



Members and friends of Rottnest Island Golf Club,

Members that arrived on Friday quickly made their way up to the club. As the golf course became visible and your eyes first cast over the 9th green a look of excitement overtook everybody with a feeling of wow this is finally a reality. The euphoria continued for the rest of the weekend.

The Official ceremony began by RIA CEO Paolo Amaranti commending the various people that contributed to the course refurbishment on this special day. A blessing was given by Janet Hayden with a talk on the indigenous connection with Rottnest and further speeches from Deputy Premier honorable Dr Kim Hames, past chairman Laurie O'Meara, Nigel Williams and the RIA Chairman Mr John Driscoll. After which there was the official tee off by Club Patron and driving force Mr John Birkett, Laurie O'Meara and Mr Hames. The swings all started together but on review of slow motion footage, Laurie was the first to make contact with a fabulous straight drive.

Then it was down to business with the club secretary leading the field of 108 members and quests around the revised layout. Congratulations should be given to the course architects for a fantastic application in utilizing the existing design and enhancing what was already a challenging golf course. Many members commented on how good it will be in a year or two as the greens and fairways become more established.

The winners for the Chairman's Cup were:

1st	Brian and Mike Flatman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Circosta and John Evans
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barney McKenna, Basil Rathbone and Jerry Maher
Long Drive Men	Michael Bargerbos
Long Drive Ladies	Gail Flatman
Near Pin Ladies	Veronica Winterbourne
Near Pin Men	Brendon Winterbourne

Fabulous food was supplied from the Karma Resort all thru the weekend and thanks go to GM Glen and his staff.

Next day saw an even bigger field of 120 compete in the Presidents Trophy. The weather was

warm for members as the event was much later in the year than past club events. A sign of a new era. Members still held up the tradition of confusing beer as water and consuming as much as practicable. That didn't seem to affect the golf and a fine club supporter took out the winning spoils.

Winners for Presidents Trophy :

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark "Pinky" Pink on 43 pts	Jane Wishaw on 35pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lance McPhail on 40pts	Jan McNab on 34pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Neil MacKenzie on 39pts	Jenni Rowley on 31pts

The conditions were hot with a strong easterly blowing at the start. The afternoon saw the wind direction change to northerly cooling down the players for the afternoon tee off. Apart from good golf there were a few shots misdirected which had a lot of players seeing snakes on the edge of fairways and in the rough. We don't normally play in summer months and perhaps the wild life has had it to easy without anybody on the course for 10 months or so.

Presentations saw some very happy winners. It enabled a lot of members and new to mix and talk about there experiences out on the course. Congratulations to Jane Wishaw and Mark Pink on their great golf and sneaking under the radar( no not you Radar ) to have great a win. We all tried but could not match your games.

Next day the memorial Ambrose 4ball was played in memory of Elgar O'Mahoney. Members and guests were able to choose their strongest team. I am sure by now there was some stiff bodies out there trying to put a smooth swing together. The writer did witness the mighty Merv re- christen the lake named in his honor by driving a brand new ball into the middle of Lockies lake. He was about to remove the shoes and have a wade in when TD said forget it mate its Ambrose remember... Another interesting golf swing occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> with the last group. That tired swing must have caught up with GM Glen as his drive was a shocker and resulted in a club throw, which went further than the ball!!! Did you find that one Glen? I think it flew over into tent land!! Lucky it was Ambrose as they were the ultimate winners on the day. There were probably plenty other stories on the weekend and the newsletter has space for members' contributions so email the secretary with your magic moments.

The winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greg and Ester Whitmee, Scott Jones and Glenn Trebilcock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Hancock, Shane Hancock, Graham Annan, Gavin Terry
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Colley, Will Brander, Gail Flatman, Marilyn Anderson

Long Drive Ladies	Jane (they used five of my drives) Wishaw
Long Drive Men	Greg Whittmee
Near the Pin	Aprille Birkett

That's it for another year and we will meet again for the AGM in the New Year.

On behalf of the Management and Match Committees we would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that brings low scores. Good Luck and

Good Golfing