

2023 Masters Series

Round 4 HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB Sunday 4th June 2023

Clear skies and another 12 degrees cool morning greeted the Hackers at Mittagong with only 19 players again starting after Shaun Bardsley was forced to withdraw due to a back injury suffered at work the previous day.

Accordingly, Group 4 ventured out accompanied by the invisible "Goblin" as their partner.

Fortunately the predicted possible rain did not occur while we played and the conditions were quite pleasant.

The Mens Blue Tees with a 123 Slope and the Ladies Yellow Tees with a 121 Slope was again quite challenging as most of the scores indicate and a final average of 26.6 points.

The fairways were in reasonable condition although 30cm preferred lies was in play.

The real challenge was on the greens which were quite bumpy, are relatively small and quite furry on the surrounds. The hole seemed to be a little upraised which seemed to cause many putts to just roll on by without being too keen to have a look in and invariably missed falling towards the road.

The presentations commenced with a warm welcome to Aaron Whittingham playing his first Hackers event and we hope to see him on a regular basis in future.

Results: **Winner:** **Colin Iles** **35 points**
Secret Six: **Keith McLaren** **14 points**
Group Winners: **Group 4** **110 points** **Ross Nattrass, Darryl Casey, John Killin & with the help of the Goblin adjustment**

Teams Winners: **GREEN - 146** *Ross Nattrass, Pat Bardsley, Trevor Gough, Darryl Casey, John Vallins* **RED 145** **BLUE 136** **GOLD 130**

Skins **6 Skins from 16 holes** Aaron Whittingham (3rd) 3pts \$28.50 Trevor Porter (5th) 3 pts \$19.00
Brad Thompson (7th) 3 pts \$19.00
Aaron Whittingham (8th) 4 pts \$9.50 Trevor Gough (10th) 3 pts \$19.00 Pat Bardsley (16th) 4 pts \$57.00

Survival Ball *Three balls were returned and the new lucky guess draw was conducted.*

The groups who returned the ball were requested to guess the number of 3 points scored by all players on the day with the closest to win.

The Result was 47

Group 1 guessed 55 Group 2 guessed 39

Winners: GROUP 4 guessed 42 *Darryl Casey, Ross Nattrass, John Killin and a bonus \$10 each from the absent Goblin*

Big thank you to Michael Lees for helping with the scores input and the skins on the day.

Trevor Porter