

2008

BAKER TRINDER SHIELD 2008

MOREE GOLF CLUB 29 – 30 MARCH, 2008

The Hunter River junior team relinquished their grip on the Baker Trinder Shield at Moree over the weekend of 29 & 30 March, 2008.

After recording two excellent wins in their matches on Saturday against Western and Central North, the team were comfortably positioned to take the Shield once again in their final match against the local side North West. The side could have lost the match 4/3 and still defended the Shield, by winning on points for.

Alas this wasn't to be with the local team causing an upset and winning by 5 matches to 2 and taking the coveted Shield.

Our team were gracious in defeat and the win by the North West side will be a boost to golf in the north of the State.

BAKER TRINDER SHIELD 2008 - ROUND 1

	Hunter River	H'cap	Result	Western District	H'cap	Result
1	Connor Walton	4	7/6	Matt Egan	3	
2	Mac Dawson	4		Zac Duffy	3	1 up
3	Andrew Marriott	4		Joel Head	5	4/2
4	Cameron Benkovic	5	6/5	Ken Connelly	8	
5	Mitchell Butler	5	6/4	Matt Lambgey	12	
6	Justin Smart	6	2/1	James Lewin	17	
7	Nick Payne	6	6/4	James Wheller	20	
8	Adrian Chomiziak (Res)	8	6/4	Corey Williams (Res)	26	
			5			2

North West DGA

3

Central North

4

Round 2 - Saturday PM

	Hunter River	H'cap	Result	Central North	H'cap	Result
1	Connor Walton	4	4/3	Andrew Aeria	5	
2	Mac Dawson	4	2 up	Michael Handley	7	
3	Andrew Marriott	4	Sq	Harrison Russell	8	Sq
4	Cameron Benkovic	5	5/4	Justin Kellett	9	
5	Mitchell Butler	5		Ryan English	9	4/3

The Hunter team went into the match confident as the majority of the Central Coast team had never experienced sand greens. The plan to ply the visitors with Murrurundi's favourite drop Green Ginger wine, on Saturday came apart when the club ran out of stock early in the evening.

Central Coast won the match 15 1/2 games to 11 1/2 games. The 4 match margin does not indicate the closeness of the result as 7 matches were halved. In 4 of those matches the Hunter players were 1 up going down the last and only to stumble at the post and draw their game.

To make matters worse Chris Ford was holding a slight advantage over his opponent, when he was crowned on the scone by a wayward Central Coast golf ball. He never recovered from the blow and succumbed to the pain eventually losing his match 3 & 2.

The adage "from the penthouse to the outhouse" reverberated around the Clubhouse after Martin Smith copped a 6 & 5 hiding at the hands of Central Coast captain Peter Sliwinski. Marty was on a high after winning his match against Newcastle late last year, then backed up last Sunday to win the District Sand Greens Championship at Merriwa. The selector will no doubt take this result into account when the next rep team comes up for selection.

The efforts and hospitality extended to players and officials cannot go without mention. The small club provided all meals for the 50 odd players and officials as well as providing a courtesy bus compliments of Ferguson Coaches to ferry all players and officials to and from the Club.

Fourball Matches			
HUNTER		CENTRAL COAST	
Garry Mears - James Smart		Jack Parker - Ben Glachan	+1
Phil Ledgerwood - Mac Dawson	O	Jim Cunnington - Jamie Carr	O
Ross Banks - Chris Ford	3/2	Trevor Walker - Mitchell Brown	
Bob Walker - Nick Payne		Jamie Stephens - Hayden Woodbridge	3/1
Jeff Wyper - Andrew Marriott		Dave Willett - Jarrod Hayes	2/1
Steve Lill - Connor Walton	+2	Mark Rota - Keiran Pratt	
Michael Clark - Justin Smart		Peter Sliwinski - Joel Breen	3/1
Martin Smith - Daniel Rigby		Jamie Swanson - Jackson Shaw	2/1
David Morgan - Mitchell Butler	2/1	Peter Thompson - Ethan Forsyth	
TOTAL	3.5		5.5
HUNTER		CENTRAL COAST	
Singles Matches			
Veterans			
Garry Mears	2/1	Jack Parker	
Ross Banks		Jim Cunnington	4/3
Phil Ledgerwood	O	Trevor Walker	O
TOTAL	1.5		1.5
Colts		Colts	
Chris Ford		Ben Glachan	3/1
James Smart	6/5	Mitchel Brown	
Mac Dawson		Jamie Carr	+1
TOTAL	1		2

Juniors		Juniors	
Connor Walton	O	Joel Breen	O
Andrew Marriott	+1	Hayden Woodbridge	
Nick Payne	+1	Ethan Forsyth	
Justin Smart	O	Keiran Pratt	O
Mitchell Butler		Jackson Shaw	+1
Daniel Rigby	1	Jarrold Hayes	
TOTAL	4		2
Seniors		Seniors	
David Morgan	O	Jamie Swanson	O
Michael Clark		Jamie Stephen	5/4
Steve Lill	O	Dave Willett	O
Martin Smith		Peter Sliwinski	6/5
Jeff Wyper	O	Mark Rota	O
Bob Walker		Peter Thompson	2/1
TOTAL	1.5		4.5

FINAL RESULT	11.5		15.5
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NEWCASTLE TAKES WEST SHIELD AGAIN

Merewether Golf Club

A chilly morning greeted the players to the Merewether course for the annual inter district match against the Newcastle DGA.

