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## Captains Report

### VVGA Teams Championship Bendigo Golf Club, September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cooler than expected spring weather is what the 114 veteran golfers were treated to as they competed on day one of the VVGA Teams Championship at Bendigo Golf Club. The field of thirty eight teams were representing sixteen of the twenty one districts.

Players headed out for the shotgun start having been welcomed by President Ern Kraulis and briefed on local rules by Bendigo Golf Club General Manager, Brock Rogers. A nutritious lunch pack was provided for players to enjoy during their round and I'm sure all appreciated the generosity of the host club for giving each player a club ball marker and pitch repair tool. I hope plenty of greens were hit to get good use out of the pitch repairer!

Many found the greens challenging and hard to read. About half of the assumed break seemed to be the consensus of the players that I spoke to.

Post golf refreshments were enjoyed in the club rooms and the balls were distributed in the run down to players down to 32 points on a count back.

Eleven players broke their handicaps with the best being:

**William Murphy 43 Points**  
**Wendy Wathen. 42 Points**  
**Robert Rossiter 39 Points**

Nearest the pins were rewarded with a bottle of wine and a club pitch repair tool.

**Hole 5 Shane Clark**

**Hole 12 Colin Eaton**

**Hole 17 Mervyn Fox (plus \$100 compliments of Bendigo Golf Club)**

In the team event, East Suburban team 1 made up of Colin Eaton, David Waters and Norm Kearns lead after 18 holes with 105 points.

Heather Klemm, Ned Klemm and George Mason representing Sunraysia team 1 sat in second place with 102 points on a count back from Greg Gin, Jack Hewitt and Joe Tartaglia (Northern team 1) with William Murphy, Bruce Brown and Greg Hall ( Goulburn Valley team 1) all with 102 points.

About 100 veterans shared their golfing stories over dinner at the Golden Square Hotel where licensee Tony Southcombe provided live music and excellent fare. Tony has been extremely generous supporting VVGA with this team event championship and we thank him sincerely.

A breakfast of egg & bacon rolls was served prior to the commencement of play on day two. The stiff breeze experienced on Monday had abated so enthusiasm for a good round was high.

Players made their way to their respective tees following a short briefing and the field moved along at a steady pace throughout the morning.

Once again, some excellent individual scores were recorded while there was a bit of movement in the team's scores.

The most notable individual scores for the day were returned by:

**Robert Rossiter 44 points**

**Daryl Wallis 40 Points**

**Phillip Horsburgh 40 Points**

Five other players managed to play better than their handicap. Congratulations.

Nearest the pin trophies went to:

**Hole 5 Geoff Brown**

**Hole 12 Jack Hewitt**

**Hole 17 Alan Pell**

36 hole individual winners were:

**1st Robert Rossiter (39 & 44) 83 Points**

**Runner up David Waters (38 & 39) 77 Points c/b**

Team winners were:

**1st Goulburn Valley team 1 201 Points**

Bruce Brown (34 & 31) Greg Hall (25 & 34) William Murphy (43 & 34)

**Runners up:**

**Veterans Golf Club of Victoria 199 Points**

Jeffrey Stevens (25 & 30) Phillip Horsburgh (32 & 40)

Harold Hayes (35 & 37)

**Congratulations Goulburn Valley Team 1 2024 VVGA Team Champions.**

President Ern Kraulis thanked Brock Rogers (Bendigo G. C. General Manager) for his efforts facilitating the event and presented Brock with an appreciation plaque before bidding everyone farewell.

Veterans were reminded of the upcoming State Championship at Corowa Golf Club on October 7th & 8th.

Pete Turner  
VVGA Captain