

2010

A Grade Pennant Final

BETTINGTON CUP - Maitland v Muswellbrook

at Cessnock, Sunday 11 April, 2010



In a thrilling finale to the A grade pennant series for the coveted Bettington Cup, Maitland pulled off a "houdini" win over Muswellbrook at The Oaks on Sunday 11 April, 2010.

The holy grail of A grade pennants the Bettington Cup returns to Maitland for the first time since 2006.

The two teams clearly topped the table at the end of the series. When they met in round 6 it ended a draw which was going to ensure a close final. The crowd of supporters who viewed the final were not disappointed. After an opening nervous 9 holes Muswellbrook had the upper hand leading 4½ to 2½.

For Maitland, Adam Mckenzie & Simon Dillon were the only players in front, whilst Steve Jones was all square.

On the Muswellbrook side of the ledger Brad Bastick was 2 up over Andrew Auld, Kymble Pascoe 4 up over Sparky Daniels, Scott Hayes 2 up over Maitland captain Bobby Walker and gun player Andrew Partridge 4 up on Craig Melville. Things were rosy for Muswellbrook.

As the players went through hole 13, it appeared to be "mission impossible " for Maitland, but big hearts began pumping and slowly they clawed their way back into the game.

Andrew Auld playing at No. 7 came from behind to defeat Brad Bastick 3/2. Adam McKenzie continued his form and maintained his lead to win 3/2 over Brodie Mainey.

Simon Dillon was never headed, despite some shaky moments over the closing holes. His professional caddy Deb Pearson, helped him maintain his composure with some words of wisdom to win 1 up on the last hole over Bobba Dial.

In the meantime Sparky Daniels met a red hot Kymble Pascoe who dispatched him with a comprehensive 6/5 win, whilst Scott Hayes overcame Bobby Walker 4/3.

The efforts of Steve Jones, turned the table in Maitland's favour. Behind for most of the match he fought back to win his match 1 up over promising junior Cameron Benkovic. On hole16, with the match all square, he made a miraculous par to halve the hole after drowning his second in the burn. The 17th was halved with regulation par 3's. On 18 he placed his drive in the centre of the fairway, whilst Cameron turned over on his drive and finished in the adjacent residences. Steve won the hole, his match and the Cup.

Meanwhile the number one players were going down the 16th when the result was declared. Andrew Partridge defeated Craig Melville 3/2.

After several attempts over the past few years Maitland had finally regained the Bettington Cup. A relieved Club Captain, Rick Marsh had finally got the monkey off his back.

It was pleasing to see international touring pro and former District player supporting his old Club by caddying for the Muswellbrook captain Bobba Dial.



MAITLAND		MUSWELLBROOK	
Craig MELVILLE		Andrew PARTRIDGE	3/2
Bobby WALKER		Scott HAYES	4/3
Mark DANIELS		Kymble PASCOE	6/5
Steve JONES	1 up	Cameron BENKOVIC	
Simon DILLON	1 up	Bob DIAL	
Adam McKENZIE	3/2	Brodie MAINEY	
Andrew AULD	3/2	Brad BASTICK	
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B Grade Pennant Final

POGONSKI CUP – The Oaks v Singleton

at Kurri, Sunday
10 April, 2010



In the final of the B grade pennant, played at Maitland in early fog, the two combatants Singleton and The Oaks lined up again after meeting in the final round of the series, the week before.

The Oaks were able to repeat the dose, winning 2/1, to reign supreme as holders of the Pogonoski Cup for the next 12 months.

At the halfway mark The Oaks held a slender advantage. Singleton was 1 up in the first and The Oaks 1 up in the third, whilst The Oaks held a 3 up lead in the second match.

The number two Oaks pairing of team Captain Jeremy Holden partnered by Graham Groizard, went on to win 2/1 over Mick Williams and Paul Goddard, to provide the Oaks an early lead for The Cup.

