

ALBERT ROSS – 14 August 2016

A wonderful day for golf greeted the 216 players that turned out for the Rick Campbell Memorial Day Stableford event on Saturday. Scoring on the day was somewhat subdued with the course still a little heavy because of the wet weather that has occurred recently.

Sporting all-rounder, Tony Ellicott held off determined challenges from Joel Nichols in second place and our third placegetter, Andrew Cawsey, with a countback required to determine that finishing order, after all three finished on 35 points. Fourth place in A grade went to Clayton Small on 34 points, with a countback sending Tim Lancaster's 34 points back to fifth spot.

The B grade field had a clear cut winner in Daniel Crush on 39 points with a countback required to allow Zig Grzanka on 36 points to finish second, ahead of Reece Wall, also on 36 points, in third place. The fourth place voucher went to Greg Riley on 35 points with another countback sending Rick Lantry back into fifth spot, also returning 35 points.

That wily, 'senior' veteran, Ian Malcolm showed that there is still plenty of competitiveness in his game with a resounding win in C grade. Ian scored a fine 40 points to easily head the grade with a countback needed to separate second placegetter, Mark Unicomb from Mark Hughes, in third place, with each scoring 35 points. Our fourth place winner in C grade was Greg Howard on 34 points, with Kel Harband, also on 34 points pressed back to fifth spot.

The Nearest the pin winners at the 13th were Clayton Small in A grade, Sean Gibson in B grade and Paul Liddell in C grade. The pin winners at the 17th were John Janetzki in A grade, Ross Harland in B grade and Matt Hobbs in C grade. The ball comp went down to 29 points on a countback.

Our Thursday Stableford competition attracted a great field of 131 starters with power hitting Clayton Small taking out A grade with a very good 38 points. It is worth noting that Clayton plays off a handicap of minus 1, so that score of 38 points underlines his tremendous ability. Once again a gaggle of golfers fought out minor placings in A grade with Wayne Clements placing second, Glenn Davies third and Adrian Russell fourth, after all three finished with 37 points.

The B grade was won by the very stylish Douglas Walsh with a good score of 38 points just heading Warren Crawford in second place on 37 points with a countback sending Patrick Austin into third spot on the same score. Geoff Haddow took out fourth place in B grade with 35 points.

Another close race was run for places in C grade with Gary McDonald winning with 36 points with yet another countback needed to see David Roocke run second on 34 points, which relegated Kel Cooper to third and then came Ken McCartney on 33 points in fourth spot. Nearest the pin winner at the 13th was Wayne Wilson. The ball comp ran down to 29 points on a countback.

A really encouraging sign for our club is the increased number of visitors we are getting to our course for the various comps, which I believe is a clear indication of the much improved presentation, and challenging nature of our evolving layout at Maitland.

The Sunday Stableford event was taken out by Richard Niznik on 40 points with Stuart Johnstone finishing as runner up with 38 points. Nearest the pin winner on the day at the 13th was Stuart Johnstone. The ball comp went down to 29 points on a countback.

Just a closing note on our Sunday comp, if you think you might enjoy a round of relaxed golfing, whereby you can get out on the course and cruise around the 18 holes with relatively minimal holdups, the Sunday stableford competition would be the perfect opportunity to do so, at this time in our golfing year.