

2005

HRDGA V BWDGA – Artie Mollett Shield

Toukley Golf Club 1 May, 2005

The annual inter district match between Brisbane Waters DGA and the Hunter River DGA was contested at the Toukley Golf Club on Sunday 1 May 2005.

In a keenly contested match Brisbane Water managed to salvage an 8 all draw in a see-sawing contest.

After nine holes Brisbane Waters held the upper hand, but the Hunter River players, renowned "stayers", battled on to take a narrow lead over the closing stages only to see Brisbane Waters junior Michael Kelly sneak a hole back on the eighteenth hole, for a square in his match, to tie the contest 8 matches all.

Team Captain Greg McMillan led the way with a 1 up win, well supported by Jamie Stephen and Brent Watson for the senior players.

The Colts disappointed with Nathan "Shady" Lane the only winner and Michael Clark, playing his first match in the Colts ranks had a creditable draw.

The juniors showed their strength with wins by Chris Burdekin, playing at No. 1 for the first time, while Jamie Adamson psyched his opponent out of his match after being behind for most of the match. Thirteen year old Luke Gageler played with a maturity beyond his years, when he piloted a career draw shot from behind trees on the 18th to finish 6 feet from the hole, and proceeded to hole the putt and maintain his 1 up advantage. Ben Sweetman held a lead for most of the way but succumbed over the closing stages to draw his match.

The tied result sees Brisbane Waters retain the Shield for the next twelve months, where the Hunter River team will seek to extract revenge on their home turf in 2006.

Match Results

BRISBANE WATERS		HUNTER RIVER	
SENIORS			
Brett WOODWARD	+6/4	Andrew WYPER	
Fergus TAYLOR		Greg McMILLAN	+1 up
Dave WILLETT		Jamie STEPHEN	+4/3
Brian CARMICHAEL		Brent WATSON	+6/4
Peter SLIWINSKI	+3/2	Glenn MARCHEFF	
Adrian KERR	+2/1	Dustin KNIGHT	
TOTAL	3	TOTAL	3
COLTS			

Dan BOSLEY	+4/2	Dave MORGAN	
Nathan MARSH		Nathan LANE	+5/3
Scott McDARMOTT	SQUARE	Michael CLARK	SQUARE
Josh McMILLAN	+5/3	Kurt CRESSWELL	
Mitch CUNNINGTON	+8/7	Kai PRIDUE	
TOTAL	3 1/2	TOTAL	1 1/2
JUNIORS			
Dimi PAPADATOS		Chris BURDEKIN	+1 up
Michael KELLY	SQUARE	Ben SWEETMAN	SQUARE
Mitchell DONE		Jamie ADAMSON	+3/2
Scott BOOTH		Luke GAGELER	+1 up
Brad NEWCOMBE	+2 up	Sonny Bill COOK	
TOTAL	1 1/2	TOTAL	3 1/2
TOTAL MATCHES WON	8	TOTAL MATCHES WON	8

HRDGA v NDGA _ P.R. WEST SHIELD

Dungog Golf Club June, 2005

After being mercilessly flogged by New South Wales last weekend, the Newcastle DGA side sought to extract revenge against the depleted Hunter River team at the picturesque Dungog Golf Course.

The annual match for the P. R. West Shield was hosted by the Hunter River District. With vivid memories of a rare win the last time the two teams met on Hunter River turf, the locals were hopeful of a repeat performance.

Last minute withdrawals from the Hunter side saw team re-shuffles with Colt players promoted to seniors to cover the gaps. A late addition to the seniors team was local identity John Campbell playing his first representative match.

Sadly the Newcastle side spoilt the day with a 9 1/2 matches to 6 1/2 victory, a creditable win despite the team bus experiencing navigation problems and turning up 30 minutes late.

After 9 holes the Newcastle side held the upper hand, but a strong performance by the gallant Hunter players saw them storm back into contention extending the opposition players to the final holes. Twelve of the sixteen matches went past the clubhouse onto the final three holes, eleven being decided on the last hole.

In the absence of their President, John Waanders, worried Newcastle officials spurred their players on to a close victory over the final three holes.

Matt Jones and Nathan Lane, promoted from the Colts to Seniors acquitted themselves with squared matches against their more experienced opponents, whilst twelve year old Luke Gageler chalked up another fine win in his second representative match.

