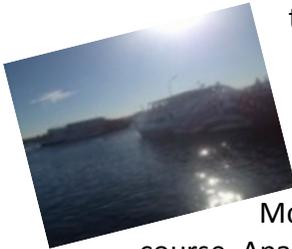


2016 RIGC Classic Results

Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Golf Club.



This years Classic was once again a memorable event though it was a case of lightning strikes twice in the same place. The lead in weather reports had the members a bit jumpy. Several decided they were not good sailors and pulled the pin. The swell for Saturday was tipped to be over 8mtrs. I am not a good sailor either and was glad the Friday crossing was calm and quick thanks to Fridays sponsor the Rottnest Express group. The entries for the weekend event registered 40. The management committee thanks the members that sent their apologies. If they were able to play it would have doubled the field. Most members travelled on Friday, which was handy because the ferries were restricted to just one on Saturday in the morning for staff to travel over. The *magnificent 4* arrived on the Wednesday and tested the course out in beautiful weather. It was great to see Rod Flohm, Barney McKenna, Ian Smith and Neil "Basil" Rathbone on the rock again enjoying the course. Apart from the regular attendees we had two visitors in James Isaia and his mate Brett Barnett. The boys play of scratch.



Where's Wally?

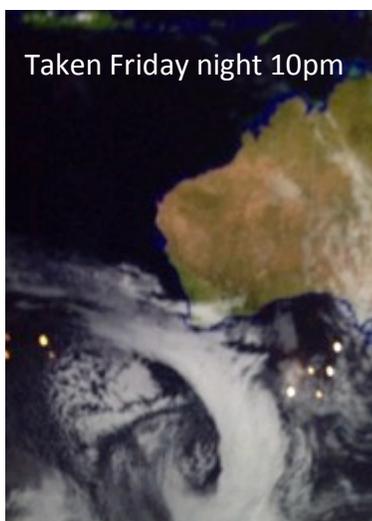


Rottnest Express

Perpetual Trophy

Event 20th May
2016

31 names were signed in the record book. This event was tested over the front 9 in Par format.



Taken Friday night 10pm

Many thanks to Scott Bailey and his group of companies for their sponsorship of this opening event on the Famous Classic weekend. The members were keen to get out there and play so groups were formed and were away just after 12noon. It was a shame Scott could not be there for the event because the conditions were perfect for good golf and some handy scores achieved. The par format is challenging and several minuses started appearing once the players got to the green to try their hand at putting. As per normal the course was in superb condition and Scott, Ian and Golf Oracle were thanked on a regular basis. Lisa was on hand to help with the thirst quenching and see to it the members were relaxed and enjoying the day.

The Results for Par Competition:

Winner: Merv Lockhart +4

Second: Anita Seghal OCB +3

Third: Glen Trebilcock +3

NP hole 6: Matt Rodoreda

NP hole 6: Aprille Birkett

LD hole 4: Greg Whitmee A grade

LD hole 4: Phil Bray B grade

LD hole 5: Amanda Mather

NP 2nd hole 8: John Birkett

NP 2nd hole 16: Anita Seghal

NP Second Shot Hole 8:

Ladies Only Close to Circle Hole 1: John Weeks (What!!)



Congratulations Merv



Other Good scores Audrey Cruise +2
John Weeks +1 Lots on square



Saturday Day 1 –
2016 Classic

Saturday morning Tee times were put back an hour after a decision at breakfast. The conditions were too wet to start at the advertised tee times. So members gathered after an hour delay and the first 4-group photo (top right), was in a complete downpour but the ladies were keen to get going. The Match committee then declared a staggered shotgun start to get the delayed field thru. 40 names were recorded and it was not long after that the sky cleared a little. The wind was gusting up to 80kms or more. Last year they peaked at 111kms. So we were lucky to get all rounds completed in just under 5 hrs. There were momentary weather delays. The day was so windy and almost unplayable. Balls were getting blown off tees and greens but not a lot of rain. Then at 3pm



Down came this hailstorm causing chaos all over the course. Fortunately it lasted for only 5 minutes and we were able to complete the round and get a result for day 1.

There have been some very good photos and copy contributions for this newsletter. Keep it up!

All photos will be posted to Club Website
<http://www.rotnestgolf.org>



McNab hole 7- top tee



Arrow points to top of flag position on hole 6



The committee decided to hold presentations for day 1 at the Governor's Bar for protection from the ensuing bad weather. We'd had enough of it throughout the day. The Roast buffet for dinner lived up to its reputation of a good feed. After dessert players gather in the front room for presentations. The President and Vice Captain Scott Jones delivered prizes out to worthy winners.

Novelties

- NP hole 6: Brett Barnett
- NP hole 6: N/A
- LD hole 4: Phil McPhail A grade
- LD hole 4: Rob Overington B grade
- LD hole 14: Anita Seghal
- NP hole 18: Matt Rodoreda
- NP hole 18: Audrey Cruise
- NP 2nd hole 8: Leon Edmonds
- NP 2nd hole 16: Amanda Mather
- Circle Ladies: Sue Bentley

Day 1 Leaders after 18 holes

Mens Classic Trophy

- 1st on 30 pts : Greg Whitmee
- 2nd on 30 pts OCB Merv Lockhart
- 3rd on 28 pts Leon Edmonds

Ladies Classic Challenge Trophy

- 1st on 25 pts Aprille Birkett
- 2nd on 21pts Audrey Cruise
- 3rd on 21pts OCB Anita Seghal

Well Done and Great Golf

Good Scores

5 pts off the pace

Scott Jones

Ashok Mehra

Garry Fletcher

James Isaia

Jenni Rowley



Day 2's dawn saw clear skies with wisps of cloud, a typical autumn morning. After a hearty breakfast and stowing of bags for the return journey to Perth it was time to head up to the club for another semi-shotgun start. As the weather played havoc with the normal tee block photo shoot we were able to get the whole playing group together for *the photographic record*. Copy located on day 1 page.

