

# CANBERRA 2023

Wedged between the Easter long weekend and the Anzac Day public holiday, the Canberra tour was a real mixed bag with some good weather, some really ordinary golf, some average playing conditions, excellent accommodation and outstanding company but enjoyed by all I'm pretty sure.

**Pat Bardsley** won his first Tour Champion's title from Ross Natrass who is always in the mix but most of the rest of us struggled. Ross reversed that result by taking out the best scratch score and the **Gold Team** prevailed by 2 points from the Blue Team after John Hardy couldn't play the last day and Phil Sheppard filled in and scooped the pool with 37 points to win the club comp, our comp and lift the Gold Team to a narrow victory. Shaun Bardsley had the doubtful honour of the NAGA for the lowest score of those playing 3 days.

Sunday started with drama when Queanbeyan first decided not to allow carts and rang Jayvee on the way down. A flurry of phone calls resulted in a change of venue to the public course once known as the Capital Golf Course (but now name unknown) then another change back to Queanbeyan when they realised they were turning away \$1,104 in the Pro Shop plus drinks etc (my thoughts not theirs) when the course wasn't that wet anyway.

They said they realised we were a responsible group because we were all members of a club and wouldn't misbehave on the course and were already on our way so they would make an exception just for us and allow the carts. So, more phone calls and we reverted to Plan A and arrived at Queanbeyan to be welcomed by rain for the first few holes, then a little sunshine before a strong, gusty and very cold wind settled in for the last 8-10 holes.

The course was in good condition but most of us were mesmerized by the greens but Trevor Porter and Grahame Steptoe revelled in the conditions to record good scores although the day's average was just 25.5 points. We were not in the club comp on the day.

Monday at Yowani was very different – fine, sunny, even warm as the day wore on and ideal playing conditions on a course in good condition made difficult by the leaves on the ground and the usual tight fairways. Finding balls was difficult as the trees took their toll and only Pat Bardsley managed to top 30 points on a day where the average landed on 23.5 points. Not sure really why we struggled so much because the greens were true and evenly paced although the condition of the bunkers was below expectations. We played in the club comp but obviously didn't figure in the right end of the field.

Goulburn saw much better scoring but the comp tees on the day were yellow and well forward. The greens were heavily cored just a couple of weeks ago and large holes and little sand made putting a bit of a lottery. On top of that, the greens were not mown before we started because they were too wet with dew and they started that job after we set off and consequently we had some mown and some very furry as we proceeded. But it was not a bad experience and the hospitality of the members après golf was excellent, friendly and very welcoming as, between us, we extracted most of the prizes of the day. Accommodation was, as usual, excellent and the food of good variety and standard.

The Tradies Club is an excellent accessory to a convenient and quality list of golf courses and a request to revert to 4 games in Canberra as it always was up to and including 2015 is possible. We didn't do Canberra in 2016 or 2017 and when we resumed in 2018 we played just 3 games but I can't remember why we changed and it's been that way ever since.

