

BURKE and WILLS Trophy

The tradition continues

27 April 2018 – Oatlands Golf Course – John Reid

Awarded for the most notable occurrence on the day

Having recently survived back surgery, JR 36 handicap scored 5 points, assisted by Bob McGregor 36 handicap contributing 4 points, adding a total 9 points to their team score on the back 9. Bob was no less 'handicapped' with his plastic eyes (2), and alloy hips and knees (2 of each). There is some doubt these handicaps will survive the spring scrutiny.

John managed a remarkable 5-pointer and two 4-pointers in his round.

26 Sept 2018 – Mona Vale Golf Course - Dave Lukin

Scored a "Hole-in-1" on the 10th - his tee shot struck the protective netting adjacent to the tee and holed out in a garbage bin. This was offset on the 16th where he holed a very fast downhill sliding 40' putt to record a birdie 2 for 5 stableford points!

27-Sept 2019 – Mona Vale Golf Course - Not Awarded

Sadly, the Burke & Wills Trophy was not awarded again, so we have missed another opportunity to chronicle our exploits – perhaps we are setting the bar too high? For future events remember any three putt from inside two meters, failure to escape a bunker, or transitioning three fairways whilst playing one hole are examples of exploits which deserve to be submitted to the judging panel after the event – if only for the entertainment of the membership. There will be no bias in judging – the winner will be the one who receives the loudest laughter from the gathered judges.

3 May 2021 – Oatlands Golf Course – Brian Halcrow

Brian Halcrow was a worthy recipient of the "Burke & Wills Award" – presented in recognition for his bravery in rescuing a poor lonely ball from the deep (and treacherous?) ravine beside the walkway to the 5th green – highly justified I'd say - golf balls do cost about \$3 at all good golfing stores!

23 Sept 2022 - Oatlands Golf Course – Warwick Webb

They say the best way to demonstrate mastery of the game is to play trick shots, and so Warwick Webb bounced the ball three times across the dam and hit a concrete pipe before landing in the short grass – a deserving winner of the Burke and Wills Trophy. This is not the first time Warwick has won the award, having previously won in December 1981. With achievements spanning 41 years, Warwick can now deservedly be referred to as “the evergreen Warwick Webb”



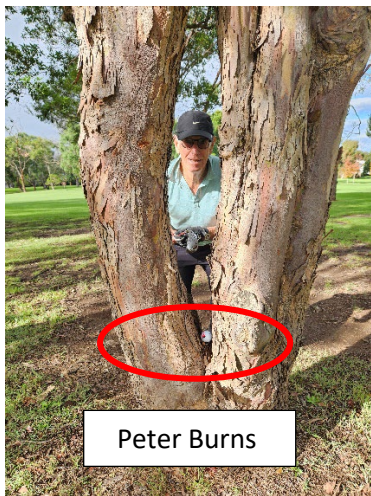
9 May 2023 - Oatlands Gold Course – Liz Lukin

I’m told that crows most often strike when a ball is left out in the open. Not afraid, Liz Lukin hit three consecutive shots straight up the middle on the 10th, and the crows obliged each time 🦅🦅🦅. Liz thus became a worthy recipient of the coveted Burke and Wills Trophy, and like all recipients will probably be eager to hand it over later in the year.

7 May 2024 – Oatlands Golf Course – Roger Scott

Roger joined the Alumni this week so he could play in the golf day. He was very impressive with his golf skills. On the par 3 ninth hole, he went within a whisker of a hole in one. Well done, Roger, the handicapper will be on a watch for him next time we play and the team he was playing with want him in their team again....

A worthwhile runner up for the Burke & Wills Trophy was Peter Burns, his ball got stuck in the vee of a trunk of a tree. It was very *"difficult"* to play that one.



20 September 2024 – Mona Vale Golf Course – Penny Griffith

– our regular golf days are about much more than high scores and great golfing, and Penny Griffith has been inducted into the Burke and Wills hall of fame. Penny, just days after recovering from Covid, arrived late thanks to Sydney traffic, and started off quite rushed before settling and going unbelievably close to an elusive Ace. As all golfers know, any delay is hard to pick up, and Pennys' group was quite rushed for the remainder of the round.



