

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 12th September 2020

Another busy week on the Island, with competitions almost every day, including a Hole in One on Tuesday by Ross Morpuss, Friday's Haval Island Challenge, and the inaugural Kerry McCoy Cup on Saturday. Our fairways have received a dose of fertiliser, and some well timed rain on Thursday will ensure excellent spring growth on our fairways and renovated greens. Thank you to our sponsor of the week – "Pizza This Pizza That".

A Medley Single Stableford on **Tuesday 9th September** attracted 58 players, with the best score of the day going to Raymond Meehan (33) scoring 44 points to win Division 2 (23 to 45) from Margaret Bateman (26) from Port Macquarie. Geoffrey Harris (17) has been to the witch doctor for some form improving tablets and Ian Vidler (14) has been tweaking his swing, and the pair of them both scored 38 points in Division 1 (scratch to 22), with Geoff, a back nine specialist, winning on the countback. Other good scores from Grant Smith 37, Stephen Truelove and Greg McCoy 36, Alvin Rapley and Stuart Johnston 35. The ball comp rundown to 32 points on countback. The play of the day goes to Ross Mopuss for his Hole in One on the 140 meter 5th Hole – Ross is an Eels supporter with GA handicap 23 – the HIO is his good news story this year, as the Eels are straight sets out of the finals race. Never mind Ross, your special trophy has been ordered – don't lose that ball!

Wednesday 9th September Ladies 3 Person Ambrose had 48 players with the greens recovering well from the coring, the rain was perfect. Joy Green, Dianne O'Leary and Kerrie Eichorn won the event with 59.17 closely followed by Sue O' Donnell, Mary Rees and Jennifer Ainsworth with 59.33. Kerrie Jackson, Ann Antcliff and Marilyn McNally came third with 60.33. The ball run went to 66 nett.



Pipped at the post – Ambrose runners up Mary Rees, Sue O'Donnell and Jennifer Ainsworth.

The rain on **Thursday 10th September** reduced the field to only the most determined 29 players for the "Pizza This" sponsored Medley Single Stableford event. Liam Fuller (18) scored a very creditable 42 points in the adverse conditions to win from Jason Nunn (12) from Pacific Dunes on 37 points. Other good scores from Adam Stunell (Pacific Dunes) 37, Colin Pears (Pacific Dunes) and Steve Frost 36, and Thomas Robbins 35. Ball comp rundown to 33 on countback.

The monthly "Island Challenge" series sponsored by Kempsey Haval continued on **Friday 11th September** with 45 players taking up the challenge in the Medley Single Stroke event. Dennis Ashton (19) top scored with net 66 to win from Judith Boyle (25) with net 69. Best Women's score from Leanne Welsh (24) with net 72. Lowest off the stick was Darcy Habgood with 74. Other good scores from Phil Mander, Emmanuel Aravanis (Riverside Oaks), Jake Fuller (Macksville) and Peter Bush all with net 70.

The inaugural “Kerry McCoy Cup” was played on **Saturday 12th September** with a great field of 143 players including 31 visiting golfers. The Medley Single Stableford event was sponsored by “Pizza This Pizza That” and Club Professional Paul Habgood provided a golf bag for the Cup Winner. The Trophy is presented to the Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club member with the best stableford score on the day, and will be presented each year on the second Saturday in September to remember all members and family of members who have passed on during the previous 12 months.

In an emotional presentation attended by Kerry’s wife Lyn and daughter Maureen, President Geoff Harris paid tribute to Kerry’s time as past Captain and President, “who gave his heart and soul to the Club, and without whose determination, the Club would almost certainly not be trading today – such was his influence in re-shaping our future”. There was a toast to honour our past members and their families.

Winner of the Cup was many times Club Champion and Life Member, Ian Vidler (14) with a score of 40 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 16) from Peter Miller (15) with 38 points. In Division 2 (17 to 23), Thomas Robbins (23) and Matthew Stanton (17) from Tamworth both scored 39 points, Thomas winning on countback. Another tie in Division 3 (24 to 45) with Pat Ellis (35) and Jennifer Johnston (27) both scoring 39 points, Pat just winning the countback. Other good scores from Anthony Reams, Robert Else (Winhgam), Peter Fredericks, Anthony Smith, and David Ogilvy 38, Robyn Jones, Christopher Tinson, Lee Fewings, Keith Leyshon (Tamworth), Rodney Robertson and Kerrie Eichorn all with 37. Ball comp run down to 34 points on countback.

Thank you to Steve Ward – “Pizza This Pizza That” - for providing the yummy Pizza slices at presentation.



Winner of the Kerry McCoy Cup, Ian Vidler, Geoff Harris (Club President) with Lyn McCoy and Kerry’s daughter Maureen

Next weeks’ golf on the Island has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday, the Men’s Monthly Medal Stroke on Saturday, and a Mixed 2 person Ambrose on Sunday which is also the qualifier for the Regional Keno Mixed Ambrose. The ladies play a Single Stableford on Wednesday. This week’s featured sponsor is Bushy’s Nambucca Local Liquor. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

Golf 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!