

Albert Ross 20-6-17

Considering the fluctuating weather and the heavy conditions on course, a very good field of two hundred and two members turned out on Saturday for the 2 Ball Aggregate Stableford to compete for the Dairy Farmers Trophy.

There were two divisions, with Division 1 winners Andrew Mungoven and Greg Piper coming in with 75, with a countback required to place Neil Ingham and Glenn Randell back into second spot, also with 75, and then came Blake Pautz and Rick Geissler in third place on 74, which pushed Kevin Mills and Mark Caves back to fourth spot on 73.

The Division 2 winners on 77 were Justin Sauer and Greg Sauer after a countback saw Jack Robbins and Murray Richardson drop back into second spot on the same score, with Greg Sauer and Lee Jackson coming into third place on 76, which meant Sean Gibson and 'Sir' Donald Bottrill had to be content with fourth spot on 75.

Nearest the Pin winners at the 13th were In A grade, Bobby Walker, B grade, Russell Blatchford and one of our clubs super veterans, Frank Dodds in C grade. Winners at the 17th were, A grade, George Niznik, B grade, Rhys Crush and in C grade Jack Robbins. The Ball comp went down to 64 on a countback.

Another good field of one hundred and twelve took on the Thursday Stableford competition with the very much in form Gary Daniels leading the A grade field in with a score of 37 points after a countback saw Neil Ingham and Matt Moroney relegated to second and third respectively after they also posted 37 points each. Fourth spot went to the very popular member, Steve Lill with 36 points.

The B grade field was also very competitive with Andrew Parkinson coming in with a fine score of 42 points with Paul Forbes score of 40 good enough for second place just ahead of Paul Fairweather on 38 and in fourth place, Leigh Weston on 37 points.

The C grade scores were just as tight with Phillip Siddens taking first place with 38 points from Robin Walker on 36 coming in second, and that excellent breakfast chef Gary Kennedy in third spot on 35 followed closely by Ken Smith, who might be interested in some of Gary's recipes, in fourth place on 33 points.

Nearest the Pin winners were Daniel Crush at the 13th and Tom White at the 17th. The Ball comp went down to 30 points on a countback.

Of special note this week, the annual Westcott Cup was held at Maitland for our ladies, and many more associates from across the region. In fact, seventy one players competed on the day so I am sure all members will be delighted to know that our Ladies Captain, Gillian Allen emerged victorious with a score of 81 net in first place. Second place went to another of our very talented members in Melissa Beavis on 84 with Newcastle member Jill Blenkey third with 85.

The Sunday Stableford competition had a healthy thirty one starters, with Hunter Valley Club member Mathew Dwight leading the way with 42 points just ahead of fellow HVGC member Nathan Lawrence in second spot on 39 points and then came Singleton visitor Phil Bugotu in third place on 38 points.

Nearest the Pin winners were dashing David Keith at the 13th and Tony Ellicott at the 17th. The Ball comp went down to 33 points on a countback.

One very notable event that occurred on Sunday has come to our attention which involved one of our most promising former juniors. It seems that our long term member Peter Wyper has rolled over into a more fitting title as a 'sensational senior' by scoring an Eagle 2 at the par four eighth hole. Congratulations go out to Peter for his spectacular effort.