

2016 Romsey Open

Day One – Sat June 4th – 4BBB Women’s. Men’s & Mixed Pairs

Intermittent rain over night had many golfers worried and, as cars began pulling into the car-park light rain began to fall prompting many a nervous glance to the sky. Despite the weather there was a great turn-out with pairs from Romsey, Woodend, Lancefield, Trentham, Talbot, Gisborne, Woodlands, Avenel & Bacchus Marsh West teeing up.

Mixed Pairs winners Sharon & Mick Stomilovic



Golfers, not being faint hearted, took up the day’s challenge and headed out to the course, umbrellas up, buggies closed in and wet-weather gear on. The rain gradually decreased but remained a constant for the whole round. Extremely soft fairways called for “relief – to a Handspan - Fairway Played”. This allowed players unplug balls on the fairway and to lift and clean before playing their next shot.

Women’s Pairs winners Kath Jekabsons & Maureen Warrener



The tough found a way to give the course a scare with a number of pairs recording excellent scores. By the end of the round the cold had closed in and everyone was more than pleased to get back to the warm rooms and have a chat over a great afternoon tea. On a challenging day the results were;

Mixed Winners; Sharon & Mick Stomilovic – 39 pts, from Ron & Beryl Cole

Women’s Winners; from Kath Jekabsons & Maureen Warrener – 35 pts Virginia Newell & Elaine Scanlon – 33 pts

Men’s Winners; Chris vanDerVliet & Scott

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Williams – 42 pts from Tony Freeman & Neil Jarman – 40 pts (Countback from two other groups).

Day 2 – Sunday June 5th – 24 Hole Stroke

The 2nd day of the ’16 Open began with more misty rain and more nervous glances towards the sky. There had been ~10 mm of rain overnight so a wet course was even wetter. A few people decided against the weather and headed home before play began but 30 “die-hards” took to the course.

Players came from Romsey, Lancefield, Euroa, Seymour, Broadford, Melton Valley, Strathbogrie, Yea, Gisborne and Mt Macedon Golf Clubs. “Relief-Fairway Player-Handspan” was again

2016 Romsey Open Champion Brendan Larkins



given. As the morning progressed the sun came out and it was a pleasant, if a little sloshy, walk around the park and despite the soggy conditions there was some excellent golf played. The round of the morning came from Brendan Larkins Gisborne (+.6) with a one over the card 46. Other good rounds, 50, came from both Matt Willis - Mt Macedon (3.3) and Mark Corridin Euroa (0)

Handicap honours went to young Melton Valley golfer, Cody Munro with 60/18/42 from Mick Prorok – Seymour – 49/5.3/43.7 and Graham Hogg, Broadford – 51/6/54.

By 12.30 everyone was back in the rooms tucking into a roast lamb and chicken lunch followed by homemade sponges and slices. After discussion with DDGA officials it was

decided to extend the relief to

B Grade Stroke Winner Glenn Moore



“Through the Green”, meaning any ball could be marked, picked-up, cleaned and replaced within a handspan. This brought a smile to many players who had struck mud on their ball in the rough. Again the rain kept away and the sun poked through now and then but the afternoon round was a reasonably warm.

C Grade Stroke Winner Cody Munro



Brendan Larkins seemed to have the measure of the course carding a two-under 43 while Matt Willis returned a 46, Dean Jones a 47 and Reilly McDonald a 48. Good handicap rounds came from Matt Willis – 46/3.3/42.7, Cody Munro-61/18/43, Bruce Fraser – 5/5.3/44.7, Reilly McDonald – 48/3.3/44.7.

Players again enjoyed catching up while cards were tallied and awards organised. Hearty toasted sangers, slices and sponges also helped fill in a few minutes here and there. RGC president, Anthony Lakey thanked the event’s sponsors Romsey Collision Centre, Water Pros Sunbury, Hogans Hotel Wallan and Melton Panels & Bodyworks. Without the

support of these companies the tournament would not have been held. Thanks also to Elaine Scanlon, Kev Dunn, Trish Freeman, John Boyce & Kath Jekabsons who worked so hard cooking and serving the food and refreshments and also all the members of the club who had spent so many hours preparing the course for the tournament. On a very enjoyable day under some tough conditions the 24 hole results were;

	Stroke	Handicap
A Grade	Brendan Larkins – 89	Matt Willis – 96/6.6/89.4
B Grade	Glenn Moore – 116	John Freestone – 119/25.2/93.8
C Grade	Cody Munro – 121	Hugh Drummond – 124/29.2/94.8
AM Handicap -	Mick Prorok – 43.7	PM Handicap – Rielly McDonald – 44.7
Best Senior Stroke – Dean Jones – 99		Best Junior Stroke – Rielly McDonald – 101
NTPs 1st – Bruce Fraser,	8th – Brendan Larkins,	9th – Pat Chisholm, 10th – Allen Collins