

Ian Morris

Memorial Golf Day

Friday 28 August 2009

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The Northern Territory Bar Association and Law Society Northern Territory's Quixotic Golf Day Challenge has been ongoing for ten years. The major driver of this annual event has been the late Ian Morris. Ian worked hard every year, not only to ensure that this event occurred, but to ensure it was a tremendous success. His love for golf and his unique organising style were shown through his passionate efforts with this event.

Unfortunately, Ian passed away shortly before the 2009 event and in his honour we named this year's challenge after him.

A decision will have to be made next year as to whether it retains the 2009 title or reverts to its earlier title.

As a long-standing, well liked and well respected member of RAAF Darwin Golf Club, the club was most supportive of the event running as the **Ian Morris Memorial Golf Day**.

They followed this up by:-

- Entering a number of teams;
- Assisting with organising the event; and
- Not charging us green fees for the day, saving us a considerable sum (this being on the basis that the amount we would raise for the charity, Variety NT, would be greatly increased).

This year's Challenge was another successful golfing afternoon held

on a beautiful late dry season afternoon – well it was a Friday!

The main prizes went to *Catfish* (Phil Timney, David Lisson and Gary Wills) for the Best Nett Score and *WAGS* (Jim Drummond, Mick Holdstock, Don Jordon and Trevor Innes) winning the Best Gross Score. Individual prizes went to *Merit* (Rosemary Campbell, Greg Campbell, Michelle Hogan and J. Pickering) for longest putt, *Morrie's Barking Owls* (Brian Dienelt, Maxine Dienelt, Kay Byrne and Glenys Lancaster) for Nearest the Pin and *Beauties & The Beast* (Denys Stedman, Lynda Townsend, Lisa Cornell-Hewit and Jodie Southwood) winning the NAGA award.

A shocking five out of 14 teams were unable to return with the magic golf ball.

We are still awaiting some invoices relating to the event, but I can say that, as a result of all those who played a part, we managed to raise an approximate figure of \$2,320.00 for Ian's charity of choice, Variety NT. WELL DONE everyone!

The event ran smoothly with special thanks to:-

- Emily Arthur - for virtually all the organisation for the event, both before and on the day itself;
- Suzie Simmons and Leonie Hastie-Gordge for assisting on the day, including taking photographs, assisting with the BBQ and cleaning up and also running the drinks cart;



Masterchefs Peter Barr and
Leonie Hastie-Gordge

- Charlie Carter (a good mate of Morrie's) - for assisting with the drinks cart and keeping the players well lubricated;
- Peter Barr - for being head chef of the BBQ and assisting with cleaning up; and
- RAAF Darwin Golf Club, particularly Dion Fewquandie for his efforts in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Thank you to all of the sponsors namely, Marsh Insurance Brokers, Skycity, Drummond Golf and QBE. Without their generous support we would not be able to have such an enjoyable event.

And last but not least, I would also like to thank all of the players involved. We hope to see you again next year. ☺