

WEATHER GREAT FOR VETERANS GOLF WEEK

The weather was perfect for all four days of play for the 2023 Mclean Care New England Veterans 'Week of Golf' hosted by Inverell Veteran Golfers. A full field of 144 players, 90 males and 54 females 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 golfers were from 53 clubs stretching Hervey Bay and Bargara in Queensland, Wollongong and Forbes in New South Wales and Wodonga and Leongatha in Victoria. They journeyed to Inverell and stayed for the week to play in the tournament.

Monday's event, a fourball stableford was won by Lennox Head pair Nance and Dick Fuller with 44 points. They won in a countback with Steve Kent, a local, and Graeme Hunt from Boonah. Steve and Graeme won the men's prize while Christine Noonan, Aberdeen, and Catherine Lane, Inverell, finished 3rd and were the best of the ladies teams. Kathryn Guyer and David Johnston from the Taree Bulahdelah area finished 4th.

The 36-hole championship was keenly contested over Tuesday and Thursday while players enjoyed a relaxing 2-person ambrose round on Friday before players and partners attended the Presentation Luncheon in the afternoon.

Twenty-eight 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."

Mr Shadlow praised the response from local business houses to sponsor the event and 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.

2023 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 Graeme Hunt (Boona, Queensland) and Graham Moore (Inverell), for the men and Patricia Hawkins (Nelson Bay) and Cathy Harrison (Bundaberg) for the women.

Scratch Winner and runner-up Chris Rose (Ballina) and Gordon Newton (Ballina) for the men and Sharon Carberry (Ballina) and Julie Berg (Wallacia) for the women.

In the over 75 section John Daley (Grafton) and Barry Woods (Sawtell) were winner and runner-up while Denise Rickard (Muree) and Lee Daley (Grafton) were the same for the women.

Noting that players were not eligible for two prizes, the division winners for Tuesday were Ian Jordan (Gunnedah), Peter Taylor (Mullumbimby) and Dick Hudson (Inverell) for the men and Marie Tallis (South West Rock) and Sandra Keon (Catalina) for the women.

Thursday Winners were Rad Vasic (Port Kembla), Kevin Campbell (Inverell) and Garry Harrison (Bundaberg) for the men and Jan Vasic (Port Kembla) and Christine McNall (Ballina) for the women.

Fridays 2-person medley ambrose mixed winners were. Gordon Newton and Sharon Carberry (Ballina), Russell and Marilyn Williams (Leongatha) and Michael and Di Mabey (Shelley Beach) while Ian Jordan (Gunnedah) and David Johnston (Bulladellah) took the men's prize and Chris Noonan (Aberdean) Jenny Bailey (Toukley) the women's.

More results and photos will appear on the Inverell Golf Club website in the veterans section.