

2010

BAKER TRINDER RESULTS – SCONE 28 & 29 MARCH, 2010

In one of the most keenly contested Baker Trinder Shields the Hunter River junior side claimed victory when Nathan Waters won the Shield on the third play off hole.

At the conclusion of the round robin series Central North, Hunter & North West were tied on 4 points each from two wins apiece. Central North & Hunter had 13½ games each whilst North West dipped out of the equation with 13 games.

North West could have won the event but for one of their players conceding the 11th hole, which he should have won, when he suffered a memory lapse and forgot his opponent had drowned one in the greenside dam. From that point the match swung dramatically and eventually went to his opponent. Had he maintained his momentum they would have finished on 14 games and won the Shield.

In the final round the local side were heading for a flogging, but comebacks from Cameron Benkovic to square his match and Nick Gulliver hanging on grimly to win his, plus a comprehensive 6/5 win by Dylan Perry was sufficient to scrape into the playoff. The Shield had to be decided by sudden death play off between the two number one players, Baxter Ward and Nathan Waters.

The innovative officials decided to make the 18th hole the playoff hole as they do in PGA Tour events. This backfired when after two attempts no result had been reached. The two players were then sent up the par 5 first hole, where Nathan, with his opponent on the green in regulation, fluffed his greenside chip onto the putting surface but made amends by canning a twenty foot snake for birdie and a win.

Congratulations to the team on the win. Special thanks to Scone for hosting the event at short notice.

BAKER / TRINDER SHIELD - 2010 SCONE Golf Club - 28th and 29th March 2010

Saturday Morning

WESTERN

HUNTER

Tom Job	24	Nathan Waters	2	8/7
Jacob Ryan	13	Cameron Benkovic	3	5/4
Alex Burton	14	Dylan Perry	4	7/8
James Wheeler	9	Kyle Blinko	4	6/4
Bailey Pendergast	17	Nick Gulliver	5	9/8
Brady Connolly	17	Adrian Chomiszak	5	6/5
Dayne Gardiner	18	Ben Stokes	6	4/3
Brandon Barber	18	Kade Hardy	6	6/5

CENTRAL NORTH**NORTH WEST**

Baxter Ward	3		Angus Croft	5	+2
Nathan Mann	4	5/3	Scott Kirby	6	
Michael Handley	5		Luke Stahlhut	6	+1
Nathan Bradburn	6		Toby Reynolds	6	+1
Andrew Bowden	6		Toby Cooper	8	+2
Zac Johns	8	3/2	Sam Cooper	9	
Ben Koopman	10	5/3	Kurt Daly	9	
Andrew McPherson	10	+1	Angus Smith	12	

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Saturday Afternoon

NORTH WEST**HUNTER**

Angus Croft	5		Nathan Waters	2	3/1
Luke Stahlhut	6		Cameron Benkovic	3	2/1
Toby Reynolds	6	2/1	Kyle Blinko	4	
Scott Kirby	6	0	Dylan Perry	4	0
Toby Cooper	8		Nick Gulliver	5	6/5
Kurt Daly	9	+1	Kade Hardy	6	
Sam Cooper	9	0	Ben Stokes	6	0
Angus Smith	12		Adrial Chomiszak	5	

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CENTRAL NORTH**WESTERN**

Baxter Ward	3	7/5	James Wheeler	9	
Nathan Mann	4		Jacob Ryan	13	+1
Michael Handley	5	9/7	Alex Burton	14	
Nathan Bradburn	6	5/4	Bailey Pendergast	17	
Andrew Bowden	6	3/2	Brady Connolly	17	
Zac Johns	8	3/1	Dayne Gardiner	17	
Ben Koopman	10	5/4	Brandon Barber	18	
Andrew McPherson	10	7/5	Tom Jobb	24	

6.0

1.0

Sunday Morning

CENTRAL NORTH**HUNTER**

Baxter Ward	3	+2	Nathan Waters	2	
Nathan Mann	4	0	Cameron Benkovic	3	0
Michael Handley	5	3/2	Kyle Blinko	4	
Nathan Bradburn	6		Dylan Perry	4	6/5
Andrew Bowden	6		Nick Gulliver	5	+1
Zac Johns	8	+1	Adrian Chomiszak	5	
Ben Koopman	10	3/2	Kade Hardy	6	
Andrew McPherson	10		Ben Stokes	6	+1

