

Monday February 4th saw the SA Senior Order of Merit Events for 2019 get underway at South Lakes Golf Club. South Lakes is located at Goolwa near the mouth of the River Murray and provides a welcome relief from Adelaide's summer heat with cooling breezes although a bit closer to a 2-3 club southerly on this occasion, blowing across most holes and adding to the challenge of a course whose excellent condition improves on every visit.

In the Seniors Gross, a new winner emerged in Ken Parker (Kooyonga) who shot a superb 67 to win by 8 shots from the consistent local, Steve Ross and the Tea Tree Gully trio of Phil Smith, John Davey and Chris Everett. Parker has been a long-time competitor in the SA Seniors and has been in fine club form and was very much in the zone on the day despite arriving only minutes before his tee time – may not work for the rest of us. Ken has battled the dreaded y-word for several years and almost gave golf away but a move to Kooyonga has seen him produce strong, consistent golf.

Defending Super Seniors champion from 2018, Mike Richards (Tea Tree Gully) opened his defence with a 77 to win from Ken Brown (Tea Tree Gully) – making a token appearance before venturing off o/s yet again and Wayne Humphries (Glenelg)

Seniors Nett went to Gary Lindner (South Lakes) with 71 from Kim Meyer (The Grange) and Trevor Smith (Naracoorte) – who had an eagle on the Par 5, 13th were the “breeze” was certainly not helping! Super Seniors Nett was dominated by local members; Donald Mills from John Hudson and Reg Freeman.

Overall, a great start to the season with 64 in the field and a well-run event. Our thanks to South Lakes Golf Club and the event sponsor Rob Wyatt from Wymedical Supplies.

For full results, visit the Golf Australia (SA) website: <https://www.golf.org.au/event-display/sa-senior-oom/13530>



Mike Richards, Steve Uppinton (South Lakes President) & Ken Parker