

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 25th July 2020

By Geoffrey McCann.

It's uncanny how the weather always seems to play an unwanted role when the Club Championships are on, forcing postponement of Sunday's third round of the Men's Championships. Course Superintendent Greg Jager has been busy with a new chainsaw donated by Geoff Rees removing numerous old tree stumps around the course, enabling Dan's Tree Service to finish the job with a stump grinder – great work everyone!

Tuesday 21st July Medley Single Stableford again well patronised with numerous visitors competing. Peter Miller (14), Steven McNeil (13) from Dorrigo and Robert Reid (17) all scoring 36 points in Division 1 (scratch to 20) with Peter winning on countback. Another close tussle in Division 2 (21 to 45) with Lee Fewings (33) and Trevor Peck (25) both scoring 35 points, Lee winning on countback. Other good scores from Colin Habgood (Kempsey), Greg McCoy, Andrew McKinnon, and Michael Tarleton all with 35 points, Mary Bysouth and Raimo Neuvonen both with 34 points. Balls went down to 32 on countback, Colin Easey the last to collect.

The Course was in beautiful condition for the start of the Ladies Championships on Wednesday 22nd. Leader is Darcy Habgood with 71, "B" Grade leader Gillian Anderson 94 and "C" Grade leader is Moran Paterson with 41 stableford points. To encourage greater participation in the "C" Grade Championship this year the Ladies Committee is trialling the new Stableford format and encourage feedback from competitors. The daily competition had 50 starters, "A" grade won by Denise Paluch with 68 nett, runner up Darcy Habgood 71, "B" grade winner was Gillian Anderson 66 nett with runner up Narelle Delaney 70. "C" grade was won by Morann Paterson with 41 Stableford points and Linda Piccin runner up with 34. Ball runs went to 75 nett in the stroke and 31 points in the Stableford competitions.

Thursday 23rd July was a Medley Single Stableford with a good field of 94 players enjoying a lovely winter's day on a course beautifully groomed for the Championships. Darcy Habgood (0) and Colin Wormleaton (10) both played excellent golf to finish with 38 points in Division 1 (scratch to 18), Darcy winning on the countback. Keith Elphick (24) had the best score of the day with 40 points to win Division 2 (19 to 24) from Hans Jensen (23) on 38 points. It was great to see Geoffrey Wilson (34) having a good score of 39 points to win Division 3 (25 to 45) from Colin Easey (26) on 38 points. The shot of the day goes to Allen Cathy (13) visiting from NSW Golf Club who scored that elusive Hole in One on the 5th Hole – congratulations Allen – a memorable visit to Nambucca Island! Other good scores from Geoffrey Harris and Leslie Mohr 37 points, Donald Wills, Colin Dunne, Gary Tierney, Russell White and Robert Coneybeare all with 36 points. You needed 33 points on countback to win a ball, Paul Ryan the last on the list.

Saturday 25th was the second round of the Men's Championships sponsored by HLV Chartered Accountants, with the morning players enjoying overcast conditions. Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated after lunchtime with steady rain, and 20 players withdrew in favour of the comforts of the clubhouse. Stephen Carr (5) matched his first-round score of 73 off the stick - the best of the day for a net 68. Drew Glasson (10) scored a net 64 to win "A" Grade (0 to 12) from Stephen. In "B" grade (13 to 18), Robert Coneybeare (17) had a great round of net 62 to win from Rick Heywood (18) with net 65. Ronal Cook (30) was the net winner in "C" Grade with net 69 from Dennis Ashton (19) with net 70. Other good scores from Peter Moxon & Paul Maxwell 70, John Baganey, Colin Wormleaton, Kevin Mulhall, Christopher Tinson and Hans Jansen all with 71. Ball run down to 74 on countback, John Morgan getting the last one. Progressive scores gross and net are available on the Club's website.

Sunday's third round has been postponed until next Saturday and the final round will be next Sunday due to the rain event.

There is plenty of golf on the Island next week with Medley Single Stableford competitions on Tuesday and Thursday. Saturday and Sunday are the 3rd and final rounds the Men's Championships sponsored by HLV

Chartered Accountants. Our Ladies Championship deferred Round 2 jointly sponsored by Midcoast Trucks and Community Transport continues on Wednesday. There is a 9-hole chook run on Friday afternoons. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

Get in quick to lodge your entry form for the "Island Classic" 36 Hole Individual Stableford on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd August – over \$2,000 value in trophies for Men & Women – download your entry form from our website.

Bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the pro shop 6568 8172. Mobile take away refreshments are available for thirsty golfers Thursday and Saturday, and the Club and Restaurant are open for business once again – please note that strict COVID-19 procedures are in place, and your co-operation will be appreciated – full details on Club's website, Facebook and house notices

See you on The Island!

Picture: Dan's Tree Service hard at work grinding away one of the old tree stumps that were littering our course – no more golf balls coming to rest on an unplayable lie!

