

2011

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - DAVE PARKINSON SHIELD

SINGLETON GOLF CLUB, SUNDAY 13 MARCH, 2011

JUNIOR CHAMPION: TOM BATEMAN (Aberdeen) 72 c/b

Fifty four juniors participated in the 2011 District Junior championships, which included visitors from Belmont, Buladelah, Charlestown, Chatswood, Everglades & Royal Sydney.

The junior champion for 2011 is Tom Bateman, with a returned score of 72, winning in a four way countback from Isiah Wolferstan, Kade Hardy & Nick Gulliver. Tom had to undergo some anxious moments in the clubhouse after he signed for an incorrect score of 71, which would have made him the outright winner. When his card was checked it added to 72, due to his marker putting him down for a 4 on the second hole, when his correct score was 3. This put him into the four way countback, which eventually saw justice done and he was awarded the title.

To sort the countback it was necessary to go to the final 3 holes, after all four players returned 37 for the inward 9 holes. The secondary countback of the final six holes saw Isiah & Kade drop out, then Tom's 3-4-3 finish, over the last three holes gave him the advantage over Nick's 4-3-4.

Tom has learnt a valuable lesson today and will check his cards thoroughly in future.

Other age division results are as listed below.

GIRLS	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Nett Winner	Tayla PEARCE	Belmont	68

BOYS 13 and Under	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Blake WINDRED	Charlestown	76
Nett Winner	Bailey BOURKE	Scone	62
Nett Runner Up	Isaac WILLOUGHBY	Belmont	66

BOYS 14 and 15	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Isaih WOLFERSTAN	Branxton	72
Nett Winner	Tyler LOADSMAN	Branxton	68
Nett Runner Up	Brodyn GARGAN	Muswellbrook	70cb

BOYS 16 and 17	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Nick GULLIVER	Maitland	72
Nett Winner	Kade HARDY	Maitland	69
Nett Runner Up	Jon LAWLER	Branxton	71

MIXED AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MUSWELLBROOK - 22nd May 2011

The Kurri team of Andrew Wyper, Adele Johns, Kevin & Patsy fielding made a mockery of the "tough" Muswellbrook layout in the annual mixed ambrose fours championships. The winning score of 58, 14 under par was a model of consistency, recording 7 birdies on either nine for 29 hits each side. Their only blemishes were par's on holes 6, 9,11 & 14.

Scratch runners up were the locals led by Kymble Pascoe and team mates Brodie Mainey, Sue Wilks & Nicki O'Driscoll finishing with 60 hits and two shots in arrears. A slow start of 31 hits the opening nine was the difference between the two sides.

The only Maitland team to participate, were Missy & Ron Beavis who teamed with David & Heather Keith to win the handicap trophy with a score of 54 ½. A magnificent eagle on the 15th was tempered by a dropped shot on the very next hole, but they regained their composure to finish birdie birdie.

Nett runners up were Nathan Waters, Lyn Banks, Steve & Robyn Murray from Scone who finished on 55 ¾. A sluggish opening nine resulted in a mediocre 34 strokes but the team from the Horse Capital came home with a withering run to finish with 28 hits on the inward nine and jump into second position without the need of a photofinish.

Only 68 players participated which is disappointing in comparison to the previous year when 92 players took part.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Scratch Winners	Andrew Wyper		
	Kevin Fielding		
	Patsy Fielding	KURRI	58
	Adele Johns		
Scratch R Up	Kymble Pascoe		
	Brodie Mainey		
	Sue Wilks	MUSWELLBROOK	60
	Nicki O'Driscoll		
NETT			
Nett Winners	Ron Beavis		
	David Keith		
	Helen Keith	MAITLAND	54 1/2
	Melissa Beavis		
Nett R Up	Nathan Waters		
	Lynne Banks	SCONE	55 1/4
	Steve Murray		
	Robyn Murray		

SAND GREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Murrurundi Golf Club – July, 2011

Little known Aberdeen golfer Greg Parkinson, from Aberdeen is the 2011 Sand Green Champion, winning the event by a stroke, with a 75 off the beater. Playing off a 9 handicap he shot consistent rounds of 37 - 38. His only real blemishes were double bogeys on holes 6, 7 & 11, but were offset by a brilliant eagle on the par 5 8th hole.

Runner up was visitor from Werris Creek Gary McBeath one stroke in arrears on 76, with a countback necessary to separate him from Brett Reid, a former local who has recently returned to town after a spell in Brisbane.

Josh Taylor (The Oaks) streeted the field in the nett event with and 87 - 57 score, finishing 7 strokes ahead of his nearest rival. Josh struck a purple patch on the back nine, the more difficult nine, where he reeled off five straight pars, starting at the 10th hole, to consolidate his round.

