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SOCIAL REPORT

OCC Golf Day 2010

The annual OCC golf day was held on Fri 25th June 2010 at the new venue of Broke Hill Golf Course. A party of 24 initially assembled for this year's differently formatted event and a lot of time seemed to be spent by certain individuals in looking into their playing groups for the day, studying the handicap guides, trying to work out the day's biggest bandit and where best to place their money. After the morning 9 hole texas scramble, a flurry of bets were placed with resident OCC bookie Neil Bradford . . . worryingly for him a fair amount of cash was thrown in the direction of the unknown quantity, OCC's only Australian, Pete Shaw, playing golf for the first time off a 36 handicap. In contrast the only person not to receive any backing to win this prestigious award was yours truly!

Anyway....to keep things brief....a good day I think was had by all. Luckily the weather was beautiful and conditions perfect for a day away from the office, allowing the OCC to show off the talent of its golfers (well we have to be good at something!).

Following a full English breakfast, the afternoon groups got under way for the 18 hole competitions, the highlight of the day being John Brook who took the course apart in winning the singles competition - amassing an impressive 41 points playing off 22. Congratulations must be extended to John, particular given that he is the oldest OCC winner by some distance at the very young age of 73. I am sure we will have to consider having a look at his handicap for 2011!

John was closely followed home by the unfancied Chris Watts, who came in with a highly commendable 36 points having not picked up a golf club since the OCC golf day of 2008! Other notable mentions must go Sam and Ben Clarkson, making sure their brotherly rivalry was as heated as ever, with Sam proving not only is he the best Cricketer in his family but also the best golfer too!

The team events were closely contested....well done to the winners of which there are too many to recount here. Also well done to Schmidty for only losing the plot on 2 occasions in the afternoon round, the highlight of his day coming after his third failed bunker shot on one particular hole, when the sand iron was thrown into the neighbouring fairway! A final well done should also go to Jason - who after many years of competing in the OCC Golf day decided finally to leave his whiskey bottle at home, drive to the event and concentrate on his golf. Well OK, that was what happened in the morning! The afternoon saw him drop his car at home and get a cab back to the course, armed of course with a bottle of Bells. The rest, as they say, is history.



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In a change to previous years, after the final group had entered the club house, players settled down to a plethora of delicious sandwiches and the odd pint or two while the prize giving took place. For many of the day's participants the evening was to continue in Ye Olde Whyte Lyon Pub, followed by an excellent curry at Indigo, one of OCC's new sponsors for the 2010 Cricket season.

Thanks to Jon Whiting for making the arrangements with the golf course, and to Neil Bradford for running a book on the winner and for creating the usual questions for us to all ponder over! Thanks also to C.T. Golf for donating some of the day's prizes. Finally, a big thank you is extended to Broke Hill for hosting OCC for the first time and who will hopefully welcome us back for the 2011 Golf Day!

I look forward to seeing you all at next year's event.....

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