

The 2010 Romsey Open

Saturday and Sunday, June 5th & 6th, saw the running of the 28th Romsey Open. On the Saturday it was the 4BBB Stableford pairs competition. A good field of 24 pairs, competed in men's, mixed and relative pairs' competition. Whilst there was some rain and wind during the afternoon it did not interfere with the quality of golf with some pairs posting excellent scores. Winners were;

Men's pairs - Les Gaunt (8) & Mick Nicholls (26) 46 pts.

Mixed pairs - Bob McLennan (11) & Kath Jekabson (28) 43 pts.

Relative pairs - Steve Wilkins (13) & Mat Thornton (3) 44 pts (A Romsey GC shield event)

NTPs went to 1 - D Wright, 15 - S Walker and 16 - S Whelan.

Sunday saw the 28th, 24-hole Romsey Open (par 90). There were players from 12 clubs in the field, a number had travelled down from Murray Downs, just outside Swan Hill. A strong field saw A Grade; 0 - 8 handicap, B Grade; 9 - 16 handicap and C Grade; 17+ handicap.

The morning was relatively clear with only a few light showers, the recent rains (including 8 mm on Saturday night) had made the fairways and greens quite soft so golfers were able to attack the pins. At 12.15 the groups began to come in for lunch and a chance to catch up with other golfers whom, in many cases, they only saw at this tournament.

After some discussion playing conditions for the 2nd, 12 holes were changed and, because of mud on the balls, relief was given (to a hand-span) on the fairway played. There was again some light rain but that cleared quickly and the afternoon alternated between clear, sunny skies and overcast, threatening clouds.

Winners on the day were;

A Grade; stroke; - Lindsay Watts (Murray Downs) 98, **handicap;** - Shelden Walker (Woodlands) 104/9.6/ 93.3

B Grade; stroke - Geoff Carson (Murray Downs) 105, **handicap;**- Jarrad White (Rom) 118/28/90

C Grade; stroke - Ben Noel (Romsey); 111, **handicap;** - Dean van DenHeuval (Romsey); 118/28/90

NTPs; 1 - Dean van DenHeuval, 8 - Andrew Newell (Medway) and 9 - Paul Noel (Rom).

Longest drives; A; Brett Lockens (L/field), **B;** Wayne Robb (Rom), **C;** Phil Drummond (Heathcote)



Lindsay Watts, Geoff Carson and Ben Noel

The three scratch winners each made brief acceptance speeches thanking the kitchen and bar staff and the Romsey Golf Club for putting on such an enjoyable event. There was a great atmosphere on course and in the rooms with many players moving tables to chat with others and much good-natured cheering when the winners; golf and raffle, were announced. Romsey Golf Club would like to especially thank fellow Dalhousie clubs Woodend and Lancefield for their support at this event.