

2024 Week of Golf Report

The weather was perfect for all four days of play for the 2024 Mclean Care New England Veterans 'Week of Golf' hosted by Inverell Veteran Golfers. A full field of 156 players contested the four days. The organizing committee, led by Jim Shadlow, could not be any happier with the week as it was a big boost to the town's economy as well as the golf club.

The 36-hole championship was keenly contested over Tuesday and Thursday. Players enjoyed a 'get to know the course' 2BBB on Monday and relaxing stableford with a mystery draw for partners aggregate on Friday before players and partners attended the Presentation Luncheon in the afternoon.

Seventy players were visiting for the first time and many stated "What a great town. We are blown away by the towns presentation, friendliness and attractions."

Jim praised the response from local business houses to sponsor the event as this helped to make it a tremendous success. The visitors were outspoken in their praise for the tournament and town, and vowed to return when a similar event is staged next year.

At the presentation lunch on Friday NSWVGA President, John Daley, made special recognition of the contribution that Jim and Di Shadlow and have made to Veterans Weeks of Golf. This was the 19th time Jim had convened a week of golf in Inverell.

2024 Week of Golf Results.

In the main event, the 36 Hole sponsored by New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association the trophy winner and runner-up were Marianne Heb from Belmont, 70, and Diane Boyd from Ocean Shores, 69, for the women and Laurie Mensforth from Proston, 77, and Neil Roser from Waratah, 75, for the men.

Scratch Winner and runner-up for women and men were Sharon Carberry (Ballina), 45, and Wendy Grendon (Mackay), 42, and Jim McDonald (Dubbo), 63, and Chris Rose (Ballina), 75.

In the 75 and over section Denise Rickard (Muree), 63, and Jean Ball (Gales), 58, and Gordon Whitby (Tullabudgera), 74, and Kerry Bullen (Murwillumbah), 65, were winners and runners-up.

Monday's 2BBB - Rowan Butler and Graeme Smith were the winners with Frank and Marianne Herb and Grahame and Trish George taking 1st and 2nd in the mixed.

Friday's 2ball aggregate with mystery draw was won by Sandy Cook and Henry Kubacki while Beryl Jordan and Rad Vasic finished 2nd. Catherine Pautsch and Fraser Bates 3rd.

Congratulations go to the NSWVGA Shield winners for the New England, Marianne Herb and Laurie Mensforth.

The results – note – players are not able to win more than one major prize.

Monday 2BBB

1st - Rowan Butler and Graeme Smith - Mixed 1st - Frank and Marianne Herb,
2nd - Grahame and Trish George

Tuesday

Ladies

Div 1 – Chris Van Daalen, Sandy Cook, Wendy Thompson

Div 2 – Dot Rose, Cheryl Elliott, Christine Yeldham

Men's

Div 1 – Rowan Butler, Mike Mabey, Fred Kath

Div 2 - Henry Kubacki, Kevin Campbell, Graeme Smith

Div 3 – Peter Parry, Geoff Elliott, Ross Tutt

Thursday

Ladies

Div 1 – Julie Berick, Michele Champion, Kaylene Baillie,

Div 2 – Maureen Hogan, Karen turner, Trish George

Men's

Div 1 – Steve Kent, Mal Dickson, Gary Turner

Div 2 – Graham Moore, Graeme Boyd, Peter Taylor

Div 3 – Garry Baillie, Fraser Bates, Peter Bernardin

Friday – 2ball aggregate – mystery draw

1st - Sandy Cook and Henry Kubacki, 2nd – Beryl Jordan and Rad Vasic, 3rd – Catherine Pautsch and Fraser Bates, 4th - Christine Yeldham and Geoff Elliott

Other highlights were - Ross Spenser from Toukley scored a hole in 1 on 12th and Chris Rose from Ballina had an eagle on the 15th.