

2019 Lincoln Place CCDGA Seniors Week of Golf

The inaugural Seniors (over 55) week of golf started 8 September, the idea behind the event is to coordinate District events to attract and showcase local courses, not only to local members, but Senior Order of Merit players from throughout the State. In the past SOOM events have been restricted to Men only, CCDGA decided to make the events more inclusive and invited Women to play in the events wherever possible. Sponsors were obtained that would be mutually beneficial, so a big thank you to Steve Bowmaker from **Lincoln Place** (Developers of Over 55 communities on Golf courses and a Golf NSW partner) and also **Blue Lagoon Holiday Resort**, our preferred accommodation destination.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to those who participated

Shelly Beach

The week started at Shelly Beach, where the wind played a major part in the scores, the course was in great condition with the Greens true. Warren "Snowy" Gorton (Hawkes Nest) won both Vardon and SOOM event at Shelly Beach with a brilliant two over par 73 in cold and windy conditions. Warren currently is in a rich vein of form, his last three SOOM events are, Newcastle 2nd, Horzions & Shelly Beach 1st.

However the score is only part of the story. With heavy traffic on the freeway Warren was running late and arrived just as he was being called to the tee. In the rush his putter was accidentally left in the car. The error was discovered on the first green. After putting on the first and second holes with his wedge there was a quick jog to the car. In addition to this Snowy also had 2 shanks.

Runners up were Matt Taylor (Stone Cutters) and Ken Brewer (Lynwood) with 78. These were the only scores under 80 on a difficult day.

Nett Winner was Chris O'Rourke (Wyang) with a nett 72.

Magenta Shores

Johan Mare from Killara has won his first SOOM event with 31 points from John Osborn (Mudgee). Over 65 winner was local John O'Keefe.

The course was in great condition, set up very fair, however with the wind being so strong all players struggled. The wind strengthened to at least 4 clubs at times and you didn't want to be in the last couple of groups when the rain arrived.

Ladies played in the Senior event with the gross winner being Kim Burke from Shelly Beach

Wyang

For the third day, strong and cold winds greeted players at the Wyong Seniors. The course was set to under 6,000 meters and the greens were the best I've seen in ages. David McMillan from Twin Creeks won his first SOOM event with an excellent score of 75. Second was John Karren from Mona Vale on a count back with 78.

For the first time at Wyong GC Ladies played in the Senior event with the gross winner being Kim Burke from Shelly Beach and Wyong local Vicki Atkins the net winner.

Over 65 was won by Greg Stanford from Mona Vale.

Kooindah Waters

Paul Day (Kooindah Waters) returned a great score of 37 scratch stableford points to win the Kooindah Waters SOOM. Paul doesn't play much senior golf these days and as his win showed, he can still mix it with the best. Runner-up was Michael Bowditch with 34 scratch points.

In the nett event, Keith Shaw (Maitland) won with a great score of 40 points on a count back from Adrian Tall.

In the women's section, Kim Burke easily won the scratch event with 28 scratch stableford points from Sue Hutton on 15 points.

Gosford

Geoff Cranfield (Long Reef) is back onto the senior circuit after spending some time in the UK on holidays with his family plus playing in the England Seniors and trying to pre-qualify for the British Senior Open. Geoff won the Gosford Seniors with a fine score of 1 over 72 to narrowly defeat Terry Small (Kogarah) and Roy Shuttleworth (North Ryde) who both carded 73's.

Rex Suckling (Swan Hill) who has recently returned from his lap of Australia in his RV is back on the course and was next with 75. John Osborn (Mudgee) shot 76 with Steve Puskaric (Kogarah) and David McMillan (Twin Creeks) on 77.

In the nett event, Steven Jones (Dunheved) won with a fine score of nett 69.

Everglades

Nice day around 23 Celsius, no significant wind, course in good condition although greens were cored 2 weeks ago, so little bumpy. Course should have been torn apart, but best score 5 over (par 68)

Winner - Matt Anthony (Everglades) 1st SOOM win

Runner Up - Rex Suckling (Swan Hill)

Central Coast District Week Of Golf

Men (best 4 of 6 events)

Winner Scratch- John Osbourne (Mudgee)-count back

Runner Up - Geoff Cranfield

Winner Nett - David MacMillan (Twin Creeks)

Runner Up - Rex Suckling (Swan Hill)

Winner 65+ - Warren Marsh (Kogarah)

Ladies (best 3 of 5 events)

Winner Scratch - Kim Burke (Shelly Beach)

Winner Nett - Therese Jones (Dunheved)