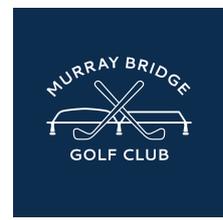




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PRATT STUNS LOCAL GOLFING WORLD

It was his first competition round for twenty one months! Covid 19 hadn't been heard of back then. His last twenty comp rounds had spanned a period of six years. We had been warned though by a close relative that the kid would be back soon and last Saturday he appeared with a bang.

Tyson Pratt, a precocious local golfing talent, had gone off the little white ball radar instead playing footy, earning a living, having a good time and doing whatever else young guys like to do. Opting to play the first Saturday after a coring of the greens, reeled off a stunning 40 stableford points off his seven handicap to dominate the LAKESIDE TURF competition. A brilliant display of golf after such a long layoff. What will he be dishing up when the greens return to their normal fantastic trueness? We await.

Despite the bobbly greens scores were still quite good. Gavin Thoman was unfazed in winning the "A" grade with 37 points and Paul Harding was hot on his heels with 36.

Shaun Williams took out the "B" grade comfortably 37 points to "Fiery" Freddy Carter's 35.

In the "C" grade Neil "Dog" Rothe had a great day in scoring 38 points but needed a countback to hold off Patrick Secker who, in an unsurprising form reversal from midweek, matched that score.

New to competition member youngster Zane Barry, playing only his second comp round, found himself on the ball winners list with a tidy round of 37 points and he is probably thinking to himself how easy is this? Keep playing Zane and you will soon learn that the handicapper is an unpopular "person". "Snow" Rothe nearly kept up with brother "Dog" but had to relinquish bragging rights to him this time by falling two points shy of him but still with a nice 36 points. Lawerance Crack and Jarrad Murray collected 35 apiece while Mike Perrey, Jake Haynes (Echunga GC), Rob Muster and "Gentleman" George Langsford had solid days with 34 points apiece.

Tyson Wright reportedly had a frustrating day especially on the 7th where he ran into trouble with the "burn" gobbling his ball up and not allowing it out despite a few brave attempts by Wright to extricate it. How could it be then that his 7 iron suddenly shot skyward and got stuck high up in an adjacent tree? "A slippery grip" was the sheepish response when queried by curious onlookers. Hmmmm, really? Unable to retrieve it he played on but found out late in the day that Mike Perrey, playing in the final group, had recovered it after he had unsuspectingly walked past just as the club had decided to dislodge itself from above and fell to ground narrowly missing him in the process. Lesson learnt?

Tyson Pratt wasn't satisfied in just winning the day. He also won the Yabby on the 4th hole with a beautiful wedge to about a metre. That was on top of winning the NTP on the 2nd as well. Some day indeed.

Mike Perrey had a terrific back nine of 22 points and scooped up the Pro comp in the process.

Due to recent sanding of the greens it has been decided to postpone the Stroke round scheduled for this Saturday and play another Stableford round in its place.