

SOUTH COAST – NOVEMBER 2023

The prospect of a slightly damp, cool and somewhat windy week of uninviting weather was the gloomy outlook as we headed for Moruya on Sunday.

But it was not to be as the skies cleared and we saw no rain all week (except on Thursday night which cleared before morning) and, although it was cool and a bit windy on occasions, it really turned out to be a very pleasant week.

John Killin, who was one of the original Hackers from 30 years ago, won his first Tour Championship in his own right with the very impressive average of 35.8 (although in fairness he did tie with Bob Norris in 2021 in Canberra but considers this one more meritorious).

My thoughts for the record are;

Accommodation – the Waterfront Hotel at Moruya would not be on the agenda again although the food was good, but even for one night the saving on the motel we have stayed in before was not worth the effort. The Albacore Apartments were very good although for those who had the share rooms, it is not ideal as they are a bit small but I guess no-one spends a of of time in there.

Golf – Moruya is in excellent condition and is a good track with enough of a challenge for most of us. Definitely worth a return. Bermagui fairways are a bit bare and the greens had not long been renovated but it was still good although it has too many blind shots for my liking. Tura Beach is also in good nick but is very tough with difficult greens and is a severe test of stamina and fortitude. Most of us struggled and only Roscoe came in with a truly good score. Eden was a huge disappointment (to me at least). They have clearly struggled with weather and the fairways are poor, the course has been negatively impacted on 3 holes by new roadworks and there is kangaroo droppings everywhere but the greens were good although a bit slow. Merimbula was by far the best course of the week and in excellent condition throughout – a pleasure to play and the temporary Pro Shop and clubhouse quite adequate.

A final comment on the golf – each time I go there I'm reminded how much the courses on the south coast love dog-legs and blind holes and I don't like either very much.

Results as follows;

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