

2009

DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -

The Oaks - 15th March 2009

The fast improving Matt Kelly from The Oaks clinched the District Junior title with an even par round of 72. Two weeks ago Matt was playing off an eight handicap, but through his commitment to practice has reduced his handicap down to four over the past two weeks.. His up and down round included 3 birdies and an eagle on the 14th, which were countered by 5 bogeys. As a result of his win Matt was rewarded with selection in the District Junior side to travel to Dubbo to participate in the Baker Trinder Shield.

Next best scratch score went to Cameron Benkovic (Muswellbrook) on 74 on a countback from Kyle Blinco (Scone) also on 74. Rumour has it that Cameron will become well acquainted with the family mower Rover in the coming weeks.

In the young ladies division the scratch winner was Aliza Huff (Belmont) on 79. Her outward nine was a mixed bag for a return of 41 strokes (4 over par) but stormed home in one over par on the back nine to clinch the win.

Runner up was Erin McMaugh from the Concord club, one stroke back on 80. Her round included an eagle 3 on the par 5 6th hole, turning in 38. A double bogey on the 14th hole along with sundry bogeys resulted in 42 hits on the inward nine.

For the first time a Cadets event was introduced, which attracted a field of 8 players. The players enjoyed a 9 hole event under the watchful eye of Pat Rigby, who initiated the event and walked the 9 holes with them. The Cadet event will become a regular feature of future Championships.

The Championship was well supported by visitors, especially those who travelled from the metropolitan Clubs of Avondale, Concord, Monash and Muirfield. Neighbouring Clubs who supported with entries were Belmont, Charlestown, Morisset, Muree, Shortland Waters and Waratah. Your support is appreciated.

Hunter River Champion

DAVE PARKINSON SHIELD

MATT KELLY - The Oaks - 72

73 PLAYERS

GIRLS	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Aliza Huff	Belmont	86
Nett Winner	Layne Flannery	Belmont	72
Nett Runner Up	Isabelle Ledoux	Avondale	74
BOYS 13 and Under	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Braydon Davis	Waratah	77
Nett Winner	Seth Knott	The Oaks	67

Nett Runner Up	Broydon Gargan	Scone	70
Nett Third	Josh Tracey	Branxton	72
BOYS 14 and 15	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Adrian Chomiszak	Branxton	77
Nett Winner	Blake Palmer	Maitland	67
Nett Runner Up	Dale Williamson	Muirfield	70
Nett Third	Kade Hardy	Maitland	71
BOYS 16	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Cameron Benkovic	Muswellbrook	74
Nett Winner	Kyle Blinko	scone	68
Nett Runner Up	Mitch Butler	Kurri	70
Nett Third	Tye Rutherford	The Oaks	71
BOYS 17 and over	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Scratch Winner	Eli Richardson	Maitland	78
Nett Winner	Brett Walsh	Waratah	71
Nett Runner Up	Chris Cacciato	Maitland	73

CADETS	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Winner	Matt White	The Oaks	58
Winner	Jacob Taylor	Belmont	59

2009 SAND GREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A field of 41 players turned out for the annual camel grass championships, hosted by the hospitable Murrurundi Club.

The course was in magnificent conditions with the slickest browns seen in many a year, which caused many a three putt. The elements were against good golf with the field experiencing the four seasons on a couple of occasions during the 18 holes.

Little known member of The Oaks, but regular visitor to Murrurundi Mark Penfold shot a 6 over par 74 to be the 2009 Sand Green Champion.

Previous winner Andrew Wyper played well below his best to come in second on 78.

Local sand green exponent Phil Ledgerwood took third place on 83 strokes.

All handicap trophies went to players from our sand green courses, which supports the theory "horses for courses".

Mick Day of Murrurundi was the only player to break his handicap with a fine nett 64, whilst fellow local Brett Reid came in second on 68.

Dan Vero, one of eight players from Merriwa, won third trophy on nett 69.

On a lighter note a regular competitor on the District circuit who tows his personal cart to all events, turned up at Murrurundi, with cart intact on the trailer, but somehow managed to leave the key at home at Singleton. All attempts to start the cart proved fruitless, until a competitor Cameron Henderson overhead Mal's plight, reached into his wallet and produced a spare key, saving the day.

SAND GREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Murrurundi - 19th April 2009

		Name	Club	Score
Scratch	Winner	Mark Penfold	The Oaks	74
	Second	Andrew Wyper	Kurri	78
	Third	Phil Ledgerwood	Murrurundi	83
		Name	Club	Score
Handicap	Winner	Mick Day	Murrurundi	64
	Second	Brett Reid	Murrurundi	68
	Third	Dan Vero	Merriwa	69

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2009 MIXED AMBROSE - BRANXTON GOLF CLUB

SUNDAY 17 MAY, 2009.

An excellent field of 96 players turned out for the championship event , one of the most popular on the District calendar.

A record score of 11 under par, 59 was returned by the winning team from Kurri, led by Andrew Wyper, who was solidly backed all day by Kevin Fielding, Renee Bean and Patsy Fielding.