4.5

2.5

NORTH WEST**WESTERN**

Angus Croft	5	2/1	James Wheeler	9	
Toby Reynolds	6	2/1	Jacob Ryan	13	
Luke Stahlhut	6	7/5	Alex Burton	14	
Scott Kirby	6	6/5	Bailey Pendergast	17	
Toby Cooper	8	7/5	Brady Connolly	17	
Kurt Daly	9		Dayne Gardiner	17	+1
Sam Cooper	9	6/5	Brandon Barber	18	
Angus Smith	12	3/1	Tom Jobb	24	
		6.0			1.0

FINAL POINTSCORE

CENTRAL NORTH	4 points	13.5 matches
HUNTER	4 points	13.5 matches
NORTH WEST	4 points	13 matches
WESTERN	0 points	

Playoff Hunter vs Central North

Nathan Waters Def Baxter Ward on 3rd playoff hole

Hunter River vs Central Coast

Artie Mollett Shield 2010

An understrength District side went into the annual match against the Central Coast DGA with hopes of dishing up another thrashing, particularly as it was being played on home turf at Branxton. The euphoria of the victory in 2009 at Wyong, was not quite as obvious after the Central Coast avenged their loss in no uncertain terms.

The local side was thumped to the tune of 13½ matches to 4½ close to our biggest ever loss.

At the half way mark there was no indication of what lay ahead. After 9 holes we led in 3 matches were square in 3 matches and 1 down in 5 matches. Things changed dramatically as match after match came off the course in favour of the visitors. In fact with three matches remaining on the course the Hunter side had only 1½ matches to its credit, that being senior Ross Banks with a creditable halved match against Norm Hollis and team captain Fluff Clark, playing in the colts division, won his match 3 & 1.

A forlorn Dave Parkinson, was not doing his usual, darting from hole to hole, spurring on his players followed by a cloud of smoke, but sought solace in a glass on the club balcony.

Thankfully the top 3 senior players Mark Hale, Andrew Partridge and Scott Hayes won their matches and made the final score a little more respectable.

The Seniors returned the best result, drawing 3 apiece, Colts went down 2 - 1, Masters down by 2½ - ½ and the Juniors down 6 - 0.

Unfortunately the majority of our current string of juniors were at South West Rocks for the Jack Newton Masters event, and the team was made up of the players of the future. In all they acquitted themselves to the best of their ability and will be better for the experience.

The full match results are listed below.

We now look forward to regrouping to meet Newcastle at Charlestown on the 27 June, 2010, and salvaging something for the year.

Bob Robards, President of the Central Coast, has recently stood down as councillor to the NSWGA after 12 years. Bob will be remembered for never taking a backward step and calling it he saw it, providing many a light moment at our meetings.

From the many friends you have made during your long association with the Hunter River, we wish you all the best and look forward to catching up with you at the match next year.

HUNTER		CENTRAL COAST	
SENIORS			
Mark Hale	+2	John Fitzgerald	
Andrew Partridge	+1	David Morgan	
Scott Hayes	+4/2	Jamie Stephen	
Kymble Pascoe		Rod Wehrle	+4/3
Craig Melville		Michael Bowditch	+3/2
Bob Walker		Ty Purnell	+2/1
COLTS			
Josh Knott		Alex Pitty	+5/4
Michael Clark	+3/1	Tom Ballard	
Connor Walton		Jarred Hayes	+6/4
MASTERS			
Andrew Hamilton		Trevor Walker	+2/1
James Hogg		Jack Parker	+5/3
Ross Banks	0	Norm Hollis	0
JUNIORS			
Kyle Blinko		Jacob Rennix	+3/2
Kade Hardy		Corey Dowling	+5/4
Ben Stokes		Adam Barnes	+3/3
Josh Slade		Luke Whitbread	+4/3
Matt Butler		Zac Churcher	+2/1
Brodern Adam-Smith		Russell Maclean	+2/1
TOTAL	4½	TOTAL	13½

Hunter River vs Newcastle

Peter West Shield - Charlestown

After the walloping received in our first rep match against the Central Coast, the Hunter side made amends by taking their nemesis the strong Newcastle team, to the wire at Charlestown Golf Club.