The 0830 tee times for first 3 groups of 4 left from 1,4,6.holes which was repeated till the field moved through by 0850. The finish times were close to 4hr rounds. Some delays occurred on the finishing holes, concentration a must with a couple to go. It wasn't long before everybody was in, fed and watered with plenty of time for the afternoon ferries. Players upon completion of round duly filled out the leader board. There were murmurs the defending champ had stiff opposition this year with a potential winner in the clubhouse. It was a wait and see as the final groups and the two times champ completed their rounds.

All agreed Saturday was the hardest day with good golfing conditions for the closing round. 34 names were in the record book and the worthy novelties winners are:

NP hole 6: James Isaia

NP hole 15: Sue Bentley

LD hole 4: Greg Whitmee A grade

LD hole 4: Glen Trebilcock B grade

LD hole 5: Amanda Mather

NP 2nd hole 8: Ian Smith

NP 2nd hole 16: Sue Bentley

NP hole 18: Jon Pearce

NP hole 18: Sue Bentley

Ladies Only Close to Circle Hole 1: The only names on the marker were two blokes who were both ineligible.



The great event was drawing to a close. The 3 days were packed with lots of stories that closely sounds like an acronym **C.R.A.Z.Y**

Crazy to play in wind higher than 60 klm, **Resilient** (putting the head down and getting on with it) **Affable** attitude (when nothing else works), **Zone** (when your in it), **Young** (as most members are younger than club icons Herb Williams and Harry Gorringe)

Now your probably wondering who won the event, the winners are:

Ladies Classic Challenge Trophy:



1 st Jenni Rowley	21 – 32	Total	53
2 nd Sue Bentley	15 - 33		48
3 rd Aprille Birkett	25 - 22		47

Congratulations ladies

Men Classic Trophy:



1 st Merv Lockhart	30 - 42		72
2 nd Greg Whitmee	30 - 36		66
3 rd Leon Edmonds	28 - 36		64
Best Gross: James Isaia			54

Other good scores on Day 2

Amanda Mather 30

Garry Fletcher 37

Ashok Mehra 37

Ben Le Chef 37



Time to thank the Management and Match committees for getting the job done. There is always a lot of behind the scene activity, which is done in a seamless and uninterrupted manner. Thanks to Lisa for her hospitality as RICC's representative.

Rottnest Express for getting the weekend off to a great start with travel vouchers for the winners and for getting us back home safely in a 4meter+ swell. Karma Lodge and Rottnest Dome for trade vouchers.

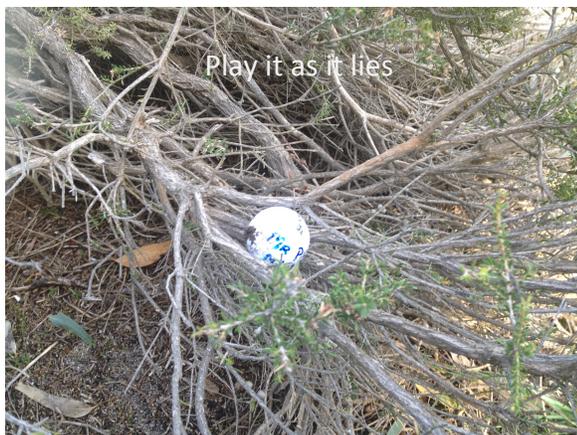
To John Birkett for having the foresight to start a truly wonderful event that has numerous names on the trophy and now our current winner.

Thanks to Brett and James for entering the event. It is good to see talented golfers line up with the RIGC members to take the course on and find a winner. Glad you brought Isabella your photographer over as she has captured some great shots and a classic "chaos in the cart video". Go to www.rottnestgolf.org then photo page link to Flickr-click on albums-Classic 2016

In a post presentation interview with the winner Merv (Lockeys Lake) Lockhart, he spoke of his approach to putting on the greens (that were possibly running 10 on the stimpmeter in places).

"I used the ferret club on two holes and one putt as many as I could".

Now that was a winning tip on how to play this great course know as *Rottnest Golf Course*.



The Stimpmeter

It was designed by golfer Edward S. Stimpson, Sr. in 1935. The Massachusetts state amateur champion and Harvard golf team captain, Stimpson was a spectator at the 1935 U.S. Open at Oakmont near Pittsburgh, where the winning score was 299 (+11). After witnessing a putt by a top professional (Gene Sarazen) roll off a green, Stimpson was convinced the greens were unreasonably fast, but wondered how he could prove it. He developed a device made of wood, now known as the stimpmeter, which is an angled track that releases a ball at a known velocity so that the distance it rolls on a green's surface can be measured.

A 'ferret' means to hole out from off the green for par or better, although you can't use a putter to qualify for this.



Good Golfing

On behalf of Management and Match Committees.

See you at the Cup Regards *Phil Bray President 2016*