

# 2006

## A Grade Final - Bettington Cup – Maitland vs The Oaks

**Held at Kurri Golf Club on Sunday 2 April, 2006**

Traditional rivals Maitland and the Oaks met once again to decide the pinnacle event of the golfing calendar, the A Grade Pennant final for the historic Bettington Cup.

Over the past 15 years the two sides have met on numerous occasions, with The Oaks holding the upper hand in previous wins.

The final was shaping as another classic encounter, with both sides bleeding new players, with a leaning towards youth.

Maitland took the early advantage with wins by Steve Lill, Simon Dillon and Chris Burdekin, whilst Nathan Lane notched up The Oaks first win.

The Oaks then fought back to take the next two matches with youngsters Davie Morgan and Mick Clark recording impressive wins.

With the matches tied at 3-3, it was now down to the numbers ones, junior Benny Sweetman for The Oaks and Craig Melville for Maitland.

After 17 holes Craig held a one hole advantage. Both players hit safe drives, but things went slightly awry on the second shots into the par 5, 18th hole for both players. Ben was first to play pulling his shot into the greenkeepers compound whilst Craig bounced his shot off a cart on the 10th tee into the clubhouse wall and eventually rolling back in bounds.

Both players were entitled to relief and then played difficult shots onto the putting surface, where they both missed their birdie chances and nervously made the return putts for a halved hole and resulting in a win to Maitland for an overall 4/3 result.

<b>MAITLAND</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>THE OAKS</b>	<b>3</b>
Craig Melville	1 up	Ben Sweetman	
Mark Daniels		David Morgan	4/3
Matt Chapman		Mick Clark	1 up
Chris Burdekin	5/4	John Barrett	
Bob Walker		Nathan Lane	4/2
Simon Dillon	2/1	Dustin Knight	
Steve Lill	2/1	Rob Logue	

## **B Grade Final - Pogonoski Cup – Heritage Green v Maitland**

**held at Kurri Sunday 2 April, 2006**

Heritage Green took out the Pogonoski Cup against their more fancied rivals, Maitland.

The opening pairing from Maitland Dave Batey and Aaron Povey led the team out and were never headed winning comfortably by the margin of 3 & 1. But that was the end of the story for the Maitland side.

Heritage Greens middle pairing, Greg Riches and John Breskon had a real tussle in their hard fought win over Steve Yates and Russell Potter, sneaking home 2 & 1.

Even Steve's lucky shorts were of no assistance and let the side down on the day.

In the final match Duncan Mead and Steve Jones towelled up their opponents Mick Finch and Wazza Johnstone to the tune of 4 & 3.

<b>Heritage Green</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Maitland</b>	<b>1</b>
Mick Curry	lost to	Dave Batey	3/2
Mark Brittain		Aaron Povey	
Greg Riches	defeated	Steve Yates	2/1
John Breskon		Russell Potter	
Duncan Mead	defeated	Mick Finch	4/3
Steve Jones		Warren Johnstone	

## **C GRADE FINAL - BERCINI CUP 2006 – Paterson v Branxton**

**Held at Kurri Golf Club on Sunday 2 April, 06**

Defending champions Paterson made it two in a row when they defeated their opponents, Branxton in convincing fashion.

The first pairing out Mark Lauder and junior Heath Eslick cruised to a 4/3 victory over Ian Nielson and Len Porter.

The team Captain Peter Griffin teamed with Max Wallington to easily defeat Neil Bird and Mick Armstrong to the tune of 5/3.

With two matches in and the win sealed the final match was called off the course on the 15th hole. At that stage the Branxton pair of Col Parker and Brian Thomas were 1 up over Wayne Clark and Greg Kellner.

<b>PATERSON</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>BRANXTON</b>	<b>1</b>
Mark Lauder	4/3	Ian Nielson	
Heath Eslick		Len Porter	
Pete Griffin	5/3	Neil Bird	
Max Wallington		Mick Armstrong	
Wayne Clark		Col Parker	1 up
Greg Kellner		Brian Thomas	

## **Junior Pennant Final - Hancock Trophy – Muswellbrook v Kurri**

**Sunday 9 April, 2006 at Singleton**

The Muswellbrook junior side scraped home to win the final of the Junior pennant series and make it two in a row, with a hard fought win over a gallant Kurri side.

With the match evenly balanced at 2 -2, it came down to the number ones. Luke Gageler for Muswellbrook was pushed all the way by Kia Pridue, and hung on for a one up victory clinching the Trophy for the ecstatic Muswellbrook team.

<b>MUSWELLBROOK</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>KURRI</b>	<b>2</b>
Luke Gageler	1 up	Kai Pridue	
Sonny Bill Cook		Tim Lawrence	5/4
Brodie Mainey	2/1	Daniel Craig	
Jordana Keaton		Dave Newell	1 up
Cameron Benkovic	19th	Mitch Cullen	

## **Seniors Final - Frame Cup 2006 Maitland v Singleton**

**at The Oaks, Sunday 9 April, 06**

Maitland avenged their defeat in last year final, with a convincing 3 - 0 win over Singleton in the final of the 2006 Senior Pennant.

Evergreen Tom Winterburn teamed with John Mitchell to defeat Wayne Rutter & O.J. Baker to the tune of 5 & 4.

In their season of pennants & first final, a nervous Max Geyer was solidly supported by the cool Wayne Clements to record a 3 & 2 win, over Chris Geddes and Brian Payton, to clinch the Cup.

Bringing up the rear were Ken Ward and Mick Carter who defeated Len McCosker and Peter Gottwaltz 3 & 2.

<b>Maitland</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Singleton</b>	<b>0</b>
Tom Winterburn John Mitchell	defeated	Wayne Rutter Owen Baker	5/4
Wayne Clements Max Geyer	defeated	Chris Geddes Brian Payton	3/2
Ken Ward Mick Carter	defeated	Len McCosker Peter Gottwaltz	3/2