



< IF THE PLAYER SHOWN HERE PRESENTS THEM SELVES TO THE PRO-SHOP BY SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February HE or SHE WILL RECEIVE 2 BALLS

## **ALBERT ROSS – 30th January 2018**

### **WE'RE BACK!**

After our summer break Albert Ross is now back in the saddle and online for 2018 reporting on our weekly golfing competitions. It has been a long hot summer and record fields have graced our course over the Xmas, New Year period playing in our club competitions or picking up a social game with family friends or visitors. And what a credit the condition of our course is to our green keeping staff, to have the course in such good condition after enduring what could be the longest dry spell we have ever experienced in living memory.

Another strong field of 220 sweaty players turned out to play in Saturdays 2 Ball Aggregate Stableford Competition sponsored by Steve Yates and Bobby Walker.

Visitor Joel Lewin, from Bankstown, teamed up with our Stephen Whitfield to score 76 points and win the Division 1 major voucher. Mick Collogan and Wayne Wilson had 75 points to hold on to second position from the strong pairing of Wayne Clements and Wayne Cambourne who unfortunately waned into 3rd position with their 75 points to be edged out by countback.

In Division 2 the wily pairing of Gavin Duncan and Ian Malcolm, under complete control, scored 74 points to claim the major voucher. Tony Stein and Neil Buggy were in second place with, on handicap, 72 points leaving the remnant voucher for the boisterous pair of Geoff Towns and Des O'Hearn with their 71 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole went Matthew Brown in A Grade with 129cm, Peter Hollis in B Grade with 62cm and Ray Boyd in C grade with 175cm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole Nearest the Pins went to Tim Stork in A Grade with 169cm and Keith Stirrat in B Grade with 24cm. No C Grade recorded.

Undoubtedly the best "shot of the day" was hit by George Millar who holed out for an eagle 2 on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole and claim "the nest" worth 9 golf balls.

Balls went to 62 points.

Thursday was another hot day, 133 players turned out for the Stableford Competition sponsored by the Pro Shop and recorded some hot scores.

Brent Matthews did his bit in A Grade by scoring 43 points to comfortably win the major prize. Capt Rick Marsh, returning to form, had 38 points for second place while Wayne Wilson and Troy Guthrie both scored 37 points for third and fourth places.

In B Grade Paul Fairweather, scored 43 points for the major prize. Mick Sarquis, never far off the mark, scored 41 points for second place leaving Joshua Wilkinson and Murray Richardson in third and fourth places with 9 points each.

John Widera claimed C grade with 41 points from Mark Robertson on 39 points. Third and fourth positions went to Gavin Gillard and Tony Cagney, both scoring 38 points.

Nearest the Pins were won by Hayden Sheeley for his shot on the 13<sup>th</sup> Hole, 31cm and Andrew Marriot for his 81cm on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole.

Balls went down to 33 points.

53 golfers decided the best way to celebrate Australia Day would be a round of golf in the Pro Shop Stableford Competition.

Rhys Halliday certainly enjoyed his day by scoring 45 points to win the major voucher. Samantha Neader was a little unlucky to be pushed into second place after scoring 44 points which would normally be enough to win. To win a remaining voucher you needed 41 points, achieved by Corey Parker, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luke Stewart 4<sup>th</sup> and Daniel Chapple 5<sup>th</sup>.

Nearest the Pins went to Allan Eather on the 13<sup>th</sup> Hole with 23cm and Shane Redman on the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole with 221cm.

Balls went down to 35 points.

### **Sunday's Stableford Competition was contested by 29 keen golfers.**

Jack Roxburgh was the best on the day with 45 points, followed by Vicki Lennox with 44 points and Matthew Dwight with 42 points.

Matt Cant was Nearest the Pin on the 17<sup>th</sup> with 15cm.

Balls went to 34 points.

Here we go again and good luck with your golf over the coming 12 months.

### **Albert Ross**

With temperate weather and the course in great condition it was another great week to enjoy a game of golf on our course. Ex Australian Amateur Champion, Club Champion and recent inductee into The Maitland Hall of Fame for his achievements in golf, Barrie Baker took that opportunity for a round in Saturday's competition with long term mate Tom Winterburn.

Barrie and Tom were joined by 203 other members and visitors to compete in a Stableford event sponsored by our Local Teachers.

The inform Ian Jeffery had a round of 39 points to take out the A grade voucher for the day. Blake Palmer had a 3 under par round to also score 39 points and take out second place. Third place, also on 39 points, went Shannon O'Hara. Kim Clarke and Stephen Coutts featured in fourth and fifth places with 38 and 36 points respectively.

Craig McLoughlin was the best in B grade with 40 points. Barry Hawkins and Richard Stewart battled for second and third positions with their 39 points leaving the minor vouchers to be claimed by Warren Johnstone and Sean Kerry with 36 points each.

The best score of the day, 41 points, was scored by Tom Relf to claim the C grade voucher. Chris Moore and Stephen Thornton both scored 40 points for second and third positions. Fourth and Fifth places were won by Phillip Jobe with 39 points and Rob Lloyd with 38 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole were won by Clayton Small, A grade with 133cm; Reece Wall, B grade with 72cm and Kel Harband, C grade with 301cm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole Nearest the Pin winners were Wayne Clements, A grade with 268cm; Bruce Gray, B grade with 250cm and Fletcher Williamson, C grade with 221cm.

Undoubtedly the best shot of the day, however was hit by Storm Williamson who managed to hole out for two on the rarely eagled first hole.

To win a golf ball you needed score 32 points and be in front on countback.

On Thursday 130 members and visitors presented to compete in the Pro Shop Stableford.

Once again Ian Jeffery prevailed to win the A grade voucher with 40 points. Alan Eacott, Adam Goldfinch and Donald Denny all scored 38 points with the countback applied to determine second, third and fourth places.

Phil Johns hung on with 37 points to take out the B grade voucher from Daniel crush, Max Morris and Col Bennett who all scored 36 points.

Returning from injury and keen to get going again, Chris Pryke had 40 points to win c grade, from Peter Fleming in second place with 39 points, Geoff towns third with 39 points and Dave Roocke fourth with 38 points.

Nearest the Pins were won by Col Bennett on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 62cm and Rick Grabau on the 17<sup>th</sup> with 88cm.

Alan Eacott, visiting from Sugar Valley, demonstrated his knowledge of the course and ability with an eagle on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

The ball competition went down to 33 points on countback.

A field of 28 golfers competed in Sundays Stableford Competition.

Jay Wiatr had 39 points to hold our Paul Redding also 39 points on countback for the two vouchers available on the day

Chris Burdekin had a 3 under par round to score 38 points and win a golf ball.

Nearest the Pins were won by Heather Keith on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole with 630cm and Doug Fraser on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole with 300cm.

The ball competition went to 32 points

The good news is that it's all on again next week.

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