

## **Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for week ending Saturday 18<sup>h</sup> April 2020**

**By Geoffrey McCann.**

The Island Course has not been in better condition for a long time, thanks to Jed, “Juicy” and Bruce our hard-working green staff, and Peter Miller volunteering on the new rough mower - well done guys!

Our new Tuesday Medley Single Stableford has proved popular already, with over 60 players playing in 2 Divisions. Division 1 (0 – 21) was won by Paul Ryan (10) with 35 points from Colin Hoskins (20 Bellingen) on 34 points. In Division 2, Alvin Rapley (30) had the best score of the day to win with 42 points from Paddy Byrne (27) with 39 points – well done to both, it’s been some time since they picked up a trophy voucher! Other good scores were carded by Jan Harris and Rodney Ford with 35 points, and John Patterson, Keith Elphick, Kevin Mulhall and William Mann, all with 34 points. Balls went down to 32 points on count-back.

Thursday and Saturday’s Medley Single Stableford was sponsored by Drew Walker Plumbing, with good fields attending on both days in perfect Autumn weather. On Thursday, Steve Frost (14) had the best score of the day with 42 points to win Division 1 (0 – 20) from Stuart Garvie (14) on 41 points. In Division 2, Peter Dawe (25) had 41 points to win from Paddy Byrne (26) with 37 points – 2 good days in a row Paddy! Other good scores were carded by Danial Fleming 39, Paul Ryan 37, and Geoffrey McCann, Simon Correy, John Bugeaney and Dennis Holland all with 36 points. Balls went down to 32 points on a count-back.

An unforgettable shot from Bill Mann on the 18<sup>th</sup> for an “Ace” was the highlight of the day – we are wondering if this is the first Hole In One recorded under the new “Corona Rules” – it certainly is at Nambucca - Congratulations Bill!

On Saturday, we had 90 starters, so we played in 3 Divisions which evenly distributes the number of players in each Division for more equitable trophy distribution – Division 1 was 0 – 17, Division 2 was 18 to 22, and Division 3 was 23 to 45. This format will be applied in future. Division 1 was won by Gregory McCoy (2) with 38 points – great golf Greg! - from Phillip Mander (14) with 37 points. In Division 2, Captain Andy Bagust (21) had the best score of the day with 41 points to win from Trent Baade (19) close behind on 40 points. Geoffrey Poole (28) won Division 3 with 35 points from Walter Bortoletto (25) with 34 points. Other good scores were carded by David Wilson 39, Paul McElhinney, Christian Knight, Drew Glasson and Steve Doherty all with 36, Glen Crow, Bryan Ussher, Stephen Carr, Hans Jansen, Peter Bush and Steve Frost all with 35. Balls went down to 33 on count-back.

Next week we have Medley Single Stableford competitions on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with extended Tee times available from 7am until 1.30pm on Thursday and Saturday. Our Ladies competition continues on Wednesdays. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm. Bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the pro shop 6568 8172. The Club is providing mobile take away refreshments for thirsty golfers, and the Island Restaurant is open for Take-aways from 12 until 2 – full details on Club’s website.

A special get well wish from all of us goes to Ron Thompson, who retired from service at the Club after many years’ service as our friendly barman – glad to hear you are on the mend Ron.

Thank you to all members for your support and compliance with the Government COVID-19 guidelines -  
See you on The Island!

Attached Photos – Bill Mann – is he our first Corona HIO victim?

Happy Birthday to Virginia – our on-course refreshment hostess.



