

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Sunday 7th February 2021.

By Geoffrey McCann.

January has just flown by, and most of the holiday makers have returned home, leaving us locals plenty of time to enjoy our favourite sport. The word has obviously got around that the course is in top condition, and the Pro Shop has been busy in trying to accommodate all the social golfers looking for a hit. Our rough is proving to be troublesome for some players that miss the fairways, largely a result of prolific growth following past rains – this will settle down over time – see Greenkeeper's report on the scorer's Notice Board. This week's featured sponsor is Midstate Financial Services - 3rd Tee sponsor – Stuart Garvey and our Vice Captain - thank you Stuart.

Tuesday 2nd February's Medley Stableford attracted 40 golfers – Michael Farrugia (36) and Greg McCoy (2) both scored 36 points, with Michael winning on the back nine countback – but another great round from Greg on a 2 handicap! Other good scores from Jeffrey Venderwyk, Maxine Townsend, and John Landale (Coffs Harbour) all with 36 points also. The Ball comp went down to 33 points on countback. NTP's went to John Landale on 5 with a great shot to only 95cms, Greg McCoy took the Pizza voucher on 13 with 143cms, and Jogb Buganey another great shot to 103cms on 18.

Wednesday 3rd February was the Women's first 18 hole Golf competition for 2021. The Single Stableford had 48 competitors with Wendy Welch a visitor from Mullumbimby winning "A" Grade with 34 points on a count back from Maxine Townsend. The overall winner was Ann Antcliff from "B" Grade with 36 points, runner up was Jen Thorne 32. "C" Grade was won by Morann Paterson with 31, runner up Peta Giddey 26. Nearest the Pins have been reinstated, Judy Boyle is our first pizza winner on 13th hole and Sue Brooks won our first Pro Pin on the 18th. Ball run went to 28 stableford points.



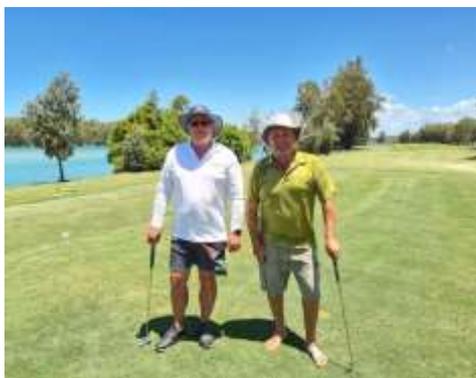
Thursday 4th February 2021 was another Medley Single Stableford with 82 players. Matt Allom (19) won Division 1 (scratch to 20) with 38 points from John McCollom (20) with 37 points. Top scorer of the day was Les Mohr (23) who scored 39 points to win Division 2 (21 to 45) from Paul McElhinney (21) - Mr. Chook Run – with 37 points. Other good scores from Stuart Johnston 37, Andrew Mackinnon, Paddy Byrne, Geoffrey Harris, and Bruce Berry all with 35 points. The Ball comp went down to 33 points on countback. NTP's went to Richard Trevena longest putt 4.9m on 2, Col Easey 105cm on 5, Gerg McCoy 308cm on 7, Walter Bortoletto 150cm on Subway's 8, Stuart Johnston scored the Pizza voucher on 13 and his own ball on 15, and the Pro Pin Jackpot \$80 went to Rodney Robertson 130cms.



Mark Seagram won the Chook on **Friday's 9 Hole Chook Run** with 20 points, with Peter Shepherd and Kevin Smith both scoring 18 points to collect golf balls. This is an easy 9 holes from the social tees and preferred lies - ideal for the beginner or just to have some fun!

Saturday 6th February 2021 was the Men's Monthly Medal Stroke, well patronised by over 100 players, and sponsored by Nambucca Local Liquor – thank you Bushy! While many of us battled to keep on the fairways, some particularly good scores were returned. In "A" Grade (0 to 12), Gregory Smith (11) scored net 68 to win from Craig McMahon (11) from Bellingen, with net 70. Scratch and best "off the stick" was won by Greg McCoy 76. In "B" Grade (13 to 18), Andrew Mackinnon (18) scored 67 net to win from Steve Frost (16) with net 68. Scratch was won by Paul Ryan with 84. In "C" Grade (19 to 45), Paul McElhinney (20) followed up on his good Thursday round to shoot 67 Net to win on countback from Graeme Bassam (34). Scratch was won by Gary Beggs 87. Other good scores from Peter Thompson 68, Steffan Lockie (Brighton Lakes) 69, Ander McDonald, Trevor Peter, Trent Baade, Anthony Smith and Kevin Anderson all with 70 net. The Ball comp went down to 74 net on countback. NTP's (sorry, I don't have the distances!) went to Russell White longest putt on 2, Julie Preznell (Walcha) on 5, Bruce Berry on 7, Graham Weary got the subway voucher on 8 and the Pizza voucher on 13, Martyn Yeomans (Coffs Harbour) got Stu's ball on 15 and the Pro Pin Jackpot \$100 went to Kevin Mulhall.

Finally, on **Sunday 7th February**, we had our best field for ages for our Open “Island Sunday” Mixed 4BBB Stableford, sponsored by Sandy & Bruce Mason. Bryony and Chris Brownlie top scored with 45 points to win from Peter Dawe and Heather Gray with 43 points. Other good scores from Henny Oldenhove & Urpo Ylinen 43 and Rhonda Rowe and Paul McElhinney (again!) with 42 points. The Ball comp went down to 40 points. NTP’s went to Peter Dawe on 5, Geoff McCann got the Pizza voucher on 13, and Peter Dawe & Coral McCann on 18.



An update on The Longest Day – Our legends “Duffo and “Wormo” romped in their 72 holes last Monday and continued on to complete 101 Holes of golf in one day! Unfortunately, “Wormo” needed to undertake some running repairs, and fortunately, there was a roll of “gaffa tape” in the Pro Shop.



The final fund raising in aid of Cancer Council research was a cool \$5,431.28. Congratulations and well done guys and thank you to all members who “kicked the can” to aid their endeavours.

Men’s PENNANTS are back on again! Competition commences on Sunday 11th April – members wishing to play are asked to place their details on the nomination form on the Golf notice board. And the **MNCDGA Men’s Championships** are being held at Nambucca on Sunday 14th February – Register on-line or through the Pro Shop if you want to participate.

Next weeks’ golf - Medley Single Stablefords on Tuesday and Thursday, and Men’s 4BBB Knockout qualifying on Saturday. The ladies have a 9 Hole Stableford Summer Competition on Wednesday. There is also a 9 hole Chook Run on Friday. Sunday has the MNCDGA Championships, social play available in the afternoon, book with the Pro Shop.

The first round of the **2021 “Island Challenge”** Series sponsored by Kempsey Haval takes place on **Friday 12th February** - a Stroke event, where you can challenge yourself to the best that the Island course can throw at you for very generous trophies if you play well. Your best 5 rounds during the year count towards the race to Royal Pines – for full details, check out the flyer on our website! Put that date in your golfing calendar!

Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm – please check with Pro Shop for availability. All golf bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the Pro Shop on 6568 8172.

See you on the Island.