Wal Simmons, of the Kurri variety, came in second on net 64, edging out fellow members from Kurri Peter Collins, 65, and Brodie Collett on nett 67.

		Name	Club	Score
Scratch	Winner	Greg Parkinson	Aberdeen	75
	Second	Gary McBeath	Werris Creek	76
	Third	Brett Reid	Murrurundi	76
		Name	Club	Score
Handicap	Winner	Josh Taylor	The Oaks	57
	Second	Wal Simmons	Kurri	64
	Third	Peter Collins	Kurri	65
			Brodie Collett	Kurri

TWO MAN AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

KING WARBURTON CUP

Muswellbrook Golf Club - Sunday 17 July, 2011

The next generation of junior golfers put their wares on show, cleaning up at the 2 Man Ambrose Championship, hosted by Muswellbrook, which provided a real test of golf.

Leading the way were the young pairing of Nathan Waters and Tom Bateman, from Scone, with a sizzling round of 60, 12 under par. After a nervous bogey start, the boys settled to shoot 5 birdies for a 4 under par for the first 9 holes. It was on the back nine where they really came alive, rattling off 6 birdies and an eagle for 8 under par. Their performance was even more meritorious as they were drawn with the pre tournament favourite team, of Hale & Marcheff who sat back and admired the golf.

Another youthful combination of Dylan Perry and Andrew McTaggart, from Muswellbrook, fired a 62 to come in runner up in the scratch event. Eight pars and 10 birdies was indicative of their consistency.

In Division 2 the scratch winners hailed from The Vintage, in the form of Steve Leathley and John Retallick with a 2 under par 69, their only blemish occurring on the final hole with an inglorious bogey. It is pleasing to see the Vintage players supporting the District events.

Scratch runners up in Division 2 were local stalwarts Eli Raad and Bruce Robinson who finished one stroke behind on 70. The two most difficult holes, the 7th & 13th were their only two bogeys, in what was otherwise a consistent round.

Once again youth came to the fore, when Will Barnett (Scone) and Brodyn Gargan (Muswellbrook) fired a 10 under par round for a nett 59 1/2 to win the Division 1 nett score. On the back nine the boys shot 6 consecutive 3's through holes 12 to 17, which included an eagle on 15. Their back nine score was 29 hits.

Handicap runners up, were two players usually featuring in the scratch trophies, in Mark Hale of Branxton and his big hitting partner Glen Marcheff of Singleton. Their nett score of 61 1/2 was only 1 1/2 strokes better than their scratch score.

The Division 2 nett winners were the fourball /ambrose specialists the Lucas family of Troy and Anthony on nett 59 3/4. The Kurri pairing playing off handicaps of 7 & 33 shot a 2 under par 70, a score players off lesser handicaps were not capable of.

Runners up in Division 2 were also a Kurri pairing in Dave Newell and Wayne Drayton on nett 62 1/2, edging out Rob Hampton and Bruce Pritchard from Dungog by 1/4 of a stroke.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Div. 1 Scratch Winners	Nathan WATERS	Scone	60
	Tom BATEMAN	Scone	
Div. 1 Scratch RU	Dylan PERRY	Muswellbrook	62
	Andrew McTAGGART	Muswellbrook	
Div. 2 Scratch Winners	Steve LEATHLEY	Vintage	69
	John RETALLICK	Vintage	
Div. 2 Scratch RU	Eli RAAD	Muswellbrook	70
	Bruce ROBERTSON	Muswellbrook	
NETT			
Div. 1 Nett Winners	Will BARNETT	Scone	59 1/2
	Brodyn GARGAN	Muswellbrook	
Div. 1 Nett RU	Mark HALE	Branxton	61 1/2
	Glen MARCHEFF	Singleton	
Div. 2 Nett Winners	Troy LUCAS	Kurri	59 3/4
	Anthony LUCAS	Kurri	
Div.2 Nett RU	Wayne DRAYTON	Kurri	62 1/2
	David NEWELL	Kurri	
Div.2 Third	Robert HAMPTON	Dungog	62 3/4
	Bruce PRITCHARD	Dungog	

DISTRICT MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS – Ben Owen Cup

Muswellbrook Golf Club – August, 2011

THE YEAR OF THE BUDGIE

Muswellbrook Golf Club hosted the Masters Championships, with all the winners, surprisingly coming from the senior golfers of the District. Early showers scared off only three players and the weather cleared to allow the field to enjoy top day for golf on a challenging golf course.

The 2011 Champion was local Gary Mears who streeeted a quality field by 5 strokes with a one under par 71. An opening bogey was quickly reclaimed with a third hole birdie, only to be given back with a bogey on the 7th hole. The back nine of two under par 34 consisted of an ordinary bogey on 10, followed by birdies on 12, 14 and 16.

Gary will probably add another tattoo to his body to commemorate the win, to balance out the Dragon's tattoo after their grand final win last year.

