

ALBERT ROSS – 21st June 2016

COURSE THE WINNER

With fast greens, some bunkers back in play and variable weather Maitland Golf Course proved to be the winner in last week's members competitions.

On Saturday 170 golfers braved the threat of imminent rain to compete in a 2 Ball Aggregate Competition kindly sponsored by Ben Finucane on behalf of Dairy Farmers.

Gary Kennedy and John Gorsuch had a pleasant surprise when they realised that their 68 points proved to be enough to win the day and earn them the major prize. Paul Martin and Michael Robbins ran second with 67 points holding out Tom Winterburn and Bob Peattie with 66 points from Mark Unicomb and Ian Richardson also on 66 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th hole were won by Brent Lawrence in A grade with 172cms, Graeme Hodges in B grade with 74cm and Michael Oakes in C grade with 420cm.

On the 17th hole Nearest the Pin winners were Stephen Lill in A grade with 256cm, Robert Baker in B grade with 113cm and Sam Whitehouse in C grade with 1m.

The Ball Competition for the day went down to teams who managed to score a meagre 55 points, never give up.

On Thursday the Course in great condition again proved to be a challenge for the 127 players who competed in the Golf Factory Stableford Competition.

Wayne Wilson had a great sub par round to score 40 points, the best score of the day to comfortably win the A grade voucher. Hayden Sheeley was next in A grade with 35 points followed by John Gorsuch and Peter Wheelhouse both with 34 points.

In B grade Clarrie Coutts returned to form to deliver 36 points for a comfortable win. John Davis finished stronger in his round of 33 points clinching second place from Tom Driffield who also had 33 points. Bruce Gray found his way to the podium for his 32 points.

SamWhitehouse, on his way back to A grade, had a popular win in C grade with 37 points. Ken Haddow and John Widera battled for second and third scoring 36 points each and Ted Lachmund ran forth with 33 points.

Nearest the Pin on the 13th was won by Rick Geisler with 87cm and on the 17th Mark Owen was the closest with 68cm.

Sunday's Stableford Competition was cancelled due to the constant rain.

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