

Maclean Week of Golf Report 2017

Maclean Golf Club. July 17 – 21

Tournament Director: Geoff Grayson

NSWVGA Representative: Ian Vidler

Number of Players: 144 from 56 clubs.

Format: Monday. 2Ball Aggregate. Secret draw for partners.

Tuesday/Thursday. 36 hole Stableford

Friday. 2BBB Medley Stableford

Registration: In the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon with a sausage sizzle and a Scottish piper playing in the background for an hour. A busy few hours of meeting, greeting, raffles and socialising. Volunteers were identifiable by their “tam’o’shanter.” There was a wonderful Scottish feel to the whole event.

Golf Course: The course was presented in probably the best condition I have seen over several years. Its condition was testament to the staff and the band of volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain such a high standard. It is a challenging course with some really interesting holes.

Weather conditions: Warm days, cool mornings. Certainly not the usual winter conditions.

Presentation Luncheon: Held in the clubhouse after an 8.30 am shotgun start with all players and non playing partners in attendance. Players on Friday were encouraged to wear something Scottish and many of them went to great lengths to stay true to the theme especially one well known sand green player from the north west who presented in kilt with true Scottish trappings. Catering was by the Kitchen staff assisted by volunteers. Although the clubhouse was packed everyone was fed, presentations finalised and travellers were on the road by 3.30pm.

Summary. The Week of Golf at Maclean is the epitome of a small town week of golf. When arriving at the club you are directed to parking areas by volunteers, morning tea with a variety of cakes and slices is provided by volunteers, raffle tickets are sold by volunteers, starters are volunteers. On the course there are spotters at strategic places to help you find your ball or direct you to the spot where it disappeared into the water and on Friday there is a character, Killer, on a par 3 ready to take bets on tee shots and in doing so raised almost \$600 for charity.

First time Tournament Director, Geoff Grayson, should be proud of his efforts as should the Board of Maclean Golf Club be of this friendly group of Maclean Vets. The 30 volunteers who supported this event during the week displayed a wonderful club spirit and their pride in the club was obvious. I am certain many visitors have penned 2018 Maclean Vets into their plans.