



< IF THE PLAYER SHOWN PRESENTS THEMSELVES TO THE PRO-SHOP BY SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER, HE/SHE WILL RECEIVE 2 BALLS.

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The near perfect golfing conditions on Saturday provided a wonderful greeting to the two hundred and eleven players that turned out on course for the 2017 Maitland Spring Medal. The event was generously sponsored by **Rutherford Electrical Engineering Services** and all of our competing members and visitors thanks go to the company for the fantastic array of prizes made available.

Our A grade scratch winner was Darren McKenzie with a very nice 73 off the stick. The Handicap placegetters in A grade were led in by long term member Stan Grzanka with 67, and then, in order, after a countback, Ethan McKenzie, Adam Goldfinch and Peter Bell, after they all carded 70's.

The B grade Scratch winner was Stephen Whitfield with a well compiled 80. Stephen also took out the top Handicap spot with a 65 and then followed Scott Emanuel on 67, just ahead of Mathew O'Brien on 68 and in 4th spot, Peter Oliver with 69.

The C grade was topped by Garry Price with 86 to take out the Scratch award and the Handicap places were filled out by Don Bottrill with a 60 in

1st place, with Garry Price second on 68 after a countback relegated Dan McClure to 3rd, and in fourth spot on 69, was Adam Bates.

The Ladies Stableford event held in conjunction on the day was taken out by Pat Maher with 40 points with runner up, Andrea Riley coming in with 36 points.

Nearest the pin winners at the 13th were Ross Harland (A grade) Steve Pearce (B grade) and Don Bottrill (C grade).

In the Ladies event, Di Coutts was nearest across the field at the 13th. At the 17th Nathan Pearson was nearest in A grade, with B grade going to Peter Oliver and in C grade, Andy Graham took out the award.

The Ball comp in the Mens went down to 76 on a countback and in the Ladies it was 32 points on a countback.

A major feature of the Thursday Stableford competition was the spectacular scoring across the grades with both A grade and C grade registering some great scores. The A grade winner was Ben Huckstadt with 41 points after a countback was needed to separate him from our highly respected veteran member Tom Winterburn, also on 41 points. Third spot went to John Bennett with 40 points after another countback pressed Gary Daniels back into 4th place with fifth spot going to Michael Lawrence on 39 points.

I must say congratulations should go out to Tom Winterburn because he is the 'benchmark' in terms of what can be achieved by our senior golf membership if you can retain your competitive spirit, as he has done.

The B grade field was bordering on the amazing with the top five placegetters all returning 37 points! The finishing order, after a countback was applied resulted in David Hodges declared winner and then came, Colin Bennett, John Janetzki, Jim Sheely and in 5th spot Sean Gibson. A fine score of 41 points saw Paul Lindeman take out C grade with Peter Rees second with 40 points from Phillip Crockford 3rd on 38 points after yet another countback saw Roy Dorahy go back to 4th place and then came Jordan McMurray in fifth spot on 37 points.

Nearest the pin at the 13th was Wayne Lambourne (94cms) and at the 17th, Peter Rees (113 cms).

The Ball comp went down to 32 points on a countback.

Our Sunday Stableford attracted a good field of 54 players with Merewether visitor Todd Jolly declared winner on 43 points from our own Ron Beavis in 2nd place with 40 points and then came Matt Huckerby on 39 points after the countback system was needed to push Nathan Cronin back to 4th place with his 39 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Mitch Saxby (35 cms) at the 13th and Nathan Cronin (32 cms) at the 17th.

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