

CHIPSHOTS

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ANNUAL VISITORS

Bellingham Wheel and Keel



Every year for at least 30 years, this group has had a golf event on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. They play a nine-hole scramble, complete with side games and their own hospitality cart and finish up with an award ceremony in the clubhouse. We enjoy this group and welcome their boost to our September income.

Labor Day Horse Race

20 pairs teed off at 1:00 to see who could make it to the end or to just have some fun along the way. Jim Smith offered to be the whipmaster this year. Jodie drove the hospitality cart and kept score. See more photos on the next pages, ending with the last teams standing.







The scorecard after five holes



Chip-off to determine second place



WIN — Bev Smith and Bob Gerfy

PLACE— Joyce Kruithof and Kit Ledbetter

SHOW — Benni Snoer and Mike Summers



Women go to Gallery Golf on Whidbey



On September 13, a pre-Covid tradition was revived. Every September for many years, the women of Gallery Golf on Whidbey invited us to join them for a day of golf. This year, only five of us were able to go but we joined them to play their new red tees (a little over 4000 yards). Game of the day was low putts, which none of us won but Nancy did have a chip-in birdie and Lauren had an eagle! As usual our hosts were generous with food, treats and gifts. We're hoping to have a similar event in June of 2023, bringing back our tradition of inviting women from nearby clubs to spend a day with us on our course.

Congratulations!

September Aces: Lynn Hall and Bob Gerfy

Lott Match Play Tournament

Winner— Bev Smith

Runner-up — Manuela Crowley

King and Queen

Bev Smith and Bert Bates

What's New!



Lars and Benni drove to Pendleton to pick up this deck mower which should be a good replacement for the unwieldy gang mower when mowing the rough areas.



ACES vie for Royal Crowns

Aces are the women and men who shoot low net on the first Tuesday and Thursday of women's and men's days April through September. Vying for the honor of becoming king and queen this year:

- ◇ April: Lauren Stephens and Tom Cowan
- ◇ May: Suzi Jennings and Kit Ledbetter
- ◇ June: Bev Smith and Bert Bates
- ◇ July: Joyce Kruithof and Mike Summers
- ◇ August: Nancy Lynch and Bill White
- ◇ September: Lynn Hall and Bob Gerfy

Not only are the winners given the honor of wearing crowns, but they are also given gorgeous wooden bowls, made by TJ Anderson, this year from Ed Gutkowski's plum tree, a nice LIGC connection for LIGC winners. See TJ and the bowls on the next page.

QUEEN

Bev Smith



KING

Bert Bates

September 18 Annual Awards

More winners and TJ Anderson gifting bowls to Club Champions Kit Ledbetter and Bev Smith.



Thank you to Heather and Dale for running a scramble before the dinner and to Bob and Lauren for hosting the Awards Ceremony.



WOMAN AT WORK



Not only does Jodie keep our greens, aprons, tee boxes, fairways and roughs mowed, but she's also adept in the kitchen. Thank you, Jodie for our annual awards day dinner. Assisted by Russ Johnson and Scott Jennings, Jodie made us a delicious chicken stir-fry, followed by ice cream for dessert.

The Paul Koehorst Scramble

September 25

Paul Koehorst became a seasonal member of LIGC just so he could play in the Club Championship. He did, and he placed second to Kit. He also gave the club a copy of his latest book, a take-off on Harvey Penick's Red Book, one written by a fictitious golf pro who specializes in "punching out sideways." And, he told us that his cancer had returned; treatment would begin right after our tournament.

In mid-September, Justin Taylor, owner of the Orcas Island Golf Course, suggested that both our clubs throw tournaments to raise money for Paul's transportation and treatment. So, on Saturday, September 24, they held a tourney on Orcas. On the 25th, a dozen or so Orcasoids came to Lopez to participate in "The Paul Koehorst Scramble."

We had 5 foursomes and 1 threesome of men; 1 fivesome of women who would get 12 strokes to even things out. The low score for men was 31, shared by 2 groups. But the women came in at 26! Rather than dip into Paul's cash, we gave each winner a gift from the pro shop. One of the KP winners got a gift certificate from Rick Hughes' store on Orcas.

A good time was had by all. All the groups were a blend of Orcas and Lopez players. Shaun served hot dogs, chips, soda and beer.

