

# VICTORIAN VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION Inc.

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## Captains Report

### **VVGA Country Championship Riverside Golf Club, Mildura May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

An impressive field of 112 veteran golfers made the long trip to Mildura to compete in the 2024 VVGA Country Championship at Riverside Golf Club on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Equally impressive was the number of 18 women who attended and managed to clean sweep the medley competition taking out 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in C Grade.

The Kikuyu fairways on offer at Riverside proved extremely challenging for our ageing golfers who all seem to rely on a bit of run these days. The quick, small tricky greens was another factor that contributed to the lower than expected scores.

No one could fault the presentation of the course and it is a credit to the club to have been able to recover so well after the devastating flood that completely inundated the course in 2022. Committee, staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to rebuild greens and tees and remove the massive amount of silt that covered every fairway.

Riverside President Michael Holcroft, General Manager Brendan Bower and VVGA President Ern Kraulis welcomed players prior to tee off on day one and each player was provided with a nutritious lunch pack as they came past the clubhouse during their round.

Edward Body returned the best score on day one with an impressive 42 stableford points and was duly rewarded during Tuesday's presentations.

We are grateful to the 80 or so golfers and partners who supported one of the event sponsors by attending the Monday evening dinner at the Mildura Gateway Tavern.

On day two, golfers enjoyed an egg & bacon roll and coffee breakfast as the brisk autumn morning transformed into a beautiful 23 degree day to compete the final round. Janet Luke returned an impressive score of 41 points to take honours for best day two score.

A light lunch was followed by presentations where the following achievements were recognised:



**2024 Country Champion John Ciezki with VVGA President Ern Kraulis**

<b><u>2024 Country Champion -</u></b>	<b>John Ciezki</b>	<b>165 Gross</b>
<b>Runner up:</b>	<b>Chris O'Brien</b>	<b>169 Gross</b>

**A Grade**

<b>1st: Graeme Southwell (9)</b>	<b>66 points</b>
<b>2nd: David Lloyd (12)</b>	<b>64 points</b>
<b>3rd: Graeme Brierley (8)</b>	<b>63 points</b>

**B Grade**

<b>1st: Edward Body (18)</b>	<b>77 points</b>
<b>2nd: Garry Swallow (14)</b>	<b>65 points</b>
<b>3rd: George Riordan (19)</b>	<b>63 points</b>

**C Grade**

<b>1st: Janet Luke (23)</b>	<b>69 points C/B</b>
<b>2nd: Marie Hudak (41)</b>	<b>69 points</b>
<b>3rd: Heather Klemm (25)</b>	<b>67 points</b>

**Best Daily Scores**

<b>Monday: Edward Body</b>	<b>42 points</b>
<b>Tuesday: Janet Luke</b>	<b>41 points</b>

Nearest the pins and the ball run down concluded the presentations.

Congratulations to all prize winners and a sincere thank-you to Riverside Golf Club and Sunraysia District Veteran Golf Club for hosting the event and to the sponsors that made the event successful.

Pete Turner  
VVGA Captain