



< IF THE PLAYER SHOWN PRESENTS THEMSELVES TO THE PRO-SHOP BY SATURDAY 21st October, HE/SHE WILL RECEIVE 2 BALLS.

ALBERT ROSS – 17th October 2017

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FULL SWING

It's Championship time at Maitland Golf Course. Last week we hosted the final round of the Ladies Championship on Wednesday and the middle two rounds of the Men's Championships on Saturday and Sunday. Large fields presented themselves to be challenged by a course in prime condition and set up to test our abilities and establish the true champions.

On Saturday 229 competitors took up the challenge.

Hayden Gulliver made the best of the conditions and presented himself as a major contender for the Club Champion title with a great round of 68 off the stick, three under par and 5 shots clear of the nearest rival. Ken Brown made a surge in B grade with an unpredicted 82 while in C Grade Dave Winchester made a move with 85 off the stick.

The nett scores in A grade were hotly contested where the first four place getters all scored 68 and the positions being decided by countback in favour of Dave Bennett from Stephen Coutts in second, Hayden Gulliver third and Greg Sauer fourth. Fifth position went to Stuart McDonald with a nett 69.

Ken Brown had B Grade well covered with a nett 65 from Nowell Bradfield in second place with 67. Bryan Robb had 68 for third place with Graeme Hodges and Craig Trappel in fourth and fifth place with 69.

In C Grade Dave Winchester reckoned his 85 off the stick to a nett 62, best of the day, for a comfortable win. Cec Dron had a great round with a nett 65 for second place from Tom Oswald and Dave Brennan in third and fourth place with 67. David Johnson grabbed the last voucher with his nett 68.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th Hole went to Justin Barrett, A Grade with 71cm; Daniel Crush, B grade with 105cm and Mark Robertson, C Grade with 139cm.

On the 17th Hole Nearest the Pins were won by Lachlan Sheeley, A grade, 112cm; Graeme Hodges, B Grade, 214cm and Bob Peattie, C Grade 105cm.

To win a golf ball you needed a nett 76 and countback.

On Sunday 178 golfers backed up for the Mover's Round, round three.

Hayden Gulliver stamped his authority on the title with another three under par round of 68. Paul Redding was the best in B Grade with 83 off the stick. While in C Grade the shadow of Ken Smith found some form with the best round of 92.

The difficulty course set up was reflected in the nett scores. In A Grade Terry Parker returned the best nett score of the day with 68 to take the major voucher. Hayden Gulliver had to add one to his gross score for 69 and second position with Chris Maughan in third place, also with 69. Fourth position was claimed by Chris Burdekin with a nett 70.

To win a voucher in B grade you needed to have nett 70 with the vouchers were decided by countback. Paul Redding claimed the top spot from Noel Lane in second, Nowell Bradfield in third and Owen Smith in fourth.

Ken Smith was the best in C grade with nett 71 from Mick Collogan in second, Robbie Watt in third and Chris Moore in fourth.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th were won by Hayden Gulliver, A grade 23cm; Graeme Hodges (again), B Grade, 161cm and Mick Collogan, C Grade with 196cm.

On the 17th Hole Nearest the Pins went Hayden Gulliver (again), A Grade, 176cm; Murray Richardson, B Grade 120cm and Jack Robins, C grade 293cm.

Golf Balls went to 77 on countback.

After three rounds of the Club Championships the top four contenders in each grade are: A Grade – Hayden Gulliver 210, Blake Palmer 220, Clayton Small 223 and Will Fraser 224; B Grade – Craig Trappel 256, Nowell Bradfield 257, Wayne Lambourne 258 and Paul Fairweather 259; C Grade Dave Brennan 272, Lew Young 274, Jayden Park 275 and David Johnson 277.

On Thursday 153 golfers enjoyed what the course has to offer by competing in the Pro Shop Stableford event.

Mark Mungoven was the best in A Grade with 41 points from John Besant on 38 points in second place. Paul Park had 37 points for third position from Peter Baxter in fourth position also with 37 points.

B Grade was won by Gil Norrie (one round too early) with 40 points from Paul Forbes with 39 points. Garry Minotti ran third with 38 points from Frank Van Dijk on 38 points.

Jason Lerch had the best score of the day, 44 points, to comfortably win C Grade from Geoff Towns on 40 points. Tim Brown won his first ever voucher with 39 points to take out third position from John McDean on 38 points.

Nearest the pin on the 18th was won by Barry Smith, 84cm, and on the 17th by Darrell Horn with 90cm.

Championship final round is on the Saturday with presentations to follow, see you there.

Albert Ross