

# 2010

## 2010 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



The District Junior Championships drew a disappointing field of 53 young golfers to Kurri on Sunday 14 March, 2010. This included young girls vying for the Newcastle Hunter Ladies Golf Association, who combined their junior championships with our Districts, for the first time.

The winner of the NHDGA Junior Championship was Aliza Huff of Belmont with a spectacular 77 off the stick, whilst fellow clubmate, Layne Flannery won the nett event on nett 73.

The 2010 Junior Champion and winner of the Dave Parkinson Shield was Cam Benkovic from Muswellbrook on 72, parring the course off his 3 handicap.

Nathan Waters (Scone) has certainly hit his straps this year and continued his form with 74 hits to take the Boys 16 - 17 years scratch trophy. James Towns from Maitland (no relation to Geoff or Jono) returned the best nett score for the division, with a fine 67.

Branxton's Adrian Chomiszak was successful in winning the Boys 14 -15 years Scratch with an impressive 75 hits, whilst Jack Clark of Singleton won the handicap trophy with a nett 68.

Isiah Wolferstan also hailing from Branxton, returned the equal second best score of 74 to convincingly win the Boys 13 and under scratch trophy. The "Mighty Midget" from Maitland Hayden Gulliver scooped the net trophy with a nett 70, and took the side bets off his big brother once again.

Hunter River Champion **Cameron Benkovic - 72**

GIRLS

NAME	CLUB	SCORE
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Scratch Winner	Aliza Huff	Belmont	77
Scratch Runner Up	Jessica Kelly	The Vintage	89
Nett Winner	Layne Flannery	Belmont	73
Nett Runner Up	Tess McDonald	Belmont	84
<b>BOYS 13 and Under</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Scratch Winner	Isiah Wolferstan	Branxton	74
Nett Winner	Hayden Gulliver	Maitland	70
Nett Runner Up	Ben Stokes	Singleton	72
Nett Third	Will Allison	Wyong	74
<b>BOYS 14 and 15</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Scratch Winner	Adrian Chomiszak	Branxton	75
Nett Winner	Jack Clark	Singleton	68
Nett Runner Up	Luke Walker	Charlestown	71
Nett Third	Tom Bateman	Scone	71
<b>BOYS 16 and 17</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Scratch Winner	Nathan Waters	Scone	74
Nett Winner	James Towns	Maitland	67
Nett Runner Up	Sam Buttenshaw	Maitland	69
Nett Third	Brodern Adam-Smith	Muswellbrook	71

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## SAND GREEN CHAMPIONSHIP

**Merriwa Golf Club 20 April, 2010**

District Captain Dave Parkinson was more surprised than anyone when he took out the 2010 Sand Greens title at Merriwa. An ordinary outward nine of 40 was backed up with a more consistent 38 on the back nine to take the Championship by a stroke. On current form Dave has impressed the selector (himself) and is knocking on the door for representative honours.

Michael Googe of Muswellbrook was runner up one shot in arrears on a countback on 79 from tournament favourite and sand green exponent Phil Ledgerwood of Murrurundi.

Peter Barwick of Muswellbrook was the nett winner on a countback from second favourite, Howie Lane of Murrurundi. Mal Newman of Singleton benefitting from a handicap blowout thanks to the new system came in third on 67.

Special mention should be made of the Merriwa Lady members who started the field, provided the entertainment and refreshments at the halfway house on the course, provided a delicious afternoon tea and completed the match results by the time the District officials hit the Club house.

**2010 SAND GREEN CHAMPION: DAVE PARKINSON**

		Name	Club	Score
<b>Scratch</b>	<b>Winner</b>	Dave Parkinson	Kurri	78
	<b>Second</b>	Mick Gooe	Muswellbrook	79
	<b>Third</b>	Phil Ledgerwood	Murrurundi	79
		Name	Club	Score
<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Winner</b>	Peter Barwick	Muswellbrook	66
	<b>Second</b>	Howie Lane	Murrurundi	66
	<b>Third</b>	Mal Newman	Singleton	67

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## MIXED AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SUNDAY 23 MAY, 2010 - SINGLETON**

A capacity field of 92 players took to the course at Singleton to compete in the Mixed Ambrose Championships.

