

Bull wins Servicemen's Day

By Dennis Fuller

After the dismal effort of weather organisation on ANZAC Day, fabulously warm and sunny conditions greeted golfers at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday for the annual Servicemen's Golf day.

Terry Bull (24) won the day with 39 stableford points. This is the second time he has won the coveted trophy which can be seen in the Emerald Museum. This trophy is incredibly heavy and was fashioned out of melted ammunition shells many years ago. It is magnificent to behold. Local member, Peter Clowes, (18) with 33 was the best of the rest and he was followed home by David Jordan and Bob Waterson who both managed 30 points.

Ken Sumsion kicks arse!

There was a civilians' comp and this was dominated by a rampant Ken Sumsion (25) who smacked out a casual 43 points to greet the judges with a modest but self-satisfied smile of a winner. Second to him was Darryl White on 41, Ryan Aitken with 40 and a brace of players including Brian McCoy, Dean Shannon, Dennis Fuller and Matt Johnson who all managed 39 points.

Johnson had the longest drive on the 1st, Leigh Morison was nearest the pin on the 4th, Ryan Aitken the 7th and the 13th, Kevin Ellis the 12th and Brendan White pocketed the pro pin loot on the 18th.

In the ladies comp Davina Harvey managed what she has been promising to do for a while, a really solid round for a win from last week's winner, Nellie Bradshaw.

On Wednesday, on ANZAC day the Obliquely Fabulous Golf (OFG) saw a large field roll up. After a short ceremony to mark the day, players set off in the sunshine. After nine holes, someone pulled the plug out of the clouds and we all became saturated. This did not slow Travis Broadway (15) as he won with 39 points from Kevin Miller (28) and Dennis Fuller (13) on 34. No putting comp was held because normal golf balls don't float!

Seniors' Pennant was played on Thursday at Australasian Golf course in Chelsea and it was not a good day as the lads were still suffering from footrot from the previous day. Moss Fuller lost 3/2, John Piggott lost 7/6, Peter Clowes lost 5/3 and Conrad Ferrari lost 9/7 to round out a dismal day.

The handicap pennant team played on Sunday and despite performing well could not quite overcome Nepean. Dave Aitken won 2up, Dean Aitken lost 3/1, Peter Clowes lost 5/4, Dean Shannon won 1up, Travis Broadway lost 2 down, Graham White won 1 up, Ryan Aitken won 3/2 and Peter Stevens lost 2/1.

Next Saturday sees the May VGL monthly medal there for the taking and many forlorn bleats were heard about how well some players claimed they would play.

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NOTES:

I did hear across the fairways that Ian Scott managed to eagle, yes...eagle, the 2nd hole. Apparently he was most modest and his playing partners were just as surprised as he. As Leigh had an eagle last week, it might be the second time Scotty has had an eagle a week after some other snoozer had done the same. Will be interesting to see how many balls he gets???

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From The Bagman:

Hi Dennis,

Just in case you haven't heard, Mark and I defeated Kloppy and Hank 2/1 to advance to the final.

It was a great game, closely fought, but after winning on the 17th and then having a go at the pro pin, I sliced my ball right towards the tennis courts and my boys reported they heard the loud voice of Kloppy "NOW he does it"!!

On the 15th Mark put his second shot within 3 feet of the pin and Kloppy was 25 feet away. Kloppy drained the putt to make Mark half the hole, which he did.

Hank played 2 exceptional shots and parred the 16th to win the hole, leaving us 1 up and we went on to win the 17th.

I think nerves must have got to them!

Looking forward to playing against Nepean tomorrow then I reckon it will be time for this little black duck to have a rest from pennant and let the big boys do their thing.

Cheers,

Dave Aitken

(The Bagman)

....my advice Never play The Bagman in match play 'cos you will have to give him a stroke on all holes and he will beat you. I suspect that The Schtick was just there as decoration??

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Dean Shannon was elated when he informed me that he had me on a count back on the 18th.

Little did he know that he won the count back to get from 6th place to 5th?

Bloody disappointed to miss out on that treat!!!
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From Ross Martin:

Dennis,

Emerald Cup - memorable moments from R.Martin(11), S.Town(16) v I.Scott (34), S.Courtney (17) -Qtr. final Emerald Cup 28-04-2012

Most enjoyable game with Ian Scott & Stuart Courtney yesterday.....where they won most deservedly on the 20th hole....

Too many highlights and dramas to mentionhere are some memorable moments:-

1. Ian Scott hybrid 2nd shot to the 2nd Hole120m directly over the pond to the front edge of the green –gentle hop forward into the hole for eagle!!!! AND a net 1 to win the hole!
2. I birdie the 4th hole to halve Ian Scotts 4....
3. Steve Town birdies the 10th with a 40ft putt to win the hole – after Stuart had just put his 3rd shot to 2ft from about 50metres...
4. Steve and I start the back 63 down, but win the 13th,14th and 15th to square the match....we then halve the 16th and 17th.....
5. Stuart holes a curly 5ft putt on the 18th for par and halve the hole and we head to the 1st extra hole.....
6. I have a putt from 15ft for birdie on the 19th to win, when the ball finally rests directly behind the hole for a gimme par, Stuart is given his putt for 5.....looks as though we had won the hole and match when Ian pipes up with “ I guess I have this tricky downhill putt for a 5 to halve the hole”.....forgetting that Ian had a shot and played three shots to the back of the green and chipped back to 12ft leaving him this unlikely down-hill, right-left putt for a 5 and a half.....and with no apparent pressure Ian drains the putt with good speed into the heart of the hole!
7. We head to the 2nd extra hole, both Steve and myself in shock.....Ian again played a fine steady tee-shot and played the same hybrid for his 2nd shot 120m across water....to our minor relief he missed the hole this time, but still had put his ball on the back of the green from where he would 2 putt for Par and win the hole and match.... for an aggregate of -2 for the hole in two attempts! Not bad, when considering the odds of Ian or anyone at the club with a handicap of >30 averaging birdie on the 2nd hole for their next two attempts.....I would say that it would be on the rare side of highly improbable – so it goes to prove that Matchplay is the mightiest of all forms of Golf where you have to expect the unexpected, smile and know that this is what makes golf the great game that it is -Well done to Stuart and Ian.

regards

Ross Martin

Scores:

SEVICEMEN:

Terry Bull ... 39
Peter Clowes ... 33
David Jordan... 30
Bob Waterson ... 30
P Clarke ... 28
Mike Banger ... 23

CIVILIANS EVEN IF NOT CIVILISED:

Ken Sumsion ... 43
Darryl White ... 41 (apparently he plays
better around less PMQ???)
Ryan Aitken ... 40
B McCoy ... 39
D Shannon ... 39
Dennis Fuller ... 39
Matt Johnson ... 39
Mike Litchfield ... 38
Dean Aitken ... 37
Con Whitlock ... 37
John Nan Hoorn ... 35
Dave Jennings ... 35
Leigh Morison ... 35
Peter Jones ... 34
Brendan White ... 34
Dave Mackey ... 33
Ian Cranston ... 33
Peter Clowes ... 33
Colin Rudd ... 32
Paul Braddock ... 32
Allan Ecclestone ... 32
Ray Pund ... 31
Jeff Marsh ... 30
Kevin Ellis ... 28
Colin Jordan ... 28
Keith Ferguson ... 27

Neville Bradshaw ... 24

Dave Harvey ... 20