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Captains Report

VVGA State Championship Corowa Golf Club October 7th & 8th, 2024

Corowa Golf Club was the venue for the VVGA State Championship on October 7th and 8th. Sadly, the field of 88 players was about a dozen short of the numbers we had anticipated attending the event.

Conditions were ideal and a queue of eager veterans waited patiently for the AGM to conclude to gain access to the registration area. Once in there, they were allocated tees and treated to a lunch pack to enjoy during their round.

With all players registered early, the field was welcomed by President Ern Kraulis and Corowa Golf Operations Manager Nathan Thomas briefed players on local information prior to sending them out to their allocated tees for the 11:00am shotgun start. It was somewhat disappointing that many golfers decided to head out to tees prior to the briefing.

The event format was explained; The stableford format would produce 1st, 2nd and 3rd in A, B and C grades while the State Champion would be determined by the best gross score over the 36 holes. Golfers were reminded that if they wished to compete for the State Champion title, they must putt out on all holes.

Twenty degrees and a slight breeze were enjoyed. The flies appeared to have bred well and were extremely sticky. (As opposed to the greens that were just tricky!) Aeroguard and Bushman certainly got a good workout.

Afternoon tea and refreshments were enjoyed while results were being prepared. The ball rundown and nearest the pins were then presented before players were reminded of the 9:00am start on Tuesday.

A large number of veterans returned and enjoyed dinner in the dining room and shared their experiences of the days play.

Day one results:

Best stableford score day one: Christopher Phillpot 42 Points

Nearest the Pin

**Hole 4 Terry Best
Hole 12 Neill Tacey
Hole 16 Barry Atkins
Hole 18 Alf Jessup**

Day 2 (Tuesday)

The cool spring morning saw golfers standing in the sun talking and enjoying bacon & egg breakfast rolls and coffee before being sent on their way to compete for day two honours. Special thanks to Nathan for shuffling the draw to allow the four leading players in the gross event to play together.

The course was presented in wonderful condition considering so much of it was inundated by flood water two years ago. The club has achieved a mammoth feat getting it back to the condition it is in.

A light lunch was enjoyed before presentations. It was disappointing that the minimum standard of cold meat and salad was not met.

Day two results were:

Best stableford score day two: Christopher Phillpot 40 Points

Nearest the Pin

**Hole 4 Jenny Richter
Hole 12 Jeffrey Stewart Herdman
Hole 16 Christopher Phillpot
Hole 18 Stephen Bell**

**C Grade Champion: Dot Atkins 71 Points
Runner Up: Phil Jessen 69 Points (c/b)
Third: John Roberts 69 Points (c/b)**

**B Grade Champion: Ian Hodge 71 Points
Runner Up: Gordon Reynolds 70 Points (c/b)
Third: Michael Vick 70 Points (c/b)**

**A Grade Champion: Christopher Phillpot 82 Points
Runner Up: Jeffrey Stewart Herdman 76 Points (c/b)
Third: Steve Preston 74 Points (c/b)**

Gross Champion: Steven Porch_147

Gross Runner Up: Alf Jessup 149

Congratulations Steven Porch the 2024 VVGA State Champion.

Pete Turner
VVGA Captain

Footnote: Apologies for the brief results. It has been extremely hard to get the detailed daily results from Corowa G.C. to provide a more comprehensive report.