

Courtney cruises to win

By Dennis Fuller

What a spectacular day for golf at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday. That is what Stu Courtney (18) thought anyway. He cruised to a one point win with 45 points from an unlucky Ryan Aitken (15) one point back on 44.

Courtney was best in B Grade, Ryan Aitken in A Grade while that wily old fox, Ken Sumsion (26) was king of the C Graders.

Dean Aitken came in with 41 points, Peter Stevens, Graham White and Kameron Geeves (who hadn't played for a few weeks) had 40, David Mackey had 39 and Ian Cranston headed the rest of the field with 38.

Bloody Team Aitken has done nothing but improve since Team Degering was scuttled by the fearless leader. I wasn't surprised because I had the feeling that Aitken the elder was not happy with the slow play of said Degering. I suspect that the new team may be called Achin, Achin, Aichen and Stick?

The longest drive for the day on the first hole was by Dean Aitken, Bob Moulday (had to put someone's name down and I thought, why not Mouldy Bob?) was nearest on the 12th, Ben Balfour the 13th, (after hitting a flat 4 iron that parted the leaves on the tree near the creek, hit the ground for the first time just at the top of the rise, took another couple of bounces and hit a likely bump, lifted over the mound at the front of the green and trickled up onto the green. Much to the derisive displeasure of Messrs Harvey, Morison and Jones. Ben was modestly unsurprised it seemed.) Stevens was nearest after two shots on the 17th and Ryan Aitken rounded out a fine day's golf by pocketing the pro pin pelf on the 18th.

The ladies comp saw a runaway victory to Peta Clowes who has been teetering on the edge of fame for the last few weeks without victory. She was bequeathed a glass of wine which I assume she refused as she is not really a drinking man??? OK ... Irene Scott was 2nd but I decided to take pity on him because of the headline above.

Wednesday's Overbearingly Fractured Golf (OFG) was a Canadian foursome match in pairs. The clear winners were Ken Hill and Kevin Miller (24) who had a nett score of 56. They were less than two strokes ahead of Peter Clowes and Mick Petrie (22.5) who had 57.5.

Was good to see new member, Sepp, showing the other members how to do some golf stuff. He drives from Ormond just to get a slice of our company. Poor bugger must not have known what he was booking in for!!

Next Saturday is the annual AGM followed by the foursomes championship. I have witnessed some quiet jockeying for partners in form so it will be a willing day after the, in the early morning, meeting. If you are wondering who is hot, have a look at the scores below and make a quick choice or you might end up with Peta Clowes.

SCORES:

A Grade:

R Aitken ... 44
G White ... 40
K Geeves ... 40
P Stevens ... 40
K Hill ... 37
D Fuller ... 33
B Balfour ... 33
M Satrick ... 29 ...dodged a bullet today Ms Starick!!!

B Grade

S Courtney ... 45
Dean Aitken ... 41
D Mackey ... 39
I Cranston ...38
C Ferrari ... 37
L Morison ... 37
D Shannon ... 36
P Jones ... 36
H Adams ... 34

P Clowes ... 20

C Grade ...

K Sumsion ... 37
B McCoy ... 35
J Marsh ... 34
D Harvey ... 33
Dave Aitken ... 29

I Scott ... 25