golf season on Rottnest Island. Members and visitors were blessed with warm March sunshine with the photos bringing to life the feeling of being there. To all other members that could not make the opening then get in early to enter the Karma Resort Classic Weekend in 18,19,20 June 2021.

The Island is “Pandemic-ally full” and members were lucky to secure accommodation to enter the weekend. It’s a trend that will continue until Overseas travel extends beyond Rotto!! It’s very good for the Rottnest Island Authority and the various stake holders on the island recovering from the islands alternative use as a quarantine outpost in 2020. Therefore the committees expect this capacity representation for the club’s event weekends to continue. As the days grow shorter in the coming winter months it will be harder to maximise the field beyond 96 players as any hold up in game play will result in an after dark finish as what has happened before. Though since the match committee has introduced the shotgun start system, we appear to get through the games in a timely manner.

The RIA Chairman was on hand to play and present the prizes to the winners on Saturday’s “Chairmans Cup”. The forward thinking from the Chairman and the Authority’s contribution in maintaining a water supply to the golf course is starting to reap the rewards for all who play a game of golf on Rottnest. The authority also donated 3 fabulous prizes and the Chairman himself personally tipped in with the purchase of two beautiful engraved clock trophies for the pairs winners. The club would also like to acknowledge the RIA’s assistance allowing the Programmed Group to deliver and pick up freight cages full of our golf gear.

On a somber note two original members have passed away this year

**Herb Williams in January 2021**

**Harry Wheatley March 2021**

The club would like to extend sincere condolences to the families for their loss.

To kick off the weekend **Samphire Resort** sponsored Friday's game for the Hotel Rottnest Trophy. It was a privilege to have **Warwick Prendiville** play along side GM John Langton and key members from the club. Unfortunately Warwick wasn't able to attend presentations so a big thank you from the club for another great start to the weekend. The day was finished off with a tasty meal down at the Hotel.

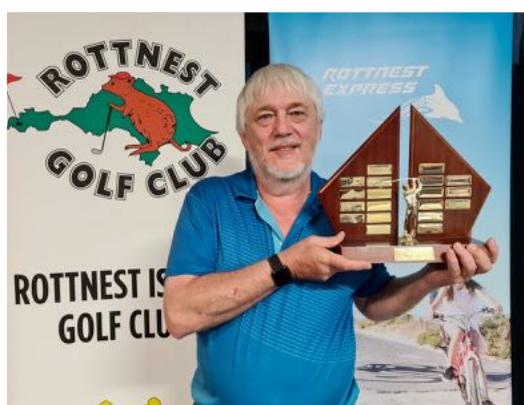
The complex is looking fantastic after last years major renovation and we look forward to revisiting the venue to celebrate the Club's Gala 60th celebrations dinner in August



*Photo: Warwick Prendiville, GM John Langton, and other club members at the Samphire Resort sponsored game.*

#### Samphire's Hotel Rottnest Friday Results:

Winner	Jon Pearce	24pts
Runner up	Steve Olsen	21pts
Third	Gill Ashley	20pts



*Photo: Jon Pearce, the winner of the Samphire's Hotel Rottnest Friday Results.*



*Photo: The Rottnest Golf Club team posing with the trophy.*

*Save the Date*

Karma Resort  
Rottnest Classic

18,19,20 June

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2021 Season

June 18,19,20

August 20,21,22

October 22,23,24



**Best Gross Friday Hotel Rottnest  
Simon Bennison on 37 net**

Novelty winners: Hotel Rottnest

Hole 4 Longest Putt	Deb Templeton
Hole 4 Longest putt	Len Strother
Hole 6 NP	Janice Gaudet
Hole 6 NP	Evan Mavros
Hole 7 Long Putt	Eldred Day
Hole 7 Long Putt	Len Strother
Hole 9 NP	Deb Ward
Hole 9 NP	Jon Pearce

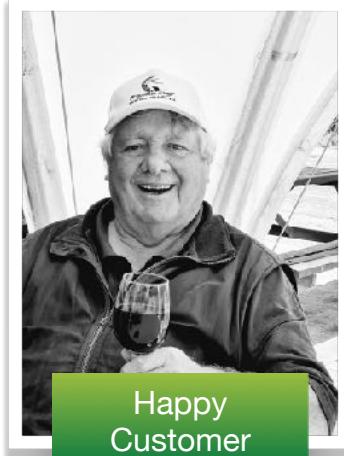


Other Good Scores	BIRDIES	EAGLES
Gill Ashley	9	
Greg Ashton	4,5	
Simon Bennison	2,8	
Mike Davidson	8	
John Dishon	2	
Evan Mavros	6	
Jon Pearce	2,9	
Paul Rose	6	
Mark Shelton	1,3	

