

2011 CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP

12-14 August
Alice Springs Golf Club

The Chief Minister's Cup tees off again on Friday 12 August 2011. Hosted by Alice Springs Golf Club the tournament will showcase the best Territorian golfers. The tournament is played in the same style as the proven Ryder Cup format. The Imparja Country Team is the current holders of the Cup after a thrilling defence of the Cup last year in the Top End. The Channel 9 City Team will look to avenge last years' disappointment and reclaim the trophy it last held in 2009.



Day 1 will be Fourball in the morning and Foursomes in the afternoon. Day 2 will once again see the players rise early for a 7.30am tee off in the Fourball followed

by the Foursomes in the afternoon. The final day will see the teams go head to head in the singles matches.

THE FORMAT EXPLAINED

Match Play

All games are played under Match Play rules, where the result of each game is determined by the number of holes won. The order of play for the first two days is Fourball in the morning and Foursomes in the afternoon. The final day's play will be in Singles format.

Fourball (Four groups of two two-man teams)

"Fourball" play is a match in which each member of the two-man teams plays their own ball. Four balls are in play per hole with each of the four players competing. The team whose player has the lowest score on that hole wins the hole. Should players from each team tie for the best score, the hole is halved.

Foursomes (Four groups of two two-man teams)

"Foursomes" play is a match where two golfers play together against two other golfers and each team plays one ball. The golfers play alternate shots (player A hits tee shot, player B hits second shot, etc) until the hole is played out. Team members alternate playing the tee shots, with one golfer hitting the tee shot on odd-numbered holes, and the other hitting the tee shot on the even-numbered holes. The team with the better score wins the hole. Should the two teams tie for best score, the hole is halved.



Singles (10 groups of two one-man teams)

"Singles" is a match in which one player competes against another player. A player wins the match when he is up by more holes than there are holes remaining to play.

Points System

Each match is worth one point with ½ point for each side when a match is halved. A total of 26 matches will be played over the three days. If the event finishes in a tie the Cup is retained by the holders.

Pairings

Each Team Captain independently submits the order of play for his Team to the appointed tournament official no later than 15 minutes before the first scheduled tee time. The lists from each Captain are matched, resulting in the "Pairings". Please note that the players in pairings can be modified by the Team Captains only if a player is ill or injured. Pairings are subject to change and should not be considered final until play begins for a particular match.

Honour

Day One: Visiting Team has the honour.

Day Two: Home Team has the honour.

Day Three: decided by coin toss.

PROGRAM

Day 1

Morning play - Fourball

Match 4 tees off at 7.30am.

Match 3 tees off at 7.40am.

Match 2 tees off at 7.50am.

Match 1 tees off at 8.00am.

Afternoon play – Foursomes

Match 4 tees off at 1pm.

Match 3 tees off at 1.10pm.

Match 2 tees off at 1.20pm.

Match 1 tees off at 1.30pm.

Day 2

Morning play - Fourball

Match 4 tees off at 7.30am.

Match 3 tees off at 7.40am.

Match 2 tees off at 7.50am.

Match 1 tees off at 8.00am.

Afternoon play – Foursomes

Match 4 tees off at 1pm.

Match 3 tees off at 1.10pm.

Match 2 tees off at 1.20pm.

Match 1 tees off at 1.30pm.

Day 3

Singles

Match 10 tees off at 8.30am.

Match 9 tees off at 8.38am.

Match 8 tees off at 8.46am.

Match 7 tees off at 8.54am.

Match 6 tees off at 9.02am.

Match 5 tees off at 9.10am.

Match 4 tees off at 9.18am.

Match 3 tees off at 9.26am.

Match 2 tees off at 9.34am.

Match 1 tees off at 9.42am.

Formal presentation with the Chief Minister at 2.30pm.

SPONSORS

As we all know this type of event could not happen without the very generous support of our sponsors.

Channel 9 and **Imparja** are naming sponsors of the City and Country Team. They have generously supported the event and supplied very smart apparel for their teams since this event began.

Allied Pickford is in their fourth year and they are a very good overall sponsor of the event. The company has a strong background in supporting Territory sport and we are very lucky to have built a healthy relationship.

LJ Hooker is a new sponsor to the tournament and we hope to build on this relationship as the event goes from strength to strength.

