

## 2016 Encourage Shield

Shelly Beach played Lachlan Valley DGA at Blackheath golf club on Sunday 30 October for a spot in the finals, with Shelly getting up 5.5 to Lachlan valley DGA .5

What started out as a very gloomy day turned out very nice with rain coming on the last 3 holes. Results of the individual matches were:

#1s Cooper Hetherington and Cameron McMillian squared their match with both players at different stages of the match being up. Unfortunately for Cameron he struck trouble on the last hole as he was 1up teeing off.

#2s Jye Crowe 4/2 v's Lachlan Buesnell. Lachlan bounced off the blocks and was 2 up after 3 but little Jye fought his way back with some very steady golf and just wore Lachlan down in the end.

#3 Lochie Allison 4/3 v's William Gordon. With the floods in Forbes recently the boys have been unable to play for a while and William was a bit rusty and playing our up and coming player Lochie who is impressing all the time with his play. Lochie played exceptionally well.

#4 James Linnet 3/2 v's Stuart Gordon. Same as his brother William, not much golf of late but was well in control of his match being 2up through 7. However, James rallied to get to the turn at square and from there he played particularly well, keeping the ball in play to run out with a nice win. Still undefeated this series.

#5 Jed Dunsmore 2/1 v's Tom Buesnell. Jed was in control all day but it got tight nearing the end with Tom winning a couple of holes in a row. However, Jed prevailed as young Tom seem to struggle a few times but to his credit he showed great sportsmanship throughout the day and that is just what we want to see.

#6 Max Doherty 1up v's Casey Faye Rice. Max is a fairly new player and is just learning but he was in control for most of the day. Casey, the only female player of the day, fought back from 3 down to get to square playing the last only to put her drive in the water.

All in all a great day at Blackheath.

Well done to the boys with the top 4 players still undefeated. Thanks to Jess Lamaro and Riley Stewart for travelling and supporting their team mates and a big thanks to all the parents that travelled to Blackheath from both team to support their child/children

A special thanks to the team from Lachlan Valley DGA for making the effort to play despite all of the weather difficulties of late. No doubt some lasting friendships were made in Blackheath.