

Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2024

Times are tough these days as families grapple with rising costs in housing, food, fuel, utilities and the list goes on. That is one of the reasons that the Rotary Club of Moe has been so pleased by the generosity shown by supporters of their major community fund raiser, The Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic.

Corporate team sponsorships certainly were major factors in the success of the day, and Rotary is fully aware that we cannot achieve our goals without that level of support. Allied with this is the many donations made by local businesses and individuals, which ensure that our post-event mini raffles and auction also create brisk trade amongst the punters. Our gratitude to everyone who supports this annual event is monumental, with a comprehensive list of sponsors listed below.

2024 saw the running of the 24th version of the GRGC which is held annually at Yallourn Golf Course and attracts a field of 108 players. Put simply, that is 36 golf teams all of whom play a 3-person Ambrose event.

The format of the day obviously appeals to our golfers, as the capacity limit for the event was reached by late February. We deserved fine playing conditions and the weather gods were on the organisers side once again, enhanced also by the excellent state of the course.

As usual there was an interesting mix of corporate teams, social golfers and self-confessed golf fanatics playing on the day.

Our list of golf winners follows -

Winners: Todd's Mates (Todd Malone, Chris King and Joel Poole) with 55 1/6 points. Runners Up: Rookies' Royals (Bill Williams, Dennis Hicks and Loretta Booth) with 57 1/6. Third Place: Moe Racing Club (Gerard Hayes, Graham Geisler and George Jamieson) scoring 57 2/3 points. Best Ladies Team was SDS (Sue Caldwell, Donna Mellon and Samantha Caldwell) with 57 1/3 points.

The Rotary Claude Staff trophy was won this year by Alan Bishop, Roger Taylor and Jordan Snowdon representing Moe Rotary Club.

Samantha Caldwell defeated all comers to win the putting competition

Shoppers in Moe's CBD may have noticed Rotarians selling tickets in their major raffle during the months of February and March, and proceeds from raffle sales and donations, together with all the golf day receipts ensured that the Rotary Club of Moe now has \$21,500 to distribute to a variety of community organisations and projects.

As mentioned earlier, this is an amazing result given the tough times experienced by regional Victorians. Raffle winners were I. Taylor (\$2000 Lakes Entrance accommodation package, J. Morrison (\$1000 home goods package) and S. Plemper (Samsung Galaxy watch.)

Moe Rotary expresses thanks to Yallourn Golf Club staff and members, Golden Hen (catering) and Inner Wheel (hospitality management) and all players, sponsors and busy Rotarians and Friends of Rotary for their considerable input throughout.



The Rotary Club of Moe wishes to acknowledge the organisations and individuals named below for their generous support of our golf day

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