Highlight of the day was a magnificent hole in one by Missy Beavis of Maitland on the final hole. The pin was tucked away behind the bunker in the back left of the green, in a seemingly impossible position. After a few anxious moments looking in the creek to the rear of the green for her ball, her playing partners discovered it in the hole for an ace. Well done Melissa.

Winners of the 2010 Championship were Kurri golfers Chris Ford and his mum Sue, Tricia "Killawarra" Wyper and Tim Lawrence, with a record score of 57, 12 under par. An average front nine of 30 was followed up by a blistering back nine of 27. Four birdies and eagles on both par fives equated to an 8 under for the nine.

Scratch runners up also hailed from Kurri, providing the Club with the quinella. Andrew & Renae Wyper teamed up with Kevin & Patsy Fielding to finish 4 strokes behind on 61.

The nett winners were David & Gail Smith and Tracey & Steve Rachell from TheVintage club on nett 51 5/8. Hero of the team was big hitting scratch marker Steve, who was assisted by the ample handicaps of his playing partners. It was pleasing to see The Vintage members supporting the District events.

Runners up in the nett were a "combo" team from the Denman and Scone Clubs. Jake Teague, Errol Lockwood, Sue Wilson and Vicki Pascoe combined to finish with a creditable 54 1/4.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
<b>SCRATCH</b>			
Scratch Winners	Chris Ford		
	Tom Lawrence	KURRI	57
	Sue Ford		
	Tricia Wyper		
Scratch R Up	Andrew Wyoer		
	Renee Wyper	KURRI	61

	Kevin Fielding		
	Patsie Fielding		
<b>NETT</b>			
Nett Winners	D Smith		51.675
	T Rachell		
	S Rachell	THE VINTAGE	
	G Smith		
Nett R Up	Jake Teague		
	Errol Lockwood	SCONE \ DENMAN	54.25
	Sue Wilson		
	V Pascoe		
Nett 3rd	Adele Curry		54.375
	Dave Curry		
	Sean Heffernan	PATERSON	
	J Salina		

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## KING WARBURTON CUP - 2 MAN AMBROSE C'SHIP

**The Oaks Golf Club – 18 July, 2010**

The final District event to played on The Oaks layout, prior to the closure of the course, to enable major renovations to the course layout to commence was played on Sunday 18 July, 2010. In 16months time we look forward to returning to the new layout.

Winners of the King Warburton Cup, were the ever consistent Mark Hale and his partner Tony Lamb from the Branxton Club. Their winning score of 63 was 9 under par for the 72 layout. Ten birdies and a solitary bogey on the 4th hole provided the pair with a 5 stroke margin over father & son team of Paul & Cameron Benkovic. Their nines of 32 out and 31 in was red hot golf.

Paul & Cam got off to a slow start of even par for the front nine but came alive with a stunning 3 under par on the inward nine.

Division 2 scratch winners were Vintage members Shane Walsh and Nev Peace on even par, 72 edging out another father and son team of Mark & Dean Lauder from Paterson, who finished a solitary stroke in arrears on 73.

Early Division 2 favourites Mal Newman & Dave Parkinson failed to live up to their form and will be overlooked for representative selection for coming rep events.

Two four markers, Muz Flannigan and Mark Harrison, from The Oaks, took out the nett event in Division 1 with a 63 nett. The pair actually had the second best scratch score (65) but were awarded the nett on the basis of the trophy value.

John Goodwin (Kurri) and Mark Killick (Branxton) paired up to win the Division 1nett runner up prize on 64<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> after a scratch score of 70.

Locals John Hickey and Dusty Lawless are in a purple patch of late. Their winning score to win the Division 2 nett trophy of 63¾ gave them a narrow win by one stroke over Kurri "greenie" big Al Mudd and his partner Dean Latter.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
<b>SCRATCH</b>			
Div. 1 Scratch Winners	Mark Hale	Branxton	
	Tony Lamb		63
Div. 1 Scratch RU	Cameron Benkovic	Muswellbrook	
	Paul Benkovic		68
Div. 2 Scratch Winners	Neville Peace	The Vintage	
	Shane Walsh		72
Div. 2 Scratch RU	Mark Lauder	Paterson	
	Dean Lauder		73
<b>NETT</b>			
Div. 1 Nett Winners	Mark Harrison	The Oaks	
	Murray Flannagan		63.75
Div. 1 Nett RU	John Goodwin	Kurri	
	Mark Killick	Branxton	64.75
Div. 2 Nett Winners	Dusty Lawless	The Oaks	
	John Hickey		63.75
Div.2 Nett RU	Alan Mudd	Kurri	
	Dean Latter		64.75

