

Wagga Wagga June, 2024

Our first tour on a long (holiday) weekend was a great success even though numbers were down. We left Picton in light rain which got heavier and heavier as we drove towards Goulburn but, as we neared Yass, the weather cleared. By the time we arrived in Wagga it was blue skies and no wind, although still a bit chilly and so it remained for the whole of the weekend.

Pat Bardsley triumphed by a single point over Mark Thompson and Trevor Porter to take out the top spot with Colin Iles just two points further back and the **Red Team** fell over the line on the last day at Gundagai nearly surrendering a strong 20 point lead after day two. Ross suffered an injury at Gundagai and failed to finish the last few holes.

The courses were all in good nick but it was clear they haven't had a lot of rain down that way. I thought the best layout was the City Course which had some really good holes and a couple of excellent short par 4's, however the club is clearly the poor cousin and struggles to survive.

The Country Club was perhaps the best conditioned but seems very crowded with balls everywhere and some of the holes almost dangerously close together. The par 5 15th and 17th holes each offer a totally blind shot to the green which I think is unfair and really penal without prior knowledge.

Gundagai is only 5,373 metres in length with few bunkers, but it does have a creek hazard meandering through the whole course (mostly dry when we were there) demanding some specific placements and lay-ups. In addition, it has some severe dog-legs, tight tree lined fairways and raised greens making it a tough little layout.

The fairways and greens were all excellent at all 3 courses.
Full results;

| CHAMPIONSHIP | | | Eclectic | | | Secret 18 Holes | | | SCRATCH | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|----|-----------------|---------------|----|---------|---------------|----|
| 1 | Pat Bardsley | 93 31.00 | 1 | Colin Iles | 44 | 1 | Colin Iles | 21 | 1 | Pat Bardsley | 63 |
| 2 | Mark Thompson | 92 30.67 | 2 | Mark Thompson | 44 | 2 | Trevor Porter | 20 | 2 | Ross Natrass | 55 |
| 3 | Trevor Porter | 92 30.67 | 3 | Pat Bardsley | 44 | 3 | Mark Thompson | 19 | 3 | Colin Iles | 53 |
| 4 | Colin Iles | 90 30.00 | 4 | Trevor Gough | 43 | 4 | Pat Bardsley | 19 | 4 | John Vincent | 49 |
| 5 | Trevor Gough | 89 29.67 | 5 | John Vincent | 40 | 5 | John Vincent | 15 | 5 | Mark Thompson | 49 |
| 6 | John Vincent | 81 27.00 | 6 | Ross Natrass | 40 | 6 | Trevor Gough | 14 | 6 | Trevor Gough | 37 |
| 7 | Ross Natrass | 77 25.67 | 7 | Trevor Porter | 40 | 7 | Brad Thompson | 12 | 7 | Trevor Porter | 33 |
| 8 | Brad Thompson | 65 21.67 | 8 | Brad Thompson | 33 | 8 | Ross Natrass | 12 | 8 | Brad Thompson | 25 |

| Wagga City | | | Wagga Country | | | Gundagai | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-------|---------------|---------------|------|----------|----|---------------|------|-------|----|
| Mark Thompson | Red | 19 16 | 35 | John Vincent | Red | 17 16 | 33 | Trevor Gough | Blue | 19 14 | 33 |
| Pat Bardsley | Blue | 19 16 | 35 | Colin Iles | Blue | 17 15 | 32 | Colin Iles | Blue | 15 17 | 32 |
| Trevor Porter | Red | 16 15 | 31 | Trevor Porter | Red | 16 15 | 31 | Trevor Porter | Red | 16 14 | 30 |
| Ross Natrass | Red | 12 15 | 27 | Ross Natrass | Red | 17 14 | 31 | Mark Thompson | Red | 18 11 | 29 |
| Trevor Gough | Blue | 16 11 | 27 | Pat Bardsley | Blue | 15 15 | 30 | Pat Bardsley | Blue | 13 15 | 28 |
| Colin Iles | Blue | 12 14 | 26 | Trevor Gough | Blue | 13 16 | 29 | Brad Thompson | Blue | 12 10 | 22 |
| John Vincent | Red | 13 13 | 26 | Mark Thompson | Red | 15 13 | 28 | John Vincent | Red | 12 10 | 22 |
| Brad Thompson | Blue | 12 12 | 24 | Brad Thompson | Blue | 11 8 | 19 | Ross Natrass | Red | 14 5 | 19 |

| RED | | 342.0 | | BLUE | | 337.0 | | HACA POINTS | | TOTAL COLLECT | |
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| Mark Thompson | 92 | Pat Bardsley | 93 | Colin Iles | 93.50 | Pat Bardsley | \$ 154.00 | Trevor Gough | 92.50 | Ross Natrass | \$ 128.00 |
| Trevor Porter | 92 | Colin Iles | 90 | John Vincent | 90.00 | Mark Thompson | \$ 80.50 | Mark Thompson | 89.50 | Trevor Gough | \$ 72.00 |
| John Vincent | 81 | Trevor Gough | 89 | Pat Bardsley | 89.50 | Colin Iles | \$ 64.00 | Trevor Porter | 87.50 | John Vincent | \$ 64.00 |
| Ross Natrass | 77 | Brad Thompson | 65 | Trevor Porter | 87.50 | John Vincent | \$ 64.00 | Ross Natrass | 82.00 | Trevor Porter | \$ 52.50 |
| | | | | Ross Natrass | 82.00 | Brad Thompson | \$ 20.00 | Brad Thompson | 71.50 | Brad Thompson | \$ 20.00 |
| | | | | Brad Thompson | 71.50 | | \$ 635.00 | | | | |