



## Men's Weekly Golf Report –



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### **MCLAREN ZOOMS TO VICTORY**

The name McLaren immediately conjures up thoughts of high class formula one motor racing in most people's minds. Around Ritter Street, however, it would have most golfers asking "where IS John McLaren these days?". Well, John has moved on to wider fairways but son James (pictured below) is still here on occasions either playing a blinder or having a shocker! Last Saturday was more of the former when he blazed his way to victory in the AVOCA DELL CARAVAN PARK Stableford competition with an outstanding 41 points.

Only playing about once per month James would probably be in the grand final for the most inconsistent golfer award but when he turns it on.....look out!

When asked for a comment on his great round all he would say was that he was "a very ordinary golfer in luck!" in true modest style. Well done James. See ya next month.

On what eventually turned out to be a beautiful day for golf a solid field of 86 men took to the course and "Midweek Matt" Kowald excelled on a Saturday for once winning the "A" grade with a steady 35 points. Noted for his incredible solo midweek practice rounds the argy bargy of weekend comp golf finds him out more often than not, but he was on-song this time. Ray Morris checked in as runner up when he was on the wrong end of the countback tie breaker but he had a satisfactory 35 nonetheless.

Troy Penhall took out the "B" grade in fine style with his 38 points being much too good. Tom Haig saluted second with a handicappers delight score of 36.

Jovial giant Daniel Marrett made a rare appearance but it was well worthwhile when he won the "C" grade with an impressive 37 points. Maybe having forgotten his bad habits it has been so long since he last played it was a popular win by the amply framed farmer. Echunga visitor Jeremy Paech chipped in for the visiting hills brigade, no pun intended, to be runner up with 35 points.

The ball rundown was headed by Garry Ryan and Jeff Wright with 36 points apiece while "Gentleman George" Langsford was at it again with yet another good round - this time a 35 point effort- as did Jeff "Stuff" Hall. With solid 34 point rounds were Brian Smyth, Jared Thoman, Graeme Munt, Craig Hogben, Neil "Dog" Rothe, Luke Woods and the days sponsor Lawerance Crack.

A few upsets took place in the exotic events with 30 handicapper "Stuff" Hall winning the Yabby after getting his ball to stop close enough to the pin on the upside down saucer shaped par three 14th after using his driver off the tee.

Tom Haig cashed in with his great back nine of 21 points being good enough to win the Pro comp albeit it on a tight countback. The luck of the Scottish!

The eagles nest went off again too with Echunga member David Wilson, a 19 handicapper, taking just the two strokes to polish off the short dogleg 15th. No details to hand as to how he managed it but it matters nought as he has \$55 worth of balls to collect on his next visit here.

It's back to Stroke play this Saturday as the second round of the club championships takes place.



James McLaren – Daily Winner