

# THE HUNTER TOUR 2023

Over the years we have had some excellent weather and some very ordinary, windy and even wet weather, but not this year. It was as good as it gets!

**Chris Paul** racked up another victory to record his 5<sup>th</sup> Hunter Valley title and that shows how much Chris enjoys this tour. It's worth noting he also won the Nelson Bay Tour in 2008 – well done Chris; no pressure next year!

Trevor Gough finished strongly to fail by a single point to catch Chris while Greg Dodd was just one single point further back in finishing third. Most of the rest of the field struggled and the tour average of 26.95 is one of the lowest on record.

The **Gold Team** led from Day one and recorded a 2 point victory over the **Green Team**.

The courses were all in excellent condition and our first outing at Hawks Nest was universally acclaimed. In excellent condition after the Pro/Am over the two preceding days, it has tight tree-lined fairways with large greens and excellent fairways and I think everyone would like to go back. Maitland, too, was in good condition and also well liked. Kooindah Waters is tough! Not everyone likes this track and but it was in good condition despite the greens being lightly cored last week. It is well bunkered with lots of hazards lining most fairways and plenty of water.

No survival ball came home and, similar to last year, the first hole in play claimed at least one victim to take the pressure off, but group 1 got it as far as the 17<sup>th</sup> to take home the prizemoney.

The pub was excellent as usual and I heard no complaints. The food was good and the bistro queue to order on Saturday night was at times 15 metres long but the wait wasn't that bad and we had nothing else to do anyway.

All in all I think one of the best trips north (or south for Owen McCosker) and I reckon we'll back up again next year.

Full results;-

Championship				Eclectic				Secret 18 Holes				SCRATCH			
1	Chris Paul	93	31.00	1	Chris Paul	48	1	Kieran McGuire	31	1	Owen McCosker	67			
2	Trevor Gough	92	30.67	2	Trevor Gough	45	2	Trevor Gough	31	2	Kieran McGuire	65			
3	Greg Dodd	91	30.33	3	Trevor Porter	45	3	Alan Digger	30	3	Ross Nattrass	60			
4	Colin Iles	89	29.67	4	Greg Dodd	43	4	Bill Murdoch	28	4	Geoff Herbert	58			
5	Trevor Porter	87	29.00	5	Keith McLaren	43	5	Andrew Moyle	27	5	Chris Paul	57			
6	Warren Donaldson	86	28.67	6	Andrew Moyle	42	6	Kevin Herbert	27	6	Andrew Moyle	54			
7	Andrew Moyle	85	28.33	7	Bill Murdoch	42	7	Chris Paul	26	7	Warren Donaldson	54			
8	Keith McLaren	85	28.33	8	Warren Donaldson	42	8	Trevor Porter	26	8	Greg Dodd	49			
9	Bill Murdoch	84	28.00	9	Angus Cox	41	9	Greg Dodd	25	9	Keith McLaren	48			
10	John Hindmarch	82	27.33	10	Colin Iles	41	10	Keith McLaren	24	10	Colin Iles	47			
11	Owen McCosker	81	27.00	11	John Vincent	41	11	Ross Nattrass	24	11	John Hindmarch	36			
12	Ross Nattrass	81	27.00	12	Alan Digger	40	12	Matt Armstrong	23	12	John Vincent	36			
13	Geoff Herbert	79	26.33	13	Geoff Herbert	40	13	Warren Donaldson	23	13	Trevor Gough	34			
14	Alan Digger	78	26.00	14	John Hindmarch	40	14	Angus Cox	22	14	Bill Murdoch	33			
15	Angus Cox	77	25.67	15	Kieran McGuire	40	15	Colin Iles	22	15	Angus Cox	32			
16	Kieran McGuire	77	25.67	16	Owen McCosker	39	16	John Vincent	22	16	David Duncombe	29			
17	David Duncombe	74	24.67	17	Ross Nattrass	39	17	John Hindmarch	21	17	Alan Digger	28			
18	John Vincent	73	24.33	18	Kevin Herbert	36	18	Owen McCosker	21	18	Trevor Porter	27			
19	Kevin Herbert	70	23.33	19	David Duncombe	35	19	Geoff Herbert	20	19	Matt Armstrong	23			
20	Matt Armstrong	53	17.67	20	Matt Armstrong	32	20	David Duncombe	19	20	Kevin Herbert	5			

RED	415.0
Trevor Gough	92
Warren Donaldson	86
John Hindmarch	82
Ross Nattrass	81
David Duncombe	74

BLUE	358.0
Owen McCosker	81
Angus Cox	77
Kieran McGuire	77
Kevin Herbert	70
Matt Armstrong	53

GREEN	421.0
Chris Paul	93
Colin Iles	89
Trevor Porter	87
Geoff Herbert	79
John Vincent	73

GOLD	423.0
Greg Dodd	91
Andrew Moyle	85
Keith McLaren	85
Bill Murdoch	84
Alan Digger	78

<b>4B Split Six (BB-A-M)</b> Playing Groups East Maitland	Colin Iles	1	<b>Hawks Nest</b> 4B Aggregate (Best 3 scores) & I	Ross Natrass	1
	John Hindmarch	2		Angus Cox	2
	Kieran McGuire	3		Trevor Porter	3
	Trevor Porter	4		Bill Murdoch	4
	<b>Group 1</b>			<b>112</b>	<b>Group 5</b>
<b>WINNERS</b>			<b>Countback Required</b>		

<b>Kooindah Waters</b> 4B Irish Countdown & Individual	<b>GROUP 2</b>		<b>92</b>
	<b>WINNERS</b>		
	Trevor Porter		1
	Geoff Herbert		2
	John Vincent		3
Owen McCosker		4	

<b>SKINS</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>East Maitland</b>	<b>Hawks Nest</b>	<b>Kooindah Waters</b>
Alan Digger	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
Andrew Moyle	\$ -			
Angus Cox	\$ -			
Bill Murdoch	\$ -			
Chris Paul	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	
Colin Iles	\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00
David Duncombe	\$ -			
Geoff Herbert	\$ -			
Greg Dodd	\$ 40.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
John Hindmarch	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
John Vincent	\$ -			
Keith McLaren	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	
Kevin Herbert	\$ -			
Kieran McGuire	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 50.00
Matt Armstrong	\$ 80.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00
Owen McCosker	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	
Ross Natrass	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00
Trevor Gough	\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00
Trevor Porter	\$ -			
Warren Donaldson	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
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	\$ -			
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	\$ -			
	\$ -			
	\$ 540.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
Maximum Invest	\$ 27.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00

<b>TOTAL COLLECT</b>	
Chris Paul	\$ 240.00
Greg Dodd	\$ 135.00
Kieran McGuire	\$ 135.00
Warren Donaldson	\$ 130.00
Owen McCosker	\$ 120.00
Trevor Porter	\$ 105.00
Keith McLaren	\$ 90.00
Trevor Gough	\$ 90.00
Bill Murdoch	\$ 80.00
John Hindmarch	\$ 80.00
Matt Armstrong	\$ 80.00
Ross Natrass	\$ 80.00
Alan Digger	\$ 70.00
Colin Iles	\$ 70.00
Angus Cox	\$ 60.00
Andrew Moyle	\$ 50.00
Geoff Herbert	\$ 30.00
John Vincent	\$ 30.00
David Duncombe	\$ -
Kevin Herbert	\$ -
	\$ 1,675.00