Highlight of their round was Andrew's drive on the 10th hole, where his three wood from the tee found the narrow putting surface. It made for the easiest of birdies.

Runners up were the Singleton team of Dan Storey, Peter Vitnell, Helen Storey and Sarah Mouatt on 61. Dan and his team have been great supporters of this event and usually finish in the money.

The nett trophies were keenly contested with the width of a cigarette paper separating the first three placegetters.

The Singleton team of Barney & Louise Morrissey, Alf Ferguson and Jenny Delaney pipped the local team of Eddie Barrett & Mrs Barrett, Don Gilroy and Janene Aird by 1/4 of a stroke for the first prizemoney.

One of the Kurri groups almost had to play in a three after one of their team members mysteriously disappeared prior to hit off and could not be found.

Realising the team couldn't aFord to venture onto the course as a three a desperate search was put into place. Fortunately her cries for help were heard from within the Clubhouse, where she

had spent a penny and became entrapped by a rogue locking malfunction on the cubicle door. It took the services of a handyman to remove the imprisoning lock to release Sue in time to hit off.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Scratch Winners	Andrew Wyper		
	Kevin Fielding	Kurri	59
	Renee Bean		
	Patsy Fielding		
Scratch R Up	Daniel Storey		
	Peter Vitnell	Singleton	61
	Helen Storey		
	Sara Mouatt		
NETT			
Nett Winners	B Morrisey		
	A Ferguson	Singleton	55.625
	Louise Morrissey		
	Jenny Delaney		
Nett R Up	Eddie Barrett		
	D Gilroy	Branxton	
	B Barrett		55.75
	Jenene Aird		
Nett 3rd	Pat Rigby		
	Michael Clark	The Oaks	55.875
	Leanne Rigby		
	Jessica Kelly		

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TWO MAN AMBROSE C'SHIP 2009 - KING WARBURTON CUP

KURRI - 19th July 2009

HALE BERRY WINNERS

Mark Hale (Branxton) co-opted Mitch Berry (Kurri) to fill in at the last minute, after his original partner became unavailable. The pairing came up trumps to win the Championship event. Mark is in the midst of a purple patch, having recent wins at Singleton & Murrurundi Opens.

They teamed together to record 9 birdies, but two blemishes, in the form of bogeys on 5 & 14 narrowed their victory margin to a single shot.

Runners up were the short priced favourites Jeff & Andrew Wyper, who were considered unbeatable on their home track. Andrews booming drives combined with Jeff's deft short game carved up the front nine in 5 under par, but the pair went to sleep on the inward nine, managing a disappointing one under 35.

Defending champions Connor Walton and Cameron Benkovic were unavailable to play due to attendance at the JNJGF State Age Championships on the South Coast.

Division I handicap winners were the experienced pairing of Mark Newman and Anthony Fay from Singleton. Their round of 4 under resulted in a winning nett score of 63 3/4.

Runners up were late entries Bobby Walker and Marty Smith, from Maitland, who played with gay abandon to return a nett score of 65.

Division II scratch winners were Kurri pairing of Clay Babic and Scott Harris on 72 off the stick, an even par round. After a nervous opening nine holes, they were 3 over par, but played above their ability on the back nine to reverse it for a 3 under par.

All Black fanatic Phil Howell teamed with an injured "big bird" Joel Craig to come in second in the Div II scratch, two shots in arrears on 74. The pair had to overcome a six way countback to achieve the placing.

The Div II nett winners were great supporters of District events, the Pink brothers, Col & Rob. Playing on their home course they returned a nett 65 1/2 to win by 3/4 of a stroke from the Paterson team of veteran Roy Bishop and his youthful protege Greg Valentine.

2 PERSON AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Div. 1 Scratch Winners	Mark Hale	Branxton	
	Mitchell Berry	Kurri	65
Div. 1 Scratch RU	Andrew Wyper	Kurri	
	Jeff Wyper	Kurri	66
Div. 2 Scratch Winners	Clayton Babic	Kurri	
	Scott Harris	Kurri	72
Div. 2 Scratch RU	Joel Craig	Kurri	
	Phil Howell	Kurri	74cb
NETT			
Div. 1 Nett Winners	Mark Newman	Singleton	
	Anthony Faye	Singleton	63.75
Div. 1 Nett RU	Bob Walker	Maitland	
	Martin Smith	Maitland	65cb
Div. 2 Nett Winners	Col Pink	Kurri	
	Ron Pink	Kurri	65.5
Div.2 Nett RU	Roy Bishop	Paterson	
	Greg Valentine	Paterson	66.25

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Oaks Golf Club – 30 August, 2009

"THE PAPERBOY" DELIVERS

Josh "The Paperboy" Knott delivered the goods when he won his first District Championship with a fine one over par 73 on a testing Oaks layout. A string of birdies through holes 6, 7 & 8 set up a one under par 35 for the front nine, faltering slightly on the inward nine with 2 over par.

Junior rep Connor Walton, from the Kurri Club, finished one shot back on 74. A slow start saw an opening nine of 39 backed up by 35 shots on the back nine, with birdies on 14 & 16, for his two over par.

