



Stars shine at the Scramble Final



It's no secret that the opportunity to play with a Tour Pro is one of the main reasons why the Holden Scramble celebrated its 20th birthday – the Tour Pro's are one of the points of difference that makes the Scramble Australia's most popular teams event.

So it was quite fitting that the line up of names at the 20th Anniversary Championship Final read like a who's who of Australian golf.

Former US PGA Champion Wayne Grady joined a star-studded field alongside US Tour players John Senden and Stuart Appleby, while European Tour player Peter O'Malley slotted in with the eventual winners, Robina Woods. His deft short game was an inspiration to the Robina Woods team.

Grady – who divides his time between the commentary box, course design and playing part-time on the seniors tour – was joined by a number of stars from some of the world's major tours.

At this year's Holden Scramble Final, Grady played alongside a team of colourful characters from Donnybrook Golf Club in Western Australia.

There was a lot of good-hearted banter among the group and Grady took it all in his stride.

He even signed some gear for the team of Allan Wallrodt, Brian Flanagan, Ed King and Mark Lewis. "It's been great because it's not often you play golf with a major winner," one team member said.

Then one of the spectators in the group asked: "Hey Grades, would you like us to sign your shirt?" Grady wasn't the only big-name player there.

US PGA Tour players John Senden and Stuart Appleby were there to support the tournament. They sided with Finlay and Green Acres Golf Clubs respectively and thrilled their amateur playing partners with some breathtaking shots.

"Golly, he is good." Green Acres Golf Club competitor Jan Goldsmith said, referring to Stuart Appleby.

Appleby certainly impressed his group with his play, demeanour, encouraging remarks and the odd wise crack.

On the 310m par-4 sixth hole, Appleby's drive finished about 20m short of the green leaving his playing partners in awe of his capabilities with driver in hand.

A modest Appleby said: "I'm just doing the best I can with what I've got."

Arriving on fifth green, which is not far from the sixth green, scorer Jim Fox said: "Look where the pin is on the next hole." It didn't faze Appleby, who said: "We are going to rattle the pin today."

He even had a tongue-in-cheek jibe at former Australian Open Champion John Senden, who was working hard to give Finley Golf Club the edge. "Right Sendo, move your group out of here, we're coming home with a wet sail," an optimistic Appleby said.

In the end, Appleby helped elevate the Green Acres team of Daniel Cromie (Club Pro) and

amateurs Kim Hamilton, Paul Hammond, Roger Goldsmith and Jan Goldsmith into fourth place.

The PGA Touring Professionals who give their time to be part of the event must be thanked – coming off hectic schedules all over the world to make an appearance at the Scramble is a credit to those involved. This year's line up was no exception with Pros the likes of David Bransdon, Adam Bland, Ewan Porter, Terry Pilkadaris, Mitchell Brown, Matt Giles, Ashley Hall, Andrew Tschudin, Nicole Picken and Kate Dunn all converging on Twin Waters to make the culmination of the 2011 season truly memorable. - **David Newbery**

HOLDEN SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS

STATE	CLUB	PROFESSIONAL	TOUR PROFESSIONAL	HOLDEN SPONSOR	TOTAL NETT
QLD	Robina Woods Golf Club	Corey Taylor	Peter O'Malley	Un-sponsored	156.1
QLD	Laidley Golf Club	Ian Esson	David Bransdon	Bushe Motors	158.9
NSW	Dubbo Golf Club	Craig Mears	Ashley Hall	Golden West Holden	162.3
VIC	Green Acres Golf Club	Daniel Cromie	Stuart Appleby	Ralph D'Silva Holden	163.1
QLD	Logan City Golf Club	Josh Smith	Mitchell Brown	Motorama Springwood	163.9
SA	Royal Adelaide Golf Club	John Corbett	Matthew Giles	Smiths of Port Adelaide	164.3
WA	Mandurah Country Club	Toby Price	Adam Bland	Mandurah Holden	165.6
NSW	Canowindra Golf Club	Stephen Cains	Andrew Tschudin	Waugoola Motors	165.9
NSW	Finley Golf Club	Rodney Booth	John Senden	Finley Motors	166.7
NSW	Woollahra Golf Club	Paul Hausman	Terry Pilkadaris	Suttons City	167.3
VIC	Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club	Raffael Toperoso	Ewan Porter	Ballan Holden	167.6
WA	Donnybrook Golf Club	Brett Howes	Wayne Grady	Bunbury Holden	170.4

CONSOLATION FINAL

STATE	CLUB	PROFESSIONAL	HOLDEN SPONSOR	TOTAL NETT
WA	Katanning Golf Club	Michael Bratovich	Edwards Holden – Narrogin	171.4
QLD	Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club	Chris Wright	Beecham Holden	172.9
NSW	Queanbeyan Golf Club	Jake Nagle	Commonwealth Motors	173.7
NT	Gove Country Club	Tim Lynch	Un-sponsored	175.1
NSW	Coffs Harbour Golf Club	Matthew Allan	Geoff King Holden	175.2
NSW	Gloucester Golf Club	Ryan Smith	Un-sponsored	175.5
SA	Links Lady Bay Golf Club	Simon Pope	Southgate Holden	175.8
NSW	Nelson Bay Golf Club	Maurie Moses	Kelly Holden	175.8
VIC	Rossdale Golf Club	Simon Angliss	Harrison Holden	177.2
QLD	Capricorn Resort	Graham Sheppard	Lawrence's Holden	178.5
TAS	Claremont Golf Club	Steven Frith	Motors Pty Ltd	179.1
NSW	Muswellbrook Golf Club	Paul Finkle	Muswellbrook Holden	180.5
NSW	New Brighton Golf Club	Barry Morgan	Un-sponsored	184