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## MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS - BEN OWEN CUP

**Maitland Golf Club – 8 August, 2010**

Sweet swinging Maitland member Peter Gibbs scored his first major District title when he cruised around the course in 4 over par, 75 to win the 2010 Masters Championship. On a slow track combined with slick greens and a few tricky pin placements conservative golf was the order of the day.

Teeing off in the first group of the day, Peter was able to maintain a level head to play to the conditions. His round only included one birdie and tempered by 5 bogeys. Peter can consider himself unlucky not to make the rep side for the Regional championship but his decision to declare Newcastle as his home Club has precluded his selection. Hopefully the Newcastle DGA selectors will be watching his form.

Golf refugee, Robbie Logue (no home course), from The Oaks Club, came in runner up one shot in arrears on 76. Steady par golf interspersed with 5 bogeys were the story of his day. The bogey 6 on the 15th hole, which is rated the easiest on the course was a costly one.

Gary "budgie" Mears from Muswellbrook, appeared an also ran after a front nine of 41. The back nine saw a fight back and after the 16th hole was right in the picture, being one under par for the nine, but fell away to 3rd place with a bogey bogey finish, for a total of 77.

Recent retiree Mick Sarquis from Maitland is showing the benefit of additional golf, when he returned a 68 to win the 18 hole nett event. An ordinary front nine of 44 followed up with a triple on 10, double on 14 had him finishing amongst the middle of the field, until he laid on two birdies on 16 & 17 to provide the winning edge.

Another Oaks refugee, Ron Stewart was runner up in the nett event with a score of 69 one ahead of Sooty. Balanced golf of 9 over par on each nine provided a total of 89 strokes, nett 69.

Muswellbrook golf tragic Elie Raad came in 3rd place for the nett event on 71 on a countback from Maitland member Reg Crick.

		Name	Club	Score
<b>Scratch</b>	<b>Winner</b>	Peter GIBBS	Maitland	75
	<b>Second</b>	Rob LOGUE	Oaks	76
	<b>Third</b>	Gary MEARS	Muswellbrook	77
		<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Winner</b>	Mick SARQUIS	Maitland	68
	<b>Second</b>	Ron STEWART	Oaks	69
	<b>Third</b>	Elie RAAD	Muswellbrook	71 c/b
	<b>Fourth</b>	Reg CRICK	Maitland	71 c/b

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## DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Muswellbrook Golf Club – 29 August, 2010

### SCOTT HAYES WINS FIRST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS -

Scott Hayes from the Muswellbrook Club, took his first major title when he shot one under par



on his home track to edge out previous frequent winner Mark Hale on a countback. Steady par golf interspersed with 3 birdies and 2 bogeys was enough to edge out Mark when the countback was applied.

Scott was ecstatic about the win and shared the contents of the Cup with those present in the Clubhouse.

The B Grade Champion was Adam Jackson from The Oaks with an 83 off the bat. A slow start saw an opening nine of 44 but a form reversal saw a neat 39 strokes required for the inward nine to win the title by a stroke.

Runner up was the evergreen Alan "Mildew" Mould on 84. An uncharacteristic opening 9 holes of 46 was more akin to the play of a 36 marker, but managed to put it together on the back nine with a 2 over par.

Popular winner of the C Grade title was youngster Bradey Hay of Singleton with a neat 90 strokes for the tough 18 holes. Playing in his first District Championship he got away to a nervous start, but gained confidence as the game progressed to shoot 47 - 43 and win the title by a one stroke margin.

C grade runner up was Graeme "Fire" Flanagan from Muswellbrook. A disastrous quintuple bogey 10 on the 10th hole put paid to any chance Graeme may have had of a win.

The A Grade handicap winner was Bobba Dial (Muswellbrook) on a countback, on nett 69, from the injured Tony Lamb of Branxton and the "hungry" Nick Gulliver of Maitland.

