



STROKE OF LUCK: Terry Ramage at the 16th hole. — Picture by Dean Osland

## Ace effort beats handicap

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A HOLE in one is an elusive dream for most golfers.

But after 25 years, Terry Ramage finally got his – and with one arm.

The 61-year-old Valentine retiree is still celebrating his ace on the par-three 16th hole at Charlestown Golf Course two weeks ago.

He used a seven wood off the tee, with the ball reaching 145 metres before rolling into the hole.

"My mates were saying, 'It's going to be very close on or in the hole.' They couldn't believe it when it rolled into the hole," Mr Ramage said.

"I've been close a couple of times ... it's more luck than skill."

The former mine surveyor reckoned people at the club would

be "pretty impressed" as word of the feat got around.

Mr Ramage became interested in golf after losing his arm in a car accident in 1972, at the age of 26.

"After I lost my arm, I couldn't play rugby, footy or surf. I took on golf because a lot of my friends I played rugby with decided to give it a go," he said.

Last month he was runner-up in the above-arm amputee section of the Queensland Amputee Open and in March achieved the same result in his division of the Australian Amputee Open at Horizons Golf Resort. In September, he was overall runner-up in the NSW Amputee Open.

Mr Ramage said he was looking forward to having his name added to the Charlestown honour board.