

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 10th October 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

Plenty of golf happening on the Island this week, with some great scores and a Hole In One by Robert Freebairn on the 123 Metre Par Three 13th Hole. We've introduced a "Preferred Lie" on the 1st and 9th fairways until these have recovered from Greg's (our excellent Greenkeeper) radical surgery to improve the quality of the grass coverage. A special warm welcome to all our visiting golfers to the Valley for the School Holidays, some from as far as Berwick and Coolamatong – where, you ask? One visitor was overheard "Geez, there's a lot of water on this course" – there is actually a lot more fairway!

This week's featured sponsor is Nambucca Plaza Butchery – thank you!

Tuesday 6th October was a Medley Single Stableford in conjunction with the MNC Vets. Gregory McCoy (4) had a great round scoring 40 points to win Division 1 (Scratch to 20) from Peter Miller (14) (our rough mowing volunteer extraordinaire) with 38 points. In Division 2 (21 to 45), Robert Freebairn (36) was assisted by his "Ace" six pointer on the 13th Hole to score 38 points to win Division 2 from Graeme Bassam (35) with 35 points. Don't lose that Ball Robert, your special HIO trophy is on it's way! Other good scores from Ryan Edwards (Shellharbour) 36, and Edward Beaton 35. In the Ball comp you needed 32 points on countback. Ryan Edwards was the Vets winner with 36 points, Edward Beaton was runner up with 35 points.



Wednesday 7th October was the Ladies Monthly Medal with three visitors from Coffs Harbour bringing the field to 38 starters. The lazy afternoon breeze didn't affect Bryony Brownlie's performance coming in with 68 nett to be overall winner from "C" grade. After her last few outstanding rounds Bryony won't be in "C" grade for much longer. "A" grade winner was Judith Boyle with 71 nett, runner up Leanne Welsh 72 nett. "B" grade was won by Faye Hopkins with 70 nett, runner up Gillian Anderson 72 nett. "C" grade runner up was Morann Paterson 74 nett. Sue Brooks was our gross winner with 87 off the stick and Kerry Naylor won the putting with 27. Ball run down went to 75 nett.

Thursday 8th October was a Medley Single Stableford sponsored by Nambucca Plaza Butchery. The early morning players certainly got the best playing conditions, with a strong nor'easter blowing up around 10am - players had to hang onto their hats, didn't they Col! Danny Lloyd (14) visiting from Kew scored 39 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 16) from Colin Wormleaton (9) with 36 points. William Mann (18) scored 40 points to win Division 2 (17 to 23) from Michael Tarleton (21) with 37 points. Best score of the day went to Bernard Dugdale (24) with a massive 42 points to win Division 3 (24 to 45) from Raymond Meehan with 40 points. Other good scores from Russell White 37, Paul McElhinney and Rod Hope (Stonecutters Ridge) 36. The Ball Comp went down to 32 points on countback.

Friday 9th October was another round of the Kempsey Haval "Island Challenge" – a stroke event for the more hardy who like to challenge themselves to the best the Island course has to offer, with a chance to win the "Drive to Royal

Pines" prize at the end of the year. With only 2 more rounds to go, this week's results are being kept a closely guarded secret, creating a bit more of a mystery as to who the final winner might be.

Saturday 10th October saw another fantastic spring day, with a more challenging presentation of the course following Friday's "Island Challenge" for the Medley Single Stableford sponsored by Nambucca Plaza Butchery. Allan O'Brien (10) was quite stoked when he returned to the Clubhouse with the top score of the day - 40 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 17) from Rick Heywood (16) with 38 points. Geoffrey McCann (18 – lately dubbed "Victa" by his playing buddies!) finally got control of his putter to score 38 points to win Division 2 (18 to 23) from Edward Beaton (20) with 36 points. In Division 3 (24 to 45) Anthony Reams (28) scored 37 points to win from Donald Atkinson (31) with 36 points. Other good scores from Stuart Johnston and Glen Crow 37, David Wilson, David Mattacott and Bill Percy all with 36 points. The ball comp run down went to 32 on countback.

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 Heads Island Pro Shop – Paul Habgood and family. The ladies play a Single Stableford on Wednesday, and a 9 hole Chook Run is on Friday. 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 for Men & Ladies, 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.

See you on the Island!