

## **ALBERT ROSS – 26 September 2016**

It's fair to say Spring is in the air and this I am sure you will all agree, makes for some interesting golfing conditions on our course. Whether it's dry, wet or windy we seem to get the full range of conditions at this time of the year which certainly adds to the potential 'drama' of each round we play.

Despite all of the variables we encounter a near to capacity field of 222 players stepped out to challenge the layout on Saturday in the GIO Maitland Trophy Two Ball event.

Overall winners were Peter Adams and Ian Jeffery with a score of 75. Second place went to the "solid" and some might say, "musical" pairing of Trevor 'Tubby' Lawrence and Gary 'Satchmo' Daniels with 74, which was more than enough to push Kevin Mills and Mark Caves back into 3rd place after a countback was applied to separate them from 4th placed Rodney Moore and Dave Roocke, and 5th placed Peter Keith and Pat Boyle, after all three teams finished on the same score of 70 points. The 6th place voucher went to Greg Piper and Peter Hickey with a total of 69. Nearest the Pins at the 13th went to Rob Roy in A grade, Hans Jager in B grade and 'Sir' Donald Bottrill in C grade. The Pin winners at the 17th were Gil Norrie in A grade, Don McKenzie in B grade and Garry Cash in C grade. The Ball competition went down to 62 on a countback.

The Thursday Stableford Competition attracted a very good roll up of 141 players and some outstanding scores were returned across all grades. Our A grade winner was Glenn Randall with a fine score of 40 points, which was followed in by Hunter Valley Club visitor Rod Nyman with 36 points after a countback pressed Gavin Duncan back into 3rd spot on the same score. Fourth spot went to John Gorsuch on 35 points after another countback saw Gary Daniels place 5th, also with 35 points. The B grade field was a tightly run affair with Stephen Moore taking the winning voucher on 36 points with the mandatory countback needed to place Peter Foley 2nd and Lachlan Sheely 3rd, after all three finished on the same score. A countback was again needed to decide the more minor placing's with Bruce Gray 4th and Bruce Geddes 5th, after each finished with 33 points. The C grade winner was a more clear cut result with Nigel Taylor slamming a first class score of 43 points to easily account for the rest of the grade. The minor placing's were once again decided by countback after the next four placegetters all finished on 36 points. The final pecking order for the 2nd to 5th spots was Stan Spink, Mick Mitchell, Warren Crawford and finally Ron Beavis. The Nearest the Pin winners were Peter Wyper at the 13th and Tom Oswald at the 17th. Our Ball competition went back to 31 points neat.

The Sunday Stableford was taken out by Daniel Stoneman on 39 points with Kurri Kurri visitor Josh Stig runner up with 36 points. The Nearest the Pin winner at the 13th was Brian Jones.