



The new fence on the 3rd near Brennans



On the Tee Saturday



Getting Dark for the Last Group Friday



The Club Secretary's shot on 3

# ROCK NEWS



Dear Members and Friends of the Rottnest Island Country Club.

The "Back to the Rock" weekend event was the first after the Island was closed as a quarantine post during the Covid 19 pandemic. In a year of improvisation and adjustments, the members and guests able to participate were extremely happy to be back and playing golf on the Island. The Rottnest Island Authority Chairman made a special appearance and played in the Saturday Event. At this point it is important that the Club acknowledges the work the RIA has committed to the benefit of the Course

## Instillation of Perimeter Fence

As popular as the Island Marsupial is, the introduction in 2013 of the grassed golf course caused an artificial feed lot for our furry friends. Consequently they were thriving, breeding and over the years starting to impact on the course to a point that it would be ruined and create more cost to maintain in a reasonable playing condition.

The RIA realised this after long consultation with key club members over the years and recently by John Birkett, Simon Bennison and others. The course was established in 1960 and after the 2013 investment by the RIA found their asset was slipping away. Thankfully now there is a perimeter fence installed, it enables the course to recover to its pristine condition, have the Quokkas back in their natural habitat and of course after the weekends event, “happy golfers”.

Already the course is showing the benefit as the ground staff don't have to blow the greens clear of waste( Quokka Poo) so valuable labour hours can be used to maintain the fairways and greens. A player survey was conducted after the field completed the Saturday Event. All comments were positive and occasionally assisted an errant shot inside the perimeter. After Fridays social game that was in fact a “road test” of the course had the Match Committee introduced “local rules” for the club events.

### ***A Special mention for Mr Des Sullivan***

2020 is the 60th year of the Rottnest Island Cup and Ledger Plate. Unfortunately we have had to cancel that celebration for this year. Though having the course now in its current improving condition, will see it grow in asset value and would make the inaugural members very proud.

The Club will be conducting an event in August 21-22-23, so with the added interest from member participation it is advised to get your entry in **EARLY** when it's sent out in the coming weeks. The field should fill quickly so late entry will bring disappointment. The Committee has agreed to a slight name change - only for this year. It will be called the “Corona Cup and the Pandemic Plate” that is a nod to what we have all been through recently.

Karma Resort as always was heavily involve in sponsorship of prizes along with the clubs input. Members and guest are always very appreciative of the generosity from the Karma Group.

## *Save the Dates*

August 21,22,23

October 18,19,20



Retired Club member Ian Smith donated this Kambalda Iron-Ore trophy back to the club's trophy cabinet. Thanks Ian it would be lovely to have you back playing in the Island Events

## Results “Back to the Rock”

It was a typical winters day Saturday, gloomy sky, raining cats and quokkas until we mentioned golf and mother nature cleared the sky over this tiny Rock in the ocean. There were moments when the rain returned though fortunately most of the nasty stuff missed the Island. Besides RIGC members are a resilient group and play no matter what!! After some late changes to the draw(sometimes difficult to do) the players were able to do a rolling start from the first tee which enabled the tradition group photo of players(See [www.rottnestgolf.org](http://www.rottnestgolf.org) Photo Gallery).

Game Format Individual Stableford.

Winner	39 points	Lance McPhail
Runner up	38 points	Glen Trebilcock
Third	38 points OCB	Greg Whitmee

Well done players after the recent adjustments to the course. What fence you might say!!



Encouragement Award( AKA NAGA)

Michelle Farcich

Rebecca Rodin



Special Mentions:

Scott McPhail 3 on the par 5 2nd

Jarrad Tenni 3 on 5th, 2 on 3rd, 3 on the 8th 3 on the 17th(Awesome golf)

John Dishon 3 on the 8th

Robin Woodward 3 on the 17th

Phil Strutt 2 for a 5 points on the 9th(brilliant Phil)



Novelties:

Hole

3	LD 17 and over	Mike Thompson
6	NTP	Sorry we lost the result
6	NTP	Jarrad Tenni
7	NTP 2nd	Robyn Woodward
8	NTP 2nd	Jarrad Tenni
11	LD 16 and under	Lance McPhail
18	NTP	Esther Whitmee
18	NTP	Anil Mehra



Sunday Popsticks Ambrose Pairs

First 30.25 net

Esther Whitmee and Scott Jones

Second 31 net

Glen Trebilcock and Greg Whitmee

Third 31.25 net

Jarrad Tenni and Paul Oke



## Novelty winners

## Hole

2	LD 16 and under	Paul Okey
4	LD 17 and over	Glen Trebilcock
5	LD Ladies	Lois Tenni
6	NTP Ladies	None
6	NTP	Greg Whitmee
7	NTP Ladies 2nd	Jane Wishaw
8	NTP 2nd	Glen Trebilcock
9	NTP	Amanda Mather
9	NTP	Paul Okey



**Congratulations to all the worthy winners**

The club also welcomed 7 new members that were present at this event.

