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VVGA 4BBB Championship Buninyong Golf Club March 18th & 19th, 2024

Blue skies and a beautiful autumn morning greeted the field of 120 veteran golfers as they registered at Buninyong Golf Club for the VVGA annual 4BBB Championship on March 18th. President Ern Kraulis welcomed all participants while Buninyong Captain Ian Corcoran briefed the field on local rules and playing conditions for the two day event.

A lunch pack was provided to each player to enjoy during their round. A special thank you goes out to the volunteer spotters who were placed strategically around the course at historic trouble spots. The drink cart also proved to be popular as the temperature peaked at 28 degrees during the afternoon.

While players took advantage of the extra run provided by the dry conditions, the slick, small greens managed to bring a number of players undone. Local knowledge proved to be a huge advantage at Buninyong!

Day one presentations were awarded to:

Steve Preston and Rob Phillips for achieving the best net score of 72/62 on a count back.

NTP's were presented to:

Hole 2 - Graham Haeusler Hole 8 – Rob Taylor

Hole 12 – Brian Hazell Hole 17 – Lawrie Steward

30 balls were handed out in the ball run down.

Egg and bacon rolls were served before the commencement of play on day two.

An impressive 69 off the stick on day one had Kevin Robinson and John Ciezki 3 shots clear of their closest rivals in the stroke event as they headed out for the final round on Tuesday.

The slight zephyr quickly transformed into more than a stiff breeze and created new challenges to the field who naively thought that they had vanquished their Gremlins from yesterday.

Play progressed at a steady pace and everyone was relieved to get the round completed without interference by the forecast possibility of 2mm of rain eventuating.

Lunch was enjoyed and presentations were awarded to:

Phil Carman and Greg Pugh for achieving the best net score of 75/60 on a count back.

NTP's were presented to:

Hole 2 – Peter Kerwan

Hole 8 – Neil Fowler

Hole 12 – John Raven

Hole 17 – David Baker

A Hole in One trophy was presented to Peter Kerwan for his Ace on hole 2.

Congratulations Peter.

30 balls were handed out in the ball run down.

The 36 Hole Nett event results:

3rd Place: Raymond Desmond & Daryl Edwards H/cap 23.5 Rounds 65.5 and 60.5 Total 126

2nd Place: Trevor Wathen & Wendy Wathen H/cap 25 Rounds 63 and 61 Total 124

1st place: Rip Byrddy & Colin Eaton H/cap 18.5 Rounds 62.5 and 61.5 Total 124

The 36 Hole Stroke event results:

3rd Place Greg Brown & Ross McFarlane Rounds of 78 and 76 Total 154

2nd Place Steve Preston & Rob Phillips Rounds of 72 and 77 Total 149

1st Place Kevin Robinson & John Ciezki Rounds of 69 and 73 Total 142

Congratulations to Kevin and John – 2024 VVGA 4BBB Champions.

Sincere thanks to Buninyong Golf Club for providing the venue for this event. Particular thanks to Nikki Prato and Captain Ian Corcoran for their efforts organising the event. Thanks also go to the army of volunteers who gave up their time to assist in a successful tournament.

Pete Turner
VVGA Captain