The Hunter side were defending the Peter West Shield after their glorious victory in 2009 at Kurri. Towards the latter stages of the match it looked like an upset was on the cards, and at worst a draw. Officials on both sides were not game to call a result, in case of finishing with egg on their face.

The final result, a win to Newcastle by the margin of 10 - 8 was indicative of the closeness. A close scrutiny of the results reveals nine of the eighteen matches finished on the last hole. Four of them finished squared and five other matches decided on the 18th.

With only two matches on the course it was Newcastle holding a slender 9 - 7 lead and the Hunter were in the box seat. Mark Hale playing at number one had a mini choke after being 3 up with 5 to play. Coming to the eighteenth he maintained a one hole lead but capitulated, taking a horrific double bogey to lose the hole and halve his match against the big hitting Mark Ellison.

His playing partner junior Nathan Waters was also one up teeing off on the last hole but suffered a "Greg Norman moment" when his opponent Clayton Bridges drained a thirty foot snake on the final hole, to square the match.

Congratulations to juniors Brad Bastick and Hayden Gulliver scoring fines wins in their first rep matches.

Special thanks to Life Member Bob McKenzie who stepped into the breach as motivator, when other members of committee were unavailable due to social commitments.

The team are all fired up for the return match next year, with a strong rumour it will be played at Kurri.

HUNTER		NEWCASTLE	
SENIORS			
Mark HALE	0	Mark ELLISON	0
Andrew PARTRIDGE		Callan O'RIELLY	+1
Glenn MARCHEFF		John GEORGALIS	3/2
Kymble PASCOE	+1	Greg McMILLAN	
Craig MELVILLE	+1	Josh GREENWOOD	
Brian GULLIVER		Chris SMITH	2/1
COLTS			
Michael CLARK		Strven SLAPPENDEL	4/3
Tim LAWRENCE	0	Daniel BUYERS	0
Brodie MAINE		Daniel TERRY	2/1

MASTERS			
Garry MEARS	+1	Grant LIDDIARD	
Andrew HAMILTON		Les OLIVER	+1
Ross BANKS		Greg KENT	4/3
JUNIORS			
Nathan WATERS	0	Clayton BRIDGES	0
Dylan PERRY	0	Brayden PETERSEN	0
Nicholas GULLIVER		Kane BURT	2/1
Adrian CHOMISZAK	4/3	Jono TURNBULL	
Brad BASTICK	4/3	Luke MORRISON	
Hayden GULLIVER	5/4	Shaun BARTLETT	
TOTAL	8	TOTAL	10

JIM BAKER SHIELD WINNERS

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

EVENT	PLAYER	CLUB	SCORE
REGIONAL CHAMPION	Callan O'REILLY	Toronto	137
RUNNER UP	John FITZPATRICK	Morisset	146
THIRD	Steve SLAPENDALL	Newcastle	147
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Clayton BRIDGES	Belmont	150
RUNNER UP	Nathan WATERS	Scone	151
36 HOLE NETT	Jordan HARTMAN	Port Macquarie	141
RUNNER UP	Dave WILLETT	Toukley	141
SENIOR CHAMPION	Gary MEARS	Muswellbrook	153
RUNNER UP	Derek FIELD	Scone	155
1ST 18 SCRATCH	Mark HALE	Branxton	71
1ST 18 NETT	Scott COLLINS	Muswellbrook	68
2ND 18 SCRATCH	Andrew PARTRIDGE	Muswellbrook	73
2ND 18 NETT	Drew GARLAND	Gloucester	69
SANDY CAMERON SHIELD	Mac DAWSON	Muswellbrook	
	Scott HAYES	Muswellbrook	449

	Kymble PASCOE	Muswellbrook	
	Andrew PARTRIDGE	Muswellbrook	
JIM BAKER SHIELD	Hunter River		2631

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTER DISTRICT TEAMS

Queanbeyan Golf Club – 6 & 7 November, 2010

The Hunter River team has taken second place in the NSW Inter District Teams event on the back of standout performance by Mark Hale, who shot 141 (70 - 71) to be equal runner up to Belmont's Chris Smith (139) for the Country Championship.

