

Stephen Ellis wins the 2022 Presidents Trophy

In contrast to the 2021 event, our popular Presidents Trophy was played in wet wintery conditions at its regular venue Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Secretary Kim welcomed the field, acknowledging regular players, past winners, and guest player Australian Golf Heritage Society (AGHS) Captain Les Browne. Les spoke at the lunch break and gave the group an update on the activities of AGHS.

Playing with just seven clubs, nine holes of Stroke was played in the morning on the West course with the top 4 Nett scores progressing to the matchplay.

After lunch, the sudden death matchplay was played on the East Course starting at the Par 3 16th

Top qualifier with a score of Nett 35 was Stephen Ellis playing fourth qualifier Andy Bassett (39.5) with Stephen winning their first hole and progressing to the final.

In the other match, second qualifier Grant Nicholson (35.5) played third qualifier Grant McKay(38.5)They halved the 16th and progressed to the Par 5 17th with Grant Nicholson prevailing.

Finalists Stephen and Grant progressed to their first hole the Par 4 18th East

Both players drove well, but unfortunately Grant struck greenside bunker troubles and with Stephen comfortably on the green, he won his second Presidents Trophy.

After golf drinks were enjoyed as President Graeme Ryan presented the trophy to Stephen.

The Society thanks the club and staff for the hospitality ensuring a successful and enjoyable day at Royal Melbourne GC.

Kim Hastie Hon Secretary July 2022