

2011 Romsey Open

Saturday June 4th - 4BBB Pairs

Day one of the 29th Romsey Open. 21 pairs, from Romsey, Melton, Woodend, Lancefield, Goonawarra and Essendon Golf Clubs, competed in the men's, mixed and relative pairs 4BBB stableford competition. It was a still, sunny afternoon and the course was in wonderful condition, a credit to all the volunteers who work so hard to improve both the course and Romsey Park in general.

A shotgun (Bugle from the middle of the football field) start at 12.00 pm got the groups away. There was some excellent golf with the round of the day coming from junior Dean Van DenHeuval and ladies' president Beryl Cole. There was also a great battle between the Laings and the Freestones for the Relative Pair's Shield.

The day's winners were;

Men's Pairs - Kev Milner (12) & Mat Thornton (5) 42 pts from Andrew Clement (11) & Keith Hocking (30) 41 pts.

Mixed Pairs - Dean Van DenHeuval (18) & Beryl Cole (27) 49 pts from Mick Nicholls (29) & Jan Harver (45) 45 pts.

Relative Pairs - John (27) & Andrew (21) Laing 41 pts on a count-back from John (21) & Darren (4) Freestone. (A Romsey Golf Club shield event)

NTPs went to 15 Les Gaunt and 16 Mick Keating (W/end).



Romsey G. C. captain Andrew Clement congratulates the 2011 Relative Pairs champions John and Andrew Laing

Sunday June 5th - The 29th Romsey Open, 24 holes - A, B & C Grade stroke (2/3 handicap).

A strong field took to the course at 9.30 am to do battle with gusting winds under a slightly overcast sky. Romsey, Woodend, Goonawarra, Gisborne, Lancefield, , Southern, Sanctuary Lakes, Kilmore, Northern, Murray Downs, Zeehan, Trentham, Melton, Benella, Essendon, Yea and Melbourne Airport Golf Clubs were all represented.

The round of the morning came from Mat Thornton (Rom) with an outstanding two over par 47/3.3/43.6, other fine rounds were Mat Hall, Nathan Hodge, Daniel Wright (all Rom) & Adrian Dukeson (Zeehan, his 1st round at the club!) all with 49. Keith Hocking (Rom) also performed well with 62/20/42.

At 12.15 pm all 52 players sat down together for a roast lunch and a chance to catch up with old friends or to make new ones. The many volunteers did a wonderful job serving the meal and distributing the refreshments.

By 1.00 pm the weather began to look threatening and the inconsistent wind began to play on the minds of the players as they went out for the 2nd 12 holes. The afternoon grew colder but the weather held off and all players were in the rooms well before the temperature dropped and the sky darkened.

In a closely fought affair Mat Hall (49/47/96), who had played two top rounds, was able to pip Mat Thornton (47/50/97) by one stroke to take out the 2011 title. Other fine rounds, under very tough conditions, came from Nathan Hodge, Adrian Dukeson and Danny BellChambers (L/Field) all with 50. Bert Parks (L/field) also had a good 2nd round with a return of 52/10/42.

Players enjoyed a country afternoon tea and lots of laughs as scores were tallied and then presentations were made. The day concluded after a good number of prizes were drawn as part of the event's raffle.

The day's winners, (24 hole scores) were

A Grade Stroke - Mat Hall **96/6.6/89.3**, H/Cap - Mat Thornton - **97/6.6/90.3**

B Grade Stroke - Mick Corcoran (Melb Airport) **105/13.3/95.6**, H/Cap - Ben Noel (Rom) - **111/18.6/92.3**

C Grade Stroke - Graeme Clement (Rom) **120/26.3/93.3**, H/Cap - Keith Hocking - **126/40/86**



Captain Andrew Clement with winners Mat Hall (Open Champion), Mick Corcoran (B Grade) and Graeme Clement (C Grade)

am H/Cap - Keith Hocking - **62/20/42**,
pm H/Cap - Bert Parks - **52/10/42**.

All winners made speeches commenting on the quality of the course and thanking all the volunteers who looked after the course, who prepared and served the food and who looked after the refreshments. All speeches were well received by the rambunctious tedium of golfers.

Club Captain, Andrew Clement also thanked the event's sponsors, especially the two major sponsors; "Romsey Collision Centre" and "CIIC Insurance".

The 30th Romsey Open
will be held over the weekend
Saturday/Sunday June 2nd/3rd 2012.