

33rd Romsey Open

Saturday May 31st - Day 1 2014 Romsey Open - 4BBB

Day one of the 33rd Romsey Open saw a field made up of golfers from Romsey, Lancefield, Mt Macedon, Woodend, Kyneton, Talbot, Tocomwal, Bacchus Marsh West, Goonawarra and Trentham Golf Clubs. The day started out cool with a slightly overcast sky however, as the afternoon wore on the sun shone though for brief periods. An inconsistent, easterly wind made a few holes much longer than their actual metrage.

The fairways had consistent cover and the greens were in good nick, apart from the odd area of damage caused by a late season attack of dollar spot fungus. It was a close tussle in each of the three events. The Relative Pairs (A RGC shield event) and the Men's Pairs were both decided by just one point, the Women's Pairs had a two-point difference. The sky darkened quite

quickly at around 4.15 but by 4.30 everyone was back in the clubrooms enjoying a wonderful afternoon tea; the pumpkin soup was a highlight as were the beautiful sponges and other sweets. The forecast rain did not begin to fall until well after the final putt was sunk. On a very enjoyable afternoon the results were;



Women's Pairs winners Cheryl Payne & Wendy Gosden with RGC Captain Tony Freeman



2014 Relative Pairs Champions Andrew & Mitchell Clement with RGC President Anthony Lakey

Relative Pairs; Winners -

Andrew Clement (11)/Mitchell Clement (12) - 44 pts from Anthony Lakey (21)/Dave Richardson (24) - 43 pts

Men's Pairs; Winners -

Mick Keating (14)/Kevin Keating (24) - 42 pts - from Bob McLennan (10)/Rob Rea (17) - 41 pts

Women's Pairs; Winners -

Wendy Gosden (39)/Cheryl Payne (37) - 45 pts from Mary Campbell (14)/Elaine Scanlon (33) - 43 pts

NTPs; 1 - Andrew Cullinger, 15 - Beau Warrenner & 16 - Bob Dwyer

Sunday June 1st - Day 2 2014 Romsey Open – 24 Hole Stroke

Light rain was falling as the field gathered for an egg and bacon breakfast and a catch-up with players from other clubs. Over 25mm had fallen during the night so the course's dams were filling and there was a deal of casual water on the fairways and on a few greens. Fortunately there was almost no wind. The heavy overnight rain meant very wet fairways where balls would pick up mud so "Preferred lies", to a hand-span on the fairway played, was granted. Unfortunately the morning was punctuated by phone calls from players withdrawing due to the weather so a much reduced field took to the course. Clubs represented were Lancefield, Romsey, Kilmore, Broadford and Melton.

The weather was inclement for most of the morning's round varying from moderate drizzle to steady rain. Almost all players found the conditions very challenging, however one, Dennis Davenport (3 1/3 – Lancefield), proved that a class golfer performs no matter what the conditions. In such a tough environment his round of 46, one over the card, was one of the best rounds ever recorded in the Open. By 12.30 the field was inside enjoying a traditional Romsey roast lunch.

The rain began to slacken and the afternoon certainly looked the better half of the day. Other good rounds came from Chris Hansen (3 1/3 – Broadford) 52 and Dave Muller (8 2/3 – Romsey) 54. Good handicap scores came from Dennis Davenport - 46/ 42 2/3, Dave Muller – 54/45 1/3, Sharif Abdel-Sayed (Romsey) – 58/46 and Dave Richardson (Romsey) – 62/46.

Within 10 minutes of the afternoon round beginning the rain had ceased and conditions improved. Gloves, hands and grips could be kept dry and the wet-weather gear was stowed away. The run of good weather was not to last and at about 2.45 the drizzle began again, this time it lasted only about 10 minutes. Hot sausage rolls fortified the players as they finished off the final few holes. Before presentations were made Romsey Open sponsors Romsey Collision Centre, CIIC Insurance, Romsey & Wallan Hotels and Black Range Business Group were thanked for their on-going support. All competitors thanked the volunteers who prepared the course, those who prepared and served the wonderful meals and the bar staff who supplied hot and cold drinks on and off the course. After a very challenging morning and more pleasant afternoon the results were;

A Grade; Stroke; Dennis Davenport 98, **R/U;** Chris Hansen 108
H/C; Dave Muller 110/92 1/3

B Grade; Stroke; Sharif Abdel-Sayed 120. **R/U;** John Freestone 123
H/C; Ron Walker 125/97

AM Handicap; Dave Richardson
NTPs 1st – Dennis Davenport
9th; - Chris Hansen

PM Handicap; Adrian Poulton
8th; - Dave Richardson
10th Ron Walker

Best 2nd shot, 4th Hole; Geoff Hogg

**The 34th Romsey Open will be held over the weekend
Sat/Sun June 6th/7th 2015**



**2014 Champion, Dennis Davenport & B Grade Champion
Sharif Abdel-Sayed**