

Ben Koopman	14		Sachin Ramsamy	22	2up
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Saturday Afternoon

NORTH WEST **1 1/2 HUNTER** **5 1/2**

Cameron Bagley	4		Cameron Benkovic	3	2/1
Josh Kendall	7		Connor Walton	3	4/3
Toby Reynolds	10	1up	Matt Kelly	4	
Tim O'Keefe	12		Nathan Waters	4	1up
chris Lovegrove	12		Nick Gulliver	5	4/2
Toby Cooper	12		Kyle Blinko	6	5/4
Sam Cooper	12	SQ	Mitchell Butler	6	SQ
Sachin Ramsamy	22		Adrian Chomiszak	7	8/6

CENTRAL NORTH **6** **WESTERN** **1**

Harrison Russell	4	SQ	Joel Head	5	SQ
Nathan Bradburn	7	SQ	Jeb Bishop	8	SQ
Michael Handley	8	4/2	Todd Shields	13	
Ryan English	8	5/3	Jamie Lewin	14	
Justin Kellett	9	7/5	Andrew Page	15	
Nathan Mann	9	7/5	James Wheeler	15	
Andrew Bowden	13	3/1	Cory Williams	24	
Ben Koopman	14	4/2	Jacob Bryan	19	

Sunday Morning

CENTRAL NORTH **6 HUNTER** **1**

Harrison Russell	4	3/2	Cameron Benkovic	3	
Nathan Bradburn	7		Connor Walton	3	4/2
Michael Handley	8	2/1	Matt Kelly	4	
Ryan English	8	2/1	Nathan Waters	4	
Justin Kellett	9	2/1	Nick Gulliver	5	
Nathan Mann	9	1up	Kyle Blinko	6	
Andrew Bowden	13	2/1	Adrian Chomiszak	7	
Ben Koopman	14	SQ	Mitchell Butler	6	SQ

WESTERN **1** **NORTH WEST** **6**

Joel Head	5		Cameron Bagley	4	2/1
Jeb Bishop	8		Josh Kendall	7	6/5
Todd Shields	13		Toby Reynolds	10	3/1
Jamie Lewin	14		Tim O'Keefe	12	6/5
Andrew Page	15		Toby Cooper	12	5/3
James Wheeler	15		Sam Cooper	12	8/7
Cory Williams	24	1up	Sachin Ramsamy	22	
Jacob Bryan	19		Chris Lovegrove	12	3/2

FINAL POINTSCORE

CENTRAL NORTH **6 points**
HUNTER **4 points**
NORTH WEST **2 points**
WESTERN **0 points**

HRDGA v CCDGA – Artie Mollett Shield

Wyong Golf Club - 26 April, 2009

HUNTER REP SIDE IN BOILOVER WIN

The astute Hunter River selectors introduced new blood into the rep team and came up with a winning formula in their annual match against the Central Coast DGA for the Artie Mollett Shield. Since the last match the Central Coast have loosened the purse strings and provided a new shield following the demise of the original trophy, which had suffered heavily from the many trips between the Districts, and being stored under a bed since its inception in 1982.

On what started out a breezy day soon deteriorated when the blustery westerly winds hit making golfing conditions very difficult. Several players from both sides lost their caps to the water holes when the wind blew them off.

At the half way mark the Hunter side held a slender one match margin. The Seniors were tied at 3 matches each, Juniors were up 4/2, Colts up 2 1/2 to a 1/2 and the Veterans down in all 3 matches. If history was any guide, the norm would be that the Hunter side would get run down over the final nine holes. This was not to be.

Into the second nine the Hunter side fought on grimly to edge ahead and earn a meritorious win.

With six matches still in the course Central Coast held a 2 match lead, and their leading official offering to call off the remaining games and claim the win. When Hunter squared it up at 7 all he was seen nervously pacing the clubhouse and eventually proceeded onto the course to witness the action.

From that point on it was all Hunter taking the Shield 11 matches to 7, a convincing win.

Our juniors provided the backbone of the win, taking 5 of their matches and halving the other. Special mention should be made of Mitch Butler, who has reaped the reward of conscientious practice, whilst the diminutive Nathan Waters fought back to win his match, after being down early.

