

2009

A Grade Pennant Final

BETTINGTON CUP - Maitland v Singleton

at Kurri, Sunday 5 April, 2009



From the outhouse to the penthouse is an apt description of the success of the Singleton A Grade pennant team.

In 2008 the Singleton Club could not muster sufficient interest to field a team. In 2009 they fronted up and became the victors in the final against the firm favourites Maitland.

From start to finish it was a nail biting affair, for players and supporters. Through 9 holes Maitland held a slender 4/3 lead.

First match in was the number sevens with Ads McKenzie (Maitland) winning comfortably 5/4. Shortly thereafter Andy Campbell (Singleton) squared the ledger with a 3/2 win

over Martin Smith, who performed like a princess.

Lee Barton playing at number 3 for Maitland, played sub par golf to win 5/4 over the Singleton team senior Andrew Harrison.

From that point Singleton snuck ahead with wins by Mathew Dicks over the ever reliable Steve Lill 3/2, whilst Simon Jay claimed another match 3/2 over Maitland captain Bobby Walker.

With Singleton holding a slender 3/2 lead, two matches were still on the course, both too close to call.

Singleton Captain Nathan Bagnall, playing at 2, was having a fair tussle with Craig Melville, stoutly hanging on to a 1 up lead. At the par 3, 17th hole Craig hit wide of the green, finishing in a difficult position. His chip came up short and his resultant bogey gave Nathan the hole and win.

This provided Singleton an unassailable margin and the Bettington Cup.

Watching from behind was long drive exponent Glen Marcheff who had a tussle on his hand against the young Maitland No. 1 Eli Richardson, who was hanging on to a slender 1 hole margin, after leading 5 up at the turn. With no advantage in continuing the match it was awarded to Eli for an overall 4/3 result to Singleton.

Singleton last won the Bettington Cup in 1982 and by all accounts the team and their supporters celebrated accordingly.

SINGLETON		MAITLAND	
Glen MARCHEFF		Eli RICHARDSON	+ 1 up
Nathan BAGNALL	+ 2/1	Craig MELVILLE	
Andrew HARRISON		Lee BARTON	+ 5/4
Mathew DICKS	+ 3/2	Steve LILL	
Simon JAY	+ 2 up	Bobby WALKER	
Andy CAMPBELL	+ 3/2	Martin SMITH	
Michael KIRKPATRICK		Adam McKENZIE	+ 5/4
	4		3

B Grade Pennant Final

POGONOSKI CUP - Maitland v Kurri

at Singleton, Sunday 5 April, 2009

Persistent heavy rain preceding the scheduled final, caused the venue to be transferred from The Oaks to Singleton to enable the final to go ahead.

On arrival at Singleton the players found new water features on the course to contend with. Luckily they were casual water.

The two teams vying for the Pogonoski Cup, Maitland and Kurri, both finished on 14 points and were at full strength for the final.

At the half way mark Kurri held a one match advantage thanks to Wayne Rushton & John Goodwin who had stormed to a 5 up lead over Brent Mathews and Mark Forbes, The remaining matches were one apiece.

Brent & Mark managed to drag two holes back, early in the back nine but eventually succumbed 4 & 3.



Playing at No. 3, Martin Kelly & Rod Butler (Maitland) clicked on the back nine to take their match against John Breskon & the evergreen Kev Coleman, 3 & 2, squaring the matches one each.

The No. 2 teams were still on the course in the deciding match. Steady golf by Tony Ellicott & his partner Eugene Ridolfi edged ahead of their opponents Gav Wolfe & Mark Hodson to claim victory at the 16th hole and the Pogonoski Cup for 2009.

KURRI		MAITLAND	
John BRESKON Kev COLEMAN		Martin KELLY Rod BUTLER	3/2
Eugene RIDOLFI Tony ELLICOTT	3/2	Gavin WOLFE Mark HODSON	
Wayne RUSHTON John GOODWIN	4/3	Brent MATHEWS Mark FORBES	
	2		1

C Grade Pennant Final

BERCINI CUP – Muswellbrook v Branxton

at Kurri, Sunday 5 April, 2009



For the past eight years Maitland and Paterson have dominated C grade and it was pleasing to see two of the minor sides reach the final.

Due to rain & heat the series was shortened by two rounds, with Muswellbrook and Branxton finishing on 4 wins each, to meet in the final.

