

The Ian Morris Memorial Golf Day 2018

Northern Territory Bar Association

This event was played this year on Friday 10 August at RAAF Darwin Golf Club, where we are always made very welcome. The conditions were ideal, a beautiful Darwin August afternoon and the course in excellent condition albeit minus a few trees courtesy of Cyclone Marcus.

I believe the history of the Ian Morris Memorial Golf Day, as it was renamed in 2009, is well-known to all.

That said, I will tell you that there are two trophies to win; one bears a badge that it was renamed The Ian Morris Memorial Golf Day in 2009. Traditionally the trophy has

gone to the team with the best nett score on the day. That is, the gross score, less the total of the roll of the two big, fluffy dice.

A second trophy was added in 2007 which, whilst not as large as the first, is much prized by the serious golfer. This is the NT Law Society trophy for the best gross score. It also bears a badge that signifies it is to be competed for as part of the Ian Morris Memorial Golf day.

In recent times there has been a legal edict that one team not win both trophies however, not this year. In an



L-R: Colin Chilcott; unknown; Kate Frost; Jacinta Bradley; Dwight Shepherd; Kara Mills; Rose Mills; David (Wei) Qin; Stuart McPherson; Greg Worden; Bernie Tragear; Pam Tragear





L-R: Peter McQueen; Brian Dalliston; Bill Piper; Jim Drummond



Glenn Skelly; Kellie Grainger



Glenn Skelly; Craig Smyth



Peter McQueen; Jim Drummond



L-R: unknown; Kellie Grainger; Glenn Skelly; unknown



L-R: Tom Silvester; Tom Winter; Chris Johnson; Matthew Hubber



L-R: Craig Kuchel; Arul Selvaretnam; Josh Ingrames; Gary Turbill





L-R: David Annesley; David (Wei) Qin; Jacinta Bradley; Pam Tragear



L-R: Alanna Grimster; David Alderman; Cassandra Ellis



L-R: Stuart McPherson; Kara Mills; Rose Mills; Greg Worden

interesting twist, the default nett winning team refused their prize or perhaps there was some confusion regarding the rolling of the big fluffy dice. Whatever the case, the net winning team ended up being the team that had already won the best gross.

Numbers were down a little this year, perhaps due to the already shortened week, however we are grateful that Jill Morris spent the day with us and her team of four included Marg Carter, Lyn Langley and Cheryl Richardson.

The RAAF Darwin Golf Club was very supportive of the event, once again, with a donation of the green fees. The Club Captain also played on the day.

Barristers of different vintages and ability were sprinkled among the teams along with Government lawyers. We are

grateful that Associate Justice Luppino, was again able to represent the Supreme Court.

Thanks are extended to the following people, in particular, who contributed to the day:

- The sponsors, Karen Searle & Glen Skelly of Marsh Insurance Brokers and Colin Chilcott of QBE. They were each very generous in their support and the provision of our prizes, cash and handouts. Their continued support and encouragement is very much appreciated. Glen Skelly of Marsh Insurance Brokers and Colin Chilcott of QBE also joined in on the day;
- Sandy, from the Golf Club, who ran the Bar and provided sound advice and assistance beforehand and Greg Worden, Club Captain who accepted our Booking and



L-R: Cheryl Richardson; Lyn Langley; Jill Morris; unknown



L-R: Kate Frost; Dwight Shepherd; unknown; Colin Chilcott



L-R: David Alderman, Alanna Grimster, Cassandra Ellis





L-R: Bill Roger; Simon Wiese; Craig Smyth; Megan Lawton

assisted as required, and, as mentioned above, joined a team on the day;

- Gary Turbill from Bridgestone Mining Solutions for the donation of prizes, also joining a team on the day;
- Territory Butchers, Hibiscus Shoppingtown, Leanyer for the discounted sausages, a greatly appreciated contribution to our charity event;
- Carolyn from LSNT, in charge of photography and refreshment delivery. Her first appearance at this special day—no doubt, the highlight of her career to date;
- Rex Wild QC's cash donation and also Matthew Hubber's cash donation;
- Wade Roper, for help on the day with scores, counting the dice and the presentation of prizes;
- Alistair Wyvill SC and Ben O'Loughlin, who once again appeared at the bench... the BBQ bench that is... and ensured the players were greeted with the delicious aroma of sausages and onions as they made their way back to the refreshment zone;
- The NTBA secretariat who assisted with the organisation of the event and assisted on the day.

The generosity of the sponsors, those who attended and those who were involved with the day resulted in a donation of \$1600 to Variety NT for Children's Cancer. Thank you all.

The trophies and winners were:

- Best Gross Score: **Hunt's Grey** [Kate Frost, Dwight Shepherd, Jacinta Bradley & Colin Chilcott]
- Runners-up: **Big Swingers** [Tom Winter, Tom Silvester, Matt Hubber & Chris Johnson]
- Best Nett Score: **Hunt's Grey** [aforesaid] by default
- Runners-up: **The Molinari's** [Bill Piper, Peter McQueen, Jim Drummond, Brian Dalliston]
- Longest Drive: Tom Winter **[Big Swingers]**
- Nearest the Pin [1st shot]: Craig Kuchel **[No Authority]**
- NTP [2nd shot]: **The Molinari's** [unidentified sharp-shooter]
- Longest Putt: Dwight Shepherd **[Hunt's Grey]**
- NAGA Award: **I'm on a horse again** [David Alderman, Cassy Ellis and Alanna Grimster]. The team hats were noteworthy.

Thank you, of course, to all the players. It was a great day.

Next year we acknowledge the 10th anniversary of Morrie's passing, and we are hopeful to make the day a little more special.

Please encourage your colleagues and friends (they don't have to be lawyers) to join us. You can assume it will be in August 2019 on an inevitable pleasant Darwin Friday afternoon.