Cooper Tenni (Junior member)

Bec Rodin

Mike McMahon

Robyn Woodward

Jenny Ditton

Jim Herewini

Paul Okey





Our Captain Merv Lockhart was a late withdrawal from the Island's game he loves so much. Apparently tore a muscle in his back whilst lifting a wine bottle!! Whoops I mean a wine carton (14 of them) from his storage area for the Clubs wine purchase for the now, next years Cup celebrations. You were sorely missed Captain though your Vice stepped up to fill your large shoes admirably. Even listened to your suggestion of putting a humorous horse race of club characters together. Look forward to having you back on the Rock in August. Lay off the grog mate!!

Vice Captain Scott Jones also found himself getting emotional when telling member of his for retirement from Match Committee duties due to a change in work circumstances. His attendance to his beloved golf course will be restricted in the future. The Club thanks you Scotty for your massive amount of time over several years as course maintenance man during your time living on the ROCK. We wish all the success in your future endeavours.



Our lovely bar attendant Lisa Clark was at her post administering to the needs of all attendees of the first game back to the Island. We love you heaps Lisa and look forward to when we meet again in August.

Our member, Professional photographer Jane Wishaw was again on hand to capture the winner smiles and some fabulous shots of members and the Island's natural charms. Rottnest is mother nature's pallet of colours presented free of charge when visiting the Rock. Thanks Jane for your input at every event. Don't forget members if you require that special angle from a lens for milestone events, wedding, anniversaries ect, I am sure Jane can contacted via an email to [info@rotnnestgolf.org](mailto:info@rotnnestgolf.org). and the club committee can pass it on.



Well that wraps the news up for the first event for 2020 on the Rock. Look forward to seeing the next lot of players challenging for the “Corona Cup and Pandemic Plate”

**To view all weekend Photos click Link <https://www.rotnestgolf.org/photos>**

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

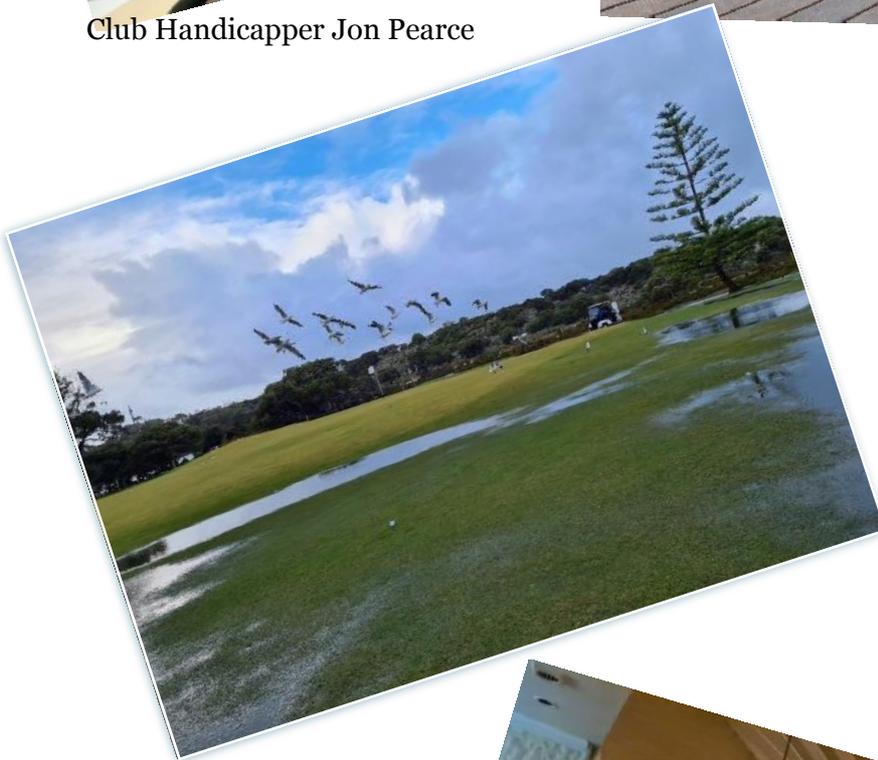


RIA Chairman John Langoulant





Club Handicapper Jon Pearce



Some casual water on the 1st



Presentations @ Karma Lodge