

# Report for 2023 Annual Hornibrook Tournament.

The Annual MBA Tournament was held by Victoria MBA ( MBAV) in October 2023 on the Bellarine Peninsula. Victorian MBA made the decision to change to the Geelong area, after many years of holding the event on The Melbourne Sand belt, due to the costs involved and due to the fact that the “Bellarine Courses” were also very good. On report, most players enjoyed the courses and also the accommodation at Rydges Geelong. The City of Geelong providing adequate night life and abundant restaurants for those eating out.

The Event kicked off with the “Opening or Welcome Dinner” held at Rydges Geelong in the Banquet room. The mood was sensational with all players greeting each other and looking forward to another great Tournament. Mr Ian Cover MC, welcomed all and introduced Vic President Richard Lees to formally welcome the Players , and thank the ever valued Sponsors. He then introduced the Vic Captain Mr Geoff Hay who detailed the happenings for the next week.

The format of the evening also included the “Obituaries”, where the following were Honoured;

Bob Watson (QLD), Peter Campbell ( SA) and Sam Koukorou ( SA).

The evening finished around 10 am with Players anxious to get ready for golf on Day 1.

GOLF: Day 1 was held at the “SANDS Golf Resort” just a 20 minute Bus ride from Geelong Rydges. Some great scores were recorded on a fine but a little windy day.

A Grade: Wayne Berger(Vic) with 41 pts; R/up Gary Gibson(NSW) 40 pts.

B Grade: Selwyn Dalton(Tas)with 37pts; R/up Reynold Sciuiagia(NSW) 36pts.

C Grade: Bennett Cronin(Tas)with 40pts:R/up Syd Thomson (Vic) 39 pts.

A BBQ lunch was held after Golf, with Presentation of trophies over lunch.

Day 2. Was held at “CURLEWIS GC” which was presented in immaculate condition. Again the weather was fine with a light breeze that again allowed

for some great scoring.

A GRADE: George Bannermann(NCL)with 41 pts; R/Up Gary Gibson(NSW)40pts.

B Grade: Paul Watson(SA) with 43 pts : R/Up Dean Gray(GC) with 37pts.

C Grade: Lynn Astley(NSW)with 42 pts: R/up Peter Skidmore with 40 pts.

Day 3: The Wednesday “Lay Day” was held at “Wharf Shed” providing an excellent outlook across the Bay and sensational meal. Entertainment was excellent with Ian Cover MC and songs from the ‘Could have been Champions’ from long ago . Very Funny.

Day 4. To Finalise well, the Last day of the Tournament was held at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Club. Beach Course. Synonymous with the Victorian Open held every year at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach. The Course was again immaculate, but Unfortunately, the first 9 holes was wet, very Wet. Golfers got away reluctantly, but after a couple of hours were enjoying the Course in cold but fine weather. Again some great scores came from determined golfers.

A Grade: Rod McNeven(GC) with 39 pts: R/up Peter Walls (SA) with 39pts.

B Grade: Steve Robson( Tas) with39 pts; R/up Shane Cleary(Tas) with 36 pts.

C Grade: John Rainbird(Tas) with40 pts; R/Up Gary Harwood(Tas)with 35Pts.

After Golf, players and officials, Sponsors from INCOLINK, MBAV, CBUS and MBA enjoyed pre dinner drinks at Geelong Rydges, followed by another great meal and many presentations at the 2023 Presentation Dinner. Year medals were also presented to the following:

10 Year Badges to : Mark Dunn( Vic),Paul Pridham(GC),Barry Fox(NCL),Harry Nagi(SA),Roger Stokes(Tas),Paul Faulks(Tas) and Tim Elmer( NSW).

15 Year Badges to : Wayne Berger( Vic) and Gary Gibson( NSW).

20 Year Badges to: Brett Mooney (QLD) and Syd Thomson ( Vic).

30 year Badges to: Ross lewis ( NCL)

40 year Badge to: Rod Wheatley( NSW)

Overall Presentations were made to those who played the Best individually over the 3 days of Golf and were presented to :

2023 Tournament overall Champion: MR Gary Gibson(NSW) total 113 pts.

2023 Gold Coast Champion: Bennett Cronin 110 pts

2023 NSW Champion: Paul Watson 102 pts.

2023 Qld Champion: Brett Mooney 90pts.

2023 Victorian Champion: Wayne Berger 105 pts.  
2023 South Australian Champion : Peter Walls 108 pts.  
2023 Tasmanian Champion : Rodney Simpson 105 pts.  
2023 Newcastle champion : Ron Smith 100 pts.

The 2023 Champion Team was decided by the Hornibrook Cup process and by that process the following results were calculated:

Team Score QLD: ineligible due to lack of entries

Team Score NSW: 28.43

Team score Newcastle: 29.60

Team Score Tasmania: 30.97

Team Score South Australia: 31.91

Team Score Victoria: 32.11

Team Score Gold Coast: 32.43 and eventual Winner of Hornibrook Cup 2023.

Congratulations must go to the Gold Coast for another Great Team win in 2023 in Victoria, following their success in 2022 in their home State.

The MBAV and Exchange Golf Club Incorporated, would like to thank all Players who travelled to Geelong in Victoria. We hope everyone enjoyed the 2023 Event and we look forward to meeting again in Newcastle for the 2024 Annual Tournament in October.

Best Regards,

Wayne Berger. Secretary

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