



# TWUSUPER WARTA Golf Day - Attracting a huge turnout

By Russell McKinnon

For the third consecutive year the TWUSUPER WARTA Golf Day attracted a large turnout and raised valuable funds for diabetes research.

Played at the fabulous Joondalup Golf Resort in early October, a near capacity field took to the course in wonderful weather conditions.

Because of the sublime conditions, scoring was low and The Lifting Company claimed top honours with a best net of 51.78.

The almost-burglar-like performance was posted by Will Badger, Danny Costins, James D'Angelo and Sandy Metlam.

While golf was a large part of the day, the real winner was the WA Diabetes Research Foundation, which profited from the entries and the auction in the evening.

While one outstanding gift was passed in, the rest went with spirited bidding, raising a tidy sum for the foundation.

WA Diabetes Research CEO Sherl Westlund said: "We were delighted to be part of the annual WARTA charity golf day at Joondalup again this year and it was wonderful to see so many new faces along with the familiar ones.

"In case you didn't know, all funds

raised on the day stay in WA for our researchers.

"The partnership we have with WARTA, dating back to 2009, means we are able to continue to support groundbreaking research into all forms of diabetes in WA. "Not only can we push on to find the cures, but additionally, find better ways to manage and treat diabetes, improving the quality of life for those living with

**Below, L-r:** Mick French, Rob Roper, Andy Stewart, Anthony Piggot from Regal Transport



the condition.

"Diabetes can be a difficult condition to live with and managing blood sugar levels can be a challenge on a daily basis for many people.

"As the incidence of diabetes escalates, so do the complications. In Australia we are seeing 280 people develop the condition every day — we could fill the MCG every year! This makes our efforts to support research so much more urgent and necessary — we must all get behind our researchers so they can continue to do what they do best, find the solutions we so

desperately need.

"We are incredibly grateful to WARTA, the golfers and our supporters for helping us continue the fight for freedom from diabetes; we are determined to find the answers.

"If you were unable to join in on the day or would like to get behind our researchers, please head to our website — [www.diabetesresearchwa.com.au](http://www.diabetesresearchwa.com.au) — to see just how easy it is,

The NAGA award, highly revered by some, was NOT claimed by Matthew Hess, Nick Ballard and Brett Humphreys. The trio was last seen hot-footing it from the scene before the function and their "trophies" were still in organiser Brad Hopperton's office at the time of going to press.

The novelty prizes were spread around with Geoff Hall scoring closest to the pin on the Lake third and

Clayton Erwin on the Dune seventh. Longest drive went to Mark Lewis at the Dune fifth.

Batman and Wonder Woman made their presence felt throughout the day with the super heroes taking time out from their heroic duties over the skies of Perth.

They flew around the course offering security advice and golfing tips and were well received by the competitors.



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**Top left, L-r:** Batman, Will Badger, Wonder Woman, Danny Costins, James D'Angelo, Sandy Mettam from TLC who won the day in first place.

**Top right, L-r:** Wonder Woman, Chris Hackett, Geoff Hall, Rod Firth from Quayside who placed third with Michael Elezovich aka Batman.

**Above, L-r:** Wonder Woman, Gavin Oliphant, Shane Smith, Mark Freeman, Katrina Freeman from EFS who placed second with Batman.

you'll be making a huge difference," Sherl said.

Equity Financial Services' Katrina Freeman, Mark Freeman, Shane Smith and Gavin Oliphant finished runners-up with a net of 53.5.

Quayside Transport filled third spot thanks to a 54.375 net by Geoff Hall, Gary Forbes, Rod Firth and Chris Hackett.



**Below, L-r:** Kiwi from Fyfe Transport and James Barron from DOSH Finance



Right, l-r: Scott Beazley, Mike Dawson, Nick Goodwin from CIMC and Haydn Hampel from WARTA



Left: Marina Saliba from Windscreen O'Briens  
Above, l-r: Wonder Woman, Mark Lewis, Clayton Erwin, Sean Baker, Michael Hayes from Patricks / ACFS and Batman

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and our handicap put us 17 under".  
"It was a sensational day, very well run and the three people I played with enjoyed themselves and the course presented itself very well. The function afterwards was good and the auctioneer very funny."  
Simon National Carriers' Clarry



next year and hope to do a little bit better".  
Whiteline Transport's Joe Hegedus, third last year, praised the day, saying: "It was a great day out and looking forward to doing it again next year."

Auctioneer Tiny Holly was calling for bids in the charity auction, much like last year and his sharp one-liners kept the punters on their toes especially as the bids went higher and higher to benefit diabetes research.

WARTA's Freight Operations Manager Haydn Hampel praised the number of sponsors who stood up for the event: "Great golf days like this simply aren't possible without the help of the sponsors. To all the transport and corporate companies who contributed to make the day a success, we sincerely thank you."

Will Badger, festooned with gifts for being in the top team this year, had been eyeing first place for the past year since being pipped into second. The day brought together inter-



Top: Danny Matic from Matic Transport  
Left: Batman and Bruce McAleese from NTI  
Above: Batman and Wonder Woman with Dr Erica Smyth from Diabetes Research WA

Brad Hopperton rightfully claimed the day a success with the weather and mid-range temperature "perfect".  
"The weather was great and once again it was well supported, attended by industry members and the corporate sector. It's a great opportunity to get away from the day-to-day grind and the stresses

of business in a nice, friendly social environment.  
"Again it was a important to support WA Diabetes Research, a very worthy charity.  
"Diabetes is pretty relevant and prevalent in our industry.  
By getting behind diabetes research and raising money in the auction, we

can show our support on this critical issue."  
"The tradition is building with our third year. It's something for the guys to look forward.  
"We're committing to the same month next year so I trust everyone will keep that day booked in each year. The feedback on the day was

phenomenal, Brad said. "Some said it was one of the better golf days."  
Regal Transport's Mick French said Joondalup "was a top place to play and, as usual, it was well run".  
"We had six birds and one bogey for the day so we probably finished midfield. Everyone had a fair old input, so we did pretty well."  
Graham Davis, of Bis Industries, said that while his team didn't figure in the top echelon, "we were eight under

Wrensted, who walked away with the top prize last year, had a day he won't soon forget, probably for the wrong reasons. Not only did his team "not have the best day with the clubs", but he broke a tooth on an olive stone in the bar afterwards.  
Clarry departed early because of the tooth and not because he was "the worst player in the best team".  
"It was a well-organised day again, very enjoyable and we will be back

State visitors as well.  
It was good to see Windscreen O'Brien's Marina Saliba from Melbourne and John Simmons from Brisbane as well as ABCU Underwriting's Matt Etheredge and Glenn McIntyre from Melbourne.  
The furthestest any person from Western Australian attended was "Kiwi" from Fyfe Transport in Lake Grace. "Well done, Kiwi, see you back next year." ■