



THE GOLDEN DIVOT 2024



GOLDEN DIVOT 2024 WRAP-UP: A DAY TO REMEMBER

The Golden Divot 2024 lived up to its legendary reputation, delivering an unforgettable day of camaraderie, competition, and world-class golf. Against the picturesque backdrop of the Sawtell Golf Club, a solid field of contenders took to the course, vying for glory and the coveted Green Jacket. From thrilling eagles to heartfelt moments, the day offered something for everyone.



THE BLAIKIE ENIGMA (DIVOT'S GREATEST PLAYER NEVER TO HAVE WON THE JACKET)

BAR O' BLYTH

HIGHLIGHTS

The special presentation around the newly named Bar O'Blyth was an occasion to savor, even in the absence of Captain Blyth. Many raised their glasses in his honor, and the lively atmosphere ensured his presence was felt throughout the day. The Divot wishes Blythy good health and a speedy recovery.



THE MAIN EVENT: THE GREEN JACKET

The Golden Divot saw some of the best golf in its history. Andrew Dent delivered the third-best round on record, and eight other rounds earned spots in the top 50 scores off-the-stick. However, it was Nathan Hardaker's consistency and clutch putting that sealed his triumph. In only his second Golden Divot appearance, Hardaker outshone seasoned competitors like Jason Oxenbridge, Gavin Galvin, Phil Klaus, and Chris Chapman.

Ethan Thornborough and reigning champion Matt Strugnell also put in commendable performances. Ultimately, Hardaker's poise under pressure earned him the Green Jacket, which fit him perfectly — both in size and legacy.

TOP TEN FINAL STANDINGS

1		AU	Nathan Hardaker	-9
2		AU	Jason Oxenbridge	Am
3		AU	Gavin Galvin	Am
4		AU	Phil Klaus	-7
5		AU	Chris Chapman	-6
6		AU	Ethan Thornborough	-6
7		AU	Matt Strugnell	-5
8		AU	T. McManus	Am
9		AU	Charlie Bevan	-5
10		AU	Glen Collin	-5

AWARD WINNERS

PETE THE PUTTER AWARD



Ash Muir reclaimed the prestigious Pete the Putter Trophy, marking his first win since 2020. The award was presented by "Reg," son of the late Peter Edwards, for whom the trophy is named. Reggie's touching words, "Pete would have loved the day," resonated with all in attendance.

TURTLE AWARD



Scotty Moody and Bryn Goode earned this lighthearted honor for their creative decision to change their competition format mid-round to an Ambrose. Well done, lads!

EAGLE AWARD



Jason Oxenbridge's remarkable approach shot and conversion on the 4th hole earned him this accolade, securing a memorable "2" that will be talked about for years.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Young Sawtellian Sam Rava burst onto the scene with a stunning debut, proving he's a rising star to watch in the coming years.

FREDDIE COUPLES AWARD & THE PINK DIVOT



For the first time in Divot history, the Chapmans achieved back-to-back wins for the Freddie Couples Award. Jackie Chapman also retained the Pink Divot, edging out Sharon Shipman in a thrilling finish, and becoming the first ever back-to-back Pink Divot Champion.

RUSTY 10-IRON



Julian Orchard and Jason Oxenbridge combined forces to claim this coveted team prize, outplaying strong competitors Nathan Hardaker and Ethan Thornborough. The favorites, Strugnell and Barrow, settled for 8th place.

PRESIDENT AND CAPTAIN



CHRIS BARROW & MATT STRUGNELL

With the field growing in size and caliber, the Golden Divot continues to cement its status as a premier golf event. The launch of the official Golden Divot website and apparel line adds a new dimension to the tournament's legacy.

The 25th anniversary in 2025 promises to be a monumental celebration. Mark your calendars — it's an event you won't want to miss!

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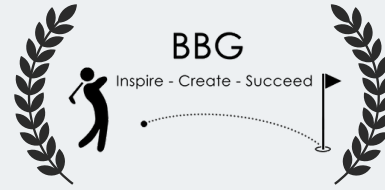
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