Full results –

CHAMPIONSHIP				Eclectic				Secret 18 Holes				SCRATCH			
1	Pat Bardsley	97	32.33	1	John Killin	45		1	Ross Natrass	35		1	Ross Natrass	62	
2	Ross Natrass	91	30.33	2	Trevor Gough	44		2	Grahame Steptoe	33		2	Pat Bardsley	59	
3	Trevor Porter	89	29.67	3	Trevor Porter	44		3	Keith McLaren	32		3	Michael Lees	57	
4	John Killin	88	29.33	4	Pat Bardsley	43		4	Trevor Porter	31		4	Wayne Purcell	57	
5	Keith McLaren	88	29.33	5	Dave Vanderwiel	42		5	John Killin	30		5	Dave Vanderwiel	56	
6	Dave Vanderwiel	84	28.00	6	Michael Lees	42		6	Wayne Purcell	30		6	Tony Arnold	52	
7	Grahame Steptoe	83	27.67	7	Bob Norris	41		7	Dave Vanderwiel	29		7	Keith McLaren	51	
8	Michael Lees	82	27.33	8	Keith McLaren	41		8	Pat Bardsley	29		8	Malee Vanderwiel	46	
9	Trevor Gough	77	25.67	9	Ross Natrass	41		9	Michael Lees	25		9	John Vincent	36	
10	Tony Arnold	76	25.33	10	Grahame Steptoe	40		10	Tony Arnold	25		10	Shaun Bardsley	36	
11	Wayne Purcell	74	24.67	11	John Vincent	39		11	Malee Vanderwiel	24		11	Bob Norris	33	
12	Bob Norris	73	24.33	12	Tony Arnold	39		12	Trevor Gough	24		12	Trevor Gough	27	
13	John Vincent	73	24.33	13	Wayne Purcell	39		13	Shaun Bardsley	21		13	Phil Sheppard	26	
14	Malee Vanderwiel	73	24.33	14	Malee Vanderwiel	38		14	Bob Norris	20		14	John Killin	25	
15	Shaun Bardsley	65	21.67	15	Phil Sheppard	37		15	John Vincent	20		15	Trevor Porter	22	
16	John Hardy	53	26.50	16	John Hardy	36		16	John Hardy	18		16	Grahame Steptoe	21	
17	Phil Sheppard	37	37.00	17	Shaun Bardsley	35		17	Phil Sheppard	10		17	John Hardy	11	

  

RED		318.0		BLUE		332.0		GREEN		319.0		GOLD		334.0	
Grahame Steptoe	83	Pat Bardsley	97	Trevor Porter	89	Ross Natrass	91								
Michael Lees	82	John Killin	88	Dave Vanderwiel	84	Keith McLaren	88								
Trevor Gough	77	Wayne Purcell	74	Bob Norris	73	Shaun Bardsley	65								
Tony Arnold	76	John Vincent	73	Malee Vanderwiel	73	John Hardy	53								
						Phil Sheppard	37								

Queanbeyan				Yowani				Goulburn						
Trevor Porter	Green	16	22	38	Pat Bardsley	Blue	17	16	33	Phil Sheppard	Gold	21	16	37
Grahame Steptoe	Red	22	13	35	Ross Natrass	Gold	15	13	28	John Killin	Blue	19	17	36
Ross Natrass	Gold	17	16	33	Wayne Purcell	Blue	8	19	27	Pat Bardsley	Blue	21	15	36
Dave Vanderwiel	Green	15	16	31	John Hardy	Gold	12	15	27	Keith McLaren	Gold	16	17	33
Trevor Gough	Red	16	15	31	John Killin	Blue	14	13	27	Tony Arnold	Red	12	20	32
Keith McLaren	Gold	12	16	28	Keith McLaren	Gold	15	12	27	Michael Lees	Red	16	16	32
Pat Bardsley	Blue	13	15	28	Malee Vanderwiel	Green	10	14	24	Malee Vanderwiel	Green	17	15	32
Wayne Purcell	Blue	13	14	27	Michael Lees	Red	10	14	24	Dave Vanderwiel	Green	14	16	30
John Hardy	Gold	10	16	26	Tony Arnold	Red	11	13	24	Ross Natrass	Gold	16	14	30
Bob Norris	Green	11	15	26	Shaun Bardsley	Gold	10	13	23	Trevor Porter	Green	14	14	28
Michael Lees	Red	14	12	26	Dave Vanderwiel	Green	11	12	23	John Vincent	Blue	10	16	26
John Killin	Blue	11	14	25	Trevor Porter	Green	12	11	23	Bob Norris	Green	11	15	26
John Vincent	Blue	13	11	24	Grahame Steptoe	Red	15	8	23	Grahame Steptoe	Red	15	10	25
Tony Arnold	Red	11	9	20	John Vincent	Blue	15	8	23	Trevor Gough	Red	11	13	24
Shaun Bardsley	Gold	11	8	19	Trevor Gough	Red	11	11	22	Shaun Bardsley	Gold	8	15	23
Malee Vanderwiel	Green	9	8	17	Bob Norris	Green	10	11	21	Wayne Purcell	Blue	6	14	20
Phil Sheppard	Gold			0	Phil Sheppard	Gold			0	John Hardy	Gold			0
<b>AVERAGE 25.5</b>				<b>AVERAGE 23.5</b>				<b>AVERAGE 27.6</b>						
<b>112 GREEN 112</b>				<b>110 BLUE 214</b>				<b>123 GOLD 334</b>						
<b>112 RED 112</b>				<b>105 GOLD 211</b>				<b>118 BLUE 332</b>						
<b>106 GOLD 106</b>				<b>93 RED 205</b>				<b>116 GREEN 319</b>						
<b>104 BLUE 104</b>				<b>91 GREEN 203</b>				<b>113 RED 318</b>						

