

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 26th September 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

With lovely spring weather and our course in great condition, we look forward to welcoming all our visiting holiday makers this coming school holidays. The Ross Lang Memorial Day was played on Saturday with a bumper field of 116. This week's featured sponsor was Nambucca Heads RSL Club – thank you.

Tuesday 24th September was a Medley Single Stableford with almost 100 players taking part. With the best score of the day, visiting from Emerald Downs, Philip Lohan (18) scored 41 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 21) from Stephen Truelove (11) with 38 points. In Division 2 (22 to 45), Hans Jansen (23) and Donald Wills both scored 34 points, with Hans winning on the countback. Other good scores from Andrew Johnston 37, Brendan Gorman (Sawtell) and Liam Fuller 36, Kevin McInnes (Charlestown), Russell Lane and Henry Oldenhove 35. In the Ball Comp you needed 33 on a count back.



Wednesday 23rd September had 43 women playing for the Monthly Medal. Two visitors from Lakeside joined us, Tracey Wood winning gross with 79 and both in the ball count. Overall winner from "B" grade was Jennifer Johnston with an outstanding 62 nett, runner up in "B" was Jennifer Ainsworth 71. "A" grade winner was Rhonda Rowe on a count back from Donna Easey with 69 nett. Congratulations Bryony Brownlie "C" grade, new to the game, winning her first Medal with 73 nett, runner up was Robyn Dyer 75. Putting competition was won by Donna Easey with 24 putts and ball run went to 74.

Winning duo Bryony Brownlie and Jennifer Johnston

Another Medley Single Stableford on **Thursday 18th September** with a good field of 96 players competing in the Nambucca Heads RSL sponsored Open "Dolphin Day". There was tough competition to win the "Dolphin Day" shirt, with 4 players sharing the best overall score of the day of 40 points, with the countback finally awarding the specially embroidered shirt to Stuart Johnston. Stuart won Division 1 (scratch to 17) with Drew Glasson (9) runner up with 39 points and Peter Miller (15) in third spot with 38 points. In Division 2 (18 to 23), Bryan Ussher (22) and Houston (Ray) Baker (23) both scored 40 points, Bryan just edging out Ray on the countback. In Division 3 (24 to 45), Keith Elphick (25) also scored 40 points to win from Donald Lavery (33) on 39 points. Other good scores from John Hopkins and Michael Post 38, and Colin Wormleaton 37. You needed 33 points or better to win a ball in the ball comp.

Saturday 26th September was the Ross Lang Memorial Day sponsored by Peter Bush, Noel Gaddes, Stuart Johnston and David Ogilvy – a Medley 4BBB Stableford well attended by 116 players. Winners with a score of 49 points were Stuart Garvie & Hans Jansen, from Russell White & Gary Beggs 48, Thomas Robbins & Neil Duffus 48, Kay and Kel McGoldrick 47. The Ball com went down to 42 points on countback.

Next weeks' golf on the Island has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday and the Men's Monthly Medal Stroke sponsored by Nambucca Local Liquor is on Saturday. The ladies play a Single Stableford on Wednesday. The popular "Island Sunday" Mixed 4BBB Stableford has returned this Sunday, unfortunately without the customary BBQ due to Covid-19 protocols. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

Make a note in your diary for the Nambucca Men's Open Day sponsored by Kempsey Haval – a 18 Hole stroke event with over \$1,000 in prizes. Gross and Nett Trophies and only \$30 entry fee to play the Island Course at its best – bookings through the pro shop.

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!