Meanwhile in the first match out on the course, Michael Ervin and evergreen Paul Smith fought back from an early 3 hole deficit to only be one down after nine. In a seesawing match over the back nine it was all square with the last hole to go. Michael Ervin hit the 18th green in regulation, whilst his opposition Brad Ingram and Wayne Chandler played "army" golf, and could only muster a bogey. Mick calmly two putted to win the hole, the match and the Cup.

Bringing up the rear the number ones were also involved in a close tussle, unaware of the result. When news filtered though of The Oaks win, Rick Janssen & Brad Gardiner were 1 up after 17 holes against Mark Bewes and Adam Jackson. With the result in the bag, the Oaks players graciously called off the final hole providing Singleton with a win.

The two teams adjourned to the clubhouse to toast the win and drown their sorrows.

The OAKS		SINGLETON	
Michael ERVIN Paul SMITH	1 up	Brad INGRAM Wayne CHANDLER	
Jeremy HOLDEN Graham GROIZARD	2/1	Mick WILLIAMS Paul GODDARD	

Mark BEWES		Brad INGRAM	1 up
Adam JACKSON		Rick JANSSEN	
	2		1

C Grade Pennant Final

BERCINI CUP – Oaks v Paterson

at Kurri, Sunday 11 April, 2010



The Oaks triumphed over Paterson in the final of The Bercini Cup, held at Kurri. In a close match the Oaks were victorious by 2 matches to 1.

Through 9 holes 2 of the matches were square and the other match between Steve Wallington & Brad Merchant against Greg Amos & Kristian Bradley was 2 up in favour of Paterson. Steve and Brad went on to comfortably account for their opponents, winning 4/3, and placing Paterson in one would think, the box seat.

But it wasn't to be with Shannon Bowe & Adam Tomlinson of the Oaks squaring the ledger with a fine 3/1 win over Greg Kellner & Wayne Clark. Wayne blamed the loss on the lack of on course refreshments.

This brought the final down to the final group, who approached the 18th hole and The Oaks holding a slender 1 up lead. Phil Watson of Paterson placed his fourth shot to within 3 feet of the flag. The Oaks captain John Hickey was in the greenside bunker for 3, requiring him to get up &

down to maintain their one hole advantage. At this stage their partners were virtual spectators. John rose to the occasion exploding out to 18 inches from the hole. Phil then proceeded to calmly hole his putt, which mentally doubled the length of John's putt. To the cheers of his team mates he emphatically rammed the putt in to claim the 2010 Bercini Cup for his team.

The OAKS		PATERSON	
John HICKEY Ryan HINDMARSH	+ 1	Phil WATSON Brad MERCHANT	
Greg AMOS Kristian BRADLEY		Steve WALLINGTON Ben HUCKSTADT	+ 4/3
Shannon BOWE Adam TOMLINSON	+ 3/1	Greg KELLNER Wayne CLARK	
	2		1

Junior Pennant Final

Hancock Shield –
Muswellbrook v
Maitland

at Singleton, Sunday
11 April, 2010



Muswellbrook juniors made it two in a row by taking the 2010 junior pennant final at Singleton, which was turned out in splendid condition for the event. The Brook met Maitland for the second year in a row and once again were victorious by the margin of 3 - 2.

Mimicking the words of Juan Antonio Samaranch, our excited District Captain Dave Parkinson claimed it "the best ever" final he had witnessed. It was so close 4 out of the 5 matches were decided on 18th hole.

Maitland struck an early lead with the mighty midget Hayden Gulliver, playing at 5, win his match 1 up over Billy Fenton, who had staged a comeback after being down 3 holes after 9.

Blake Palmer, playing at No. 4, put Maitland 2 up with a convincing victory over Josh Slade by the margin of 4/3.

Playing at No. 3 Brodie Benkovic pulled one back for the Brook, with a hard fought win of 1 up on the last hole over David Connaughton. At no point throughout the match was the margin more than 1 hole either way.