Originally scheduled for a 9.00 am hit off the match was brought forward to 7.45 am, which in hindsight was a brilliant move by the innovative Newcastle committee, ensuring all players were safely in the Clubhouse when the afternoon storm swept through.

The Newcastle team swept through the Hunter side like a dose of Epsom salts to clean up by the margin of 13 ½ matches to 4 ½.

Our senior six lost all matches, colts went down 2 matches to 1, old timers lost 2 matches to 1 and the juniors were best overall performers, going down 3 ½ to 2 ½.

Mention should be made of Nick Gulliver, who came in as a late replacement for Luke Gageler, and won his first major District match 3 & 2.

Andrew Marriott won his match, 2 up, but almost succumbed after leading by 5 holes with as many to play and Daniel Rigby fought bravely to square the only match out of the 18 contests.

Following the loss, Vice President Bob McKenzie, who will lead our team (to be selected) into the regionals, has sworn there will be a marked improvement in performances under his leadership and motivational talks.

The full results are listed below.

HRDGA	SENIORS	NDGA	
D.MORGAN	LOST	M.ELLISON	2&1
M. CLARK	LOST	D.GRIFFIN	1UP
J.KNOTT	LOST	M.BROWNING	4&3
M.SMITH	LOST	J.GEORGALIS	3&2
S.LILL	LOST	M.WADE	3&2
J.WYPER	LOST	G,McMILLAN	5&4
COLTS			
C.FORD	LOST	D.SKELTON	8&6
M.DAWSON	2&1	D.ALEXANDER	LOST
J.SMART	LOST	N.TURNER	7&6
MASTERS			
G.MEARS	LOST	T.BLOMFIELD	5&3
R.LOGUE	4&3	P.DAVIES	LOST
R.BANKS	LOST	M.COGLAN	2&1
JUNIORS			
C.BENKOVIC	LOST	J.HIGGINBOTTOM	3&2
A.MARRIOTT	2UP	M.KELLEHEAR	LOST
C.WALTON	LOST	C.DAVIES	7&6
M.BUTLER	LOST	K.MAYAN	4&3
D.RIGBY	SQUARE	M.CLUFF	SQUARE
N.GULLIVER	3&2	C.BRIDGES	LOST
TOTAL	4 1/2	TOTAL	13 1/2

JUNIOR FOUR WAY - COL JOHNSTON SHIELD

STEELWORKS - 8/9 NOVEMBER, 2008

The District "apprentice" juniors confirmed the strength of golf in the Valley when they were undefeated in the round robin match play event for the Col Johnston Shield, hosted by the Newcastle District at Shortland Waters.

The boys won their first match 4/3 against Lower North Coast on Saturday evening, then returned to dish up the same medicine to the Central Coast side on Sunday morning.

The final round was against Newcastle where the boys really lifted for a magnificent 5 ½ to 1 ½ victory over the normally strong host side.

It appears the next wave of District juniors are coming through which augurs well for golf in our District.

Adrian Chomiszak of Branxton was selected to attend the NSWGA Talented Athletes Camp in 2009.

**Central Coast - Hunter River - Lower North Coast - Newcastle
District Golf Associations - 4 Way Junior Tournament**

“Col Johnston Shield”

Shortland Waters Golf Club

8 & 9 November 2008

RESULTS

Central Coast DGA	H'cap	NEW	HR	LNC	TOTAL
Chris Clark	5	—			
Jack Radcliffe	7	—	2 & 1	4 & 3	
Jason Butt	7	2 & 1	1 up	4 & 3	
Zac Churcher	9	□	—	1 up	
Jack McMillan	10	□	—	—	
Adam Barnes	12	□	—	—	
Matthew Robinson	14	—	2 & 1	—	
Sam Bellchambers	14		—	—	
Sub-Total		2 ½	3	3	8 ½
Hunter River DGA	H'cap	LNC	CC	NEW	TOTAL
Mitchell Butler	6	—	—	2 up	
Nathan Waters	6	1 up	-	3 & 2	
Adrian Chomiszak	8	2 & 1	3 & 2	3 & 2	
Matt Butler	9	3 & 1	3 & 2	2 & 1	
Dylan Perry	10	□	3 & 2	□	
Bohden Ling	10	—	—	3 & 2	
Blake Palmer	11	□	2 & 1	—	
Sub-Total		4	4	5 ½	13 ½
Lower North Coast DGA	H'cap	HR	NEW	CC	TOTAL
Jarrold McInally	5	1 up	□		
Scott Foord	7	—	—	—	
Zac Leach	8	—	1 up	—	
McLean Hart	8	—		—	
Rhys Christensen	10	□	3 & 1	4 & 3	
Andrew Samson	10	1 up	1 up	3 & 2	
Mitch Pedron	12	-	1 up	2 up	
Ben Mason	13	□	—	2 & 1	
Sub Total		3	4 ½	4	11 ½
Newcastle DGA	H'cap	CC	LNC	HR	TOTAL
Andrew Cairney	5	1 up	□	—	
Beau MacDonald	5	3 & 1	4 & 2	—	
Dylan Reeves	5	—	—	—	
James Marshall	7	□	—	—	

Sean Bartlett	9	□	—	□	
Luke Morrison	9	□	—	—	
Nat Barnes	11	2 up	1 up	3 & 1	
Sub Total		4 ½	2 ½	1 ½	8 ½