

Albert Ross – 4 October 2016

Saturday's competition saw the start of the prestigious golfing season commence with the highly sought after Spring Medal being held. An excellent field of well over 200 players found the combination of strong winds and faster greens a real challenge.

A Grade winner of the scratch and handicap double was the aptly named Paul Champion, who fired a fine 75 and net 69. The other handicap prize winners were Joshua Fuller (70), Bowen Small (71) and Jeremy Claydon (72).

B Grade saw another double, with Mick Buffier shooting 90 off his 15 handicap to claim both major prizes. Brian Campbell (75 c/b), Lachlan Sheeley (76 c/b) and Greg Riley (76) also had profitable days by winning trophies.

C Grade scratch winner was former C Grade Champion, Geoff Cannon who posted another score of 90. Peter Henderson won the net event with an excellent score of 67. Geoff took home the net runner-up prize with his score of 70. Other winners were Matthew O'Brien (71) and Joe Payne (73).

The Ladies competition was claimed by the recently retired teacher Melinda Thompson. Her score of 37 pts proves that the extra time on the course has been beneficial to her game. Claire Friebe (33) won the other prize in the ladies competition.

The windy conditions saw the balls go all the way down to 80 c/b for the men and 29 pts c/b for the ladies. NTPs were taken out by Justin Barrett, Peter Johns and Stan Spink on the 13th, while Alun Hearn, Rod Daley and Peter Hollis hit the closest tee shots in their respective grades on the difficult 17th hole. Each player wins 6 golf balls for their efforts.

Another competition was held on the Sunday of the NRL Grand Final and 33 players competed in a singles stableford competition. James Saxby was the winner with 40 pts. The other vouchers went to Aaron Povey (38) and Stephen Moore (36).

James capped a fine day by winning the NTP on the 13th and Ken Foot was the closest on the 17th. Each player wins 4 golf balls. Balls went down to 27 pts on a countback.

Thursday's Pro-shop competition continues to prove popular, with 124 players fine-tuning their games in preparation for the upcoming Club Championships.

A Grade winner was visitor Allan Watts with a score of 40 pts. Mitchell McPhee indicated he could be a real threat this year for the A Grade title, by posting 38 pts off his scratch handicap to come second. George Millar (38) and John Skinner (37) also won vouchers.

B Grade winner was Kye Rees with 41pts. Martin Desmond (39), Phil Johns (37) and Bruce Gray (36) also had profitable days by being in the money.

C Grade saw Mick Cooper (41) win a tightly fought contest. Peter Oliver (40) and Peter Morissey (40) were close behind in 2nd and 3rd position respectively, while Greg Frost (38) pocketed the last voucher.

NTPs went to Grant Turner on the Quarry and John Skinner on The Twins. Each player gets 6 golf balls. The ball comp went down to 33 pts on a countback.

Members' should be reminded to be eligible to win any major prizes in the Club Championships they need to meet the playing qualifications and pay their entry fee in full prior to the commencement of the 1st Round. Albert Ross wishes every player the best of luck for the upcoming Club Championships.