

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for week ending Saturday 16th May 2020

By Geoffrey McCann.

Bumper fields the order of the day all week, great autumn weather has continued, and with some run back on the fairways, we have had some pretty good scores, and another Hole in One. This weeks events have all been Medley Single Stablefords, played in two's, and sponsored by one of our newest sponsors, North Coast Boating Centre of Urunga – you couldn't miss the Formosa SRT Boat and trailer on the first tee on Thursday – sorry everyone, it's not first prize, for display only!

On Tuesday, Sue Brooks (12) won Division 1 (0 to 21) with 40 points from Geoffrey Harris (17) with 39 points on countback from George Graham. Best score of the day was from Neil Duffus (24) with 42 points to win Division 2 (22 to 45) from Donald Atkinson (32) with 41 points. Other good scores from Richard Martin 39, Raymond Bowering, Michael Broadfoot, Peter Dawe, Ronald Lapin, David Ogilvy, Patrick Post and Gary Tierney all with 37 points. Balls went down to 34 on count back. Visiting from Urunga, Andrew Tosio (24) scored a hole in one on the 174 meter par 3 7th Hole – what makes this one even more incredible, I understand that it's his second HIO in 2 weeks! Some people are just plain skilful – or lucky?

Thursday's event was closely contested for the placings – Division 1 (0 to 20) was cleaned up by Rodney Robertson (16) with a massive 43 points to win from Houston (Ray) Baker (20) with 38 points on countback from Geoffrey Harris (16) who had 22 points at the turn but ran out of puff on the back nine. In Division 2 (21 to 45), Heather Gray (29) scored 40 points to win from dawn buster Roy Louis (27) with 38 points on count back from Warren Coyne. Other good scores from Scott Burley, Peter Miller and David Ogilvy with 37, Bernard Dugdale, Mark Blake and Colin Dunne with 36 points. Balls went down to 33 points on a count back.

Saturday had a capacity field of over 100 players, with the going a bit more difficult into the southerly breeze. A close tussle for the trophies in Division 1 (0 to 16) with Bruce Berry (5) edging out George Ruaporo (6) from Coffs Harbour with 37 points on count back. Similarly, in Division 2 (17 to 23) John Morgan (18) won from Peter Thompson (17) on countback, both with 38 points. In Division 3 (24 to 45) Gary Tierney (27) was a clear winner with 38 points, and Donna Easey (25) took the runner up trophy with 36 points on a 5 way countback from Rodney Ford, Thomas Robins, Geoffrey Wilson and John Baganey. Other good scores from Phillip Frost, Andrew Frawley, Johnathon Zirkler and Peter Bush all on 36 points. To get a ball you needed 33 points on a count back.

There is plenty of golf on the Island next week – and we are back to playing in groups of 4, subject to all the special rules in place for COVID-19 personal safety. We have Medley Single Stableford competitions on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with extended Tee times available from 7am until 12.30pm on Thursday and Saturday. Our Ladies competition continues on Wednesdays, and a 9-hole chook run on Friday afternoons. 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, limited socialising afterwards, and the Island Restaurant is open for Take-aways from 12 until 2 – full details on Club's website and Facebook.

See you on The Island!

Attached Photo – Rob Coneybear and Alvin Rapley on the first tee with North Coast Boating Centre’s Formosa SRT and Trailer package – for only \$45,000 drive away – and NO, it’s not first prize for next Saturday!