Match Results

NEWCASTLE		HUNTER RIVER	
SENIORS			
Grant SCOTT	+3/2	Brent WATSON	
Mick BROWNING	SQUARE	Matt JONES	SQUARE
Aaron HART	+2/1	Greg McMILLAN	
Mick WADE		Dustin KNIGHT	+2/1
Damien MURRELL	+3/2	John CAMPBELL	
Scott DAVIS	SQUARE	Nathan LANE	SQUARE
TOTAL	4	TOTAL	2
COLTS			
Chris JONES	+4/3	David MORGAN	
John HERRICK		Michael CLARK	+1up
Angus NEIL	+4/3	Matt HOPLEY	
Mick COUTMAN	SQUARE	Kurt CRESSWELL	SQUARE
Brent GARDE	+4/3	James ANDREWS	
TOTAL	3 1/2	TOTAL	1 1/2
JUNIORS			
Josh de GROOTE	SQUARE	Chris BURDEKIN	SQUARE
Kris MAYAN		Jamie ADAMSON	+1up
Daniel O'REILLY	SQUARE	Ben SWEETMAN	SQUARE
Robbie RICHARDS		Luke GAGELER	+2/1
Mitchell ASSER	+1 up	Sonny Bill COOK	
TOTAL	2	TOTAL	3
TOTAL MATCHES WON	9 1/2	TOTAL MATCHES WON	6 1/2

JUNIOR 4 WAY - COL JOHNSTON SHIELD

Toukley Golf Club 12 & 12 November, 2005

The team of "young guns" selected to represent the District did our District and themselves proud by taking the coveted Col Johnston Shield at Toukley Golf Club on Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 November, 2005.

The format is a round robin of 9 holes of match play against the Brisbane Waters, Lower North Coast and Newcastle DGA's. The selection of the team is restricted to juniors under the age of 16 years. It presents each Association the opportunity to blood the rep players of the future.

The Hunter River side consisted of:

Jono Towns Captain (Maitland)

Blake Martin (Branxton)

Shane Cuthbertson (Singleton)

Stewart Blackwell (Maitland)

Mac Dawson (Scone)

Luke Mitchell (Maitland)

Cameron Benkovic (Muswellbrook)

Results

vs Newcastle DGA

Hunter River		Newcastle	
Jono Towns (4)	Sq	Regan McGovern (6)	Sq
Blake Martin (5)		Brett Edmonds (6)	+ 3/2
Shane Cuthbertson (7)	+ 1 up	Daniel Skelton (7)	
Stewart Blackwell (10)	+ 1 up	Tim Meek (7)	
Mac Dawson (11)		Corey Baker (7)	+ 2 up
Luke Mitchell (13)	+ 1 up	Adam Liddiard (9)	
Cameron Benkovic (13)		Nathan Gardner (9)	+ 3/2
TOTAL	3 1/2	TOTAL	3 1/2

vs Lower North Coast

Hunter River		Lower North Coast	
Jono Towns (4)	+ 4/3	Matt Mudford (6)	
Blake Martin (5)		John Coleman (8)	+ 3/2
Shane Cuthbertson (7)	Sq	Brock Hynes (11)	Sq
Stewart Blackwell (10)	Sq	Adam Cecil	Sq

Mac Dawson (11)	+ 1 up	Adam Crowe (15)	
Luke Mitchell (13)	+ 2/1	Ben Williams (18)	
Cameron Benkovic (13)	+ 5/3	Brodie Ellis (27)	
TOTAL	5	TOTAL	2

vs Brisbane Waters

Hunter River		Brisbane Waters	
Jono Towns (4)		Peter Lamaris (4)	+ 1 up
Blake Martin (5)		Matt Spinks (4)	+ 1 up
Shane Cuthbertson (7)	+ 2/1	Ben Glachan (6)	
Stewart Blackwell (10)	+ 2 up	Matt Peterson (6)	
Mac Dawson (11)	+ 2/1	Matt Hanshaw (7)	
Luke Mitchell (13)	+ 2/1	Matt Byrne (11)	
Cameron Benkovic (13)	Sq	Daniel Friend (12)	Sq
TOTAL	4 1/2	TOTAL	2 1/2

NSWGA Country Championships

Bathurst Golf Club. 5 & 6 November, 2005.

The Hunter River District Junior team members acquitted themselves with creditable third placing in the Inter District Junior Teams Championships. Their two round aggregate score was 301, 9 strokes behind the Newcastle team on 292.

The Senior team finished mid field, with some excellent individual scores. The home ground advantage suited the Blue Mountains teams who finished on 582, 22 strokes in front of our team.

The Championship is growing in stature with a field of 190 players from all corners of the State participating in the two day event.

Steve Binns from Brisbane Waters won the Country Championship, with 2 under par 140. Exciting prospect Dimi Papadatos, also from Brisbane Waters won the Junior Championship with two round total of 142.

HRDGA Team results:

Player	Round 1	Round 2
Dustin Knight	79	72
Greg McMillan	71	75

Glenn Marcheff	77	75
Kymble Pascoe	83	80
Chris Burdekin	75	80
TOTAL	302	302/604
Ben Sweetman	82	77
Luke Gageler	76	74
Josh Knott	77	74
TOTAL	153	148/301