A past winner Ken Roe came in runner up on 76. After 9 holes Ken thought he was just making up the numbers, with not so impressive 41 strokes on the card. The back nine was a different story with an inspiring score of 35, one under par.

Andrew Hamilton of Kurri came in third on 77 edging out Bryan Gulliver, of Maitland, who is the youngest "old fart" of the tournament, having reached the big 50 late in May.

The handicap prizemoney went to Peter Griffin from Paterson with a nett 66, which could have been better if not for disasterous double bogeys on 3, 7 & 18.

2008 Masters Champion James Hogg was runner up on nett 68 after the application of the countback . James shot a meritorious 78 and these days has the luxury of a 10 handicap to arrive at his winning score.

Third place went to Tom Hannah of The Vintage on nett 68. After 9 holes Tom thought he had struck the jackpot when he had 3 sevens (triple bogies) for a 48, but knuckled down to finish with 42 on the backnine.

Exciting news for the 2012 Masters is that an offer from Cypress Lakes to host the event, was locked in by the Committee, and should draw a capacity field.

		Name	Club	Score
Scratch	Winner	Gary MEARS	Muswellbrook	71
	Second	Ken ROE	The Oaks	76
	Third	Andrew HAMILTON	Kurri	78
		Name	Club	Score
Handicap	Winner	Peter GRIFFIN	Paterson	66

	Second	James HOGG	Cypress Lakes	68c/b
	Third	Tom HANNAH	The Vintage	68

2011 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Maitland Golf Club – 28 August, 2011

The District's next golfing prodigy Dylan Perry, displayed his talent by taking out the District Championship, with a two under par, 69, around the Maitland course, to win by a margin of 5 strokes. An ordinary front nine of 2 over, thanks to a double on the third, and a bogey on 5, which was cancelled out by a birdie on the 4th, saw Dylan back in the field. Then the fireworks commenced on the back nine, with birdies on 10, 14, 15 & 18, for a 31 and total of 69.

Dylan is one of a crop of talented young golfers, nurtured in the Upper Hunter, which augurs well for golf in our District.

Runner up was Craig Melville, who shot a creditable 74 on his home track. Craig had a mixed bag of a round with 6 bogeys and three birdies to make up his 3 over par.

Another of the District's talented juniors Hayden Gulliver shot a 75 nett 70 to win the A grade handicap event. Hayden let's his Clubs do the talking, shooting a one over par on the inward nine, to secure the win in a 3 way countback.

Minor placings went to the Singleton players, Michael Fitzpatrick and Arne Coulston, who also finished on nett 70.

The B grade champion is Wayne Clements (Maitland), with an 80 off the bat, to secure his second B grade title, having won in 2007 which was also played at Maitland. Hitting off the 10th tee "Clemmo" shot a scary even par round of 35. The nerves crept in on the front nine to see him scratch around for a 45, 10 strokes worse, but held on to take the trophy, by one stroke.

The colourful Dale Troy (in case you missed him he was the golfer in the Ricky Fowler orange attire) from Cypress Lakes shot an 81 to finish one behind. A bogey on the easiest hole on the course (15th) was costly.

Dave Skinner from Maitland won the B grade handicap with a nett 69. Dave played consistently for an 83 off the beater, with his only blemish being a double bogey on 10th hole.

Runner up Mark Bewes from The Oaks, should have won the nett event comfortably, but consecutive triple bogeys on the 9th & 10th holes blew his chances, to finish 86 - 70. Glenn Randall from Maitland came in third on nett 71, edging Steve Leathley out on a countback.

The C grade champion for 2011 is Steve Oswald, from Maitland, with pair of "fat ladies" 88. Ossie just pats the ball down the middle and rarely strays off the mown portion, tactics which proved effective, as he won by a margin of 4 shots.

Drew Dewar from Singleton was runner up on 92. After a nervous 48 hits on the first nine, Drew settled down to shoot a more respectable 44 on the back nine.

C grade handicap winner was Kev Patterson (Maitland), who was the captain of the victorious Maitland Bercini Cup team. Kev shot a 95 - 69 to win on a countback, with a nett 33 on the back nine.

Unlucky runner up was newcomer to the game Alex Olsen of Dungog, who shot a nett 69 in his first district championship. Young Alex is the progeny of Jim & Judy Olsen, and has obviously inherited their golf genes.

In third spot was Tony Charlesworth from Singleton on nett 72. Two triple bogeys on the back nine cost him dearly.

Nearest the Pin winners: A - Stephen Kearney; B - Alan Mildew; C - Scott Gardiner.

