

2013 Romsey Open

Saturday June 1st - Romsey Open Day 1 - 4BBB

Very heavy rain from Friday afternoon through to midday Saturday saw a number of players have second thoughts about taking to the course however all those who did rise to the challenge found that the drizzle cut out after the 2nd hole and the conditions improved throughout the day.

By mid afternoon the wet weather gear, umbrellas and jumpers had been put away and golfers enjoyed the balmy conditions. The rain had left plenty of casual water on the fairways and on some of the greens and balls would pick up mud so relief, through the green, was given. At the end of the day the Mixed and Relative Pairs were closely fought affairs while the Men's Pairs was virtually a one horse race. The day's results were;

Men's Pairs - Rob Rea/Tony Freeman -37 pts

Mixed Pairs - Lorraine Robb/Burt Whitnash -41 pts from Beryl Cole/Dean vanDenHeuval (defending champs) -34 pts

Relative Pairs (A RGC Shield Event) John & Andrew Laing (3rd in a row) -43 pts from Dave Richardson/Adrian Poulton - 41 pts

NTPs went to 1 -Andrew Laing, 15 -Chris Lingard.



Relative Pairs, John & Andrew Laing

Sunday June 2nd - Romsey Open Open Day 2 - 24 Hole Stroke

Misty rain met players as they registered for the 32nd Romsey Open, lined up to enjoy an egg and bacon breakfast and caught-up with people they may not have seen since The Romsey Open in June of last year. By 9.30 am the drizzle had moved on to light rain assisted by steady winds from the SW.

The par 45 "Old Course" Layout was challenging enough without these tough conditions, fortunately the rain lifted after a few holes but the occasional shower and gusting wind did roll across the park during the morning. The highlight of the AM round was a Hole-in-One by Dave Richardson (RGC) on the 110m par 3, 10th.



**Brothers Phil & Graeme Drummond
celebrate their 25th Romsey Open**

The 32nd Romsey Open saw a number of milestones chief amongst them was the Drummond Brothers playing in their 25th consecutive Romsey Open. A number of other players also have impressive records in this area and many vowed to meet and better that record. By 12.15 pm all golfers were in the clubhouse enjoying a roast lunch, a quiet drink and a good chat with other players. Half-way clubhouse house leaders were;

A Grade; Stroke; Lance Carracher (Euroa) & Danny BellChambers (Lancefield) 47

Handicap; Lance Carracher (2 2/3) 44 1/3 from Phil Constable (Medway) (3 1/3) 44 2/3

B Grade; Stroke; Anthony Freeman (Romsey) - 54, Mal Mottram (Romsey) - 56

Handicap; Anthony Freeman (11 1/3) 42 2/3 & Mal Mottram (11 1/3) 44 2/3

C Grade; Stroke; John Freestone (Romsey) 56 & Ian Reynolds (Goonawarra) 60

Handicap; John Freestone (12) 44, Ian Reynolds (12 2/3)/Dave Richardson (14 1/3) 47 1/3.

The afternoon round got underway with drifting showers that moved to steady drizzle then clear, cold conditions. During the day players were reinforced with cups of hot soup and other refreshments from the mobile kitchen staffed by RGC veterans Peter Scanlon and Bruce Robb. Many players were extremely happy to see these two as they wandered around the course. By 3.30 pm all competitors were back in the rooms and chewing their way through a bowl of soup, the warm savouries and the many home made slices and other desserts. **The day's results were**

AM Handicap; Mal Mottram (11 1/3) 44 2/3,

PM Handicap; Mark Corradin (Euroa - 3) 42.

C Grade; Stroke; John Freestone - 119

Handicap; Ian Reynolds (24 2/3) 98 2/3

B Grade; Stroke; Anthony Freeman - 108

Handicap; Graham Drummond (Northern) (22 2/3) 95 1/3

A Grade; Stroke; Lance Carracher - 94 **Handicap;** Mick Prorock (12) 89

NTPs; 1st - John Loney (Melb Airport), 8th - Ian Richardson (Euroa), 9th - Mick Corcoran (Northern) & 10th Dave Richardson.



Dave Richardson with his Hole-in-one ball.



2013 Romsey Open Champion Lance Carracher with RGC president Anthony Lakey

RGC president, Anthony Lakey, began the presentations by thanking the event's sponsors, Romsey Collision Centre, Commercial & Industrial Insurance, Hogans Hotel Wallan and Drummonds Golf Taylors Lakes for their support. He also thanked the many RGC members who had worked so hard to present the course the best possible condition, the cooks and servers who had prepared and/or served the food and those who staffed the bar. All winners were very positive about the day saying how much their groups had made the two rounds so enjoyable and noting that while the rain was much needed no-one could control the weather to ensure perfect conditions every year.

One of the most distinguished golfers to grace the courses of Dalhousie District, Lance Carracher, accepted the 2013 Romsey Open Champion's award (\$100 David Jones voucher and a Barossa red) thanking all those involved in running the day and speaking effusively of the value of these club open tournaments across the district.

Clubs represented were; Murray Downs, Goonawarra, Melbourne Airport, Kilmore, Lancefield, Woodend, Romsey, Northern, Cragieburn, Medway and Heathcote. The top players in each grade had points added to their Dalhousie "Player of the Year" accounts. The day concluded with the raucous draw of the many raffle prizes.

The **33rd Romsey Open** will be held over the weekend of
Sat May 31st & Sun June 1st 2014.