

Maccabi Golf News

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Western Australia win the 19th annual Presidents Cup

The annual Presidents Cup was held recently at the Torquay Sands Golf Club on the Bellarine Peninsula. The pinnacle of the Maccabi golfing calendar brings together teams of 12 from Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia. The hosts Victoria, having won the last 2 Cups, were hoping for a hat-trick in their backyard. The welcome ceremony took place on the Thursday night with the National president Allen Garb and Victorian captain Rob Goldstein welcoming the players to the 19th holding of the prestigious event. Old friends were re-acquainted and Cup first timers were welcomed in to the fold.

The opening better-ball match play matches took place on an unseasonably chilly and blustery Friday morning. Most matches were keenly fought and went the distance. It was Western Australia who prevailed to finish with 4 points from NSW on 3.5 and Vic on 1.6.

The weather improved on the Saturday afternoon for the better ball stableford matches.

Once again, the underdog Western Australian team got their pairings right and secured 4 wins and a half in their 6 matches. It was an improved showing by the Victorian team who managed to win 3 matches and half one. It was NSW who were only able to win 1 game in the 2nd round. Scores after day 2 were WA 8, Vic 4.5 & NSW 4.

It was an early start on the Sunday morning for the singles matches but W.A. managed to get the required 5.5 points to capture the Cup from NSW who managed 7.5 points leaving Vic to bring up the rear. Final tally was Western Australia 14, NSW 12 and Victoria 10.

West Australian captain Ian Schwartz was humble in victory heaping praise on all who had competed and singling out his players for playing exceptional golf in all 3 rounds. All of the captains commented on the tremendous Maccabi spirit which was displayed in all of the matches despite the competitive nature of the event.

Over the 4 wonderful days, old friendships were rekindled and new friendships formed. All involved in this exceptional event will no doubt look forward to competing in the next President Cup to be hosted by W.A.

Maccabi National event, is only 1 week away. Venue is the Mornington Peninsula 1st-3rd March 2019.

This 54-hole event will be played at 3 courses. Friday Portsea, Saturday St Andrews Beach and Sunday Moonah Legends.

Victoria

Errol Kaplan captures the Kleid-Gordon trophy.

The 2019 Kleid Gordon event was held recently at the immaculate Cranbourne Golf Club. The annual event is named in honour of 2 Victoria Maccabi Golf stalwarts being **Jeff Gordon and the late Phil Kleid**, whose invaluable contributions ensured the very existence of the golf club.

A field of 65 men and 16 women entered the event. The golfers were greeted with a perfect Sunday afternoon for golf which was reflected in the good scores that were achieved.

The overall winner of the event was Cranbourne Golf Club vice-captain **Errol Kaplan** with a very good stableford score of 39 points playing off a handicap of 12 Finishing 1 point behind Errol was his fellow Cranbourne committee member **David Braver**. Top of the B Division players was **Richard Margolis** on 37 points and **Phillip Goldman** took out the C Division also with 37 points.

The lady's winner was **Wendy Beron** on 37 points closely followed by **Myra Goldman** on 36 points.

Zac Winograd with a gross score of 79, took out the stroke event.