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TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
A GRADE			
scratch 1	Dylan Perry	Muswellbrook	69
scratch 2	Craig Melville	Maitland	74
nett 1	Hayden Gulliver	Maitland	70
nett 2	Michael Kirkpatrick	Singleton	70
nett 3	Arn Coulston	Singleton	70
B GRADE			
scratch 1	Wayne Clements	Maitland	80
scratch 2	Dale Troy	Cypress Lakes	81
nett 1	David Skinner	Maitland	69
nett 2	Mark Bewes	The Oaks	70
nett 3	Glenn Randall	Maitland	71
C GRADE			
scratch 1	Steve Oswald	Maitland	88
scratch 2	Drew Dewar	Singleton	92
nett 1	Kevin Paterson	Maitland	69
nett 2	Alex Olsen	Dungog	69
nett 3	Tony Charlesworth	Singleton	72

AMBROSE FOURS CHAMPIONSHIPS - McLINTOCK SHIELD

Maitland 30 October, 2011

The winning team from the Vintage Golf Club continued that Club's regular strike rate in District events in 2011. The Club has been an excellent supporter of District events over the year and the winning team of Josh Knott, Matt Farley, Paul Fitzsimon (Captain) and Neville Peace turned in a record winning score of 55 strokes, 16 under par, to win by a 3 stroke margin.

Josh Knott provided the firepower for the team off the tee, utilising his awesome length off the tee positioning the team for relatively short approach shots to the green. On the 16th hole Josh positioned his 3 wood tee shot well down the fairway and then holed a half wedge for an eagle 2. After a "slow" start on the front nine of 29, team Captain Paul Fitzsimon cracked the whip, resulting in 26 strokes for

the back nine. From hole 5 through to 12 the team had consecutive 3's and then topped it off with a 2 on the quarry. Scroll down to view the card.

Unlucky runners up were the youthful team of sMac Dawson, Jake Teague, Jarrod Broughton and Joel Harrison (Scone) on 58 strokes, which would normally win an ambrose event. The countback had to be applied to decide the runners up. A slow start of even par through the first 3 holes, then average pars on the quarry and 17th, against birdies on the other 7 seven holes on the back nine, were costly in the final wash up.

District Senior rep player Andrew Hamilton led his team from Kurri, to victory in the handicap event, winning by a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shot on $52\frac{5}{8}$. Andrew teamed with Leighton Wells, Steve Rowe and James Ellis to shoot $30 - 29 = 59$ for the 18 holes. The team was the only side to birdie the 422 metre par 4 second hole on the day.

The team of Adam Jackson, Kurt Humphreys, Nick Evans and Mick Ervin, from The Oaks (aka Stonebridge) were runners up in the handicap event finishing on $52\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a stroke off first place.

Hard working committeeman John Stewart achieved a PB with his eagle on the 6th hole, where he knocked a 6 iron into the hole off his own drive.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Scratch Winners	Josh KNOTT		
	Matt FARLEY	The Vintage	55
	Paul FITZSIMON		
	Neville PEACE		
Scratch R Up	Mac DAWSON		
	Jake TEAGUE	Scone	58c/b
	Jarrod BROUGHTON		
	Joel HARRISON		
NETT			
Nett Winners	Andrew HAMILTON		
	Leighton WELLS	Kurri	$52\frac{5}{8}$
	Steve ROWE		
	James ELLIS		
Nett R Up	Adam JACKSON		
	Kurt HUMPHREYS	Oaks	$52\frac{7}{8}$
	Nick EVANS		
	Mick ERVIN		

HRDGA Ambrose Championship

Player 1: MAD FRALBY... Handicap : 4...
 Player 2: JOS L. KNOTT... Handicap : 3...
 Player 3: NEVILLE PRACE... Handicap : 14...
 Player 4: PAUL P. T. SMITH... Handicap : 12...

Results	
Stroke	55
H/cap	4 1/8
Nett	50 7/8

Mtrs	Mens	Ladies	Par	Team			Marker	
				Score	Drive	Hole	Score	Drive
366	8~23	2	4	3	JK	1		
422	1~20	8	4	4	JK	2		
185	7~33	10	3	3	NP	3		
471	12~26	4	5	4	MF	4		
149	10~32	15	3	3	JK	5		
306	14~31	13	4	3	JK	6		
475	11~22	12	5	3	JK	7		
307	4~24	18	4	3	PF	8		
361	5~28	6	4	3	MF	9		
3042			36	29		Out		
331	9~27	5	4	3	PF	10		
169	6~34	11	3	3	PF	11		
343	13~25	7	4	3	PF	12		
122	15~36	17	3	2	NP	13		
466	16~29	9	5	4	JK	14		
438	18~30	16	5	4	MF	15		
372	2~19	1	4	3	JK	16		
151	17~35	14	3	3	JK	17		
373	3~21	3	4	3	NP	18		
2765			35	26		In		
3042			36	29		Out		
5807			71	55		Total		
						H/cap		
						Net		

Marker : Madly Player : Jos L Knott
 Sunday 30th October