

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Sunday 2nd August 2020

By Geoffrey McCann.

Club Championships were in full swing during the week, with players of all abilities trying their hardest to play well in their respective grades. A difficult game at the best of times, stroke events seem to make it even harder for some of us – congratulations to all who competed. Not so for Stephen Carr, the Men’s Champion for 2020 – the Ladies Championships are still in progress.

Tuesday 28th July was a Medley Single Stableford event, with lots of visitors joining us for the day. Mark Hargraves (6) from Cronulla romped home with 42 points, including an Eagle on the 12th hole, to win Division 1 (scratch to 20) from Maxine Townsend (19) who is back home from house sitting with 38 points. John Buganey (28) and Peter Dawe (26) both scored 37 points in Division 2 (21 to 45), John winning on count back. Other good scores from Russell Williams (Bellingen) and Paul McElhinney 36, Gregory McCoy, Jan Harris and Ross Morpuss 35. Balls went down to 31 points on countback to Nicholas Jenkins from Bellingen.

Wednesday 29th was the second round of the Ladies Championships, sponsored by Mid Coast Trucks and Community Transport, after inclement weather forced the cancellation of Monday’s golf. Darcy Habgood continued her good form having 72, maintaining her lead with a total 143 after 36 holes. The lead changed in “B” Grade with Judy Boyle’s total after two rounds of 197 putting her 4 shots ahead of Gillian Anderson. The softer conditions on the course resulted in lower average scores for “C” Grade but sees Morann Paterson maintaining her lead on 75 Stableford points. The final round will be played on Monday 3rd August.

The daily competition run in conjunction with the Championships had 47 players. “A” Grade was won by Glenys Thompson 71 nett with Darcy Habgood runner up 72. Sue Seymour won “B” Grade on a count back from Robyn Jones with 70 nett. Morann Paterson won “C” Grade with 34 Stableford points on a count back from Kerry Shearer. The ball competition required 74 nett or lower and 30 points or higher.

Thursday 30th July was the Open “Dolphin Day” sponsored by Nambucca Heads RSL Club. Adrian Lees (4) from Bonville had the best score of the day with 38 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 17) from Phillip Mander (16) with 36 points and Gregory Smith (12) with 35 points. David Mattacott (19) scored 36 points to win Division 2 (18 to 24) from Bryan Ussher (21) with 35 points. In Division 3 (25 to 45), Wayne Purcell (25) scored 37 points to win from Leanne Welsh (28) with 35 points - Wayne was awarded the “Dolphin Day” shirt. Other good scores from Lyn Grose, Heather Gray and Lee Fewings with 34 points. In the Ball Comp, you needed 31 points on countback, Stuart Garvey the last to collect.

Saturday 1st August was the Men’s Monthly Medal sponsored by Nambucca Local Liquor and the 3rd round of the Men’s Championships. The “A” grade (scratch to 12) Medal was won by Ashley Price (5) with net 68, runner up was Gregory Smith (12) with net 69. Darcy Habgood had the best off the stick for the day and won the scratch with 70. The “B” Grade (13 to 19) Medal was won by Dennis Ashton (19) with net 66, runner up was Chris Thorndike (16) on net 69. Scratch was won by Phillip Mander with 88. In “C” Grade 20 to 45), Denise Paluch (20) scored a net 70 to win from Trevor Peck (24) who gets the Medal with net 69. Peter Fredericks won scratch with 92. Other good scores from Edward Penrose 69, Darcy Habgood and Dianne O’Leary 70, and Bruce Berry 71. The Ball comp went down to 75 on countback, Garnet O’Brien getting the last one.

Sunday’s event was the final round of the Men’s Championships sponsored by HLV Partners. Joe Street (18) scored net 65 to win from Phillip Mander (16) with net 67. Stephen Carr had the best off the stick with 77. Other good scores from Andrew McKinnon 71, Greg Smith and Stephen Carr on 72. Balls went down to 75 on count back, with Geoff Harris the last to collect.

The Club Champion for 2020 is Stephen Carr. Steve had a gross total score of 300 over the four rounds and was followed by Bruce Berry (309) in second. The "A" Grade (scratch to 12) Nett was won by Gregory Smith with 286 from Colin Wormleaton with 301. The "B" Grade (13 to 19) Champion is Phillip Mander with 344 from Rodney Robertson on 357. The Nett in "B" Grade was taken out by Joe Street on 281 from Robert Coneybeare with 298. The "C" Grade (20 to 45) Champion is Dennis Ashton with a total score of 357 from Andrew Mackinnon on 391. Urpo Ylinen won the "C" Grade Nett with 289 from Trevor Peck 295. Congratulations to these finalists and to all the players who completed all 4 rounds. We greatly appreciate the support of our Championship sponsors - HLV Partners.

There is plenty of golf on the Island next week with Medley Single Stableford competitions on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. on Wednesday. The ladies have a 4BBB Stableford on Wednesday. Friday has another round of the Haval Challenge Series sponsored by Kempsey Haval – challenge yourself against the best the Island Course can throw at you, with a chance to win the "Drive to Royal Pines" prize. 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. Both the Club and Island Restaurant are open for business, 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!

Pictures:

- L. Darcy Habgood's last putt of the day with partners Henny Oldenhove and Sue Brooks.
- R. Paths crossed – Gillian Anderson, Angela Paton and Jennifer Johnston.

