

# 2015 Romsey Open

## Saturday June 6th - 1st Day 2015 Romsey Open - 4BBB Pairs

The field teed off under overcast skies with an inconsistent north-westerly wind. Again the cold air and the soft fairway saw everyone lose distance off the tee resulting in longer than usual approach shots.

As the afternoon progressed the sun shone through and the middle of the round was very enjoyable.

The greens held well and generally putted very true. A few players allowed for way too much movement only to see their balls run almost straight and past the cup.

Over the final holes the cold moved back in and all groups were hurrying to get to the warm rooms for a quiet drink and a marvelous afternoon tea. The Relative Pairs and Women's Pairs were close fought affairs while the Men's Pairs was a little more one sided with Romsey's oldest (Bob Dwyer -84) and youngest (Michael McCarten -15) players taking out the title. On another challenging day the results were;

**Relative Pairs;** Mick Keating (Woodend -16) & Kevin Keating (Gisborne -23) - 40 pts from Dave Muller (Romsey -11) & Phyllis Muller (Mt Xavier -27) - 38 pts

**Women's Pairs;** Lyn Robison (Romsey -30) & Mary Campbell (Trentham -13) - 41 pts from Lyn Wells (Gisborne -20) & Chris Doherty (Woodend -23) - 38 pts

**Men's Pairs;** Michael McCarten (Romsey -19) & Bob Dwyer (Romsey -29) - 41 pts from Steve Poulton (Romsey -23) & Scott Williams (Romsey -19) 35 pts

### DDGA Captain Lance Carracher with B Grade winner Wayne Robb



NTPs; 15th - Dave Muller, 16th Dave Muller

## Sunday June 7th – 2nd Day 2015 Romsey Open – 24 Hole Stroke

There was a light mist blowing across the course as the field registered, a hot egg and bacon sandwich helped warm the players as old friends caught up and new players looked over the layout of the course.

It was very pleasing to see four juniors in the field. Clubs represented were; Trentham, Buninyong, Euroa, Melton, Romsey, Broadford, Lancefield, Heathcote, Quarry Hill, Strathbogie, Marysville, Creswick and Bellmore Park.

By 9.30 the groups were on course, the mist had lifted but the air was very cold; only the biggest hitters were able to get good distance of the tee.



2015 Relative Pairs winners Mick & Kevin Keating with RGC Captain Tony Freeman

Once out on the fairway players were able to mark, clean and replace within a handspan. As the morning round progressed the north-westerly wind blew up causing many shots to fade or veer sharply to the south. By 12.20 players were filing into the rooms to hand over their cards and sit down to a hot roast lunch.

Under difficult conditions good gross scores came from; Holmes (0 -Broadford) – 49, C Lingard (1.3 – Lancefield) -50, D Jones (2 – Heatcote) -52 & L Carracher (2.6 – Euroa) -52.

Good handicap scores were; R Campbell (Trentham) – 59/14/45, P Chisholm (Romsey) – 54/8/46, W Robb (Romsey) – 54/8/46, D Connell (Marsyville) – 58/12.3/45.6.

By the end of lunch the weather had improved a little and, whilst the air was still cold, the wind had lessened and the sky had cleared. A few players who had shivered through the morning found the afternoon round far more enjoyable. Despite the improved conditions scoring was still difficult and only the most consistent players were able to card a good score.

At the end of the day the scratch results were very close. There was only one shot separating three players in A Grade and both B Grade and C Grade required a play-off. Results were;

	<b>Scratch</b>	<b>Handicap</b>
<b>A Grade</b>	Greg Holmes – 99	Danny Bellchambers – 100/6.6 /93.3
<b>B Grade</b>	Wayne Robb - 109	Pat Chisholm – 109/16/93
<b>C Grade</b>	John Freestone - 117	Scott Munroe -126/36/90
<b>AM H/C</b>	Rod Campbell -59/14/45	<b>PM H/C</b> B Prouse -47/2.6/ 44.3
<b>Best Junior H/C</b>	Jack McDonald – 129/26.6/102.3	

### RGC V Pres Kevin Dunn with A Grade handicap winner, Danny Bellchambers



### Lance with 2015 Romsey Open winner Greg Holmes



RGC president, Anthony Lakey thanked the event sponsors, Romsey Collision Centre, CIIC Insurance, Black Range Business Group and Melton Panels; the support of these groups is vital for the event. RGC members who had worked on the course and who had prepared food for the weekend were also thanked. Life Member Bruce Robb, WGDD Captain Mary Campbell and DDGA Captain Lance Carracher were welcomed to the event..

All winners thanked the workers in the kitchen and bar as well as their playing partners, and noted that whilst conditions had been difficult the golf had been enjoyable.

The **35<sup>th</sup> Romsey Open** will be held in 2016, date yet to be decided