Matt Kelly, who was behind in his match till the last hole, provided the gallery with an "Larry Mize" finish by chipping in from 40 metres from left of the green, to win the hole and halve his match.

In the old timers division James Hogg, maintained the coolness of a poker player, to fight on and claim a well deserved square.

Newcomer Eli Richardson playing his first rep game, was played at number one for the Colts and comfortably won his match 3 & 1, whilst Mac Dawson backed up with another solid win.

For the A graders, regular members Mark Hale, Andrew Partridge and Glen Marcheff won their matches, whilst Michael Clark, who led by two holes with three to go succumbed to the persistent Dave Willett, to go down on the last hole. Dave has been representing the Central Coast for over 20 years and on current form will be around for some years.

Once the Shield is engraved it will be handed on to the "caretaker" Bob McKenzie for safe keeping.

Thanks to the Central Coast team and officials for the hospitality extended and to Wyong for making their excellent course available.

Full results:

HRDGA	SENIORS	CCDGA	
Mark HALE	1 up	James SWANSON	
Andrew PARTRIDGE	3/1	Jamie STEPHEN	
Glen MARCHEFF	1 up	Andrew BOND	
Michael CLARKE		Dave WILLETT	1 up
Lee BARTON		Rod WHERLE	5/3
Chris FORD		Michael BOWDITCH	7/5
COLTS			
Eli RICHARDSON	3/2	Kieran PRATT	
Mac DAWSON	2 up	Daniel FRIEND	
Brendon SMITH		Ben GLACHAN	3/2
MASTERS			
James HOGG	SQ	Peter GILBERT	SQ
Mick WATSON		Jack PARKER	4/3
Tom WINTERBURN		Norm HOLLIS	6/4
JUNIORS			
Cameron BENKOVIC	3/2	Alex PITY	
Connor WALTON	3/2	Nathan MILLER	
Nathan WATERS	2/1	Jason BUTT	
Matt KELLY	SQ	Tom BALLARD	SQ
Kyle BLINCO	1 up	Dean SMITH	
Mitchell BUTLER	7/5	Justin McPHAN	
TOTAL	11	TOTAL	7

HRDGA v NDGA – P.R. WEST SHIELD

Kurri Golf Club 28 June, 2009

HUNTER MAKES IT TWO OUT OF TWO

The District side completed the daily double in their annual representative matches, making 2009 a memorable year for the Association. After a comprehensive win against Central Coast in May, the side faced up to their nemesis in the Newcastle team, at Kurri on Sunday 28 June, 2009. In fact, our first victory in many years against Newcastle was at the Kurri course in 2003. Astute selections by the selectors, gave the District hope that the 2003 dose might be repeated in 2008. And so it did as the day panned out.

Normally, in our match against Newcastle, at the halfway mark our side usually holds a slender lead, only to be run down over the closing stages. On Sunday the shoe was on the other foot, with Newcastle holding a 9 to 7 lead, with 2 matches square. Over the closing holes, sensing a victory, District Captain Dave Parkinson, tacked at the rate of knots, from match to match, encouraging his players.

Over the concluding 9 holes our players maintained their advantage, and picked up further matches to win the P.R. West Shield 10 matches to 8.

Veteran Rob Logue was 3 down at the turn and fought back against Peter Collins to win 2 and 1. The other meritorious comeback was junior Nick Gulliver who came back from 2 down after 9 holes to win 1 up. Nick siezed on every of his opponent's errors like a seagull on a chip, to whittle away the lead and win the match.

Andrew Wyper, playing on his home course, was expected to win comfortably, but had to birdie the final two holes, to win 2 up. On the final hole Andrew lay 30 feet from the pin, putting for a birdie, with his opponent in the hole for a par 5. A three putt would see the loss of hole and square his match. On two occasions he had to step away from his putt due to inconsiderate bystanders yapping on the side of the green. On the third occasion he settled down over the putt and calmly stroked it into the hole for a birdie.

Newcastle were bolstered by the return of former rep player, veteran Snow Gorton, but he came up against an in form Chris Ford, who played above himself to square the match.

Overall convincing wins by the Senior and Junior divisions paved the way for the win. District official are now seriously considering the locking the match in at Kurri every second year, when we host it.

Congratulations to the Newcastle players, officials and their wives, for the gracious manner in which they accepted their unexpected loss.

