

COBRAM-BAROOGA PROBUS GOLF APRIL 2015

(Comments and Photos courtesy Lynn Carter)

The scheduled April Golf Trip for our club was planned well ahead and quite a few members were planning to go.

Unfortunately as the trip date neared some unplanned health problems and forced change of plans occurred causing the numbers to dwindle to just 5 male golfers and 3 female shoppers.

Don Meirisch and Richard Connley went up on the Sunday and got 9 holes in on Monday morning.

The Carter's, Steven's and Hall's arrived about lunchtime on the Monday and the golfers got ready for around a 1.10pm golf tee off time.

The ladies went for a quiet coffee at the Beach Café.

The Old Course in Barooga was relatively quiet and we hit off about 1.15pm as a fivesome. The weather was perfect and the course was in good condition as usual. Kangaroos and White Cockatoos were the main observers and they would have seen some interesting golf shots, the odd one disturbing their peaceful surroundings.



Barry & Kangaroos on the 14th

No Kangaroo damage

There was no official competition, just a fun hit around the course. One of the highlights missed by 4 other golfers was John Hall chipping in out of a bunker. By the time we were hitting up the hill on the 18th it was near dark and the balls were disappearing as they left the club face. All in all a fun round but no time for the legendary Happy Hour as we were booked for dinner at the Sporties Club for 6.30pm. Dinner was good with only one last order, finally resulting in some free deserts. Day 1 ended with early to bed ready for day 2.

Day 2 Tuesday saw some shopping around Cobram by the ladies including the lunch barbecue requirements while the golfers teed off on the West Course at 8.42am, again as a the fivesome, being Don Mierisch, Richard Connley, Barry

Stevens, John Hall and Lynn Carter. It was another perfect day weatherwise in Barooga and not a lot of players on the course. No competition for us today, just a hit on a different course. All players were showing great promise ready for day 3 competition. John Hall had a ball named "Wilson" (sound familiar?) well it wasn't performing to expectations so he gave it a good talking to. Shortly afterward at the 16th tee, hit over the wide/long pond, Wilson took a dive, John was sad to see Wilson go. Richard hit a big fade there as well, another ball in the drink. Fortunately the workers had been clearing around the edges of the pond and left a few good balls on the bank for the needy golfers to top up supplies. We completed the round, good fun, and were back at the motel for the barbecue lunch at 1.30pm. A nice setting with table cloths, chairs and everything needed for an enjoyable lunch was set up by Margaret, Rita & Jen under the warm Barooga sun.



Jen & Margaret



Enjoying the barbecue lunch

The girls had barbecued the sausages and onions earlier and with bread, tomato sauce and drink of choice, it made for a nice lunch lasting to mid-afternoon. We then adjourned to the Beach Café, located nearby on the Murray River where we had tea and coffee at a table out under the gum trees.



Coffee at the Beach House Café

There was an occasional speed boat on the river, lots of Cockatoos and one lonely Koala that scampered up a tree.



Golfing/Shopping group

Back at the Rivergum Motel around 5.00pm we all met again for Happy Hour, then off to the Sporties Club again for a 6.30pm dinner.

Wednesday, Day 3, another perfect day weatherwise in Barooga and the shoppers were off to Yarrawonga to gather some bargains, which they did. The golfers were due to tee off on the old course at 10.40am, we hit off at 10.15am playing a five-man Ambrose. There was no one in front and no one behind for most of the round and a perfect day weatherwise. We were looking to win this event overall and along the way had 2 Longest drives and 2 Nearest the Pins. There were some great golf shots played and some not so great as is the case in golf. We finished the round, had a drink at the Golf Club and returned to the Motel around 4.00pm. The shoppers were already back with their spoils having had a successful and relaxing day.

At 5.00pm it was time for Happy Hour and the golf presentations.

All players won a ball for their efforts.

Longest drive 1 on the Par 4 third was won by Richard Connley.

Longest Drive 2 on the Par 5 eighth (temporary) was won by Barry Stevens.

Nearest the Pin on the Par 3 twelfth was won by Lynn Carter

Nearest the Pin on the Par 3 seventeenth was won by Don Mierisch

John Hall won a ball for his extraordinary contribution to one of the few birdies on the day, chipped up and hit the pin while the rest of us chipped well short.

The end result was our team won the day and had a lot of fun along the way, lots of talking, laughs, fun and fellowship.



Happy Hour & Presentations



Richard gets a ball



John gets a ball



Barry gets a ball



Don gets a ball



Lynn gets a ball

This evening we all went to the Golf Club for dinner, another enjoyable night.

Thursday morning it was time to depart Cobram-Barooga, Don and Richard left around 8.30am and the rest of the golfing/shopping group made their way to Strathmerton for a tea/coffee/cappuccino and a bee-sting at the local bakery. We had a great few days, it was unfortunate the numbers were down but the enjoyment experienced by those that were able to attend made it another good Probus Golfing/Shopping experience.

Thanks to John Randall for organising the trip.



The 14th Tee



Nearby Kangaroos



Spot the Koala Beach House Café



The Koala



Happy Hour



Happy Hour