The man of few words David Beldham of Kurri was the B Grade nett winner with a score of 67 from his chauffeur Leighton Wells who was two strokes in arrears. In third place was Paul Fitsimmons from The Vintage on nett 70.

Popular supporter of District events Scott Gardiner from Singleton returned the best score of the day of nett 65 to win the C Grade handicap trophy from Trent Williams from Dungog on nett 69 and Matthew Oliver from Singleton on nett 70.

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE	VALUE
<b>A GRADE</b>				
scratch 1	Scott Hayes	Muswellbrook	71	\$130
scratch 2	Mark Hale	Branxton	71	\$80
nett 1	Bob Dial	Muswellbrook	69	\$100
nett 2	Tony Lamb	Branxton	69	\$70
nett 3	Nick Gulliver	Maitland	69	\$40
<b>B GRADE</b>				
scratch 1	Adam Jackson	The Oaks	83	\$130
scratch 2	Alan Mould	Kurri	84	\$80
nett 1	David Beldham	Kurri	67	\$100
nett 2	Leighton Wells	Kurri	69	\$70
nett 3	Paul Fitsimmons	The Vintage	70	\$40
<b>C GRADE</b>				
scratch 1	Brady Hay	Singleton	90	\$130
scratch 2	Graeme Flannagan	Muswellbrook	91	\$80

nett 1	Scott Gardiner	Singleton	65	\$100
nett 2	Trent Williams	Dungog	69	\$70
nett 3	Matthew Oliver	Singleton	70	\$40

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## AMBROSE FOURS - McLINTOCK SHIELD

### Muswellbrook Golf Club 31 October, 2010

Hot scores were returned by the winning teams who participated in the usually popular event. Only 84 players participated who were fortunate to play the Muswellbrook course at its best. Due to the small field a shot gun start was utilised.

The winners with a record score of 13 under par, 59, on the difficult layout were Brodie Mainey (6), Andrew McTaggart (6), Paul Carey (17) and the mainstay of the team Ricky Munday (22). Starting from the 9th tee with a regulation 5, the boys "jumped out of the gate" blitzing the back nine, birdieing 8 of the 9 holes for 28 hits. They continued on with a further 5 birdies over the remaining front nine holes.

Scratch score runners up were the stacked side of Mark Hale (1), Tim Lawrence (0), Tony Lamb (7) and John Grant (27). A slow start over the front nine holes where they could only muster 2 birdies and an eagle, the balance in pars for 32 hits. They managed to match the winners on the back nine with 8 birdies for 28.

Popular nett trophy winners were Stubbsy Benkovic (6), Kymble Pascoe (0), Glass Chapman (15) and the youthful Wal Nicol (28). The well balanced team played balanced golf with 30 hits each nine for a 60 total, nett 53 7/8. Self appointed team Captain Stubbsy guided his more experienced counterparts with the maturity of an old timer.

Handicap runners up were Brad Bastick (5), Brodern Adam-Smith (10), Jaye Thomas (16) and Darren Smith (36). Only two birdies in their first six holes was a slow start, but a birdie barrage over the first 3 holes on the front nine got them back on track. Their scratch score of 63 gave them a nett result of 54 5/8 to finish one behind.

## 4 MAN AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS MUSWELLBROOK - 31st October 2010

TROPHY	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
<b>SCRATCH</b>			
Scratch Winners	Brodie MAINEY		
	Andrew McTAGGART	Muswellbrook	59
	Ricky MUNDAY		
	Paul CAREY		
Scratch R Up	Mark HALE		
	Tim LAWRENCE	Branxton	60cb
	Tony LAMB		
	John GRANT		



<b>NETT</b>			
Nett Winners	Brady BENKOVIC		
	Kimble PASCOE	Muswellbrook	53 7/8
	Tony CHAPMAN		
	Wal NICOL		
Nett R Up	Brad BASTICK		
	Brodern ADAM SMITH	Muswellbrook	54 7/8
	Jaye JOHNS		
	Darren SMITH		

BALL COMP

D. Storey, M. Lirkpatrick, N. Hugger, C. Harris - Singleton

P. Reading, G. Newton, R. Ryan, G. Barton - Muswellbrook

L. Cope, B. Minch, B. Robertson, P. Millis - Muswellbrook

**players**

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