The event was played at the Queanbeyan Golf Course over the first weekend of November, the side finishing just 4 strokes behind our neighbours, Newcastle.

The only real blemish was an uncharacteristic opening round of 81 by Kymble Pascoe of Muswellbrook, who made amends with a closing round of 68. An early night on Saturday evening was instrumental to his improvement.

Our junior side did not fare so well finishing in equal 7th position, on 304, 21 shots behind the Newcastle junior side, providing that District with the double. Best for the juniors was Dylan Perry of Muswellbrook on 150.

2 HUNTER RIVER			
Cameron Benkovic	76	80	156
Bryan Gulliver	78	76	154
Mark Hale	71	70	141
Scott Hayes	71	76	147
Kymble Pascoe	81	68	149
HUNTER RIVER Total	296	290	586
T7 HUNTER RIVER JUNIORS			
Nicholas Gulliver	78	76	154
Dylan Perry	74	76	150
Nathan Waters	80	81	161
HUNTER RIVER JUNIORS Total	152	152	304

COL JOHNSTON SHIELD

Wingham Golf Club 6 & 7 November, 2010



After the initial washout of the event which was to be played at Bulahdelah early November, the selected team were to play in the matchplay series, which had been re-scheduled to Wingham.

In the first of three nine hole sprints, the Hunter side drew the perennial favourites Newcastle. In a very even match it came down to the number one players where Hunter's Will Barnett edged out Rory Potter, one up on the final hole to break the deadlock. Attesting to the closeness was that all other winning margins were no worse than 2 & 1.

In the corresponding match Lower North Coast & Central Coast drew 3 1/2 each.

Our second match was against Central Coast and after the first four matches it was tied up at two all. The top three of Brodie, Hayden & Will came to the fore with quality wins to secure a 5 - 2 winning margin. Brodyn Gargan lost his match one down when he lost a hole for using his mobile phone, when his opponent enquired what the cricket score was. Lesson learnt.

Meanwhile Newcastle came back from the early defeat to record a 5 1/2 to 1 1/2 to be sitting in second place.

Sunday morning saw the Hunter side up against the locals, Lower North Coast, and could not afford to take the opposition lightly.

This proved the case when our number 7 Jack Clark and number 6 Joel Troy both went down on the last hole to opponents on much higher handicaps. The games were tied up at 2 all when Ben Stokes (2/1) and Brodyn Gargan (4/2) won their matches. Stubbsy Benkovic lost his first match going down 2/1, providing the locals with a 3 - 2- lead with two matches still on the course and an upset was on the cards.

Hayden Gulliver, played a Captain's knock with a fine 3/2 win to square the games, and was followed in shortly thereafter by Will Barnett with a 2/1 win to provide a 4 - 3 team win and the Col Johnston Shield.

Newcastle edged out the Central Coast 4 1/2 - 2 1/2 to take second placing.

For the Hunter Will Barnett playing at number 1 was undefeated, whilst on the other side of the ledger Jack Clark lost all 3. To his credit he honoured the team pledge to do 100 push ups if any player lost all three.

On the trip home the boys entertained themselves with countless renditions of the chorus to the Smokie tune Living Next Door to Alice, a song that was a hit before they were all born. Even Hayden was seen to lip sync a few words.

Full match results are listed below.

