

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

By Geoffrey McCann.

We continue to welcome a steady stream of visiting golfers to the Island – the Grey Nomads are alive and well, and still travelling! There was no shortage of competitions again this week - for some, a trip to the Pro Shop after the first nine holes to stock up on golf balls! Some great golf later in the week when players attacked the course for the Island Challenge and Monthly Medal stroke events. This week's featured sponsor was Nambucca Valley Property – thank you David Winton and the team at NVP.

Tuesday 9th March was a Medley Single Stableford with 50 starters won by Kel McGoldrick (21) with 37 points on a countback from Dane Grabbe (13) from Kempsey. Other good scores from Kevin Schuhmann (Coffs Harbour) and Michael Tarleton 36, Dean Riordan (Kempsey) 35, Craig Haworth & Bradley Dyet (Kempsey) 34. The Ball run down to 30 on countback. NTP's went to Dean Riordan (Kempsey) for the Long Putt on 2, Graham Parker (Gosford) on 5, Colin Habgood (Kempsey) got the Subway voucher on 8, John McAuliffe got the Pizza voucher on 13, Dane Grabbe (Kempsey) got Stu's ball on 15, and John Moore on 18.

Wednesday 10th March was the deferred Women's Opening Day – most of the ladies found the course very tough going, and very few good scores were returned. It is fair to say that the camaraderie after the event soon compensated for any deflated egos from a hard day on the course. **Division 1** winner was Adrienne Smith (13) with 37 Points from Cheryl Grinlinton (20) from Coffs Harbour with 32 points. **In Division 2**, Jenny Thorne (26) was the winner with 36 points from Gillian Anderson (27) with 31 points. **In Division 3** Margot Gook (28) scored 35 points to win from Kay McGoldrick (29) with 31 points. **Division 4** winner was Kerry Shearer (39) with 31 points and Morann Paterson (39) was runner up with 30 points. The Ball Run Down went to 27 on countback. NTP's went to Marilyn Scully on 5, Peta Giddey on 13, Joanne Habgood on 7, and Henny Oldenhove on 18. The accuracy Drives went to Ruth Hall, Thea Kimber, Elaine Everitt and Rhonda Kirk.



Adrienne Smith, Jenny Johnston & Jan Harris



Kerry Shearer & Jenny Johnston



Margot Gook & Jan Harris



Jenny Johnston, Jenny Thorne & Jan Harris

Thursday 11th March was a Medley Single Stableford played in 2 Divisions. Steve Frost (16) was the winner of Division 1 with 43 points from Tomm Lewis (18) with 41 points. In Division 2, Ray Baker (22) and Mark Blake (27) both scored 34 points, Ray winning on the countback. Our General Manager Johnathon Zirkler didn't let the stress of implementing our new Club Management System spoil a good round, scoring 39 points, Ken Marriott, Anthony Smith & Colin Wormleaton all with 37 points. The Ball run down to 33 points on countback. NTP's went to Stuart Johnston for the Longest Putt on 2, Anthony Smith on 5, David Ogilvy on 7, Brad Fortesque (Macksville) on 8, Stuart Johnston took the Pizza voucher on 13, Paul Ryan got Stu's ball on 15, and David Mattacott won the Pro Pin Jackpot \$60 on 18.

Friday 12th March was the monthly "Haval Island Challenge" with the course set up as the name suggests - challenging! The overall winner gets to test drive the Haval SUV for a whole day as part of the trophy prize. Rising to the occasion was Andrew Mackinnon (17) scoring net 69 to win from Brian Smith (18) from Carbrook with net 70. Scratch winner was Bruce Berry 75. Matthew Ward (Macksville) and David Tawhara (Chinderah Tweed) also played well scoring net



VISITORS PLAYING IN THE HAVAL ISLAND CHALLENGE

- BRIAN SMITH (CARBROOK)
- BOB MURRAY (MAROOCHY RIVER)
- PHIL GRACIE (IGOLF QLD)
- PAUL McSWAINE (OXLEY)

71 each. The best Lady score came from Judy Boyle with 71 net. NTP's for a sleeve of golf balls went to Rhonda Rowe on 5, Brian Smith on 7, Jennifer Johnston on 8, Judy Boyle on 18, and Dennis Ashton won the Pizza voucher on 13.

