

Probus Victoria Friendship Golf Day

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(Commentary courtesy Kerry Fraser with Photos and additional commentary courtesy Ray Binks)

The clouds are grey, drizzle is swept away from the windscreens as the headlights penetrate the darkness as the vehicles descend upon the Waverley Golf Club. It's early, only 6.30, but surely the weather can only get better by the time the dedicated Probian golfers hit off at 8.15.

Workmen are busy upon arrival, the greens have already been cut and golf carts lined up like the start of the Formula 1. Probus volunteers all decked out in their new bright and colourful event bibs and are busy getting everyone to the start. It's still drizzling but everybody has arrived and is optimistic that the weather will turn for the better.

And how right they were, the drizzle stopped and although the sun didn't shine the conditions for golf were great, the course again was in excellent condition and the scoring was excellent and the competition fierce.

92 players graced the fairways from 11 separate Probus Clubs with the host club Wheelers Hill Combined entering the most with 6 teams. However, once again with only 1 team entered Mitcham / Nunawading took out the perpetual trophy making them back to back winners. Only 11 strokes separated the whole field, a testament to the standard of play.

Following play everyone including players, dignitaries, sponsors, volunteers and guests enjoyed a sit down buffet lunch followed by the presentations with the able assistance of our PAV President Les Barber and Vice President Joan Vogles OAM.

The sponsorship again this year was outstanding with regulars Trade Travel, Grand Pacific Tours, Barry Plant (Monash) and Churchill / Waverley Golf Club plus a big welcome this year to Ryman Healthcare and Drummond Golf.

A very big thank you for the second year in a row to our host club Wheelers Hill Combined, their President Lynda Andrews, their organising committee of Lynn Carter and John Randall and their devoted team of volunteers for making this year's Probus Victoria Friendship Golf Day such a success.

The Wheelers Hill Combined Probus club were well represented on the day with the team captained by Colin Lourie finishing second, Lynn Carter taking out a closest to the pin prize and Richard Connley and Marilyn Lourie winning two of the sponsor's prizes.

The Wheelers Hill teams



The volunteer team (some wet)

Barbara, Ian, Jill, Barbara, Judith, Doug, Jenny, John, Margaret, David, Lynda & Kerry

Photographer Ray



Lynn Carter with Chris Gwynne & Garry Smith



Doug Campbell , John Matthews,
John Hall, & Jim Olarensaw



Theo Breenwer, Don Mierisch,
Alan Taylor & Richard Connley



Ivan Petric, Peter Barber,
Marilyn Lourie & Colin Lourie



John Vickers, Warren Gribble, Barry Stevens & Robin Bray



Suzanne Gribble, Lorna Bridgland & Beryl Dickinson



Wheelers Hill President Lynda Andrews opening the presentation proceedings



Les Barber (PAV) President congratulating Wheelers Hill for again conducting a very successful the event



Colin Lourie accepting the second place award from PAV Vice President Joan Vogles



Richard accepting a sponsors prize



Colin Lourie accepting a sponsors award on behalf of Marilyn Lourie



Lynn accepting the closest to the pin prize