



8 November 2015

Highlands Golf Club

Round 20

This was supposed to be our challenge against Bargo Sports Club but once again, after trying to contact their organiser, Leon Smith for weeks, I finally tracked him down and he informs me that no one from Bargo was going to play at the Highlands game, coming up with a variety of excuses for the no show. We do all the organising, where all they have to do is turn up. I had already picked up the cards and confirmed our booking and carts, on one of my weekly trips to Moss Vale, so I quickly had to reduced the booking to our 16 players nominated on the sign in sheet with the proshop, so they could fill the tee times we had reserved for our Challenge. This is the second time Bargo has pulled out at the last minute with only four, turning up for our Wollongong game, a couple of years ago.

Unless they come up with an alternative solution or we can deal with someone else at Bargo, I think in the future we will only play them, or incorporate our Challenge with Bargo, as part of the Archie White Challenge, as this current arrangement is unacceptable. We will still have our bus trip to a country course but we won't involve Bargo. I did invite West Magpies, to try to increase our numbers on the day but couldn't entice any of their members to join us on the day, at short notice.

Joanne Kinkead and myself were going with 24 Bardwell Valley golfers to Merimbula on the south coast of NSW for a week of golf, so didn't play but organised Charlie, the club bus driver, to pick up our group at the CHP RSL at 6.00am to travel to Mittagong and the Highlands Golf Course about 1 ¼ hr drive from Sydney. Thanks to George Liu and Mal Tyler for taking control and getting all that went by bus and arriving in the car park overlooking the picturesque, maybe daunting Par 3 ,18th green.

We had 16 players with Kim Fairleigh, making a comeback and Mark Abrahams joining us for his annual game. Gary Morrison came for the trip and act as a rally cart observer on the course, still not playing with his dicky knee(golf that is). George Liu tells me twelve of you played like big girls or was I mis-informed , playing off the Ladies tees with four "A" Graders playing off the whites.

Noa Palu strode to the 16th tee, 3 over par, but looking after his handicap walked off the 16th green being 7 over par, but the handbrake action didn't work with his final score of 45 s/b points and finishing with daylight between the 1st and the 4th card, making the course rating 36 pts, so Noa will lose 4.5 shots off his handicap and back into "A"Grade, where he rightfully belongs after 6 months on the injured list with a crook foot.

Mark Abraham, our annual visitor was grouped with Peter Deady, but in a "Welcome to our Club" was out driven by Peter but not on the Longest Drive hole to win a ball. George Liu said he is going to eat more Singapore Noddles after seeing James Yip out drive the "A"Graders by 10 metres on the 9th LD hole.

In the club house, John Kottaridis found an extra hamburger, supplied by our hard working treasurer and man with the cheque book, Mal Tyler, and supplied ample soft drink (we know that beer is not to be consumed on the bus) to have lots of fun and laughs on the return journey back to the CHP RSL club. Ron rang and checked out how the day went, just as the bus arrived at the club with Troy Wilks asking me to enquire who came 2nd on the day, we know you did Troy, & you too have lost shots now.



Sifa Nacagelivu has taken a new job and won't be at the last game, so leaving his Stableford Trophy up for grabs but his nearest challenger, John Kottaridis isn't completing next game, so may hang on.

The winners of the day was 1st Noa Palu s/b 45 points, 2nd Troy Wilks 39 pts, 3rd Laurie McMartin 38 pts, 4th John Mandarini 36 pts, 5th George Liu 33 pts . The Scratch winner was Noa Palu 30 points.

Good Golfing next round at Bardwell Valley G.C , 22nd November, 2015 at 7.00am
(Pro shop ph no# 9597 1079) Par 62 4131 metres 2A Hillcrest Ave, Bardwell Valley

Our next game at Bardwell Valley G.C. will incorporate our CHP RSL v/s Rockdale RSL now called Club Rocky(not sure if our Returned Solders Official would approve of that change of name with our CHP RSL Club) for the Eric Harper Shield, played as Stableford but later converted to Callaway Scoring as well, to calculate the winner of the Shield

The "nearest the pins" **Weather** –Beautiful sunny, not hot **Course Rating** 36 s/b

Hole	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade
4th	Mark Abrahams	Noa Palu	-
12th	-	Troy Wilks	-
15th	John Kottaridis	Laurie McMartin	John Mandarini
18th	John Kottaridis	George Liu	-
Drive & 2 nd Hole 7th	Keith Johnson	Laurie McMartin	-
Longest Drive Hole 9th	John Kottaridis	James Yip	Mal Tyler

Ball comp : Peter Deady, Jim Urquhart, Mark Jones, Glenn Watson, Kim Fairleigh, Wayne Dainty

Bradman : Wayne Dainty 15 s/b pts

The Bearded One