

Before I begin my ramblings I would like to say a couple of things. Me saying a couple of things? No surprise! Firstly I and not doubt other members would like to thank Jeff and Ross and their committees for all they have done for us while they have been in charge. We, the raggedyarsed members, roll up to play and only notice them when something is amiss.

Something that rarely happened I might add.

A top job well done.

Also I would also like to congratulate and thank John Fisher and Graeme Fergus and the new committee members and wish them all the best during their tenure as chief despots.

I hope we all give them all our supports and trust in their judgement if things change under their control.

Good luck and thanks chaps.

Aitken and Starick win foursomes

Or

Aitken wins after deposing Degering in a bloodless coup

(New team name.... Achin' Achin' Achin' and Stick)

By Dennis Fuller

Summer finally arrived in full force at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday when players rolled up for the AGM and the foursomes championship.

The meeting decided that John Fisher was the new President and Graeme Fergus was elected the Captain for 2012. They follow in the footsteps of Jeff Marsh as President and Ross Martin as Captain who have both served the club with distinction.

After the meeting the pairs peeled off into the sunlight with the pairing of Mark Starick and David Aitken (21.5) liking the look of the landscape more than all other suckers. Their nett score of 64.5 saw them clear and almost modest winners.

They were followed home at a distance by father-in-law and son-in-law combo of Ian Scott and Stu Courtney (25.5) who had 67.5.

The only other pairing to break their handicap was Kameron Geeves and Dean Shannon (15) on 69. The rest of the crowd were a little behind or a whole lot behind.

Nearest the pins were won by Geeves and Shannon on the 4th, Woods and Palmer the 12th, Aitken and Starick the 13th, Peter Clowes and Leigh Morison the 17th and Peter Jones and Dave Harvey pocketed the pro pin shekels on the 18th.

(I wrote this for the local paper and I now see I was wrong and intend to correct those slanderous burblings in this epistle and almost apologise the Messrs Yeats and Marsh)

The ladies pairing of Martina Yeats and Jenny Marsh was a clear winner in their comp by a goodly margin but I am not permitted to divulge the true magnitude of their success.

The truth is, upon closer inspection something quite different.

It does appear that Hannah Adams and Phillipa Rundle set the course alight with a fabulous round of meandering golf to come in with 85 to win the female section of the day's championship.

*** I did hear a rumour that the pairing of Yeats and Marsh (not sure of the gender) managed to have 11 on the 11th after a bloody good drive. Just a shame it was not the 11th of November for a truly spooky occasion.

*** I did also hear, through teary eyelids from Shannon and Geeves that all was going beautifully till the 17th hole. You know the 17th the easiest hole on the course??? Their scorecard showed they had 9 on that hole to give them a nett 69. If only they had parred it. There goes that oft used golfing term "if-only." Mr Yeats did promise to write a full report on that hole but, to this stage, have nothing in writing.

*** There was another pairing that managed an 8 on that same easy hole. I am not at liberty to divulge who it was and did not get a clearance to say who was involved because Ben had to go early to do a sound check at one of Kate's gigs. Suffice it to say that his hirsute partner drove majestically to somewhere near the creek on the left. His partner then drove to 34.6m past the sheelas' tee. Hairy-arse hit a good 7 wood that rolled past the front of the green into the bunker (nearly wrote sand bunker!!), a shot in the bunker followed by another shot out of the bunker, over the green to the ridge on the other side. A putt from there and a tap in for 8. This was only slightly worse than the 18th!!!

*** I also hear a rumour that Peter Stevens strode to the 13th tee with a 3 iron in his hand. A 3 iron!!!! He hit it very sweetly and it disappeared into the trees on the left and a pretty steep angle. His partner, The Real One, grabbed his club and was muttering something to the effect that he had to tidy up after Peter yet again. His graceful swing and clean connection saw the ball disappear into the big gobble tree on the right, just over the creek. Up strode Peter to tidy up after himself and The Real one. He did this by putting his ball in the bunker! Bugged if I know what they had but if you see a par on their card for the 13th, I would become just a little suspicious!!

On Wednesday for the Organically Fortified Golf (OFG) Bob Kennedy (19) was the star with 44 points from Mick Petrie (30) on 42 and Ken Sumsion (28) and Moss Fuller (19) both carded 39 points. Kennedy also had the cheek to win the putting comp on the 19th.

Next Saturday players roll up for the second VGL Monthly Medal for the year with only the slightest hint of arrogance from those already claiming victory.

SCORES:

Adams & Rundle (23) ...85

Yeats & Marsh (16.5) ... 83.5

McCoy & Stevens (12.5) ... 82.5

Ferrari & Hill (16.5) ... 75.5

Balfour & Fuller (14) ... 75

Clowes & Morison (17.5) ... 74.5 ... yes..... the same Mr Morison who refused to play foursomes at OFG?

Harvey & Jones (27.5) ... 72.5

Dean Aitken & Ryan Aitken (17) ... 70

Shannon & Geeves (15) ... 69

Scott & Courtney (25.5) ...67.5

David Aitken and Starick (21.5) ... 64.5

.... I inverted the scores and still couldn't get Ben and I to the top!!