With Muswellbrook chasing their first win since 1982 and Branxton having won it 6 times in that period, all indicators pointed to another Branxton win. Neither team had met during the round series due to the

washed out round.

However it didn't turn out that way, and Muswellbrook were victors for 2009 in another close final overcoming Branxton 2 & 1.

In the opening match big hitting Muswellbrook Captain Andrew Matthews and his partner Tony Stanford went down to Neil Bird and Mick Armstrong 4 & 3.

Two long serving members of the Muswellbrook team Steve Polverino and Peter "Yappy" Davies, proved too experienced for Col Parker and Richard Crooks, with a 5 & 4 walkover.

At one match all, it was down to the final match to decide the winner. In a close match which went to the 17th hole John Critcher and Travis Musica finally overcame Jamie Fairfull and long serving Branxton C Grade team captain Len Porter, 2 & 1.

Credit must go to all C grade teams who always play the series in the true spirit of the game and is always enjoyed by all participants. A get together of all C grade players is being organized in the near future, the only grade in all pennants to do so.

MUSWELLBROOK		BRANXTON	
Andrew MATTHEWS Tony STANFORD		Neil BIRD Mick ARMSTRONG	4/3
Peter DAVIES Steve POLVERINO	5/4	Col PARKER Richard CROOKS	
John CRITCHER Travis MUSICA	2/1	Jamie FAIRFULL Len PORTER	
	2		1

Junior Pennant Final

Hancock Shield – Muswellbrook Green v Maitland

at The Oaks, Sunday 26 April, 2009



The two top qualifying teams finally got together at The Oaks, to sort out the 2009 champion team for the Hancock Shield.

On paper Maitland was the stronger team, but at the end of the day it was the underdog, Muswellbrook Green team who were triumphant team.

At the change there was little in it, but as the match progressed the Muswellbrook team stormed home to take the Shield.

Playing at number 5 Brodern Adam-Smith put Muswellbrook in front with a 4 & 2 win over Hayden Gulliver.

Maitland returned fire with wins by Kade Hardy 2 up and David Connaughton 5 & 3. This left the number 1 & 2 players to sort out the final.

Dylan Perry came from behind at the turn, to run down "The Seagull" Nick Gulliver 4 & 3, who failed to swoop on opportunities.

Jordana Keaton fresh back from the Australian Junior Interstate series in Alice Springs proved too strong for Andrew "SMS" Marriott, who was still a bit rusty after an enforced lay off. Jordana won the critical final match 3 & 2.

MUSWELLBROOK GREEN		MAITLAND	
Jordana KEATON	3/2	Andrew MARROITT	
Dillon PERRY	3/2	Nick GULLIVER	
Brodyn GARGAN		David CONNAUGHTON	5/3
Josh SLADE		Kade HARDY	2up
Brodern ADAM-SMITH	4/2	Hayden GULLIVER	
TOTAL	3		2

Senior Pennant Final

Frame Cup – Branxton v Maitland

at Kurri, Sunday 26 April, 2009



After a long series which commenced early January, the final culminated with Branxton meeting Maitland in the final.

Branxton, astutely led by non playing Captain Paul Brennan, the defending champions were gunning for three in a row, whilst Maitland were chasing their first victory for “Captain Courageous” Wayne Clements, since he had taken on that role.

On paper Branxton was the stronger of the teams, whilst Maitland had introduced new blood to bolster their team.

At the half way mark Branxton held a slender 2 /1 lead and at that stage the final could have gone either way.

As the matches proceeded further into the inward nine, Branxton assumed the ascendancy and took the Frame Cup for the third year in a row.

Gary Wilton and Ken Aird maintained a steady lead over Maitland stalwarts Ken Ward & John Mitchell, eventually running out comfortable winners 4 & 3.

Branxton icon Mick Watson and his clever partner Peter Tracey improved their half way lead of two up, over Max Geyer and Wayne Clements, to record a 4 & 2 win.

With the Frame Cup decided the final match between Eddie Barrett and Rod Moylan of Branxton and two former C graders Kevin Hure and Ray Harrison finished early with a gentlemanly agreement, to walk off with two holes to go. At that stage the match was all square.

BRANXTON		MAITLAND	
Gary WILTON Ken AIRD	4/3	Ken WARD John MITCHELL	
Mick WATSON Peter TRACEY	4/2	Max GEYER Wayne CLEMENTS	
Eddie BARRETT Rod MOYLAN	SQ	Kevin HURE Ray HARRISON	SQ
	2 1/2		1/2