

## **ALBERT ROSS – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

### **GOLF AT ITS BEST**

With magnificent spring weather and the course in prime condition there has never been a better week for golf on Maitland Golf Course.

Saturday marked the end of our golfing season with the annual Captain's versus President's Day. A field of 218 played in this Two Ball Aggregate Stableford event.

Neil Buggy and Tony Stein streaked the Division 1 field with a commendable 79 points well ahead of their nearest rivals John Callan and Allan Eather on 72 points. In third place were Ken Brown and Bob McKenzie also with 72 points.

In Division 2 Kevin Mills and Mark Cave also had a comfortable win with 78 points from Zig Grzanka and Noel Lane on 70 points. Gary McDonald and Rudy Van Deer Vein were third with 70 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole were won by Will Fraser in A Grade with 50cm, John Callaghan in B Grade with 84cm and Neil Buggy in C Grade with 132cm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> hole Nearest the Pins were won by John Skinner in A grade for his 162cm, Adam Smith in B Grade with 65cm and Mark Robertson in C Grade with 200cm.

The Ball Competition went o 63 neat.

In addition to the normal prize pool each team represented either the Captain or the President.

The Captains, Rick Marsh and Rod Butler played the Presidents, Clarrie Coutts and Jim Sheeley in 2 Ball Match Play to decide the winning side. In a seesawing battle the game was square after 17 holes and the potential of having to play extra holes to decide the outcome was looking likely.

With a conflicting report the Captains won the last hole avoiding the play off and delivering a golf ball to all players on their side. It was reported the Captains mustered a last gasp of energy for the last hole. The alternate report was the Presidents ran out of puff knew there was no way they were walking past the clubhouse to play any extra holes!

Again in perfect conditions, 124 players turned up for Thursdays Pro Shop Stableford Competition.

John Curran was the best in A Grade scoring 40 points and the major voucher. Rick Marsh was second with 39 points from James Saxby also on 39 points and Geoff McMahan in fourth place with 37 points.

In B Grade Barry Smith had the best score with 39 points, the minor placings were decided by countback. Peter Wyper, Bob McKenzie and Ken Stork all scored 38 points.

In C Grade Nick Robertson scored 40 points for the major voucher. Bill Gidley ran second with 39 points, Brent Oliver third with 38 points and Rick Geissler fourth with 37 points.

Bob McKenzie was Nearest the Pin on the 13<sup>th</sup> and on the 17<sup>th</sup> John Paul had the best shot.

In addition to our club normal weekly club competitions Neil Dorsett organised an Autism Awareness Day competition which was held on Friday.

As a result of Neil's infectious personality and enthusiasm 120 players enjoyed a great day and in great company. Golfing Pro's Greg Chalmers, Paul Gow, Jake Higginbottom, Nathan Green, Leigh McKechnie (and Neil!) plus football great Tim Brasher, donated their time to support and enjoy the event. Together we raised \$5000 to help support families affected by this disability.

The Competition was an individual Stableford in conjunction with a teams event with the two best scores to count on each hole.

Andrew Swan won the individual event with 40 points with Robert Heath in second place on 39 points and Gary Daniela third with 39 points.

The team of C Baxter, P Baxter, S Kelly and B Sullivan had the best aggregate score of 96 points from K Bower, D Denny, M Sternbeck and R Grant with 95 points. C Pryke, B Roe, S Cribb and N Wilson were third with 93 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13<sup>th</sup> were won by Wayne Wilson with a career memorable Hole in One and Marg Wynter. On The 17<sup>th</sup> Michael Sternbeck had the closest shot.

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