

5 MARCH 2017	Kareela Golf Club	ROUND 4

We started with 23 names on the sign-on sheet, but after a week of on & off heavy rain and with no carts allowed on the course, our numbers dropped by 5 to 18. We only lost Joe Oriti from the Matchplay groups because of the cart situation. Things were looking good while driving to the course but just as we passed over Tom Ugly's Bridge, the sprinkling started & wipers had to be turned on.

We welcomed our newest member, Jay Kumar, another good golfer to boost the numbers in A Grade. George Liu adjusted the tee groups with 5 missing, while some prepared for rain, others tempted fate. The course looked good, all bunkers out of play, preferred lie through the green and no obvious casual water as we hit off on the front nine, but we were not sure what the low lying back nine would bring. Wet weather gear was donned, partly for insurance in case it did rain but it was hot with a jacket on, with some umbrella up. I didn't even bother but I did wear my surf rashie under my shirt.

I must apologise to my playing partners for my slow play, with no carts, my crook knee hated walking down those long downhill paths, taking a long time to get to the next hole, the front nine hills taking it's toll but we did call through the group behind, as per good golf etiquette, as to keep them on track.

As the course was playable we continued on with the Rd2 Matchplay. The results where Joanne Kinkead beat Bill Fonseca 6/5, Ron Williamson beat Greg Parsell 4/3, John Kottaridis beat Mal Tyler 3/2, Sifa Nacagelivu beat Epi Manu 4/2, Sid Pelcz beat Peter Deady 1 up, James Yip beat Troy Wilks on 1st play-off hole, Glenn Watson beat George Liu on the 2nd play-off hole, Robert Rubbo walkover **RD3 Matchplay opponents at Woolooware, 19th March**: Ron Williamson v/s Sifa Nacagelivu, Glenn Watson v/s Sid Pelcz, Robert Rubbo v/s Joanne Kinkead, John Kottaridis v/s James Yip

Although some thought we should of postponed the Game or Matchplay, the scoring today was red hot, even though conditions weren't, with 15 out of the 18 players scoring at least 30 s/b pts & above with David DeMarchi heading home after the 1st nine, with no showers on the back nine, & Jay Kumar playing off 8 being 2/3rds of Golflink 12 handicap, So as Mr Grace said "You've all done very well".

We found the back nine with a few of the humps and bumps with casual water especially the Longest Drive, I know mine ended with a big splash. Greg Parsell played an "arsie" shot on the 13th, where his 3 wood, 2nd shot was dragged across his body, straight into Peter Deady's backside as the ball was destined for the water hazard to give Greg a shot from the middle of the fairway. Peter Deady used the rock face on the 9th to great advantage as he over clubbed way over the green but the ball ricocheted back onto the green, pin high. More than a few balls were lost in the creeks & scrub by all

The winners were 1st George Liu 39 Stableford points in c/b, 2nd place Joanne Kinkead also 39s/b pts 3rd placed Sid Pelcz 38s/b pts in c/b, 4th Robert Rubbo also 38pts, 5th Troy Wilks 37pts in c/b, 6th Glenn Watson also 37 points,

Good Golfing next round at Woolooware G.C 19th March,2017 at 7.30am Rd3 Matchplay (Pro shop ph no# 9544 0555) Harnleigh Ave, Woolooware Par 69 5138 metres The "nearest the pins" Weather -Cloudy/on & off Showers Course Rating 38

Hole	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade
2nd	-	Robert Rubbo	Joanne Kinkead
8th	Jay Kumar	Ron Williamson	-
9th	Jay Kumar	Ron Williamson	-
18th	Jay Kumar	Sifa Nacagelivu	Joanne Kinkead
Drive &2 nd Hole 7th	John Kottaridis	James Yip	Bill Fonseca
Longest Drive Hole 16th	Jahn Kottaridis	Robert Rubbo	Glenn Watson

Ball comp: Troy Wilks, Peter Deady, Epi Manu

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