

# HOWLONG GOLF TRIP April 30-May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Summary by Lynn Carter    Photographs by Jenny Carter & John Matthews



Left to Right Don Mierisch, Gabrielle Fraser, Kerry Fraser, Ann Kay, Barry Stevens, Clem Duriska, Pat Adams, Barry Roberts, Lynn Carter, John Matthews, Suzanne Gribble, Warren Gribble, Colin Lourie, Marilyn Lourie & down front John Randall

*Thanks to the Randall's, Barbara & John, our April-May 2018 golf trip to Howlong NSW was another successful Combined PROBUS Wheelers Hill golf trip away.*

*The weather was outstanding, blue skies, 23-24c and sunny every day with a slight breeze. The HOWLONG course was in top condition, many players commenting it was the best they had seen it in the last 15 years.*

*There were 18 Probus members and 4 visitors making up the total numbers, with 16 being golfers, 4 shoppers, 1 game viewer and 1 fisherman, unfortunately they weren't biting. Some people drove up on the Sunday and the rest on the Monday with the first organised golf game on the Monday just after lunch, just a friendly. The second game was on Tuesday morning, a bit fresh at 5c but the day soon warmed up, this was another friendly and was followed by a sausage sizzle and juice for lunch. The non-golfing ladies organised it with Barbara Randall and Margaret Stevens being the main cooks with everyone else that were not playing golf assisting one way or another. Local produce and very tasty.*



Lynn on the 9<sup>th</sup> green near sunset day one



Julie near the 8<sup>th</sup> Tee late in the day



Barry & Colin on the dreaded 17<sup>th</sup> Tee



Every evening during Happy Hour

*Every evening a Happy Hour at 5.00pm, just outside our rooms under the gazebo where the table and chairs were located, a great spot to enjoy drinks and nibbles, view the sunset and exchange stories. Always lots of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship at these Happy Hours lasting until around 6.15pm, then it was time for dinner. Dinners were part of the accommodation/golf/booking package and took place in the main Howlong Members Club dining room with Chinese and Australian meals being enjoyed by all.*

*The BIG GOLF DAY was on the Wednesday starting at 11.30am, no longer a friendly, this was competition day with GOLF GLORY being one of the main rewards. Colin Lourie was charged with the difficult task of organising the teams bearing in mind some people wanted to share ride on carts. There were 5 teams of 3 golfers as one member had to leave early.*

*I am sure there were some great stories to be shared but there is not enough room to write them up here, just ask one of the attending golfers and you will not be disappointed. Here is just one from our group, at the 17<sup>th</sup> hole the tee off requires a good hit across a lake (photo below), Barry Roberts lines up, goes whack!! The ball bounces on the water to the left of the fountain, jumps up the bank, hits a tussock of grass (they were few and far between) and proceeds to roll back into the lake, never to be seen again. The coloured waters at Howlong makes it impossible to find a ball in the water, you don't even bother to look.*

*The final group finished their round, coming in around 4.00pm. each group gave a completed score card to Colin for analysis. At around 5.00pm presentations took place during the legendary Happy Hour drinks and nibbles, something like as follows.*

*Some photo's before the Ambrose game and during Happy Hour*



The 17<sup>th</sup> hole with crocodile in the foreground



Warren & Marilyn before the Ambrose game



Kerry, Suzanne, Gabrielle & Pat



A group of fine looking golfers before the game



Clem, Warren, Don, John R & Colin before the game



Ann starts the Ambrose game



Happy Hour-Eva, Brian, Julie, Barbara, Suzanne,  
John & Warren



Happy Hour-Barry, Margaret, Ann, Barry & Clem



Happy Hour-John M, Warren, Guess who?  
Colin & Kerry



Happy Hour-Barbara, Pat, Gabrielle & Jenny



Happy Hour-John M, Warren, Lynn & Barbara



Happy Hour-Clem & John R

**GOLF RESULTS FOR THE AMBROSE DAY**

Ladies longest drive on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mens longest drive on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mens nearest the pin on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ladies nearest the pin on the 5<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn Lourie  
Lynn Carter  
Barry Stevens  
Ann Kay (late award)

The winners of the Ambrose Event with a net 75 score, Gabrielle Fraser, Pat Adams & Colin Lourie. Second with a net score of 77, Suzanne Gribble, Kerry Fraser & John Matthews. Third with a net score of 80, Ann Kay, Barry Roberts & Lynn Carter. Fourth with a net score of 81, Clem Duriska, Don Mierisch & Barry Stevens. Fifth with a net score of 84, Marilyn Lourie, Warren Gribble & John Randall. These were pretty close scores showing the team structures were well thought out by Colin.

Kerry expressed thanks to Colin on behalf of the group for the Ambrose organisation and for the great golfing prizes he sourced and to Barbara for the beautifully knitted coat hanger prizes for the lady golfers.

## PRESENTATIONS



Colin ready for the Ambrose winners presentations



Colin presents Barry for the Men's Longest Drive



Barbara helps Colin present Marilyn for Ladies longest drive



Pat, Colin & Gabrielle-Winning Ambrose Team



John, Suzanne & Kerry-Runner up Ambrose Team



Lynn, Ann & Barry-Third place Ambrose Team



Clem, Don & Barry-Fourth place Ambrose Team



John, Marilyn & Warren-Fifth place Ambrose Team



Lynn expresses golf group appreciation to Barbara & John R



The sun sets on another memorable golf trip in Howlong

*Lynn expressed thanks on behalf of the golfing/shopping participants, to Barbara & John for their great organisation of the fun filled few days and the group then sang happy birthday to John R the birthday boy.*

*Another great Probus golfing/shopping trip goes into the memory books.*

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