

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

The Men's Warracknabeal Golf Club Championships began over the weekend in cold but fine conditions and this was reflected in the scores handed in by golfers. The greens were quick, the fairways good but the course played long. The club appreciates the support of sponsors Warrack Furnishings and Bellevue Trading in providing the trophies for both events held over the three days.

As usual the first day casualties were numerous but the competition remains keen and close through the four sections. The first day, Saturday 3rd August, saw the D Hill & Son Monthly Medal with Wayne George winning with a hard fought nett 69 which put him as leader of the B Grade. Numbers were a good improvement on last year's overall number on Saturday and Sunday which added to the atmosphere of the event.

Warrack Furnishings Scratch event: The first round saw Wayne Gove hit his straps with a great 77 off the stick while Gary Krahe [80] and newcomer Dean Gunn [82] were not too far behind. Rohan Laycock and Ross Laycock find themselves in fourth and fifth place respectively. Sunday, Wayne played steady golf returning a 79 but the mover was Rohan Laycock who shot a very nice 76 which places him into second position three shots from the lead. Gary shot an 85 while Dean showed consistency hitting another 82 off the stick.

In the Intermediate Division [11-16] Richard Bett [82] played well to start his title defence leading by six from Nathan McLean [88] and Tim Bryce [90] third. Tony George & Bernie Naylor [91] along with Mick Cheney [92] were in touch with the leaders, set to challenge on Sunday. Sunday, Richard [89] found the going a little tougher while Peter Barling [85] and Nathan McLean [87] gained some ground on the leader. Nathan is four shots off the pace.

B Grade [17-21] had plenty of contenders with Wayne George shooting a day's winning score of 90, closely followed by Dennis Murphy & Derek Picken [91] one shot behind while David Baxter [92] was not far off either in fourth place. Dennis came out with another consistent round of 90 to forge to the lead ahead of Wayne [98] and David [97], leading by seven strokes coming up to the final round. Derek Picken, Mick Marchment & Scott Stewart are in the chasing bunch.

The C Grade [22-36] sees newcomer, Dave Trippett [99], taking the lead from the wily old fox in Bruce Wilson [104]. There was only five shots the difference overnight and both were geared up Sunday as they fought head to head to score 103 each with Dave maintaining his five shot lead for the final round.

Bellevue Trading Handicap event: The Open handicap event sees Wayne Gove and Dean Gunn [nett 144] tied after two rounds while Gary Krahe is a further three shots back. The Intermediate handicap event has Richard Bett and Nathan McLean standing toe to toe [nett 147] for the final round. Bernie Naylor [nett 156] along with Peter Barling, Mick Cheney & Tony George [nett 157] keen to give the leaders a fright in the final round. B Grade leader is Dennis Murphy [nett 139] after two consistent rounds while Wayne George [nett 146], David Baxter [nett 151] and Derek Picken [nett 152] the closest to him. They are plotting during the week how to turnover 'the Turtle'. The C Grade handicap event sees Dave Trippett [nett 158] leading from Bruce Wilson [nett 163] and this should get very interesting over the final eighteen holes.

Next Saturday August 10th is the final round of the Championships and golfers will be keen to challenge the course and the leaders in each section. One thing known is it is a game that is hard to be consistent in and leads of any size can disappear quickly. Good hitting to all and tee off time is usual 12:00pm for all wishing to play in the stroke round. The presentations will take place after the day's competition with an accompanying afternoon snack.

OPEN DIVISION 0-10					
NAME	H'CP	ROUND 1&2			
		SCRATCH	RK	NETT TOTAL	RK
GOVE, Wayne	6	77/79	1	144	1
GUNN, Dean	10	82/82	3	144	1
KRAHE, Gary	9	80/85	4	147	3
LAYCOCK, Rohan	3	83/76	2	153	4
LAYCOCK, Ross	8	91/86	5	161	5

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION 11-16					
NAME	H'CP	ROUND 1&2			
		SCRATCH	RK	NETT TOTAL	RK
BARLING, Peter	12	96/85	3	157	4
BETT, Richard	12	82/87	1	147	1
CHENEY, Mick	14	92/93	5	157	4
GEORGE, Tony	16	91/98	7	157	4
McLean, Nathan	14	88/87	2	147	1
MURPHY, Brendan	16	98/102	8	168	8
NAYLOR, Bernie	13	91/91	4	156	3
SURRIDGE, Chris	12	96/91	6	163	7

B GRADE DIVISION 17-21					
NAME	H'CP	ROUND 1&2			
		SCRATCH	RK	NETT TOTAL	RK
BAXTER, David	19	92/97	3	151	3
GEORGE, Wayne	21	90/98	2	146	2
KRANZ, David	19	109/94	8	165	7
MARCHMENT, Michael	20	103/95	5	158	5
MURPHY, Dennis	21	91/90	1	139	1
PICKEN, Derek	21	91/103	4	152	4
SMITH, Ryan	17	99/101	7	166	8
STEWART, Scott	19	99/100	6	161	6

C GRADE DIVISION 22-36					
NAME	H'CP	ROUND 1&2			
		SCRATCH	RK	NETT TOTAL	RK
TRIPPETT, Dave	22	99/103	1	158	1
WILSON, Bruce	22	104/103	2	163	2