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Antill Park Country Golf Club

THE ARCHIE WHITE MEMORIAL
SPORTING TROPHY

Our four teams met at Antill Park Country Golf Club for the Annual Challenge for the “Archie White Trophy”

We met at CHP RSL for Charlie, the Club Bus Driver to load our clubs, raffle prizes and pink goodies bags onto the bus and take 13 of us , including Frank Wendon from Magpies and Geoff Macks from the Staff for the hour and a bit trip to Picton. The club is not open in the mornings now , McDonald's was the logical or only choice for early morning coffee and breakfast.

I had asked Gary Morrison, who is injured these days, to act as our money collector, goodies bag hander-outer-er, and starter. So he set himself up outside the old sandstone building which acts as the Proshop, in the morning sunshine , with forty pink goodies bags and collecting the \$30 green fees.

The CHP RSL pink goodies bag included a bottle of water, Fun size Mars Bar, Bargo Sports Pen, CHP RSL Ball Marker with pitch mark reparer, golf ball, packet of tees and \$10 discount voucher card Golf Clearance House.

Like all organisational matters nothing goes off without a few minor hitches. The staff team again had a couple of absentees but that was counteracted by the two extra's that arrived with the Bargo Sports team. The staff team had three pull out on Friday, so I had a quick ring around on Friday to CHP RSL Golf members to get three who would jump at the opportunity to play for the staff team.

The Pro said we could hit off 25 minutes early but some of the 1st Group hadn't arrived but with a little bit of manoeuvring the Group 1 was on their way, with a Longest Drive as well as Drive and 3rd Shot on the very 1ST Hole. Before all had hit off we had a few hiccups regarding ,who was sharing a cart with whom.

Bargo's Lee (Bluey)White and Bill Searle , the two big fella's were put on their best behaviour as they shared carts with our two girl's Joanne Kinkead and Marlene Hayward. Bluey at half way saying that he had only had two ciggie's and how hard it was to beat the girls as they kept hitting straight down the middle of the fairway, with the exception when Marlene pulled her 3 wood from the bag.

The greens were lightening fast and many 3 and 4 putts were recorded, or often a chip onto the green would roll back and off the green, with more than the obligatory curse.

We saw the ball retriever used often at the water edges but the ones that landed in the middle of the dams were a lost cause. Jim Urquhart had the ball roll back into the dam after hitting at least 750mm over the water's edge and a long intense look to see if he could splash it out from the muddy edge ,



with him finally deciding he was too far from home to get all muddy and wet and took a drop.

The ball retriever, one of the prizes in the raffle was snapped up quick, may be some forward thinking of future games were taken into account. The same thinking could be put into play when Lee Fitzgerald took the golf umbrella to ward off any future rain.

Many a shot was heard to end with a “clunk” and “I heard it hit timber” and this was followed by “I’ll go for it” followed shortly by “ah! I should of played safe” or words to that effect. The bunkers took its toll on the combatants as well today with Joe Blazic in my group , giving it away after 3 shots in the bunker on the 16th .

It was the putting that took prisoners today, but we playing in the sunshine on a Winter’s Day ,so we didn’t have too much to grizzle about, and if you had a bad hole , you could say that the Callaway scoring will take that one off and disregard that hole. Not if you had too many of them.

As we sat outside the Antill Park Clubhouse , with John Kottaridis calculating the Callaway scores , Magpie Sports were the front runners leading right up until the last three groups handed their cards in, with young Nick Blazic who shot 119 having 5 ½ of his worst holes taken off his total, that being 48 shots then having a minus 2 factor deducted as well, to have the equal best Callaway score on the day of 71 dragged the Bargo Sports team over the line by a whopping 3 points and win the Trophy and hold it up high. Peter Warn’s $88 - 16 = 72$ and Leon Smith’s $107 - 34 = 73$ were the next best Callaway scores on the day.

Finally all the teams are back in, so it is back on the bus for our trip to Bargo Sports Club, were a fantastic lunch was prepared for us on Bargo’s new outdoor verandah. Lunch was a 3.00pm so there were more than a few hungry and thirsty golfers by that hour of the day. There were plenty of crusty breads, king prawns, oysters, calamari, salads, ham, fish, rice, curries and fruit for after’s. All appealing and yummy.

The food and presentation was a credit to Bargo Sports , and a big thanks to David Fenner and his staff for the setting. There were no takers for the big pumpkins and bags of onions as the table decor. I should of taken a photo of the table but the day was rolling along , although I bought my camera along to take photos.

John Kottaridis again worked his magic to convert the score cards to the Callaway Scoring System and I copied the results and had them put up on the glass doors of the verandah. Big Thanks to John for your work, and as he had the best Callaway Score, had the honour to raise the Shell Golf Club pewter, that Archie White won on 17th August, 1957 for all of us to toasted Archie.

John Crowhurst, The President of the CHP RSL presented the Archie White Memorial Sporting Trophy to Bargo Sports Club team , with Leon Smith accepting the trophy on behalf of his team. Leon said that his team has played several times against CHP RSL Golf without ever winning under



the Callaway Scoring and not understanding how it works and now Bargo has the trophy, who cares, it will sit proudly on the trophy shelf.

The Best Tee Group Score was the Group One of John Kottaridis, Ian Atkins, Peter Warn & Glen McMillan all being opponents then for this prize being team mates, all adding to the social side of this event.

You were on a good thing if you had a blue raffle ticket as they were pulled out quite often with Lee Bluey White getting the first ticket drawn out and taking the cooler bag. The prizes were drawn until the last two bottles of wine drawn out before we all had to jump back onto the bus and head back to Sydney.

Next year the Archie will be held at Woodville G.C. 17th July, 2016, 7.15am off both tees. with Marrickville RSL joining us. They were asked to participate today but were committed to playing their finals of Matchplay at Kareela G.C.

Thanks go to Gary Morrison for being the starter, John Kottaridis for the Callaway Scoring, Joanne Kinhead and Marlene Hayward for selling the raffle tickets and George Liu and rest of our team in helping and fetch and carry duties on the day, and most of all, Dean Thomas, CEO of CHP RSL for approving of the food and drinks and raffle & wine prizes, all making the event a great success.

The Bearded One

Ron
Williamson

President CHPRSL GOLF CLUB