4B Split Six (BB-A-M) Playing Groups		Queanbeyan		Yowani		Goulburn																
Pat Bardsley	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	0	1	13	2	1	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	15	28
Wayne Purcell	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	13	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	14	27
John Vincent	3	1	2	0	2	3	1	2	1	1	13	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	11	24	24
John Killin	4	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	2	11	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	14	25
<b>Winning Score 126</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Group 1</b>																				
<b>WINNER</b>		<b>64</b>																				
<b>Runner Up Score 74</b>		<b>Group 2</b>																				
		<b>74</b>																				
		<b>Group 3</b>																				
		<b>126</b>																				
		<b>Group 4</b>																				
		<b>73</b>																				

Yowani		4B Aggregate (Best 3 scores) & Individual Stableford		Queanbeyan		Yowani		Goulburn														
Pat Bardsley	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	3	17	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	16	33
Ross Natrass	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	2	3	3	15	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	13	28
Trevor Porter	3	0	1	2	3	1	0	2	2	1	12	2	2	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	11	23
Grahame Steptoe	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	15	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	8	23	
<b>Winning Score 97</b>		<b>Group 1</b>																				
<b>WINNER</b>		<b>97</b>																				
<b>Runner-Up Score 93</b>		<b>Group 2</b>																				
		<b>92</b>																				
		<b>Group 3</b>																				
		<b>93</b>																				
		<b>Group 4</b>																				
		<b>88</b>																				

Goulburn		4B Irish Countdown & Individual Stableford		Queanbeyan		Yowani		Goulburn														
John Vincent	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	10	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	16	26
Phil Sheppard	2	2	2	2	1	2	4	3	2	3	21	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	16	37
Tony Arnold	3	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	1	12	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	20	32	
Trevor Porter	4	1	2	0	1	3	1	3	2	1	14	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	14	28	
<b>Winning Score 109</b>		<b>Group 1</b>																				
<b>WINNER</b>		<b>109</b>																				
<b>Runner-Up Score 106</b>		<b>Group 2</b>																				
		<b>95</b>																				
		<b>Group 3</b>																				
		<b>106</b>																				
		<b>Group 4</b>																				
		<b>106</b>																				

