

2017 Romsey Open Tournament

Saturday June 3rd; The 4BBB

Pairs. The 37th Romsey Open began under clear skies, with almost no wind and steady sunshine. This was quite a change from the past four years where the weather had been both wet and very cold. Men's and Women's teams came from Midlands, Lancefield, Kyneton, Romsey, Trentham, Woodlands, Seymour, Gisborne and Woodend Golf Clubs. After the excellent early autumn rains, the mild weather and good dews the fairways and most greens were in excellent condition. Players

did struggle with the remains of the summer's bird damage on two greens however in general the greens were very receptive to good approach shots and putted quite true. The field of 44 moved around the course with few hold-ups and the course echoed with shouts as putts dropped or just grazed the side of the cup. At about 3.30 pm the field was in the rooms enjoying a country afternoon tea and chatting while the cards were checked and awards organised.



Men's Pairs winners Darren Newnham & Andrew Evans with event sponsor Phil Newell & CG Vice Pres, Kevin Dunn



Women's Pairs winners Denise O'Meara & Jenny Hartley with RGC V Pres Kevin Dunn

and look after the day's refreshments. He also acknowledged Dalhousie District president, Sue McCall, RGC life members John Laing, Bruce Robb & Peter Scanlon as well as past club captains and champions who were present. On a beautiful day the results were;

Men's Winners; Darren Newnham (12)/Andrew Evans (9) – 48 pts from Chris vanDerVliet (25)/Scott Williams (19) – 44pts

Women's Winners; Jenny Hartley (36)/Denise O'Mera (45) – 44 pts from Elaine Scanlon (33)/Virginia Newell (20) – 43 pts.

NTPs; 1st – Andrew Evans, 15th – Phil Newell & 16th – Mick Nicholls Snr

As the round progressed the weather warmed and it was a pleasure to be out on the park. There was some excellent golf played with a number of teams well into the 40 Stableford point range. Perhaps the highlight was 42 pts (out of 44) by Jenny Hartley.

RGC Pres, Anthony Lakey, thanked the day's sponsor **P & V Newell Electricals** and other club sponsors, all the club members who had worked to prepare the course and the members who had make and served the food

PM handicap winner Jim Patton with RGC Capt Anthony Lakey





2017 Romsey Open Champion Chris Lingard with RGC V Pres Kevin Dunn

Sunday June 4th – 24 Hole Stroke. Players began arriving at about 8.30 am for a 9.30 am hit-off. The morning had dawned with a heavy frost and there was a distinct chill in the air. This was most noticed by Bob McLennan who braved the elements to mow the greens before the field hit off. Clubs represented were; Lancefield, Euroa, Romsey, Strathbogie, Seymour, Broadford, Mt Macedon, Melton Valley, & Northern. With three ex-champions in the field it was sure to be a tough competition.

The morning round saw a very chilly start, cold air and heavy dew reduced run on the fairways but as the morning warmed up so did the golf. Last week's Lancefield Open winner Chris Lingard and Euroa low marker Mark Corradin put in top 1st 12 holes

to be in the rooms for lunch just three over the card. The tight fairways and small greens were very unforgiving and only the most accurate of players was in with a chance of posting a good score off the stick. Other good returns in A Grade were from wily veteran lance Carracher – 49 with Ian Richardson and Chris Hansen on 50. In B Grade Peter Nelson also turned in an excellent front 12 with a 49 from Graeme Hogg – 51 and Michael McCarten – 52. C Grade the Munro boys had it with Scott – 55 and Cody – 57.



B Grade Champ Peter Nelson



C Grade Champ Scott Munro

With the sun out and the air still the back 12 promised a tight finish. At one stage it looked as if B Grade's Peter Nelson (8) was going to upstage everyone before A Graders Chris Lingard and Hugh Parks got really serious over the final few holes. As the players headed for the rooms the title was still up for grabs and many eyed the scoreboard as cards came in and were checked. Good 2nd rounds came from Chris Lingard & Hugh Parks in A Grade, Peter Nelson and Mick Prorok in B Grade and



Junior Scratch winner Riley McDonald

Scott and Cody Munro in C Grade. The day's results were;

Scratch		H/C
A Grade	Chris Lingard – 94	Dennis Davenport - 92
B Grade;	Peter Nelson -96	Mick Prorok – 89
C Grade;	ScottMunro – 113	Cody Munro – 79
AM H/C;	Cody Munro – 39	PM H/C; Jim Patton – 41 2/3
NTPs;	1 st - Graeme Hogg, 8 th – Mark Corradin, 9 th – Michael McCarten and 10 th – Peter Nelson.	

Again the day's major sponsor – **Romsey Collision Centre** - as well as Melton Panels and all other club sponsors were thanked for their ongoing support. On both day's the winners and runners-up thanked the club and its members for all the planning and effort involved in running such a successful and enjoyable day' golf.