

2013 Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament

The 4th MRJT was held over the Labour Day weekend, Saturday March 9th to Monday March 11th. The 54 hole event was played at Mount Macedon, Romsey and Lancefield Golf courses. Competitors came from Hidden Valley, Dorset, Yarrambat, Castlemaine, Lancefield, Romsey, Eynesbury, Bacchus Marsh, Centenary Park, Sandhurst, Heritage, Trentham, Victoria, Rosanna and Kilmore Golf Clubs.

The tournament opened at Mt Macedon. Committee members Beryl Cole, David Muller, Charles Everist, Glenn Moore, Matthew Willis & Anthony Lakey welcomed the players and their parents and friends. Sponsors, local councillors, Henry McLaughlin and John Connor, NewEarth Constructions, New Gisborne Electrics, Taylors Lakes Drummond Golf, The Romsey/Lancefield Bendigo Bank, The Australian College of Hannemannian Homoeopathy and The Romsey Fruit Shed were thanked for their support of the event.

Day One – Mt Macedon Golf Course - Par 66.

This mountain course proved a great challenge to all players. The recent rains had softened the fairways and provided a fair cover of green grass. The greens, well on their way to recovery after serious disease problems over the end of 2012 were generally true however the odd player got a surprising result here and there. Players also had to come to grips with some sloping fairways and thick bush just after the rough, a wayward shot could bring seriously negative results. **Day One results were;**

Boys U21

Stroke – John Howarth (Castlemaine) 80, **H'cap** – Dean vanDenHeuval (Romsey) 84/12/72

Boys 16&U

Stroke - Cameron Kaye (Eynesbury) 72, **H'cap** – Jordan Ward (Centenary Park) 88/18/70

Boys 14&U

Stroke – Matias Sanchez (Sandhurst) 70, **H'cap** – Tony Chen (Heritgae) 83/17/66

Girls 16&U

Stroke - Tylah Hodgson (Hidden Valley) 84, **H'cap** - Komo Matsumono (Victoria) 89/3/86

Glenn Moore (Mt Macedon) presents the Chris Gaunt Cup to Tony & Tylah.



Tim McCartney presents the Bendigo Bank caps & vests to winners Tylah & Matias



Day Two – Romsey Golf Course – Par 72

Romsey, a much flatter course with smaller greens, tight fairways and numbers of recently planted trees across the course was very different to Mt Macedon. Romsey had missed much of the recent rain; the fairways were quite hard so players got excellent value for their drives. They did, however, have to choose their clubs wisely as an incorrect choice could find them through a corner or well passed a green. Recent corella damage to many of the greens was on the repair but relief was given. Again, a number of players had not played the course and by mid round the temperature had reached the mid 30s both adding to the challenge of the event. The Romsey G. C Junior Tournament, The 7th annual Gary Watts Shield, was also being contested. **Day Two results were;**

Boys U21 - Stroke – Troy McDonald (Yarrambat) 78
Boys 16&U - Stroke - Hugh Parks (Lancefield) 72,
81/10/71
Boys 14&U - Stroke – Matias Sanchez 74,
80/12/68

Girls 16&U - Stroke - Tylah Hodgson 82,
Gary Watts Shield; Boys' Winner – Hugh Parks (72),

Day Three – Lancefield Golf Course - Par 72

Lancefield, a course with wider fairways and good sized greens had its own challenges. Recent rains had put some green back into the fairways but the cover was intermittent so relief, to a handspan on the fairway played, was given. The top group Matias Sanchez (144) Hugh Parks (148) and Tom Crawford (154) hit off the first. A good round from any of these would see the 2013 boys' title well within their grasp. Long shots for the title were Jack Crawford (157) and Cameron Kaye (159). Tylah Hodgson (166) looked to have the girls' title well in hand.

The top group headed to the back nine with Matias picking up a few shots on Hugh. Matias was able to par the back nine effectively shutting Hugh out of the tournament. Tylah had another steady round, shooting two over her handicap to easily take out both the girls' trophies. Another top round came from Cameron Kaye, all was good until bogies on the final three holes however he was still able to record a 74 off the stick. For the second day Troy recorded an eagle. **Day three results were;**

Dave Muller (LGC) & Glenn with stroke & Hcap winners Tony, Tylah & Matias



H'cap – Dean vanDenHeuval 87/12/75
H'cap – Liam Mountney (Yarrambat)

H'cap – Kieran Vogels (Sandhurst)

H'cap - Komo Matsumono 84/3/81
Girls' Winner – Tylan Hodgson (84)

Lachlan Maher-Cleal hits up to the 18th at LGC



Boys U21
Stroke – Troy McDonald 77 **H'cap** – Justin Paull (Dorset) 78/4/74

Boys 16&U **Stroke** - Cameron Kaye 74,
H'cap – Jordan Ward 86/18/68

Boys 14&U **Stroke** – Matias Sanchez 73,
H'cap – Tony Chen 87/17/70

Girls 16&U **Stroke** - Tylah Hodgson 83,
H'cap - Shahni Clancy (Kilmore) 109/39/70

Tournament Champions

H'cap **Chris Gaunt Cup**; - **Boys' winner** – Tony Chen - 203 **Girls' Winner** – Tylan Hodgson – 222
Stroke **MRJT Boys' Champion** – Matias Sanchez – 217, **Girls' Champion** – Tylah Hodgson – 249.

For the 1st year the MRJT held an Adult/Child nine-hole Ambrose competition. Five pairs entered and had an enjoyable and challenging round. The winners were; Mark & Joseph with 47 from Chris & Jai with 49 (on a c/b). It is to be hoped that some of these players graduate to the MRJT in the near future.

The 2014 MRJT will take place over the weekend Sat March 8th (Lancefield), Sunday March 9th (Mt Macedon) and Mon March 10th (Romsey)