

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 17th October 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

This week's featured sponsor is Paul Habgood & Family – the NHIGC Pro Shop – thank you guys!

The dry weather has continued, giving plenty of run on the fairways, no doubt assisting in some exceptionally good scores being returned. Enjoy it while you can – all predictions are for wet weather in the coming weeks – much needed rain as some fairways are showing some signs of stress, as is our Greenkeeper Greg Jager!

Tuesday 13th October was a Medley Single Stableford. Geoffrey McCann (18) continued his good form with the putter to return 40 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 21) from Malcolm Blanch (20) from Kempsey close behind with 39 points. In Division 2 (22 to 45), Lee Fewings (31) shot the best score of the day with 42 points to win from Donald Wills with a great 40 points. Other good scores from Colin Habgood and Jan Harris (who has her first competition round since having a new hip installed six weeks ago) 38 points, Robert Coneybeare, Peter Dawe and Uri Ylinen all with 36 points. You needed 33 points on countback in the ball competition.

Wednesday 14th October was the Women's Single Stableford with 45 players competing. Overall winner was Sue Seymour from "B" Grade with an outstanding 39 points, runner up in "B" Grade was Deb Gersbach with 37 points. Jennifer Johnston won "A" Grade with 36 points with runner up Coral McCann 33. "C" Grade was won on a count back by Linda Piccin from Betty Stockham with 34 points. The ball competition went to 31 points. All the players able to stay for lunch and presentation were thrilled when Captain Jennifer Johnston announced the win by Faye Hopkins, representing Nambucca Heads, in the "B" Grade regional Medal Final at Kempsey. Faye will now represent our region in Sydney - Good golfing Faye!

Fashion on the Tees - Mary Rees and Di Hopkins – another perfect day for golf!



Thursday 15th October was another medley Single Stableford attracting 104 players. Bruce Berry (5) continued his recent good form to return 40 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 16) from Liam Fuller (15) with 39 points – a great round Bruce! In Division 2 (17 to 23), Steve Frost (17) also scored 40 points to win from Roy Russell (21) with 36 points. Paddy Byrne (39) had a good round scoring 39 points to win Division 3 (24 to 45) from Richard Trevena (26) with 35 points. Other good scores from Greg Smith 38, the Macksville lads Andrew Black and Brad Fortesque 37, Paul Habgood, Aaron Loughland, Peter Miller and Greg Jager all with 36 points.

This is what happens when you can't handle the extra run on the fairways and get yourself into an unexpected spot of trouble.

Hmmm - President Geoff Harris contemplating his next move on the 10th hole. Unimpressed with the results of a good drive, Geoff wisely took an "unplayable lie" option, and still managed to score a point.



Saturday 17th October had a great field of 117 players for another Medley Single Stableford with some great scores returned. Robert Coneybeare (14) was the winner of Division 1 (scratch to 17) with 39 points from Gary Johnstone (15) from Bowraville with 37 points. In Division 2 (18 to 23), Dennis Ashton (19) was back on target again with a great 43 points to win from Joshua Rose (22) from Toronto close behind with 42 points. In Division 3 (24 to 45), Leslie Mohr (25) top scored for the day with 44 points to win from Jeffrey Vanderwyk (24) with 38 points. Other good scores from Gary Beggs and Bernard Dugdale 39, Matt Allom, Ian Brakenridge (Kurri Kurri) and Andrew Donovan 38, David Mattacott, Geoffrey Harris, Paddy Byrne, Adam Webber (Toronto), Gary Roach, Edward Penrose & Mark McLaren all with 37 points. Walter Bortoletto was the only one with 33 points to win a ball in the ball comp – you needed better than that! Congratulations to Greg Tozer for his Eagle on the 11th Hole – a few golf balls from the Eagles nest coming your way.

Next weeks' golf on the Island has a bit of a surprise in store for players with the removal of dangerous trees next to the First and Eleventh greens. Enjoy Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday with a 4BBB Stableford on Saturday - our featured sponsor of the week is Allied Air Conditioning. 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 Sunday 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 – C'mon, challenge yourself – plenty of time slots available - bookings through the pro shop. All Golf bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the pro shop 6568 8172.

See you on the Island!