VICTORIAN VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Captains Report

VVGA 4BBB Championship Lakes Entrance Golf Club. March 17th & 18th, 2025

Enduring the Sunday road trip to Lakes Entrance in persistent rain had participants of the VVGA 4BBB Championship wondering if conditions would improve to allow the event to proceed. Miraculously, Monday morning eventually came around and we were presented with a glorious day on a manicured course layout that had drained exceptionally well.

Player registrations proceeded smoothly and the field of 132 veterans made their way to their allocated tees for the 11:00am shotgun start having been welcomed by President Ern Kraulis and briefed on playing conditions and local rules by Lakes Entrance Golf Club stalwart David Murrell.

Each player was provided with a nutritious lunch pack to enjoy during their round.

The course proved challenging with the kikuyu fairways requiring an extra club or two; especially on the 400 metre plus par4's. Bunkers were constructed of both beach sand and natural sand so the variation required careful consideration before attempting a shot.

Volunteer spotters at known trouble spots ensured a reasonable pace of play was maintained. Afternoon tea and refreshments were enjoyed in the clubhouse before leaving to reunite for dinner at the Central Hotel who generously sponsored the event. Thanks kindly to them and all of the other sponsors.

<u>Day 2</u>

A brisk autumn Tuesday morning had players teeing off at 9:00 having consumed an egg & bacon roll to sustain them for the morning. The greens had been cut and rolled and were rolling beautifully. As the temperature slowly rose, you could sense that the kikuyu was having a growth spurt following the weekend rainfall. Players walking certainly found it a tougher walk than on Monday.

Once again, the pace of play was satisfactory and we all enjoyed an appetising cold meat and salad lunch and dessert. A heartfelt thanks to the ladies for providing a wonderful meal.

Following a welcome from Lakes Entrance Golf Club Captain, Ashley Chester, the raffle was drawn and presentations took place.

<u>Results</u>

Day 1 Best nett score: John Timmerman & Bernie Hoppe Nett 63.

Day 1 Ntp's

Hole 3:	Rob Phillips.
Hole 6:	Jeffrey Herdman.
Hole11:	Geoffrey Lawrence.
Hole 15:	Carmel Cameron.

25% of the field received a ball in the rundown.

Day 2 Best nett score: Geoffrey Lawrence & Richard Jamieson Nett 63.

Day 2 Ntp's

Hole 3:	Steve Preston.
Hole 6:	Trevor Wathen.
Hole 11:	Sue Burnett.
Hole 15:	Richard Jamieson.

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36 Hole nett results:

3rd:	David King and Janet King.	Nett 134 C/B
2nd:	Geoffrey Lawrence and Richard Jamieson.	Nett 134 C/B
1st:	Greg Gebhart and Graham Roberts.	Nett 130

36 Hole gross results:

3rd:	Christine Fisher and Mary-Ann Emerton.	Score: 159.
2nd:	Alf Jessup and Drew Adams.	Score: 157.
1st:	Barry Brand and Shane Sproule.	Score: 149

Congratulations Barry and Shane, the 2025 VVGA 4BBB Champions.

Pete Turner VVGA Captain