SKINS		Queanbeyan																	
HOLE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bob Norris		1	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	2
Dave Vanderwi		1	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	2	2	4
Grahame Stepto		1	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
John Hardy		1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	2
John Killin		1			1	3	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
John Vincent		1	2		2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2		2	1	2	2	2
# Players	16																		
Keith McLaren			3	3		3		1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
Holes Decided	18																		
Malee Vanderwi		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michael Lees		3		2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2		1	2	2	2	2
Pat Bardsley		1	2	2	1	3	2	1		1	2	1	1	2	3	1	3	1	1
Cost EACH	9.00																		
Phil Sheppard		3	1	2	2	3	1	2		3	1	2	2	3	3		1	2	2
Ross Natrass		3	1	2	2	3	2	2		3	1	2	2	3	3		1	2	2
Shaun Bardsley		2	1	2	2	2	3	2	1		2	1	2				1	1	1
Tony Arnold		2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
Trevor Gough		3	2	1	1	2	1	3	3		1	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2
Trevor Porter		2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2		2	2	1	4	3	2	2	3	2
Best Score on hole		3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	4
Halved		3	2	2	7	7	2	4	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	5	2	2	1
Value									64.00	8.00				32.00	8.00				32.00
									Trevor Gough	Grahame Stepto				Trevor Porter	Bob Norris				Vanderwi
SKINS		Yowani																	
HOLE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bob Norris		2	2		2	2	2	2	2	4	1	2	3			1	2	1	3
Dave Vanderwi				1	1	3				1	3	2			2	1	2	1	1
Grahame Stepto		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	1			1
John Hardy		1	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1
John Killin			2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
John Vincent		2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2		1		2			1	1	1	3
Keith McLaren				2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	1		2	2	2	2
Holes Decided	17																		
Malee Vanderwi		2		1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Michael Lees		1	2	1	2	2	2		1	1	3	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	3
Pat Bardsley		2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
Cost EACH	8.50																		
Phil Sheppard		2	2				1	2	3	3	1	2			2	1	1	2	2
Ross Natrass		2	2		2		1	2	3	3	1	2			2	1	1	2	2
Shaun Bardsley		1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	1		3	2	2	1	3	1	1
Tony Arnold		1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	2
Trevor Gough		1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1
Trevor Porter		1	2	3	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
Best Score on hole		2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Halved		5	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	3	2	1	1	4	1	3
Value			16.00	8.00			24.00	8.00	8.00	8.00			16.00			24.00	8.00		16.00
			John Hardy	Tony Arnold			Shaun Bardsley	Pat Bardsley	Ross Natrass	Vanderwi			Wayne Purcell			Grahame Stepto	Wayne Purcell		Wayne Purcell
SKINS		Goulburn																	
HOLE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bob Norris		1			2	2	3	1	3	1	1	2	3	3		1	1	2	2
Dave Vanderwi			2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1
Grahame Stepto		1	2	1	1	2	2	3	3			1	2		2	1	1	1	2
John Hardy																			
John Killin			2	2	1	2	4	3	2	3	2			2	2	3	4	3	1
John Vincent		1			2	2	2	2		3	1		2		2	2	2	3	2
Keith McLaren			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	1
Holes Decided	17																		
Malee Vanderwi		1	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Michael Lees		1	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	3		1	1	4	2
Pat Bardsley		2	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	3		2	2	2	1
Cost EACH	8.50																		
Phil Sheppard		2	2	2	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1
Ross Natrass		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1
Shaun Bardsley		1	1		1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1		3	3	2	2	2	1
Tony Arnold		1			1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3
Trevor Gough				1	3	2	3			2	1	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	2
Trevor Porter		1	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wayne Purcell			1		2				1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
Best Score on hole		2	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	3
Halved		1	9	6	1	1	2	5	3	4	3	1	2	5	1	2	1	1	2
Value		8.00			24.00	5.00							48.00		24.00		16.00	8.00	
		Sheppard			Trevor Gough	Pat Bardsley							Trevor Gough		Tony Arnold		John Killin	Michael Lees	

TOTAL COLLECT	
Ross Natrass	\$ 198.00
Pat Bardsley	\$ 176.00
Trevor Porter	\$ 152.00
Trevor Gough	\$ 136.00
Phil Sheppard	\$ 84.00
Shaun Bardsley	\$ 74.00
Dave Vanderwi	\$ 70.00
Grahame Stepto	\$ 62.00
Tony Arnold	\$ 62.00
John Hardy	\$ 50.00
Keith McLaren	\$ 50.00
John Killin	\$ 46.00
Wayne Purcell	\$ 40.00
Bob Norris	\$ 38.00
John Vincent	\$ 30.00
Malee Vanderwi	\$ 30.00
Michael Lees	\$ 8.00
	\$ 1,306.00