



2019 Presidents Trophy - Monday July 15 at Metropolitan GC

Metropolitan Golf Club was the host club for this year's Presidents Trophy, as the events most regular venue Royal Melbourne Golf Club is deep in President's Cup preparations.

This 9-hole fun event allows the players only 7 clubs and the four best Nett scores qualify for sudden death matchplay.

The predicted wintry weather stayed away, and the players completed their 9 holes of qualifying in fine conditions.

This year the Golf Shop processed the cards and determined the top four scores, allowing the Secretary a more relaxing lunch relieving her of that important task.

At lunch, President Graeme Ryan welcomed the group and facilitated something extra for us. Graeme's guest for the day was Dean Sullivan, a member at Blackwood Golf Club, and he kindly provided a short film of the 1932 Australian Amateur at Royal Adelaide Golf Club.

To give some background Graeme spoke before the film about the notable players we were about to see, such as Mick Ryan and gave an insight onto the sad story of the life of the young and very talented Harry Williams.

This wonderful and thoroughly enjoyable footage didn't contain any audio, but film the quality was very good and gave great us images of the players, the course and conditions of this tournament in 1932.

After lunch, the top four nett scores were determined with several players in a countback for the 4th spot. Secretary Kim read out the players for the matches, noting she had just missed on qualifying in the fourth spot.

Steve Ellis was the top qualifier (38) and was to play David Worley (40) with Grant McKay 2nd qualifier (39) playing Peter Stickley (39)

Following lunch several groups followed the two matches from the 10th tee.

Top qualifier Steve won his match on the first hole against regular Society event participator and last year's winner David Worley. In the second match Grant defeated Peter on their first hole.

The final pair moved to their first hole the Par 3 11th. Steve made the green but some metres past the hole and Grant replied with a flushed iron to the pin, giving himself a good chance for birdie and the win.

Steve make a great two putt for his Par and Grant agonisingly misses his putt for a 2 so the match continued to the Par 4 12th

Both in good positions off the tee, Grant hit a greenside pot for two, but Metro's famed bunkers gave him some trouble, taking several to get out and a super one putt secured his 7 but it was one too many as Steve made his 6, claiming the Presidents Trophy win for 2019.

Following the golf players and gallery returned to clubhouse for refreshments and presentations. The Golf Society, thanks Metropolitan and the staff for their hospitality ensuring another successful day.

Kim Hastie Secretary