



< IF THE PLAYER AT LEFT PRESENTS HIMSELF TO THE PRO-SHOP BY 5PM THIS SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August THEY WILL RECEIVE 8 BALLS!!!

## ALBERT ROSS – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

### ANOTHER CHALLENGING WEEK

With dry and windy conditions persisting and our greens in excellent condition the course presented a true challenge for the weeks competitors. The fast greens have caused us to rethink how we play the course. Those that have adapted have been rewarded with good scores for their handicaps but most of us are struggling to get around the required 36 points.

On Saturday the winds eased and a good field of 236 players presented themselves to compete in a Stableford event sponsored by Gary Daniels.

Clayton Small demonstrated that he can handle the conditions by recording a one under par round for 37 points and claim the A grade voucher for the day. Darren Smith was edged by countback to second place for his 37 point round followed by Brett Lovett in third place with 36 points and Peter Adams and Chris Burdekin with 34 points on fourth and fifth positions.

In B grade Rod Butler demonstrated that 23 putts can score you 39 points which was good enough to earn him the major voucher. John Ninness played well for 37 points and second place with Allan Eather and Phil Johns fighting our third and fourth with their 35 point rounds. Steve Friebe secured fifth spot with 34 points.

C Grade was hotly contested with four golfers scoring 39 points and positions being decided by countback. The wily Sam Whitehouse knew what had to be done saving his best holes to last to win the major trophy out foxing Ian Malcolm who claimed second place. New member Mitch Saxby, in only his second competition game, was pushed into third position leaving Kevin Patterson fourth position and \$30 behind Sam for the same score. Lew Young, trying to match the lead pack, scored 38 points for fifth place.

Nearest the Pin on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole went to Sheldon Williams in A Grade with 8cm, David Parry in B grade with 90cm and Frank Dodds in C grade with 105cm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> hole Nearest the Pin went to Gary Daniel (some money back) with 140cm, playing mate Trevor Lawrence in B Grade with 78cm and Mitch Saxby in C grade with 146cm.

Undoubtedly the best shot of the day went to Dan Redman who eagled the sixth hole and hit the jackpot with the nest holding 25 balls.

Balls went to 29 points on countback.

Thursday was a great day for golf, warm and only a slight breeze and again the course proved to be a more than adequate opponent for the 126 starters who took up the challenge.

Michael Humphreys played to his handicap scoring 36 points which was enough to take out the A grade voucher. The inform Brett Lovett scored 35 points and secured second place from Leigh McIntyre with 33 points in third place and James Saxby in fourth place with 32 points.

Gavin Duncan was the best in B grade with 38 points from John Hookway in second with 37 points. Visitor from Charlestown, Gregory Mitten, would have enjoyed his day scoring 36 points and taking home third place just holding out the inform Rod Butler also scoring 36 points but relegated to fourth place on countback.

In C grade Geoff Cannon recorded the best score of the day, 40 points, and won the major voucher. Mick Mitchell was second with 39 points from Phil Maher in third with 37 points and John Quinn in fourth with 36 points.

Frank Dodds had the best shot in at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole winning the Nearest the Pin, twice in one week, with 145cm. On the 17<sup>th</sup> hole John Gorsuch claimed the prize with 133cm.

Balls went to 29 points on countback.

A field of 21 enjoyed Sundays Stableford round.

Joshua Wilkinson demonstrated he wasn't going to be intimidated by the conditions and scored 45 points, by for the best round of the week, to take home the major voucher. Shane Redman ran second with 37 points.

Nearest the Pin on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole was won by Lachlan Sheeley with 88cm and on the 17<sup>th</sup> by Rhonda Stig with 620cm.

Balls went down to 33 points.

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