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Antill Park GC

ROUND 13

6TH ANNUAL ARCHIE WHITE SPORTING CHALLENGE

George Liu, Ron Williamson and Sifa Nacagelivu headed off to Picton at 5.10am from Concord West, with 4 layers of jackets, jumper vests and our club shirt on. I found that getting dressed in the dark is not a good thing as I picked up my old green yard shirt, not my club shirt, which I discovered hours later and after stripping off layers 9 holes into the game.

We stopped at McDonalds at Picton to get a senior's coffee and bacon and egg roll, before heading to the golf course. We soon found out the temperature in the van was vastly different from the outside, minus 4C in the Picton Area, soon a local Bargo member waltzed in, in his thongs and shorts, as I said a local!

Even at our early hour on arrival some of our 48 players were there waiting for us, I gave the Pro shop the list of shared cart partners so there was no confusion, lucky none of the 3 no shows weren't in carts.

I left George to collect the green fees, \$35 and surmising that every-one was going to turn up with a \$50 note, so left him a kitty with plenty of \$5 & \$10 notes in a float. I set off on the course to put out the signs on the 1st and 10th tees regarding the Longest and Straightest Drives but one of my tent pegs had fallen behind my golf bag, so arrived at the 10th one peg short, thought it must be left in van, so had to improvise with a strategically placed stick to complete the task. I then ran out the orange stringline for our Straightest Drive.

By the time I got back to Pro shop Central, George had ever thing under control and most had arrived and the colour coded system was working to sort out which team each person was in and score cards handed out with which tee group and tee you were hitting off. Group One had to be put back because of a late arrival, so all hit off and we were on our way, at least the temperature had risen and was burning off the frost on the fairways and greens.

The four Golf Sub Clubs under the CHP RSL umbrella were in competition for "The Archie" for the 6th year. The Bargo Boys were hell-bent on retaining their bragging rights won last year. The format of partners and opponents within your tee group reunited some players from last year or just catching up.

This year the Staff/ Directors team had Mal Tyler, CHP RSL Senior Vice President, and David and Warrick Polley, Warren Balwyn and George Ramirez from the Magpies Sports Management Team and several of the CHP RSL Golf to form their team of 9 and Steve Baker was a scratching this year. The water level on the dams were low as the area like all golf courses around the country need rain, but still the dams took their fair share of wayward golf balls. At least Double Par was a saviour to make a reasonable completed score card, John Hunter from the CHP RSL Team had the best score of 78 which when reduced to the Callaway Score was 69, being 1 under Par and our Scorer John Kottaridis tells me is the first time someone has recorded a below Par score in the 6 years "The Archie" has been running.

John Hunter, having the best Callaway Score had the honour to raise a glass to Archie, The Pewter that is used is the "Shell Guzzler Cup" which Archie White won in a golf day in 1957 and is used for this occasion.

With the game over, all headed back to Bargo Sports Club for the Buffet Lunch and Presentation and the catering staff had prepared the country style setting for the buffet lunch, only a photo can do justice to the setting with heaps of congratulations going to Vanessa, the Catering Manager and Vince the Chef. The wheel barrow full of pumpkins, the craft of fashioning the melons and box of breads added to the atmosphere, The prawns, salads, hot served from the bain-maries and ham all yummy then little cakes, cheese cakes and then coffee had all thankful and a full tummy.

Well done Bargo, very impressive!



I had taken the raffle prizes to Gary Pleasanc's home on the Saturday, so our injured and recuperating committee members Gary and Joanne Kinkead, not playing but coming for the Presentation but arrive early to set up the raffle prizes on the table to sell the raffle prizes on the day. Thanks go to Peter Deady for donating the bottle of Chivas Regal Scotch, Lee Fitzgerald for donating the Coffee Hamper, Ron added 6 glasses, Keith Johnson for plates for the smaller wine and chocolate hampers and after the other items were paid for we made \$465 profit for a donation to Macular Degeneration Foundation Australia.

The official party was led by John Crowhurst, President of CHP RSL, accompanied by Mal Tyler, Senior Vice President, and Director LEE Fitzgerald. Unfortunately, Archie's siblings couldn't make the trip south with Daughter Margaret unavailable and Alan White apologetic, Surcoming to the loggie, sounding like he was as Crook as Rookwood. Alan asked me to convey to the gathered throng that his dad would be chuffed that he is remembered by the golf fraternity for the past 6 years.

The NTP's Drive, Drive & 2nd & 3rd, Straightest & Longest Drives handed out 20 golf balls with the girls from CHP RSL Winning the Longest and the Straightest Drives.

The card draw for the tee group to win a bottle of wine each was drawn by Mal Tyler, and won by Group7 George Liu, Joe Blazic, Rick Palmer and Frank Wenden. The raffles were then drawn out of a box.

If you didn't win a prize in the raffle there were several golf caps "Corona Beer" and a golf ball to complete the day.

The competition for "The Archie" was fierce and the Bargo Boys were hell bent on not taking a backward step and retain the trophy that they won last year. The competition had all five teams Averages finish within 1 Callaway Point, 1st being CHP RSL 74.1 pts, 2nd Bargo 74.545pts, 3rd Staff/Directors 74.55 pts, 4th Marrickville RSL 75pts, 5th Magpie Sports 75.1 pts.

The Bargo Sports Team, being 2nd was given the figurine bending a club over his knee, for missing out by "That Much!" and that takes the place of the two trophies that were on the shelf above the bar, and they will bring their new trophy back next year and try to win back "The Archie" The CHP RSL Team also won the CHP RSL/Bargo Golf Challenge Trophy and we will put this up in November when the all the club member meet at Campbelltown.

Next year's game, 2020 has been booked at Hurstville G.C. at Peakhurst on 20th September, 2020 for 48 players at 8.30am off both tees with 12 carts booked and travelling after the game for the Presentation and Buffet at the CHP RSL Club in the Heritage Room.

See you all again next year

Ron Williamson

CHP RSL Golf President

The Bearded One

Archie White Challenge –NTP'S, Drive & 2nd & 3rd

Hole	Description	Player	Club	Hole	Description	Player	Club
1	Longest Drive	Ellen van Dam	CHP	10	NTP	John Tuttle	Magpi
1	Drive & 3 rd Shot	Scott Barber	Bargo	11	Straightest Drive	Lesley Ricketts	CHP
2	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Scott Barber	Bargo	11	Drive & 3 rd Shot	Mark Keast	Bargo
3	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Scott Barber	Bargo	12	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Frank Hanger	Bargo
4	Drive & 2 nd Shot	John Hunter	CHP		Drive & 2 nd Shot	Drew Anderson	Magpi
5	NTP	John Liddell	CHP	14	Drive & 3 rd Shot	Drew Anderson	Magpi
6	NTP	Michael Zagdanski	Marr	15	NTP	Michae Zagdanski	Marr
7	Drive & 3 rd Shot	Keith Johnson	CHP	16	NTP	Gab Weizc	Bargo
8	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Drew Anderson	Magpi	17	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Gab Weizc	Bargo
9	NTP	John Hunter	Magpi	18	Drive & 2 nd Shot	Jim McClain	Magpi



THE BUFFET PRESENTATION AT BARGO



THE FRUIT PRESENTATION AND HAM BEING CARVED FOR BUFFET LUNCH AT BARGO SPORTS