Nichole multi tasking



Watch your step



Happy Customer



The Chairman's Cup had the usual shot gun start , 0800 and 1230 tee times though with the increasing popularity with playing golf on Rottnest the groups this weekend broke all attendance records for the Opening Event in the modern era. As the "keeper of the records" I took a quick random look back on the website Newsletters section for March 2014 when there was 22 members and friends playing the event. This was the first year after the difference in 7 years with the "Pandemic-ally full"!!! All this for Rock and the business

The game day weather hoped for! Ambient conditions, with zero gale course to chase the winners recorded by the individual results information.



course renovation. What a x-factor thrown in for being computes to a favourable future community in general.

produced what the committee temperature perfect playing force winds and a superb golf prizes. Some very good golf was novelty recipients noted later in

The club had the pleasure of the RIA Chairman's attendance in the field for Presentations. So a big thank you goes to the Rottnest Island Authority and Chairman on behalf of all RIGC club members. I can confirm the prizes for the winners were warmly received. Programmed logistics must also be mentioned for the delivery and removal of freight cages in a timely manner. Our key contacts for Programmed have changed so we will make sure this vote of thanks finds its way to the new company people. The Committee and Club Members are once again indebted to the Rottnest Express ferry company for their seamless transfers of all the golf passengers and the mountains of golf equipment that occurs over our season's events.

Saturday's Chairman's Cup Two Ball Ambrose Results

First	net 63.25	Gross 74	Len Strother and Steve Olsen
Second	64.6	74	David Gilbert and Mike McMahon
Third	65	73	Jane Wishaw and Leon Edmonds

Each winning Team won Accommodation vouchers from The Rottnest Island Authority and the Chairman Mr John Langoult personally donated the two beautiful time pieces for the winning pairs.



## Novelty recipients

Hole	Type	Gender	Name
6	NP	Mens	Santo Casilli
6	NP	Ladies	Dorothy Cropper
9	NP	Ladies	Eldred Day
9	NP	Mens	Kevin Bentley
18	NP	Mens	Jim Herewini
18	NP	Ladies	Jane Wishaw
13	LD 18+	Mens	Paul Rose
11	LD 17-	Mens	Greg Whitmee
5	LD	Ladies	Amanda Mather
16	NP 2nd shot	Mens	Tim Wilhelm



Sunday's event was sponsored by the RIGC with a surprise Trophy. The final day had several attendees absent from the field off exploring Rottnest or catching up with other friends on the Island. There was still 61 signatures in the record book with enough energy and ability to swing a golf club after a couple of big days and nights of golf and camaraderie that coexists with the RIGC. One member that didn't let any access effect his game was Len Strother who cleaned up over all events over the weekend. Well done Len and make sure your inland buddies do a better job on you for the next event. Congratulations to you and all the other winners over the Opening weekend.



Place	Score	OCB?	Name	Prize
<b>RIGC SURPRISE TROPHY</b>				
	2		Len Strother	
	1	Yes	Robin Woodward	
	1	Yes	Kevin Bentley	

**Novelties**

Hole	Type	Gender	Name	Prize
15	Longest Putt	Ladies	Jenni Rowley	
15	Longest Putt	Mens	Brett Arthur	
18	NP	Ladies	Joanne Kirby	
18	NP	Mens	Paul Bizzaca	
14	NP second	Ladies	Robin Woodward	
17	Near Pin Second	Mens	Paul Rose	





Amanda and Angus Mather are returning to the UK for family reasons. They have been long time supporters of all events over the last decade and we sadly said good bye to them this weekend. The Club ordered some bath sheets from KC Sports Australia with a "Bon Voyage" message embroidered on each towel. They introduced many new members, so thank you Angus and Amanda. You will be missed



No the photo on the left is not Donald Trump's love child from the USA.  
It's Ben the golf ball collector.  
Though he wears many hats.  
# Karma beverage delivery man  
# Karma Food delivery man  
# Uber driver for V.I.P's  
# Receptionist  
# Luggage Officiado  
Rumour has it that he even tucks the boss into bed and reads him a bed time story!!!  
Definitely should be awarded the "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR"

Well that wraps the news up for the first event in 2021 on the **Rock** with the sun slowly setting on another fabulous weekend.

Look forward to seeing the next lot of players for the “Karma Rottnest Classic” in June 18-19-20

**To view all weekend Photos click Link**

<https://www.rottnestgolf.org/photos>

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



Thanks to all our sponsors:  
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these successful events

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