

ALBERT ROSS – 11 October 2016

CHAMPIONSHIPS SEASON

With the coming of spring so comes the Championship Season on Maitland Golf Course.

Saturday was the first round of the Men's Championship to be decided through four rounds of stroke play over the next three weekends.

In testing windy conditions, tough pin placements and slick greens Mitch McPhee showed his credentials for the crown by shooting a two under par 69 to lead by 4 stroke from Adam Roy with 73 with Trent Park and Hayden Gulliver on 75 still well placed to catch up over the next three rounds.

B grade is a tighter affair with David Leary holding the lead with 84 closely followed by David Keith and Peter Adams on 85 and plenty of other potentials under 90.

In C Grade David Brennan had a good round of 87 to hold the lead at this early stage Mathew O'Brien sits in second position with his 90 closely pressured by Shane Redman and Rick Grabau sitting on 91.

In the daily event Mitch McPhee, Paul Forbes and David Brennan won the vouchers for the best scratch scores in each grade.

In the days handicap event Matt Moroney did just enough in scoring his nett 68 to hold out former promising junior, Peter Wyper, also 68, on countback. In a similar vein our current promising junior Bowen Small did just enough to hang onto third place with 70 on countback from David Leary in fourth place with nett 68.

The competition was hot in B grade with Paul Forbes, David Keith and Kevin Mills all scoring nett 70 and the countback determining the first three places. Peter Adams finished fourth with a nett 72.

David Brennan and Shane Redman took out first and second place with nett 68 each in C grade. Third place went to Rick Grabau with nett 69 and fourth place to Athol Carroll with nett 71.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th went to Graeme Hodges in A Grade with 109cm, Pat Boyle in B Grade with 131cm and Phil Ryder in C Grade 310cm.

On the 17th hole NTPs went to David Bajramovic in A Grade with 78cm, David Keith in B grade with 184cm and Mark Burkill in C Grade with 85cm.

Undoubtedly the best shot of the day was played Bill Marriott who took on the greenkeepers challenging pin placement close behind the right hand bunker on the 6th green to hole out with an eagle 2.

In perfect golfing conditions 27 teams competed in the clubs Mixed Ambrose Pairs Championships.

The experienced combination of Katrina Skinner- Oyston and Simon Dillon shot a credible 8 under par 63 to take out this major board event.

In the handicap event Sharon and Greg Eyb had a nett 59.5 to hold out Katrina Skinner- Oyston and Simon Dillon with a nett 60.5.

Nearest the pins went Katrina Skinner- Oyston on the 13th with 48cm, and Pat Maher on the 17th with 194cm.

Also on Sunday the club ran an Individual Stableford event contested by a field of 15.

John Turner scored 36 points to win the major voucher from Lew Young who scored 35 points.

On Thursday a strong field of 156 golfers competed in the weekly Individual Stableford Competition with vouchers in each grade going to the first 5 places.

In A Grade Gary Daniels produced a good round of 38 points to hold out Mitch McPhee showing his intentions for Saturday with a one under par round and 37 points followed by Dean Birkett on 35, Les Edwards 34 and Bryan Gulliver 34 points.

In B Grade Mick Mitchell had 41 points from Kevin Greaves 40, Ken Stork 36, Gary McDonald 35 and Trevor Lawrence 35 points.

Visitor Garv Myers had 38 points in C Grade to take the day from Peter Oliver 37, Mark Caves 36, Donald Bottrill 36 and John Paul 35 points.

Nearest the pins went to Donald Bottrill on the 13th with 55cm and John Widera on the 17th with 69cm.

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