

< If the player shown here presents themselves to the Proshop by this Saturday, he or she will receive 2 balls.

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MORE HEAT, MORE HOT SCORES

We may well have experienced our last weekend of hot weather and most of us will be looking forward to playing our golf in more comfortable conditions. However there may be a few golfers thinking if they can keep scoring as they have during this week's competition rounds then perhaps summer could extend a little longer.

On Saturday 193 competitors turned out for the Maitland Golf Factory Single Stableford event. The field a little down but several regulars were away taking on other courses and several others avoided the predicted hot afternoon.

Stephen Moore had a good round to score 43 points and the major A Grade voucher for the day. Visiting from Toronto Michael Musgrave had a 2 under par round for a net 40 points to secure second place. At even par Adam Roy had a net 39 for third place just holding out Andrew Parkinson and Gary Daniels, both on 39 points by countback and the securing 4th and 5th places. Worthy of mention was Will Fraser who also had a 2 under par round to net 38 points to win a golf ball, that's the handicap system.

In B Grade Darren Smith scored 41 points to win the major trophy. A disappointed Brian Campbell had to be content with second place for his 41 points pushed out by the countback. Roy Bosco, Mick Buffier and Mark Anderson tussled for 3rd, 4th and 5th places with 40 points and again the countback differentiated the 3.

And what about the Moose!! Mick Wind scored a sensational 50 points to streak the field and win C grade, reportedly he hasn't been seen since. Daniel Chapple must be wondering what he needs to do as his 43 points was only good enough for second place. Steven Moate and Daniel McClure had 42 points for 3rd and 4th places leaving Kevin Patterson with 5th place for his 40 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th hole were won by Wayne Wilson, A Grade, 600cm; John Callen, B Grade, 183cm and Stuart Lovell, C Grade, 61cm.

On the 17th hole Nearest the Pins went to: Will Fraser, A Grade 165cm; Steve Brown, B Grade, 165cm and Mark Langford, C Grade 129cm.

Undoubtedly the best shot of day was Greg Riches second shot on the par 4 sixth that that went in the hole for an eagle. Greg was rewarded for his effort with one golf ball.

The ball comp went to 33 points on countback.

On Thursday a field of 119 players competed in the regular Pro Shop Single Stableford Competition.

In A Grade Clayton Small had a credible 7 under par, net 43, to win the major voucher. John Skinner had a good round of 42 to take home the second prize from John Besant in 3rd place with 40 points and Steve Lill in 4th place with a net 38, nice shooting as well.

In B Grade Peter Donald recorded the best score of the day, 46 points, to comfortably win the major voucher. Brian Jones was in second place with 43 points from Gavin Duncan in 3rd with 39 points and Bruce Geddes 4th with 37 points.

There was a three way tie in C Grade with Nigel Taylor, Simon Fellowes and Brett Thompson all scoring 40 points and the countback determining the places. In the back ground, what about me, Dave Rooke scored 39 points, the 4th voucher and a move to B Grade.

Nearest the Pins were won by John Bennett on the 13th hole with 47cms, and on the 17th John Hookway for his shot to 81cms.

To win a ball in the ball comp you needed 3 points.

On Sunday the heat kicked in and 9 die hard golfers presented themselves for the Pro Shop Stableford Competition.

Ian Doherty, visiting from Pacific Dunes scored 38 points to take home the only voucher for the day.

5 balls were distributed for the day, with every one of them going to a visitor from Pacific Dunes or Hunter Valley, fair compensation for a tough day at Maitland.

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