The numbers two's has an interesting match through to the 18th where the referee was called to adjudicate. Maitland's Kade Hardy was up against Brad Bastick and at that point it was all square. Brad had the honour and knocked his ball onto the 18th green, some 30 feet from the pin. It was then discovered he had hit off from in front of the markers. The referee correctly ruled that there was no penalty involved but Kade had the option to make Brad replay the shot. In a sporting gesture Kade allowed the shot to stand, after having previously played his shot onto the putting surface. Sadly Kade took a 3 putt to Brad's two putts and went down by 1 hole.

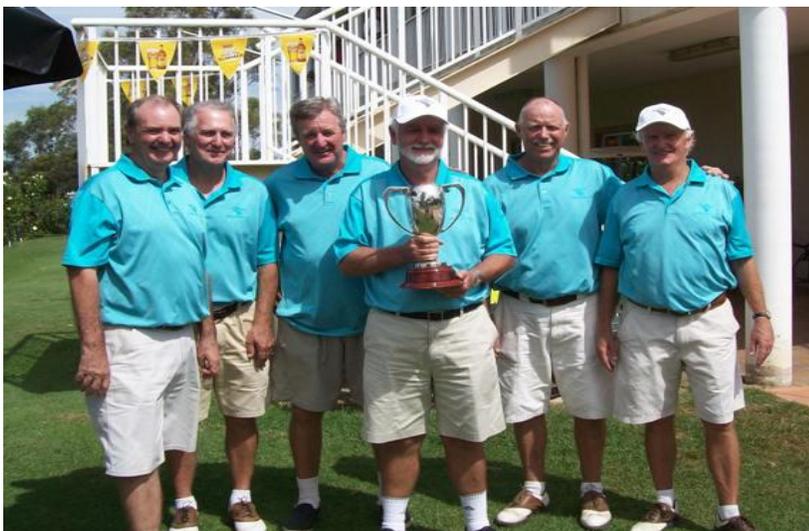
With the matches tied up at two apiece, it was down to the number ones, Dylan Perry and Nick Gulliver. Nick at that stage was one down, but had the honour. His shot safely found the green, but it proved futile when Dylan played a clincher to within a metre, and then it was game, match and victory to Muswellbrook.

MUSWELLBROOK		MAITLAND	
Dylan PERRY	+ 2	Nick GULLIVER	
Brad BASTICK	+ 1	Kade HARDY	
Brodie BENKOVIC	+ 1	David CONNAUGHTON	
Josh SLADE		Blake PALMER	+ 4/3
Billy FENTON		Hayden GULLIVER	+ 1
TOTAL	3		2

Seniors Pennant Final

FRAME CUP – The Vintage v Maitland

at Oaks, Sunday 11 April, 2010



The Vintage Golf Club, in only their second year of Senior Pennants has taken the holy grail, The Frame Cup and 2010 pennant title over a despondent Maitland, who have gone down in the final two years running.

This is a marvellous achievement for a Club of only 160 members, to win the title in their second year of competitive pennant golf.

Maitland were red hot favourites after going through the season undefeated, but came up against an in form Vintage team in the final at The Oaks.

Leading the way for the Vintage were the number two pairing of Tom Hannah and Rod Paech overwhelming their opponents Stan Gardner and Kevin Hure 5 & 4. Rod Paech created havoc when he fired off 7 pars and 3 birdies in 14 holes. Not bad for an 18 marker.

The number threes were the next match in with Vintage captain John Retallick and partner David Last defeating Wayne Clements, the Maitland Captain, and his offside Gary Kennedy 2 & 1.

At this point The Vintage were home & hosed, but the remaining match insisted on playing on. Maitland pairing Ken Ward and Paul Liddell were one up after 16 but ended up going down on the last hole, to Evan Gledhill and Neville Peace.

The VINTAGE		MAITLAND	
Evan GLEDHILL Nev PEACE	1 up	Ken WARD Paul LIDDELL	
Tom HANNAH Rod PAECH	5/4	Stan GARDNER Kevin HURE	
John RETALLICK (C) David LAST	2/1	Gary KENNEDY Wayne CLEMENTS (c)	
	3		0