

# Ryan Aitken wins again and again and again

By Dennis Fuller

With perfect timing in a meteorological sense, the skies cleared for a big day of golf at Emerald Golf Club.

Many of the first round matches in the club's match play championship were played with many close finishes.

The results of note show that Ross Martin beat Ben Balfour 1 up on the 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Ken Hill beat Dave Jennings 3 & 2 *in pouring rain on Thursday when normal people were curled up in foetal position in front of a warm fire,*

Wayne Degering beat Con Ferrari 3 & 2 on Wednesday,

Brian McCoy beat Dennis Fuller 2 up, .. *couldn't lay a glove on the old shit!*

Leigh Morison beat Peter Clowes 2 up,

Mark Starick beat Steve Town 6 & 5

while David Aitken bet Stuart Courtney 1 up.

Will be interesting when Aitken the elder takes on Aitken the younger in the next round.

Wonder will it be best of three?

Apparently Mark's eyes won the "pissholes in the snow" competition early in the morning but left his golf unaffected.

For those not involved in this activity, a quiet round of stableford was planned and executed. Ryan Aitken (17) finished well on top, yet again, with 41 points. He was followed home by Jeff Marsh on 39, John Fisher 37 and Graham White managed 36. I did hear that Whiteman lost the title of Potty mouth on the day but I am not at liberty to confess to anything!

To round off a very nice day Aitken was nearest the pin on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the pro pin. Jeff Marsh was nearest on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Ross Martin the 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mark Starick was nearest on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The ladies' comp saw a thrilling draw between two worthy combatantesses in Alana Ecclestone and Constance Whitlock. These two sheilas were seen sharing a sweet sherry or two after the round in celebration. It is the first time that I haven't anybody driving a Ferrari while sitting side-saddle though!

On Wednesday, under clear skies, a stableford round greeted players in the Organically Fabricated Golf (OFG). This day turned to gold for Ken Hill (12) when his 37 points were found to be enough. Kevin Miller came in second with 34 with the rest of the rabble well and truly down the gurgler. Just to prove his superiority and versatility, Hill then took out the bocce event as well. This was also the last round played by Kennis Sumfull as 'arfa Sumsion has broken away to be the complete golfer. Bugged if I know what I will do when I get near the greens without 'arfa's steady hand there to drop the long chips and putts.

Next Saturday is the first day of the three round Sam Ritchie winter Cup named in honour of a late life member of the club. If current form is an indicator in golf, Ryan Aitken should start favourite, but as some sage was apt to say, "Golf is a funny game!"

That was the official, to the media message. I have been hacking into a few mobile phones, almost legally of course, and the strongest whispers seem to suggest that Ian "I am not a naughty boy" Scott, is hitting his straps just in time to play three absolute blinders. Ok...

maybe the mobiles belonged to fairies down the back of his garden but I can only report what I am told!

Scores:

R Aitken ... 41 ... **17 MFA**

J Marsh ... 39 ... **27 MFA!**

J Fisher ... 37

G White ... 36

**I Scott ... 34**

D Shannon ... 34

Ken Sumsion ... 33 ... the old bugger is back after his hip replacement!! Talk about a tough, fit old prick!!

K Hill ... 33

A Ecclestone ... 32

C Ferrari ... 32

**Chris Freeman ... playing to hand in a card had 78 off the beater!**

**Wooohoooooooooooo!**

**This follows his 99 last week.**

**Excalibur was seen around the corner sharpening his machette.**