

## TILLOTSON WINS RIVERSIDE IN A PLAYOFF

The 39<sup>th</sup> Riverside tournament culminated in an enthralling playoff on Sunday afternoon, with a late entry into the event coming out on top. Busselton's Glen Tillotson and 2007 winner Paul Tuckey, representing Mandurah, needed two tense extra holes to decide the winner, after both finished with 36 hole totals of 149. Tuckey looked well placed for his second title after a brilliant one under par 71 on Saturday, going into the final round with a one stroke advantage over Trevor Johns and a host of players within six shots of the lead. Tillotson, after a 77 got the chance to play in the leaders group and made a charge for the title with early birdies, while the leaders found scoring more difficult.

As always the back nine on Sunday decides any golf tournament, with the result looking likely after Tillotson opened up a two shot lead over Tuckey and Johns with two holes to play. Tuckey, showed his quality however, responding with a birdie, while Tillotson bogeyed 17, resulting in a tie coming down the last. Tillotson and Tuckey had pars to remain deadlocked and Johns had a putt that would have put him in the playoff. Unfortunately the miss left Johns one stroke back in outright third on 150 and rueing missed opportunities with the flat stick over the last few holes.

The sudden death playoff saw both players scramble terrific pars on the difficult 5<sup>th</sup> hole, after each looked in trouble off the tee. When Tuckey played a wayward drive on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Tillotson hit the fairway, the advantage was with the Busselton player. Tuckey responded with a super shot to within three metres of the pin from the rough and when Tillotson spun his approach off the green he had handed the advantage back. Tillotson then showed his mettle, sinking a long uphill birdie putt to top off what had been a superb putting display all afternoon. Tuckey needed to hole a slippery downhill putt to go further, and as for many of the players in the field found over the weekend, it just slipped by to give a well deserved victory to Tillotson.

Kwinana's Cliff Smith had rounds of 82 and 72 for 154 to take fourth place.

Collie players dominated the Nett section with the first five all from the home club, proving once again that local knowledge is invaluable around the beautifully presented but tricky course.

Ed Riley, like Glen Tillotson was a late entry for the weekend after having been troubled by a wrist injury in recent weeks. Riley played his usual consistent golf on Saturday to be within sight of the lead with a 72 and then produced his best round for some time with a 64 to post a winning total of 136. Steve Farquhar, had a similar story, also blazing a 64 in the final round, but having been two further back had to settle for the runner up position on 138. Greg 'Noddy' Moyle was third with rounds of 70/69 for 139, followed by Warren Harrison-Brown, 69/72 for 141 in fourth and Graham Williams, 71/71 for 142 in fifth place.

Individual gross winners were Dave Sutherland (RFGC) on Saturday with 75 and Mitchell Bristow (Lakelands) on Sunday after a 76. Individual Nett wins went to Gary Martin (Joondalup) on Saturday with 69 and Neil Kennedy (Collie) on Sunday with a 68.

Overall the event attracted a field of 161 players from 25 clubs. Thanks go to the sponsors, the Coverley family and Wesfarmers Premier Coal, for their generous and greatly appreciated sponsorship.

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The Riverside open was preceded by the Dorsett Family fourball Par event on the Friday. A good field of 130 players took part, with Jaydon Ellery and Chris Shea taking out the event, after a count back, on a score of +11. Ian Tweedie and John Kenna finished an unlucky second. Next on +10 were David Broadbent and Kaley Kutt as well as Ed Riley and Peter Gray