

"GOLF ESCAPE to BAROOGA", Mon. 15th – Thurs. 18th April 2013.

Barooga has become a regular destination for our intrepid golfers from the club and their partners and friends. Our return visit this year, arranged by our Activity Co-ordinator John Randall and ably assisted by his better half, Barbara, was again a great success. A number of us arrived on Sunday, staying for the extra night at our very comfortable accommodation, the River Gums Motor Inn. Whilst the golfers enjoyed their daily sport, non playing partners and friends went fishing in the Murray, shopping in nearby towns or just relaxing at the motel. Evening meals were enjoyed at the nearby Sportsman's Club using the package vouchers supplied by the Motel. We utilised the free bus service provided by the Club to and from the venue. Our first round of golf was on the Old Course and we formed random groupings. Tuesday's round was held on the West Course, consensus being that it was a little more difficult. On Wednesday we played `Ambrose` team golf back on the Old Course. The winning team comprised captain Lynn Carter, Barry Stephens, George Hornek and Suzanne Gribble. The `Longest Drive` winners were Lynn Carter and Barbara Hornek and `Nearest to the Pin` winners were Barry Stephens and Barbara Hornek. What was very noticeable around the course and Barooga area generally was the extensive flora damage caused by the recent tornado which devastated many areas along the Murray. Each afternoon was highlighted by our regular `Happy Hour` and on Wednesday a delicious BBQ was prepared by Barbara, Rosemary, Margaret and Jenny, thank you all.

At the presentation session ceremony Lynn expressed a vote of thanks, on our behalf, to John and Barbara for another great golf trip away.

Photos by Lynn Carter and Robin Bray.



The 'Golfers'

Rear: Barry, Lorna, George, John, Rosemary,
Julie, Warren, John, and Robin.
Front: Suzanne, Barbara, Bill and Lynn.

Lyn with Julie and John on the golf cart.



John teeing off on the 13th West Course with Lynn.



Lyn with driver in hand.



The recent tornado damage was extensive around the golf course and staff had been busy cleaning up.



Bonfires had been lit at several locations to clear the waste and the smoke posed a bit of a hazard.



The mobs of local kangaroos and sulphur crested cockatoos also posed hazards at times too. Rosemary lost one of her golf balls to a very possessive black crow.

At the end of the day we always retire to the lawn area at the motel for 'Happy Hour'.



Lorna, John and John.



Helen, John, Barbara and Lorna.



Norma and Helen.



Rosemary and Jenny.



Suzanne and Warren.



Barbara and George.



Lynn, Robin, Rosemary and Jenny.



John and Brian.

After 'nibbles' it was off to the Sportsman Club for dinner and dabble on the 'pokies'.



Lynn had a distinct liking for the contents of the sweets cabinet!



Warren and Lynn with 'Robo golfer'.



The ladies preparing to tee off on the West Course.



George managed to pitch his ball into a tree!
A 'top shot', but how did he hit the next stroke?



`Dead eye` Lorna never misses.



Warren sizing up his iron shot.



Lorna, Warren and Barbara resting at the clubhouse.



Suzanne chipping onto the 18th.



Barry chips onto the green.



Lynn watches on as George attempts the putt.



Thanks for an enjoyable round.

Then it's back to the motel for the sausage sizzle prepared by the ladies on the BBQ.



Barbara, Rosemary and Margaret are the cooks.



Warren, Norma, Lorna and John.



It's regular Probus fun, fellowship and friendship just sitting round lunching together.



John, Robin and Barry.



Barbara, Barry, Helen, Warren and Suzanne.

After lunch came speeches and the awarding of prizes. Lynn made a presentation to John and Barbara in appreciation of their terrific organisation of the 'golf escape'. John then awarded prizes.



Lynn congratulates John with a 'special bottle'.



Barbara reads the card with Helen.



Barbara wins a golf ball for the 'Nearest to the Pin'.



Barry does too for the men's prize.



Lynn wins a golf ball for the 'Longest Drive'.



Barbara gets the 'double' for the ladies prize.



The Ambrose champions George, Lynn, Barry and Suzanne.

Another successful golf trip away concludes. A very special thank you to John and Barbara from us all, for a terrific time together.

Our next trip is back to Howlong in October.