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Headline

***"McIntosh shoots record low score in VGO"***

The Tusker Vanuatu Golf Open now promoted for the past 15 years internationally by the Vanuatu's Tusker Beer brand concluded on Sunday.

A record field took to the course in ideal conditions after some anxious weeks leading into the event when he rains simply continued to fall and the course became quite water logged.

The golfing gods smiled on Vanuatu for the week and players professional and amateur alike enjoyed fabulous conditions for the Swire Shipping Pro Am on the Wednesday and for the four days of the Open.

A new long drive event preceded the pro am event, sponsored by Kazaa Community Services. Travis Manning successfully held off the big hitting favourite for the event, Brad McIntosh to win by a narrow margin and take out the AUD\$1,000 first prize.

Obviously Brad had bigger fish to fry and his first round set the pace for the remainder of the field to chase throughout the remaining three rounds. Other good scores in day one included 67 from Peter Nolan and 68 from Jonathon O'Sullivan. In the amateur ranks local star Josepho Matuatu shot a great 69 and Tony Mansale a fine 72.

Brad McIntosh continued his fine form in round two with a 67 and opened up a four shot lead over Peter Nolan.

Martin Dive with a great 67 on day three shot up the leader board but McIntosh matched his score to maintain his healthy advantage over the field

In the Amateur event Matuatu again performed well with a 72 on day three to maintain his lead in that section of the event.

Day three saw a thrilling ladies final day ending in a playoff between first time visitor Stephanie Brennan and Popular New Caledonian visitor Vaea Frogier with Vaea being triumphant on the 3<sup>rd</sup> playoff hole.

26 overseas and local lady golfers competed over the three day event sponsored by **CLUB 21**. The ladies presentations were completed at a spectacular beach BBQ at Le Lagon on Saturday evening.

The final day on Sunday was again dominated by McIntosh who stole the show with a magic 66 off the stick to complete a record breaking score with rounds of 65, 67,



67 & 66 for a total of 265 which was 23 under par for the 4 rounds. McIntosh's winning margin was a whopping 14 shots

Other professional to perform well over the week included 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter Simon Furneaux from NSW (72,67,68,72) on279 and Brad Shilton from NZ (71,72,70 & 67) 280 who tied for third place with Jonathon O'Sullivan (Qld)

The Amateur title was taken out by Josepho Matuatu on286 which was 4 shots clear of 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter Tony Mansale and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Adrian Perez.

43 senior men competed for the **Asco Motors** sponsored prizes for that event with Raymond Vallette winning the gross on 317 from Jean Louis Lechene 326 and Bryan Death winning the net on 294 from Dominique Dinh 298

The tournament is a major sporting date on Vanuatu's events calendar and well established now in Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Fiji thanks to the fantastic major sponsorship of Tusker Beer.

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