

RGBB News

On Friday 14th August an incredible number of contestants demonstrated just those traits as they competed in the RGBB Texas scramble pair's tournament in temperatures above 50 degrees.

Finlay Graham and Alistair McIlroy bested the field of 98 players to win the event that was billed as the Dirab main event for August. The pair, with a combined handicap of 13, returned a net score of 56 from a gross of 69 to win by 3 strokes from Mark Campbell and Richard Hare.

Under this format, the $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap of each player was added up and divided by 2 to determine the team handicap. The gross score is the actual score that the team shot, with the net score being the total after the teams handicaps have been deducted.

Campbell and Hare with a team handicap of 14 fired a gross 73 for a net 59 to tie with 2 other

teams, Marcel Luckman & Brad Garlinghouse (3rd place) as well as John Palalagi & George Mackay (4th place) but managed to squeeze into second place on the count back rule. Chris Smith and Julian Bennett rounded out the winners with 5th place with a net 60.

After the event Alastair McIlroy said, "I am really surprised that we won it. We thought that the dropped shot on 18 would cost us dear. Even when the presentations started we had no idea that we had won until it was announced". Smith and Bennett were the only other team to hit a gross score of 69 on the par 72, 6,756 yard course but their combined handicap reduced their chances of overall victory. The ladies longest drive was won by Flore Bouzanne with Raymond O'Neil winning the men's prize. Paul Hansen won nearest the pin on hole 11 while Raymond O'Neil won nearest the pin on the 7th with a tee shot that was incredibly close.

Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun

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