HISTORY OF THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP

2007 host: Country. Winner: Country

The inaugural CMC was played in Alice Springs in October of 2007. Day one saw the Country Team open a commanding 6 to 2 lead. The morning Four-ball went 3 to 1 with the foursomes also going by the same margin to Country. The Country team continued their dominance on day two taking the Four-ball 3½ to ½ and Foursomes 4 to 0. Requiring only 1 point to take the inaugural trophy Country won the singles 8½ to 3½ for an overall 22 to 6 win. Sports Minister Kon Vatskalis was on hand to present the trophy to an exuberant country team Captained by Merv Sweeney.

Winning Squad: Merv Sweeney (Captain), Kerryn Heaver, Lance Godwin, Jeff Sargent, Luke Thompson, Andrew MacAusline, Lindsay Heaver, Paul Christie, Jason Howard, Peter Reinke, Mike Green.

2008 host: City. Winner: City

RAAF Darwin and Darwin Golf Clubs co-hosted the 2008 running of the CMC. The results of day one were a mirror image to those of just seven months earlier. On the opening day City won the foursomes 4½ to ½ and the Four-ball 3 to 2 at Darwin. The following morning the competition moved to the RAAF Golf Club and saw City take out the Four-ball 4½ to ½ and the Foursomes 3½ to 1½. Needing just 1 point to win the Cup city took out the singles 8½ to 3½ to win their first CMC 24 points to 8. Chief Minister Paul Henderson was on hand to present City Captain Peter Wright the trophy.

Winning Squad: Peter Wright (Captain), Peter Hargreaves (Vice Captain), Paul Edwards, Craig Grame, Tom Harold, Don Jordan, Glen Koch, Dave Southwell, Mark Steven, Lewer Stevens, Roy Winter, Darren Witham. Also part of the team (non-playing) is Harry Coehn, Nick Etherton and Jason De Araujo.

2009 host: Country. Winner: Country

Players returned to the course that hosted the inaugural event back in 2007, the Alice Springs Golf Club. The City Team sent a strong team to defend the trophy and was hopeful of upsetting their Country counterparts and claim a victory on foreign soil. However, City fail to perform on Day 1 with Country taking a solid 5 ½ to 2 ½ lead. Country extended its lead on Day 2 with the scores 10 to 6 at the end of play. The Cup would be decided on Day 3 in the Singles. City put up a brave effort in what was the closest contest in the tournament short history. Country ran out eventually winners 14 ½ to 11 ½. Sports Minister Karl Hampton presented the Country Team with the Cup.

Winning Squad: Stephen Tieck (Captain), Tyson Gordon, Mike Green, Lyndsay Heaver, Chris Hume, Sean O'Brien, Al Purdie, Ed Ronquillo, Leigh Shacklady, Jason Sharples, Merv Sweeney and Jim Laurie (Manager).

2010 host: City. Winner: Country

A thrilling tournament with scores very close throughout the event. The tournament hosted by both the Palmerston and Humpty Doo clubs. Day 1 at Humpty Doo saw the City team take a 4 ½ to 3 ½ point lead. The players then moved to the Palmerston Golf and Country Club on Day 2 where City continued to hold the one point lead (8 ½ to 7 ½) going into the final day. The singles matches on the final at Palmerston was very close. Country started strong with two early points before City fought back. Fortunately Country had done enough to tie the tournament with a 5 ½ to 4 ½ point win in the singles. As holders they retain the Cup in 2010. Minister Gerry McCarthy was on hand to present Country with the Cup.

Winning Squad: Stephen Tieck (Captain), Tyson Gordon, Mike Green, Kerryn Heaver, Mark Holt, Jason Howard, Sean O'Brien, Anthony Quayle, Leigh Shacklady, Merv Sweeney and Al Feehan (Manager).

2011 MATCH OFFICIALS

Golf NT – Brian Pepper

Rules Official – Jason De Araujo.

Alice Springs GC Captain – Mal Guerin

2011 SQUADS

Imparja Country Team



Captain – Mal Guerin
Keith Durham
Wayne Eglington
Steve Hampel
Kerryn Heaver
Mark Holt
Jason Howard
Sean O'Brien
Al Purdie
Anthony Quayle
Leigh Shacklady
Manager – Doug Fraser

Channel 9 City Team



Playing Captain – Peter Hargreaves
Paul Edwards
Craig Grame
Tom Harold
Glenn Koch
Shane O'Brien
Mark Steven
Ian Walker
Andrew Wilson
Darren Witham
Manager – Jason De Araujo



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