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Captains Report

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Report on the Malcolm Macpherson Stableford Challenge May 4th and 5th, 2026

It is most unfortunate that the fuel crisis severely impacted entry numbers for the inaugural Malcolm Macpherson 36 hole stableford challenge contested at Phillip Island Golf Club on May 4th and 5th.

Despite this, 66 veteran golfers teed off on Monday having registered and been briefed on playing conditions by Philip Ellard from the Phillip Island Golf Club. VVGA Vice-President Geoff Cook welcomed participants on behalf of President Ern Kraulis who was unable to attend the event.

The shotgun start took place at 11:00am and play proceeded at a satisfying pace with most groups completing the 18 holes in around 4 hours 20 minutes.

Players enjoyed a bagged lunch and pleasant conditions on a well maintained course that presented Klkuyu fairways and tricky sloping greens.

An enjoyable afternoon tea was served as players reminisced on the days fortunes. Presentations were made to nearest the pin winners and best day one score while 25% of the field were rewarded in the ball run down.

About 40 players and partners returned to the club on Monday evening to enjoy a two course meal.

Day One Results:

NTP's

Hole 5	Alf Jessup
Hole 7	Alf Jessup
Hole 10	Alf Jessup
Hole 17	Richard Dalton

Best Day One score:

Congratulations to Peter McCallum who was rewarded for scoring 35 points.

There was reason for concern on Tuesday morning as rain showers swept across the Island. Fortunately, play was able to get under way at the scheduled 9:00am with the forecast for showers to clear within the hour. Rain did ease eventually and umbrellas were down for the rest of the day.

A variety of hot food was served for lunch in the clubhouse and a raffle was drawn prior to presentations to all winners a place getters in all grades.

Once again, nearest the pin winners were rewarded along with winners in the ball run down.

Day Two Results:

NTP's

Hole 5	David Baulch
Hole 7	Rachel Brown
Hole 10	Richard Dalton
Hole 17	Stewart Hamilton

36 Hole Stableford Results:

		Day 1	Day 2	Total
A Grade 1st	Steve Preston	34	35	69
A Grade 2nd	Alf Jessup	34	30	64
A Grade 3rd	Neill Tacey	30	31	61
B Grade 1st	John Hermens	33	30	63
B Grade 2nd	Trevor Wathen	33	27	60
B Grade 3rd	Brenton O'Brien	33	27	60
C Grade 1st	Elisa Nudelman	31	33	64
C Grade 2nd	Trish Florakx	31	30	61
C Grade 3rd	Patricia Jamieson	30	30	60

Congratulations to Steve Preston, the inaugural winner of the medal for the best 36 hole stableford score in the Malcolm Macpherson Stableford Challenge.

Vice-President Geoff Cook presented an appreciation plaque to Philip Ellard acknowledging thanks to Phillip Island Golf Club for hosting the event.

Pete Turner
Captain.