



REPORT

QVGU State Carnival – Toowoomba 15-16 October 2018

INTRODUCTION

The Downs and District Veteran Golf Association Inc. (DDVGA) was privileged to be able to host the Queensland State Veteran Golf Carnival in conjunction with the Queensland Veteran Golf Union (QVGU) from 15th to 16th October 2018 at the Toowoomba City Golf Club (City GC).

In June 2018, the DDVGA commenced in earnest working towards the running of the carnival once all the information (Flyer and Nomination Forms) were published on the QVGU web site, the DDVGA Captain was named as the Co-ordinator for the carnival.

In the run up to the carnival the DDVGA committee was given great support from the Golf Operations Manager and Grounds Staff of the City Golf Club. They went out of their way to accommodate our request to the benefit of all parties.

The tee times were compiled with the objective to accommodate player's requests on early or late start, walker with walker, by grade, etc. These were published on the QVGU web site on 7th October.

The format of the State Four Ball Championship was scrapped and the State Carnival was introduced in the format of Single Stroke for "A grade players" and a Single Stableford for "B, C grade Men and all Ladies grades". This was done in an attempt to get more golfers involved especially the "A grade players".

As the co-ordinator the expectation was to have an excellent attendance but in hindsight that was never going to be the case, for numerous reasons (fuel prices, other golfing events) that are beyond the DDVGA control.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were opened in late June 2018, and on closure of the nomination there 123 players, it was unfortunate that twelve n players had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances, but that is life, and I would like to thank them for their support. The final list of players saw representatives from 31 clubs attend the event, of which 17 of these clubs were outside the DDVGA district. The list of players, their grades and clubs represented is at attached **Annex A**.

REGISTRATION

The set-up process for registration was set-up to make it as quick as possible. During this process all participants were given there golf ball for the run down, informed of their tee time, a gratis social membership form for the City Golf Club enabling each participant the purchase of meals and drinks at members price. Out of the field of 123 players, six players failed to register.

THE VENUE

The venue for the State Carnival was the City GC, which is the home of the Queensland PGA Championship. Each Tee on the course has six tee off positions (Black, Blue, White, Red, Yellow and Purple) with a slope rating between 133 to 121, Par 70 for Men and three tee off positions (Red, Yellow and Purple) with a slope rating between 134 to 131, Par 72 for Ladies. For the carnival the course was set up for Men off the White Tees, with a slop rating of 131 and 5,565 metre a par 70, with the Ladies off the Red Tees, with a slop rating of 134 and 5,338 metre par 72.

The course was set up as per the QVGU guidelines' and was in excellent condition. The greens were running at approx 10 on the stimp meter, note as fast as normal due to the inclement weather. The bunkers were taken out of play due to some being water logged.

THE GAME

Day one saw play commence at 07:00 with 101 Men and 17 Ladies teeing off on Hole 1 under very overcast on trying conditions due to the unpredictable rain showers. Players made very good time on the course, with minimum hold ups due to slow play and the wet conditions. The scoring for the first was pretty reasonable.

Day two saw play get underway at 06:30 with players starting on both Tee 1 and Tee 10, with a field of 109 players (93 Men and 16 Ladies), some players pulled out due to the weather conditions, play was finished at around 13:00 hours. The conditions on day two were very testing and I congratulate the players who challenged the conditions. These conditions made the scoring difficult.

PRESENTATION

The presentation ceremony got under way at approx 13:20 hrs at the City Golf club. The President of the DDVGA (Merv Nugent) opened the proceedings and introduce the President QVGU (Mr. Barrie Rymer) to the floor to say a few words. The representative from Niagara spoke to the players.

TROPHIES

The DDVGA put on a \$100 prize for the first hole in one on the PAR 3 15th hole for each day if the prize was not given on day one the prize for day 2 was carried over and increased the Day two prize to \$200. All other prizes and trophies were as per the QVGU trophy policy trophies were allocated for both Men and Ladies for the each days play for the best scores. Nearest the pins and the overall best scores for the 36 holes of the Carnival, as below:

Men - Carnival Champion- Best Gross 36 Holes; A Grade Gross Champion; A Grade Gross Runner-up; B Grade Winner; B Grade Runner-up; C Grade Winner and C Grade Runner-up

Ladies - Carnival Champion; Division 1 Champion; Division 1 Runner-up; Division 2 Champion and Division 2 Runner-up

RESULTS

On completion of the State Carnival, the President of the QVGU presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up.

MEN - Over 36 Holes

A Grade

Carnival Champion- Best Gross 36 Holes

Peter HEENAN - Millmerran Golf Club - scores 81; 75 - 156.

Monday Best Nett

Stephen WRIGHT – City Golf Club – score 75 Nett 64.

Tuesday Best Nett

Alan RENNICK – City Golf Club – scores 81 Nett 68 C/B.

B Grade

Champion- 36 Holes Stableford

Murray HENZELL – Dalby Golf Club – scores 34; 39 - 73.

Runner-Up- 36 Holes Stableford

Ian HENDERSON – Dalby Golf Club – scores 32; 39 - 71.

2nd Runner-Up- 36 Holes Stableford

James WRIGHT – Murgon Golf Club – score 31; 38 – 69 C/B.

Monday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford

Brett HOFFIE – City Golf Club – score 36.

Tuesday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford

Geoff JEPSON – Townsville Golf Club – score 40.

C Grade

Champion- 36 Holes Stableford

Ron WEEKES – City Golf Club – scores 37; 37 - 74.

Runner-Up- 36 Holes Stableford

Doug HILLS – City Golf Club – scores 31; 37 - 68.

Monday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford

Barrie CHRISTISON – City Golf Club – score - 39.

Tuesday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford

Gary PHILLIPS – Riverlakes Golf Club – score 34.

LADIES

Champion- 36 Holes Stableford

Cherie HOBI – City Golf Club – score 30: 31 - 61.

Runner-Up- 36 Holes Stableford

Debby ROUTH – City Golf Club – score 28; 25 - 53.

Monday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford

Carol DEVANTIER – Mount Warren Park Golf Club – score 28.

Tuesday Winner - 18 Holes Stableford
Colleen HALL – City Golf Club – score 26.

NEAREST THE PINS

MONDAY

A Grade – Bill MACMAW

B Grade– No won

C Grade– Tom KENNEDY

Ladies – Not Won

Hole in One Prize – Not Won

TUESDAY

A Grade – Peter HEENAN

B Grade– Geoff JEPSON

C Grade– Kurt HOBI

Ladies – Cherie HOBI

Hole in One Prize – Not Won

The full results and scores for the State Carnival are attached at **Annex B.**

CONCLUSION

As the Co-ordinator to the 2018 State Carnival, I would like to thank all the participants for their great support in attending the event, also to the City Golf Club for making their magnificent course available to the DDVGA for the event.

Immediately after the event, a survey was launched to gather feedback from the participants. The questions and analysis of the survey are on **ANNEX C.**

As can be seen from the analysis of the survey, participants who expressed their views, provided positive feedback towards the event.