Hopefully, we can play together again in the future — maybe resurrecting the Island Cup, which sits in our trophy case.

Bob G

Paul wrote to us on Sept. 30:

I'm don't have the official total but we raised over \$5500 between the events on Orcas and Lopez! I'll be donating \$3000 to Mercy Flights which provides no cost air transport for people like me to medical appointments. The remaining amount will cover my travel and flights for six months(!!!! - I just found this out today) of chemo treatments at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Joyce, I was so moved and blown away by the support from the club. I mean this literally- it's the best medicine someone like me could ask for. I'm so grateful! I'm lying In the back of the car on a ferry back to Orcas as I type this. Just had treatment today and it went really well.

I'll reach out soon with a thank you letter to the club and hope to join you all again soon, next time for a work day so I can put in some elbow grease.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Your friend,

Paul



September Work Day



Rob on garbage/recycling duty. Curt and Mike shop vacuuming the cart barn. Shaun getting Kiyo set up for weedwhacking around the tee boxes.



More Work Day Pics



Dennis dumping sand in the #5 and 6 bunkers and Jeff and Rick raking it smooth.



More Work Day Pics

Also, the new #18 tee box was plugged and sanded to soften it up. The pictures below show trenching in the practice area to install new irrigation piping and sprinklers for the practice green and approach.

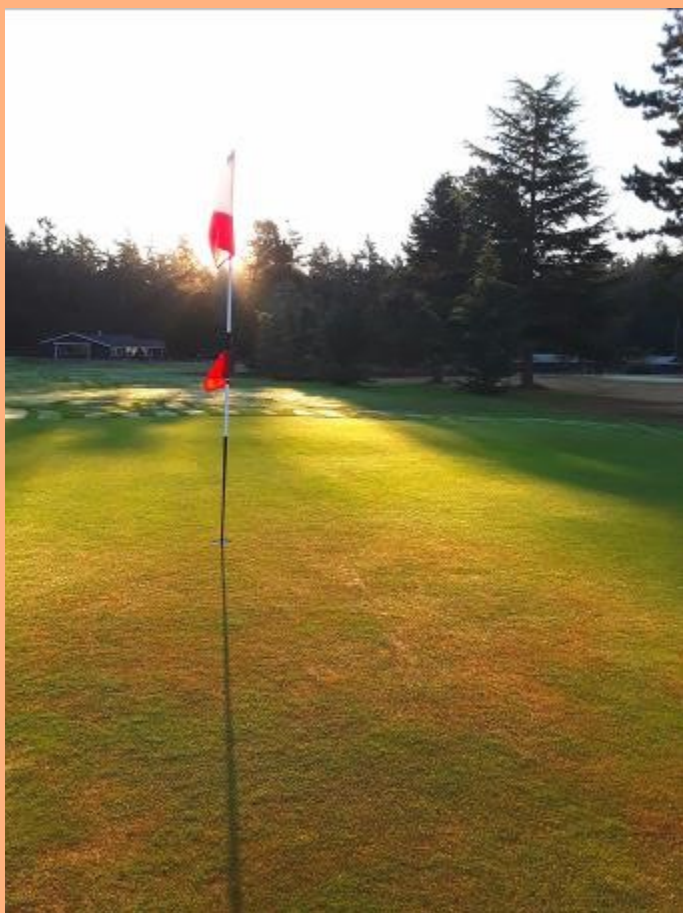


Yet More Work Day Pics

And finally, a shot of board members at work and Shaun making a great lunch of tortellini with two kinds of sauce, pesto or marinara, salad and two kinds of cookies made by Heather for dessert.



Around the Course



Parting Shot...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to check out the **EVENTS CALENDAR** in the **DIRECTORY** on the **WEBSITE** for specifics on all the events. <http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

October ACTIVITIES

Fall Membership Meeting—Sunday, October 9 at 4 PM

Work Day — Wednesday, October 26 from 9 to noon followed by lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ Tell your non-member friends about our special winter rates- \$20 for all day play!
- ◇ GHIN posting continues through Nov. 14 in Washington and resumes on March 1.
- ◇ If you use the cart or locker barn for storage, please be sure you have no food in your carts or bags. There are critters who will find it.



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