

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Sunday 14th February 2021.

By Geoffrey McCann.

Another busy week on the Island with no shortage of golf competitions to satisfy the most avid golfer. The course was in top condition in preparation for the MNCDGA Championships on Sunday – unfortunately, we had 35 mls of rain overnight on Saturday which flooded most of the bunkers – sad for some, but probably a blessing for those that fear the sand shot! Thank you to this week's featured sponsor – Ingenia White Albatross who sponsor the 1st Tee.

Tuesday 9th February was a Medley Single Stableford with a good field of 57 players including visitors from Kurri and Kingston Beach and lots of locals. A close finish in Division 1 (scratch to 19) with Tony O'Rourke (1) from Bonville and local lass Henny Oldenhove (17), both scoring 35 points, with Tony winning on countback. In Division 2 (20 to 45), Peter Shepherd (24) scored 37 points to win from Keith Elphick (24) with 36 points. Other good scores from Leslie Mohr 35 and Heather Gray 34. NTP's went to T. O'Rourke 2.1 mtrs on 2, Graeme Bassam on 5, R. Anthony on 7, our chef Craig Mattick won the Subway voucher on 8, Kevin Mulhall 186cms got the Pizza voucher on 13, Peter Shepherd 125cms got Stu's ball on 15 and Rod Kinnear on 18. In the Ball Comp you needed 30 points on countback.



Wednesday 10th February was the first Monthly Medal Stroke for 2021 with 42 players braving drizzly conditions. Cheri Quinn visiting from Nudgee showed us how the course should be played coming in with 72 nett to be overall winner with "A" Grade runner up and Medal winner Sue Seymour on 76 nett. Medal winner in "B" Grade was Ann Antcliff 76 nett with runner up Wendy Ritchie 77. Lyn Vidler won the "C" Grade Medal with 79 nett and Sue O'Donnell runner up 84 nett. Sue Brooks had the best gross score with 92 of the stick and Wendy Ritchie won the putting competition with 26. Cheri Quinn won the Pizza for nearest the pin on 13th and Judy Boyle won the Pro Pin on the 18th. Ball run went to 80 nett.

PICTURE: Cheri Quinn congratulated by President Jan on her win.

Thursday 11th February was a Medley Single Stableford sponsored by FORTADE - thank you Brad Fortesque. Threatening weather caused a few cancellations, but we still had 76 starters, and I do not believe anyone had to get the broly out. In Division 1 (scratch to 18), Colin Wormleaton (11) and Stuart Johnston both scored 35 points - Col won the countback - no doubt due to all the practice that he got whilst completing the recent "Longest Day" challenge, where he and "Duffo" completed 101 holes of golf in one day. Meanwhile, in Division 2 (19 to 45) it was great to see Paul Maxwell (27) have a win with 37 points from Lee Fewings (32) with 35 points. Other good scores from Peter Fredericks 35 and Bryan Ussher 34 points. The Ball Comp went down to 31 points on countback. NTP's went to Peter Miller on 2, Col Habgood on 5, Peter Bush on 7, Greg Smith on 8, Bruce Berry got the Pizza voucher on 13, Ross Donnelly got Stu's ball on 15 and the Pro Pin Jackpot \$71 on 18 went to Garry Thurlow.

Friday 12th February was the first round of this year's "Haval Island Challenge" – a stroke event where the overall monthly winner will get the chance to test drive one of the Haval SUV's for a whole day, in addition to winning the usual competition trophy – check out the flyer on our website for full details. This month's winner is Club Treasurer, Andrew Johnston (21) who scored a net 76. Runner up was our Pro Shot assistant Harry McMillan (-1) from Coffs Harbour with a net 69 (and, he had a lost ball on the 4th hole –notwithstanding, great golf Harry!). Scratch winner was Chayse Thorpe (Lynwood) with 76. Woman's Nett Winner was Rhonda Rowe with 77. Other good scores from Peter Moxon 71, Dennis Ashton, David Gourley, Bryan Ussher, Johnathon Zirkler, Geoffrey McCann & David Alderdice (Toowoomba) all with 73. NTP's went to Harry McMillan on 2, "Illegible" (so please write clearly!) on 5, Harry McMillan again on 7, "nobody" on 8, Kel McGoldrick hit it to only 17cms on the Pizza 13th, Harry McMillan again on 15 and Rhonda Rowe on 18.

Saturday 13th February was a 4BBB Stableford and qualifying round for the Men's Knockout, sponsored by Philip Mander with a good field of 109 players – thankfully, the rain didn't start until everyone had finished! The winners were Linne Street & Gregory Lucas with a great score of 49, followed by Andrew Macdonald & Garry Thurlow 47, on countback from Colin Wormleaton & Steve Frost. Other good scores from Peter Mizzi & Kevin Mulhall 46 with the Ball Comp going down to 43 on countback. NTP's went to Paul Maxwell on 5, Walter Bortoletto on 7, Daniel McInerney on 8, Bill Percy got the Pizza voucher on 13, T. Robbins got Stu's ball on 15 and the Pro Pin Jackpot \$108 on 18 went to Jacob Newberry. Congratulations to all 16 qualifiers - a play-off draw is on the golf notice board.

On Sunday 14th February we hosted the MNCDGA Championships – as mentioned earlier, all the great work done by our Greens Team was spoilt by the 35mls of rain overnight – bunkers had flooded and became "GUR", with Preferred Lies in play to assist players in the wet conditions. Whilst a few pulled out of the draw, we still had 122 players for the day, which turned out to be a great one for a Golf Championship. The MNCDGA Champion for the year is Harry McMillan from Coffs Harbor with a fantastic 67 and runner up was Billy Flannigan (Coffs Harbour) with 70.

Nambucca was well represented in the field, with many using their local knowledge to feature in the trophies: Houston Baker- Senior Nett winner, Bruce Berry- Senior Gross winner, Chris Tinson -Division 5 Nett Winner, Huston Baker -Division 5 Gross Runner up, Steve Doherty- Div 4 Nett Winner, Warren Fuller -Division 4 Gross Runner up, Dennis Ashton Division - 4 Gross Winner, Ben Honeybrook - Division 3 Nett Winner, and Peter Farrell - Division 2 Gross Winner. A BIG thank you to all our Greens, Pro Shop, Club staff and Volunteers for your professional and efficient service, and we hope to host the event again in 2022 – hopefully, with fine weather to showcase our great Golf Course at its full potential.

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.

Next weeks' golf - Medley Single Stablefords on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The ladies are playing a Canadian Foursome on Wednesday. Social play all day Friday plus a 9 hole Chook Run.

Open events coming up include Womens Opening Day on Wednesday 24th and "Dolphin Day" on Thursday 25th.

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!



Harry McMillan & Dennis Ashton receiving their MNCDGA Trophies at presentation.