Andrew Campbell (Singleton) won the A grade handicap event with a nett 69, which included a disastrous double bogey 7, on the "gimme" 6th hole, to edge out Maitland's popular Peter Gibbs on 70. Peter has recently joined the Newcastle Club and there is a rumour he may be lost to District Golf.

Third place in the nett event went to promising junior Nathan Waters of Scone, also on 70. Nathan is a member of the District junior side and has really hit his straps this year.

In B grade Paul Smith (The Oaks) returned from a week of golf at the North Coast, complaining of a sore foot, to shoot an 84 to win the B grade Championship Cup. Paul hobbled around the course for rounds of 42 each nine provided a two shot margin. Paul received little sympathy for his sore foot from those in attendance at the presentation.

Consistent B grader Mark McKenzie from Kurri, was runner up on 86. 45 strokes on the back nine saw his chance for the title fritter away.

The B grade nett winner was Brendon Bendeich, (Branxton) with a 72. Brendon backed up a horror 48 on the front nine with a 41 to win on the countback from veteran Boss Hogg (The Oaks).

Chris House (Kurri) took the third place money on nett 74 and would be pleased with the result after a double, triple on holes 10 & 11.

The 2009 C grade champion "Drop dead" Fred Wakeman, turned in a winning round of 88 with unintentional assistance from the runner up Steve "Fluff" Clark Senior. Off the 11th tee Fred's drive was heading OOB over the fence with the assistance of the westerly wind. A fortunate rebound off Steve's roof saw the ball back in play, saving him the usual penalty of stroke and distance and resulted in a one shot winning margin.

Fluff could have recorded his first District title, but for 7's on the tough par four holes 8 & 15.

Graham Drennan from Singleton played well for his nett 69 to win the C grade nett. Graham's winning margin may have been more than two if not for five ugly 7's on his card.

Runner up was Laurie Castle from Paterson, on nett 71, who had a miserable 51 on the back nine, but backed it up with a 44 on the front nine.

Third place in the C grade nett went to the promising junior from Branxton, Josh Tracey, also finishing on nett 71. On current form Josh will be featuring in many District events in the coming years.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
A GRADE			
scratch 1	Josh Knott	The Oaks	73
scratch 2	Connor Walton	Kurri	74
nett 1	Andrew Campbell	Singleton	69
nett 2	Peter Gibbs	Maitland	70
nett 3	Nathan Waters	Scone	70
B GRADE			
scratch 1	Paul Smith	The Oaks	84
scratch 2	Mark McKenzie	Kurri	86
nett 1	Brendon Bendeich	Branxton	72
nett 2	John Hogg	The Oaks	72
nett 3	Chris House	Kurri	74
C GRADE			
scratch 1	Fred Wakeman	The Oaks	88
scratch 2	Steve Clark	The Oaks	89
nett 1	Grahan Drennan	Singleton	69
nett 2	Laurie Castle	Paterson	71
nett 3	Josh Tracey	Branxton	71

4 MAN AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

KURRI - st NOVEMBER 2009

Mark Hale continued his dominance of District events this year, when he teamed with fellow Branxton members Peter Callingham and Mick Ross, and just to top up the team in called in the "big gun" Glenn Marcheffer from Singleton for the District Ambrose Fours Championship.

Their winning score of 17 under par, 55 was a record for this event, which will stand for some time. To save space it is easier to advise that the only pars (3 of) they had were on the long second hole and the 8th & 14th par threes. Eagles on 7 (almost holed out) and 18 made up the balance of the round. Apparently an eagle chance went begging on 12 when a relatively short putt went begging.

The Scone team of Derek Field, David O'Donnell, Wayne Phelps and Chris Waters were scratch runners on 11 under par 61. The team played consistent golf for their rounds of 30 out and 31 in. Birdies and pars made for a neat card.

Burglars from Maitland Adam Roy, Peters Gibbs, Adam McKenzie and David Bell won the nett score trophy with their round of 58 nett 54 1/4. Two mirrored rounds of 29 strokes each nine, blemished by 4 pars cost the team any chance of a scratch victory.

Popular runners up were the Aberdeen team of Peter Cooper, Peter May, John Golledge and Tony Strong finished half a stroke behind on 54 3/4. The team's individual handicaps ranged from 11 to 18, but played like single figure markers for their 10 under par scratch round.

With record breaking scores such as these it was obvious that it must have been a perfect day weather wise aided by a course in tip top condition.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
SCRATCH			
Scratch Winners	Mark Hale	Branxton	
	Glenn Marcheff	Singleton	55
	Peter Callingham	Branxton	
	Mick Ross	Branxton	
Scratch R Up	Derek Field		
	David O'Donnell		57
	Wayne Phelps	Scone	
	Chris Waters		
NETT			
Nett Winners	Adam Mckenzie		
	Peter Gibbs	Maitland	54 1/4
	Adam Roy		
	David Bell		
Nett R Up	Peter Cooper		
	Peter May	Aberdeen	54 3/4
	John Golledge		
	Tony Strong		