Saturday 13th March was the Men's Monthly Medal Stroke and first round of this year's Eclectic with a good field of 106 players keen to make the most of the good weather. In "A" Grade, Greg McCoy (3) continued his consistent good form to score 68 Net to win from Colin Wormleaton (11) on countback. Not surprisingly, and also playing great golf in recent times was Bruce Berry taking the scratch with 72. The shot of the day has to go to Bruce who also scores an elusive "Eagle" on the 4th Hole - a 459 Meter Par 5, holing out in only 3 shots - this guy is playing some "hot" golf and deserves to raid the Eagles Nest for his dozen golf balls! In "B" Grade, Rodney Robertson (17) scored 67 Net to win from Peter Moxon (18) with 69 Net. John Nebauer won the scratch with 85. "C" Grade winner was Joe Street (19) scoring 66 Net to win from Bernard Dugdale (24) with 67 Net. Scratch winner was Andrew Bagust with 89. The Ball run down went to 75 Net on countback. NTPs went to Peter McCrohon (Highlands GC) for the longest putt on 2, Jake Hare on 5, David Elliott (Wingham) on 7, Jamie Lucas got the Subway voucher on 8, Philip Mander got the Pizza voucher on 13, Rodney Robertson got Stu's ball on 15, and the Pro Pin Jackpot \$100 went to Les Mohr on 18.

Sunday 14th March was a much more laid back affair with no more stroke, thank heavens - the Mixed 4BBB Stableford event. Winners were Kay & Kel McGoldrick with 41 points from Patronella McIlwain & Leslie Mohr runners up on 41 points. The Ball run down went to 38 points on countback. NTP's went to Linne Street on 5, Glenys Thompson won the Pizza voucher on 13, Johnathon Ritchie & Judy Boyle on 18.

New Golf Management System has been installed and commenced on Tuesday 9th March. Members will no longer receive vouchers and golf balls for event trophies - these values will now be credited to each member's account. Members will need to change their old passwords to access the new system and Member's Portal - contact the Office or Bar if you need assistance. Members seem extremely pleased with the increased functionality available with the Members Portal - everything from tee bookings, handicap lookup, daily results and member's contact details. The daily golf results will no longer appear on our Website - these are available through your Members Portal. This weekly report will continue on the website, Guardian News website & facebook, and the notice board. We appreciate player's patience as we come to grips with the intricacies of the new system.

Men's 4BBB Knockout – play-offs are under way, the first round is to be completed by Saturday 27th March.

Men's Eclectic & Top Gun Shootout – it's not too late to nominate for these events, entry fees can be paid at the Pro Shop on Saturdays.

BRIAN BURNS Memorial Shield – A friendly interclub challenge in memory of our past 11 times Champion, and to promote the camaraderie between our two clubs. We need more teams of 2 to play a Medley 4BBB game on Thursday 25th March "Dolphin Day" at Nambucca and on Saturday 27th March at Macksville. With 10 teams ready to go, Macksville already have a head start – C'mon Nambucca, let's show them our team spirit – nominations on Notice Board. You must commit to BOTH rounds!

SCORE CARDS – A reminder that cards **MUST be signed by BOTH Player and Marker** – we hate to have to disqualify anybody, especially if you have had a good round! Remember, those COVID temporary rules have FINISHED!

Next weeks' golf - Medley Single Stablefords on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday - first round for the Men's Top Gun qualifying scores is on Saturday. The Ladies play a Single Stableford on Wednesday, and there is a Chook Run on Friday. **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!