

ALBERT ROSS – 30th August 2016

THE RAINS NEVER CAME

With a week dominated by constant threat of a torrential rain event, those golfers who took their chances were in general rewarded with quite pleasant golfing conditions on a course in great condition benefitting from the 12mm of rain that we did actually receive.

On Saturday a cautious field of 199 golfers took their chance to compete for the Boughton Family Trophy. The event was in a team format with the best two Stableford scores in each group of four aggregated on each hole.

The winners for the day were the ageless veteran combine of Warren Johnstone, Rick Grabau, Chris Pryke and Ken Brown who held their game together long enough to accrue 89 points, one less than an average of 5 points per hole which included one exceptional hole where 8 points were scored.

This was just enough to hold out another experienced combination of Ian Jeffery, Stephen Wilson, Justin Barrett and Peter Adams, also scoring 89 points and relegated to second place on countback.

In third position were Brett Ireland, Haden Sheeley, Lachlan Sheeley and Kel Harband with a team total of 87 points.

Nearest the Pins on the 13th hole were won by Rob Roy (A grade) 162cm, Nowell Bradfield (B grade) 140cm and Len Moloney (C Grade) 151cm.

On the 17th the NTP's were won by Darren McKenzie (A grade) 102cm, Ken Brown (B grade) 68cm and Kel Harband (C grade) 453cm.

The Ball Competition rewarded teams who scored 80 points with the right countback.

Thursday's On Course Golf Factory Stableford Competition was eagerly contested by 95 keen golfers willing to take their chances.

Alan Eacott, regular visitor from Sugar Valley produced the best A grade score for the day with 38 points to take home the major voucher. Tom Winterburn was next best with 36 points for second place. Gary Godwin, visiting from Belmont Golf Club, took out third place with 35 points.

In B Grade the in-form John Smith scored 37 points to hold out the two Peter's, Peter Johns and Peter Adams who decided second and third place by countback for their scores of 36 points.

The best score of the day, 38 points, earned John Parmenter first place in C grade holding out Tom White with 38 points in second place from Murray Cameron with 37 points in third place.

Murray Cameron was Nearest the Pin on the 13th hole with 63 cm while Brian Burke hit to 141cm on the 17th to take out the NTP.

Balls went to 31 on a countback.

Sunday saw a great field of 136 district golfers compete in the annual Heritage Motor Group Holden Scramble Ambrose event.

The Wyong combination of Travis Bridge, Jacob Smith, Luke Weir and Justin Black took out the event with an adjusted score of 52 $\frac{1}{4}$. Well in front of their closest rivals from Hunter Valley of Daniel McLeod, Tom Bellamy, Peter Teirney and Nick Hain on 55 $\frac{3}{8}$.

Other notable results from last week include the 2016 2 Ball Knock Out win by Matt Moroney and Andrew Muddle defeating Al Mathews and Rhys Crush 2 and 1 in the final.

Also Wayne Cambourne won the Hunter District B Grade Championship contested on Sunday at Singleton Golf Course with an impressive scratch score of 78 with second and third place contestants a distant 85.

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