

GOLF

Narrabri Golf Club hosts annual

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Narrabri Golf Club hosted the 2025 NSW Veteran Golfers Association Week of Golf last week, and the annual event was once again a great success as the local and travelling golfers enjoyed a memorable week playing on Narrabri's immaculate 18-hole course.

There were 65 golfers in total and

about a third of those were locals, with golfers from all across the state travelling to take part.

Golf was played on Monday and Tuesday and then on Thursday and Friday, either side of a rest day on Wednesday.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's play was men's and ladies' single stablefords, and Friday's play was a fourball stableford medley, where any two golfers could pair up to form

teams.

A presentation was held at the club on Friday afternoon to wrap up the event, at which prizes were handed out to worthy recipients.

This year's tournament director was champion Narrabri golfer Louise Penberthy, who told *The Courier* that it was an enjoyable week.

"It was a good week and the weather was perfect," Penberthy said.

"Numbers were down, but there was

a gap between Inverell and Narrabri, and they usually run back-to-back, so I think that played a part.

"Fingers crossed next year we get a better week to have it and we get some better numbers."

"I think everyone was pleased with how it went and enjoyed themselves. The course was looking amazing and there were no issues during the week."

"Of the 65 that played, I think there were 22 from Narrabri. It was very

well supported by locals.

"People did it tough on the course during the week. It was tough going most of the days for a lot of people."

"There was not much run on the course and it was quite heavy going."

Penberthy thanked Peter Ward, who she labelled as her trusty offsideer who was a huge help throughout the week, and she commended Mark Campbell and his greenkeeping team for the brilliant condition the course was in.



Steve and Sally Boyle, Judith McCosker and George Stephenson.



Nigel and Bill Guest and David Cain.



Allan White, Tony and Sandra Nott and Vicki White.



Catherine and Christoph Pautsch and Bruce and Peg Penberthy.



Bill and Carmel Downton, Doug Knowles and Lyn Shearer.



Chris Van Daalen and Kate and Jim Pitman.



Barry Attwood and Russell Williams.



John and Pam Waters, Phil Marshall and Nanette Watson.



Peter Reddan, Rod Hall and John and Glenda McCaw.



Max Bignell and Gloria and Ron Drain.



Friday fourball stableford medley placegetters - Garry Cuell and Tony Meppem (runners-up), Peter Reddan and Rod Hall (fourth place), Maxwell Bignell and Joy Baker (third place), and Wayne Saunders and Keith Flood (winners).

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There were plenty of Narrabri golfers that secured place finishes across the week on their home green, and some of the visitors also played some good quality golf to return home with prizes.

Results from the week are as follows:

Men's mini shield winner - Craig Hams, 18-hole runner-up - Barry Attwood, 54-hole winner - Craig Hams, runner-up - Maxwell Bignell.

Men:

Monday stableford:

Division one winner - Darrel Baker, division one runner-up - Russell Williams, division two winner - Bill Cameron, division two runner-up - Ron Drain, division three winner - Doug Knowles, division three runner-up - Mark Ward.

Tuesday stableford:

Division one winner - Wayne Saunders, division one runner-up - Peter Wilson, division two winner - Ross Schalk, division two runner-up - Bob Taylor, division three winner -

Phil Marshall, division three runner-up - Bill Downton.

Thursday stableford:

Division one winner - John Fenton, division one runner-up - Tony Meppem, division two winner - James Perkins, division two runner-up - Fred Atherden, division three winner - Gordon Whitby, division three runner-up - George Stephenson.

Ladies:

Mini shield - Lyn Shearer, 18-hole runner-up - Meg Whitby, 54 hole

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Monday stableford:

Division one winner - Ingrid Moulds, division one runner-up - Peg Penberthy, division two winner - Nanette Watson, division two runner-up - Meryl Nolan.

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Division one winner - Diane Perkins, division one runner-up - Vicki White, division two winner - Maree Taylor, division one runner-up - Judith

McCosker.

Thursday stableford:

Division one winner - Catherine Pautsch, division one runner-up - Robin Ford, division two winner - Joy Baker, division two runner-up - Carmel Downton.

Friday fourball stableford medley:

Winners - Keith Flood and Wayne Saunders, runners-up - Garry Cuell and Tony Meppem, third - Maxwell Bignell and Joy Baker, fourth - Rod Hall and Peter Redden.

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