

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Sunday 4th October 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

As we move into Spring, our course continues to improve under the guidance of Greg Jager and his team – The fairways are lush and the greens have returned to a deceptively fast pace. The First and Ninth fairways are recovering from some radical regeneration and irrigation, but don't expect any preferred lies here! The weather has been superb, and we have had great fields out getting their regular exercise and enjoying all that nature has to offer.

Our feature sponsor for this week was Nambucca Local Liquor – thanks Bushy!

Tuesday 29th September was a Medley Single Stableford with visitors coming from as far as Montuna, Vic and Gungahlin Lakes. Nambucca players featured in Division 1 (scratch to 21) with Michael Tarleton (20) scoring 38 points to win from Gregory McCoy (4) with 36 points – pretty good effort off 4 Greg! Port Macquarie visitor Margaret Batemen (25) and Ian Brown (22) from Coffs Harbour both scored 38 points in Division 2 (22 to 45), with Margaret winning on the back nine countback. Other good scores from Ray Baker & Adrienne Smith 35, John Buganey, Peter Moxon and Graham Bassam 34. The Ball comp went down to 31 on countback.



Wednesday 30th September Ladies Stableford had 45 players, we welcomed visitors from Coffs Harbour and Sawtell. The greens were slick as were the scores. Overall winner was “B” grades’ Lyn Parkes with 39 stableford points beating Dorothy Bunyan on a count back. Coral McCann won “A” grade with 37 points on a count back from Tracey Kean, Coffs Harbour. “C” grade was won by Deidre Byrne 34 points with Robyn Dyer runner up on 33. The ball run went to 32 points.

Photo: Winners – Coral McCann and Lyn Parkes

Thursday 1st October had almost 100 players in a Medley Single Stableford and some good scores returned – the weather starting off a bit doubtful, but the forecasted showers didn't eventuate – sorry Greg, you'll have to use the sprinklers for another week! Stuart Johnston (10), fresh from his Dolphin Day win last week, continued his good form and scored 41 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 18) from Club Professional and all round nice guy Paul Habgood (1) with 39 points – good golfing guys! In Division 2 (19 to 24) Houston (Ray) Baker (21) scored 37 points to win from Davis Mattacott (19) on 35 points. Donald Atkinson (32) took out Division 3 (25 to 45) with 40 points from Ross Morpuss (25) close behind with 39 points. Other good scores by Drew Glasson 39, Roy Louis & Peter Miller 38, Roy Sims, Bruce Berry and Gregory Smith 37. You needed 33 points on countback or better to bet a ball.

Saturday 3rd October was the Men's Monthly Medal Stroke, sponsored by Bushy's Nambucca Local Liquor - a good field of 102 competing for the Medals. “Mr consistency”, Bruce Berry (5) played very well to score the lowest off the stick 71 (net 66) to win “A” Grade (scratch to 12) from Edward Penrose (12) with net 68. Greg McCoy won the scratch with 74. In “B” Grade (13 to 19), John Nebauer (16) and Philip Mander (13) both scored net 67, with John winning the medal on countback. Garnet O'Brien won the scratch with 82. Neil Duffus (25) well and truly broke his handicap with a net 64 to win “C” Grade from Trevor Hopkins (21) with net 65. Kevin Mulhall won scratch with 89. Play of the day goes to Wilson Brock from Coffs Harbour who scored an eagle on the 477 Metre par 5 Second Hole – he wins a sleeve of golf balls from the Eagles Nest. Other good scores from Peter Moxon, Rick Heywood, Glen Crow & Richard Trevena 68, Warren Fuller, Garney O'Brien & Bernard Dugdale 69. In the Ball Comp, you needed 73 or better on countback.

Sunday 4th October saw the return of our popular Mixed "Island Sunday" played as a 4BBB Stableford with Bryony & Chris Brownlee scoring 44 points to win from Julie & Stephen Carr on 42 points. Other good rounds from Dianne O'Leary & Shane Anderson 41, Robyn Jones & Alvin Rapley and Henny Oldenhove & Uri Ylinen both 40 points.

Next weeks' golf on the Island has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and our featured sponsor of the week is Nambucca Plaza Butchery. The Kempsey Haval "Island Challenge Series" continues on Friday – play to your handicap to win - see website for details. The ladies play a Stroke Monthly Medal on Wednesday. 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 on 25th October sponsored by Kempsey Haval – an 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.

Geez, we love our Golf!



Tommy's tee shot on the 7th squeezed right, hit a tree, jagged left into the water, hit the rocks and zipped right back onto land before trickling back toward the wet stuff and hanging on the edge. He was thinking of playing a backhanded, left handed flip shot ... only for Duffo to ruin it by suggesting that such expertise might be something one would practise before a first go in a stroke round. Chris Knight & Duffo (Neil) encouraged him to play, but after much sizing up for what seemed like 5 minutes, he took a drop. Bugger wrecked an even better snap as unbeknown to him, Chris was filming.

Picture: Christian Knight

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