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Woodville Golf Club

ARCHIE WHITE MEMORIAL
SPORTING TROPHY

Our five teams met at Woodville Golf Club for the 3rd Annual Challenge for the “Archie White Trophy”

This year Marrickville RSL Golf joined the CHP Golf, Bargo Sports, West Magpies Sports, and a few from the CHP RSL Staff joined together for the Annual Golfing Challenge

There was a bit of early drizzle, so there were a few withdrawals, but there were others filling in to make-up teams of ten, with 43 teeing off, We played a couple of holes with umbrellas out before it cleared away and soon it was off with jumpers and jackets.

It was a bit frantic, all 43 of our group huddled under the shelter, paid the \$30 green fees, collected their score cards, collected their goodies bags then George Liu sorted out whether you were to hit off the 1st or the 10th tees

The goodies bag this year included a bottle of water, Fun size Mars Bar & Maltesers, CHP RSL Golf Pen, CHP RSL Golf Key ring, 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, but we are getting better at that side of things, the drizzle didn't help. But we all hit off and the NTP'S etc allocated to the 1st groups

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

Our groups enjoyed the comradary of the format of a player from each club forming the tee grouping, and it wasn't long before the banter and sledging made for a pleasant day of golf

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..

It was the putting that took prisoners today, but after the early gloom we played 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.

John Kottaridis, one of the CHP RSL committee calculated the Callaway scores, Wests Magpie Sports were the front runners leading and weren't run down, as was the case last year to win the “Archie”, this year with the CHP RSL team the bridesmaid again coming in 2nd for the 3rd year in a row since the inception of the Challenge

With the game over, we all headed back to the CHP RSL Viva Function Room for the Presentation and the buffet lunch. Kelly the Function Co-ordinator had prepared the tables with a centre piece that enhanced the tables with a glass bowl on a grass matt. In the bowl were pebbles and four golf balls with golf tees on the matt. The bowl was finished with a floating flowering lilly pad, all remainders of the fate of my last hole when I put two balls into the pond before I finally got to hit to the green. In fact three of my group had to fish a ball out of the said pond before we could finish our day, all not finishing on a good note

There was plenty of crusty breads, king prawns, roast lamb and ham, veggies, salads, etc at the buffet with cakes, mini pav's and fruit for after's. All appealing and yummy and all washed down with a beer or wine or two.



The food and presentation was a credit to CHP RSL catering team, and a big thanks to Dean Thomas CEO of the CHP RSL for organising and his staff for the banquet setting. We all appreciated Archie White's dislike for party pies and his love of a prawn roll, with prawns included on the banquet table

While John Kottaridis was working his magic to convert the score cards to the Callaway Scoring System, we had a few formal introductions, welcoming the CHP RSL, President John Crowhurst, Junior Vice President, Malcolm Tyler and Alan White, son of Archie White, whom the Trophy honours is named after.

Joanne Kinkead, Brenda Tyler and Frank Wendon sold tickets in the raffle during lunch and the prizes included a 54 deg Cleveland Wedge, Golf Bag, Ball Retriever, Aston Martin Golf Umbrella(car not included), Cooler pack and two hampers, one supplied by Lee Fitzgerald from Global Coffee and the other by our Thermomix lady with hampers of jams etc prepared by Kathy Ferguson. After paying for the balls and prizes the remainder will be donated to Macular Degeneration which Archie White suffered from in later years

Frank Wendon, President of Wests Magpie Golf and Glen McMillan both had the best Callaway Score, with Frank having the honour to raise the Shell Golf Club "Gussler" pewter, that Archie White won on 17th August, 1957 for all of us to toast Archie

20 golf balls for the NTP'S, Drive & 2nds, Drive & 3rd and Longest Drives were shared between players from all five groups

Alan White presented the Archie White Memorial Sporting Trophy to Wests Magpie Sports Golf Club team, 74.9 Callaway Points with Frank Wendon accepting the trophy on behalf of his team. Frank said that the trophy, will sit proudly in the trophy cabinet at Croydon Park location for the next year

CHP RSL Golf 2nd 76 Callaway points, equal 3rd Bargo Sports & Marrickville 76.2 Callaway points 5th with the CHP RSL Staff 77 Callaway points

The Best Tee Group Score was the Group One of John Kottaridis Brad Cassell, Drew Anderson & John Tuttle 74.5 Callaway, all being opponents then for this prize being team mates, all adding to the social side of this event, won two bottles of wine each, with Group Four of Joanne Kinkead, Leon Smith, Frank Wendon & Dennis McCabe coming in as the next best group and winning a bottle of wine each

Next year the "Archie" will be held at Bardwell Valley G.C. 23rd July, 2017, 7.00am off both tees. with 10 carts booked.

Thanks go to Joanne Kinkead, George Liu for starting and collecting green fees, John Kottaridis for the Callaway Scoring, Frank Wendon and Brenda Tyler for selling the raffle tickets 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 CHP RSL Golf Club