

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Sunday 6th December 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

Lots of golfers playing the Island last week, and some welcome light rain on Thursday made Greg Jager (our popular Course Superintendent) a happy chappie and even improved his golf – he won Thursday's event in the drizzling mist!

Tuesday 1st December was a Medley Single Stableford with a nice field of 56 players. Henny Oldenhove (17) and Mike Mabey (13) from Shellharbour both scored 35 points, but Henny's local knowledge prevailed, and she won Division 1 (scratch to 20) on the countback. Hans Jansen (23) had a sizzling 41 points to take out Division 2 (21 to 45) from Roy Sims (29) with 39 points. Other good scores carded by Lee Fewings & Michael Broadfoot (Urunga) 36, and Tom Lindsay (Bonville) 35. The ball Comp went down to 30 on countback.

Wednesday 2nd December was a Women's Single Stableford, the last 18 hole lady's event for 2020. There were 41 players competing and spectacular results were the order of the day. Overall winner was Robyn Dyer from "C" Grade with a magnificent 43 stableford points, runner up in "C" was Kerry Shearer with 33. Glenys Thompson won "A" Grade with 42 points, runner up Dianne O'Leary 36. "B" Grade winner was Mary Rees with 40 points and runner up Sue Seymour 39. Ball run went to 30 stableford points. The Christmas nine hole event on 9th December is then followed by the Summer Competition, time sheet for alternate nine holes over seven weeks.

Picture: **Overall Wednesday Winner: Robyn Dyer**

Thursday 3rd December was a drizzly morning, with the prospects of getting a wee bit wet a deterrent to many players, and around half the booked field dropped out. A reduced field of 50 players competed, and nobody got really saturated, although some ladies were heard to complain about soggy underwear! Relishing in the rarely seen of late damp conditions, Greg Jager top scored for the day with 41 points to take out Division 1 (scratch to 19) from Dean Purtle (Horizons) with 37 points. In Division 2, Gary Thurlow (23) scored 36 points to win from Gary Beggs (20) close behind with 35 points. Play of the day was Peter Moxon's Hole in One on the Par 3 Thirteenth Hole – congratulations Peter! Other good scores from our General Manager Johnathon Zirkler & recently retired Captain Andrew Bagust, both with 35 points.

Saturday 5th December was the Men's Monthly Medal Stroke, sponsored by Nambucca Local Liquor – thank you, Bushy! With a few of our regulars away "on tour", we had 88 starters and have brought back the NTP's as we relax our Covid-19 restrictions. In "A" Grade (scratch to 12), Allan O'Brien (10) had the best round of the day with a net 66 to win from Ben Honeybrook (12) with net 67. Bruce Berry won the scratch with 76. In "B" Grade (13 to 18), Philip Mander (15) had 71 net to win on countback from Kevin Mulhall (17). Scratch was won by Paul Ryan with 85. In "C" Grade, Trevor Peter (19) scored net 67 to win from Andrew Bagust (21) with net 69. Scratch was won by Les Mohr with 90. Other good scores from Peter Farrell, Graham Weary, Scott Burley & Mark Blake all with net 70. Nearest the Pins: Peter Bush got Ecomist's Longest Putt on 2, Geoff Poole the Newsagent's 5th, Steve Doherty nearly holed the 7th, Graham Weary on 8, Dennis Ashton got the Pizza Voucher on 13, Steve Doherty got Stu's ball on 15, and Chris Brownlie took the Pro Pin on 18. The Ball comp went down to 73 on countback. Special Birthday Greetings from everyone to one of our keenest gentleman members, Geoffrey Wilson, who turns 91 on Tuesday -Congratulations mate!



Sunday 6th December was the monthly Open “Island Sunday” Mixed 4BBB – thankfully, the expected heatwave did not eventuate, we enjoyed nice sea breezes and the sound of “VallaBalla” drifting across the course from the deck. Chris Brownlie backed up from winning the Pro Pin yesterday to win the event with his wife Bryony, scoring 44 points. One of our hard working volunteers, Deidre Byrne teamed up with Trevor Peck to score 43 points as runners up. NTP’s went to Kerrie Eichorn on 5, Paul Maxwell got the Pizza man’s voucher on 13, Glenys Thompson and Geoff Harris on the 18th. Other good scores to win a ball from the Eichorns’ and Brooks’ with 42, Maxwells’ & Dawe/Gray with 41. Thank you everyone – all these events are sponsored for next year, so invite your friends to enjoy our great little golf course!

HAVAL CHALLENGE – The Road to Royal Pines – generously sponsored by Kempsey Haval. With the last round to go on Friday 11th, it seems that the leader (anonymous for now – but progress are scores are on display in the Clubhouse) has bolted away from the field 7 shots ahead – but that shouldn’t encourage anyone from coming along and having a go. Generous prizes are on offer, including the best woman’s score – so come and challenge yourself to the best that the Island Golf Course can throw at you – take the Challenge!

Next weeks’ golf has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday. Saturday is the Ham & Turkey Day, a Medley 4BBB Stableford sponsored by Greg McCoy. The ladies have a 9 Hole 3 Club and Xmas Party on Wednesday. There is a 9 hole Chook Run and the last round of the 2020 Island Challenge series on Friday. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

The Longest Day - Col “Wormo” Wormleaton & Neil “Duffo” Duffus are playing a 72 hole challenge on **Monday December 14** raising funds to support the Cancer Council, and cancer research. If you would like to know about Wormo’s unique golfing footwear, then check out their feature article on Nambucca Guardian News website or Facebook – Wormo is one lucky chappie! You will be able to support their cause in the Pro Shop and Clubhouse, or donations can be made through their fundraising page:
<https://://www.longestday.org.au/fundraisers/duffusandwormo>



C’mon guys, let’s see if we can’t beat the girls at fundraising for Cancer.

See you on the Island.