In his acceptance speech, District Captain Michael "Fluff" Clark, put the double win down to the change in team uniform, with a move away from the regular sky blue shirts to the navy /black variety.

HUNTER**NEWCASTLE**

SENIORS			
Mark HALE	2/1	Mark ELLISON	
Andrew WYPER	+2	Greg McMILLAN	
Andrew PARTRIDGE	5/4	Josh GREENWOOD	
Scott HAYES	5/3	Todd MIDDLEBY	
Glen MARCHEFF		Mick BROWNING	+1
Chris FORD	0	Warren GORTON	0
COLTS			
Michael CLARK	0	Daniel SKELTON	0
Brendon SMITH		Callan O'RIELLY	+1
Eli RICHARDSON		Chris SMITH	5/4
MASTERS			
Garry MEARS		Terry BLOMFIELD	5/4
Greg WYPER		Frank MUSGRAVE	3/2
Robbie LOGUE	2/1	Peter COLLINS	
JUNIORS			
Cameron BENKOVIC	0	Jake HIGGONBOTTOM	0
Connor WALTON	3/2	Clayton BRIDGES	
Nathan WATERS		Beau McDONALD	5/4
Nicholas GULLIVER	+1	Andrew CARNEY	
Kyle BLINCO	0	Shaun BARTLETT	0
Dylan PERRY	4/3	Luke MORRISON	
TOTAL	10	TOTAL	8

Inter District & Country Championship - Murrumbidgee Golf Club

Saturday & Sunday, 7 & 8 November, 2009

The District selectors gamble in picking a youthful team to represent at the Country Championships almost paid dividends. The Senior team was made up of 3 senior stalwarts, bolstered by two of our up & coming juniors Cameron Benkovic and Connor Walton.

The Junior side was made up of three juniors who have been in hot form of late, particularly Nathan Waters.

The team travelled to Canberra on the Friday and took the opportunity to get a feel for the course with a practice round.

With a late hit off on Saturday, the team enjoyed a sleep in on Saturday morning, then prepared for golf at their leisure.

The players really jumped out of the box scoring brilliantly early, to the point where one official was having premature thoughts of a victory. Four holes out from home on Saturday, and the Senior team were looking at possibly being overnight leaders, the worst score being one over par. But then the gremlins set in and shots were frittered away.

In the wash up at the half way mark, the team finished on 291, in third position, seven strokes in arrears.

On Sunday morning the team were first off, having the best of conditions, before the heat set. Unfortunately, the players couldn't make any improvement on their scores of the preceding day, and at the conclusion finished in 5th position, 22 shots behind the Northern Rivers team.

The Country Champion was Luke Henwood, from the Maclean Golf Club, who finished on 138, 6 under par.

Hunter River						
Cameron Benkovic	+5	F	+3	74	75	149
Bryan Gulliver	+10	F	+7	75	79	154
Mark Hale	-1	F	E	71	72	143
Scott Hayes	+1	F	+1	72	73	145
Conner Walton	+9	F	+7	74	79	153
Hunter River Total				291	299	590

The junior team played a similar game to the senior counterparts, scoring well early and dropping vital shots towards the end of their opening round.

Nathan Waters drained a snake on his 11th hole to fight back to even par, but dropped 3shots over the final holes for an opening 75. Dylan Perry took a double bogey on the 14th hole after finishing dead behind a large tree to go to 6 over, but dragged it back with two birdies to finish 4 over. Nick Gulliver, played valiantly but a snowman (8) on the second hole, saw him fall away for an opening 88. At the end of day one, the juniors were in 7th position, 7 shots behind.

On Sunday, it was the same story for the juniors, as the seniors, with only Nathan Waters returning a respectable 79, whilst both Dylan and Nick shot their worst rounds for some time.

Overall the junior team finished in 10th place, behind the Central West team. Overall it was a creditable performance for our teams. No doubt the younger brigade will benefit from the experience.

The junior Country Champion was Newcastle golfer Kris Mayan on 140, 4 under par.

Hunter River - Juniors						
Nicholas Gulliver	+31	F	+15	88	87	175
Dylan Perry	+16	F	+12	76	84	160
Nathan Waters	+10	F	+7	75	79	154
Hunter River - Juniors Total				151	163	314