“Col Johnston Shield”

Central Coast - Hunter River - Lower North Coast - Newcastle

District Golf Associations - 4 Way Junior Tournament

ROUND 1

	HUNTER RIVER		VS	NEWCASTLE		
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT
1	Will BARNETT	5	1 up	Rory POTTER	3	
2	Hayden GULLIVER	6		Matt WHITE	7	2 & 1
3	Brodie BENKOVIC	6	1 up	Lauchlan PORTER	9	
4	Brodyn GARGAN	6	2 & 1	Brayden DAVIS	9	
5	Ben STOKES	8		Luke WALKER	9	2 & 1
6	Joel TROY	8	2 up	Blake WINDRED	10	
7	Jack CLARK	9		Ben ROBINSON	12	2 & 1

TOTAL MATCHES

4

TOTAL MATCHES

3

	CENTRAL COAST		VS	LOWER NORTH		
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT
1	Brent DOWLING	6	SQ	Jack BRANDWOOD	10	SQ
2	Jake SLADE	7	1up	Tom APPLETON	13	
3	James DENNISS	8		Rowan COOPER	14	2 & 1
4	Ben SAUNDERS	12		Jonathan HINGSTON	14	2up
5	Kurt ANTHONY	13	2 & 1	Jake MAUGER	15	
6	Matt MAIDEN	14	SQ	Alex HANSEN	17	SQ
7	Kurt BURRELL	18	SQ	Rhys STEPHEN	17	SQ

TOTAL MATCHES

3 1/2

TOTAL MATCHES

3 1/2

ROUND 2

	CENTRAL COAST		VS	HUNTER RIVER		
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT
1	Brent DOWLING	6		Will BARNETT	5	2 & 1
2	Jake SLADE	7		Hayden GULLIVER	6	2 up
3	James DENNISS	8		Brodie BENKOVIC	6	1 up
4	Ben SAUNDERS	12	1 up	Brodyn GARGAN	6	
5	Kurt ANTHONY	13		Ben STOKES	8	2 & 1
6	Matt MAIDEN	14		Joel TROY	8	3 & 1
7	Kurt BURRELL	18	1 up	Jack CLARK	9	

TOTAL MATCHES

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TOTAL MATCHES

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	LOWER NORTH		VS	NEWCASTLE		
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT

1	Jack BRANDWOOD	10		Rory POTTER	3	1 up
2	Tom APPLETON	13		Matt WHITE	7	1 up
3	Rowan COOPER	14	SQ	Lauchlan PORTER	9	SQ
4	Jonathan HINGSTON	14		Brayden DAVIS	9	4 & 2
5	Jake MAUGER	15		Luke WALKER	9	4 & 3
6	Alex HANSEN	17		Blake WINDRED	10	1 up
7	Rhys STEPHEN	17	1 up	Ben ROBINSON	12	
TOTAL MATCHES		1 1/2		TOTAL MATCHES		5 1/2

ROUND 3

	HUNTER RIVER		VS	LOWER NORTH		VS
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT
1	Will BARNETT	5	2 & 1	Jack BRANDWOOD	10	
2	Hayden GULLIVER	6	3 & 2	Tom APPLETON	13	
3	Brodie BENKOVIC	6		Rowan COOPER	14	2 & 1
4	Brodyn GARGAN	6	4 & 2	Jonathan HINGSTON	14	
5	Ben STOKES	8	2 & 1	Jake MAUGER	15	
6	Joel TROY	8		Alex HANSEN	17	1 UP
7	Jack CLARK	9		Rhys STEPHEN	17	1 up
TOTAL MATCHES		4		TOTAL MATCHES		3

	CENTRAL COAST		VS	NEWCASTLE		
	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT	PLAYER	H'CAP	RESULT
1	Brent DOWLING	6	SQ	Rory POTTER	3	SQ
2	Jake SLADE	7		Matt WHITE	7	3 & 2
3	James DENNISS	8	4 & 3	Lauchlan PORTER	9	
4	Ben SAUNDERS	12		Brayden DAVIS	9	4 & 2
5	Kurt ANTHONY	13		Luke WALKER	9	1 up
6	Matt MAIDEN	14	3 & 1	Blake WINDRED	10	
7	Kurt BURRELL	18		Ben ROBINSON	12	3 & 1
TOTAL MATCHES		2 1/2		TOTAL MATCHES		4 1/2

	FINAL STANDING	Points	Games
1	Hunter River	6	13
2	Newcastle	4	13
3	Lower North Coast	1	8
4	Central Coast	1	8
