

Willunga Report 2022

Weatherman AndyB said it would be windy and it was. He said there would be a rain shower at 1.00pm and there was. What he didn't predict was regular scudding showers throughout the round that vanished as soon as the umbrellas went up. And there were. Congratulations to the 23 players in attendance. Not one backed out on a morning where the more faint-hearted would roll over in bed and text their excuses.

The course was in excellent condition, green, with plenty of run on the fairways. The rough was not particularly long and there seemed to be fewer leaves than usual. Maybe the recent gales blew them away. The creek beds are always terrible places to put a ball. Just finding the ball is a challenge, let alone hitting it. Amazingly, we had fun anyway.

Scores were lower this year in the wind but Keith Chilman who is in fine form currently had first choice of the wines after his 33 points won on a countback from Rob Gardner. Elliot Bishop was close behind in third spot on 32 points on countback from Gary Hancock. Gary recovered from not winning any of the wines over 18 holes by picking up the wine for best 1st Nine holes with 18 points while Nick Kingsley picked up the final bottle of wine by winning the 2nd Nine with 18 points after countbacks from Jim Betts and Gary Rennie.

NTP winners Gary Hancock Hole 3, Keith Spencer Hole 5, Gary Rennie Hole 12, Andy Brauer Hole 14 and Col Kitson Hole 16, all earned a ball, as did Rob Gardner and Dawn Delaney for their Long Drives on the 10th and 1st Hole respectively. AndyB exercised his Captain's right to grizzle about the long drive after his superb attempt was so long it reached the area where the fairway is deliberately narrowed to slow down the A Graders, only to finish literally 2 inches off the fairway! It was nearly a 200 metre drive back to replace the Long Drive marker where Barry Barnes had marked his drive.

The only two genuine Birdies this year earned a ball each for Andy Brauer and Daniel Alexander. To be fair, Daniel putted his Birdie in whilst Andy hit his in with a good looking 7 iron from about 130 metres that vanished from sight as it rolled over the gentle ridge on the green. While Andy was searching fruitlessly behind the green Elliot Bishop checked the cup and was nearly as excited as Andy to discover the ball nestling there.

Balls for 4 pointers went to Gary Hancock, Graham Wharton, Keith Chilman, Gary Rennie, Bill Matthews, Noel Swalling, Gavin Whitfield, and Jim Betts (who did it twice). Sadly Jim only received one ball.

The Best Team Average Stableford score (28.5) went to Gary Rennie, Daniel Alexander, Nick Kingsley and Keith Spencer ahead of Noel Swalling, Rob Gardner, Gavin Whitfield, Bill Matthews with 27.0 points. Club Biros to all concerned.

Nick Kingsley gave us all a laugh after being on a Par 3 in 1 but taking 5 putts for a 6. Anyone can fly the green. but Colin Kitson hit one right over the double green by aiming at the wrong pin! They each won a ball for their bloopers.

The Willunga Middle Pub proved to be a great venue for presentations. The 'Beer Garden' is totally enclosed and has heating too, if needed. It is a great size for our groups. The hosts, Michael and Romanna, and staff were friendly and keen to meet our needs. Most people ordered from the Light Lunch menu which provides smaller meals (and prices) and were happy with the food. We will include the Willunga Pub in next year's Willunga Golf Day.
AndyB

Willunga Stableford Winners 2022

18 Hole Winners

1st	Keith Chilman 33	<i>Wine</i>
2nd	Rob Gardner 33	<i>Wine</i>
3rd	Elliot Bishop 32 c/b from Gary Hancock	<i>Wine</i>

First 9 Winners

1st	Gary Hancock 18	<i>Wine</i>
2nd	Bill Matthews 15	<i>Ball</i>
3rd	Graham Wharton 14	<i>Ball</i>

Second 9 Winners

1st	Nick Kingsley 18 c/b from Jim Betts and Gary Rennie	<i>Wine</i>
2nd	Jim Betts 18	<i>Ball</i>
3rd	Gary Rennie 18	<i>Ball</i>

Winner

<i>NTP 3</i>	Gary Hancock	<i>Ball</i>
<i>NTP 5</i>	Keith Spencer	<i>Ball</i>
<i>NTP 12</i>	Gary Rennie	<i>Ball</i>
<i>NTP 14</i>	Andy Brauer	<i>Ball</i>
<i>NTP 16</i>	Col Kitson	<i>Ball</i>
<i>Long Drive Men 10</i>	Rob Gardner	<i>Ball</i>
<i>Long Drive Women 1</i>	Dawn Delaney	<i>Ball</i>

Birdies	Andy Brauer, Daniel Alexander	<i>Balls</i>
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4 Pointers	Gary Hancock, Graham Wharton, Keith Chilman, Gary Rennie Bill Matthews, Noel Swalling, Gavin Whitfield, Jim Betts (twice)
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Team Average Nett Score

1st Place	28.5	Gary Rennie, Daniel Alexander, Nick Kingsley, Keith Spencer	<i>Pens</i>
2nd Place	27	Noel Swalling, Rob Gardner, Gavin Whitfield, Bill Matthews	<i>Pens</i>

Hits or Misses Nominations

Nick Kingsley	On Par 3 in1. 5 putts for 6	<i>Balls</i>
Col Kitson	Anyone can fly the green. Col hit right over the double green. Aimed at wrong pin.	

NAGA	Not awarded
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