

CUTTING SLICES TO A VICTORY

It was a little soggy out there but I hope it cleared up a bit for those who played later than Ben and I. Ben had to be out at the airport in the early afternoon to fly, with Kate, to England where Kate is making a CD. Bloody hell that was keen!!!

Back to golf.....

After the scores were counted and subtracted by shoe size, Andrew Cutting (19) (will someone do something about his handicap as he is giving the Sickamore Syndicate a bad name by winning stuff) and Brian McCoy (24) were level on +3. After the scrutineers had hit the numbers with a particularly severe scrute, it was found that Cutta had indeed had a better back 9 and was declared the winner. I was not there but I am certain that Brian accepted this decision as we all do when we lose on a count back!! I am also certain that my little heckle from the Jeckle grandstand over the 14th green, when The Real One 3 putted had little bearing on the final result. If it did, then Cutta owes me a beer.

Therefore, Cutta was the winner in B Grade and Brian in C Grade.

Of a fairly poor effort in A Grade Gareth Oldfield fared best with +1.

A whole cheat of golfers scored +1. This list included Bagman Aitken, Ross Martin, Conrad Ferrari and Leigh Morison.

Dave Mackey had the longest drive on the 1st and I am happy for him (NOT), Neville Bradshaw was nearest on the 4th, Steve Town the 7th, Gareth Oldfield the 12th, Leigh Morison the 13th, Andrew Cutting the 17th and Gatto Shannon pocketed the pro pin cash on the 18th.

The ladies event saw a clear winner when Nellie Bradshaw came in with -7 to be 2 ahead of Gracie White and Raelene Pund who both managed -5.

There has been no further inclusions in this list for pretty obvious reasons if you take a squiz at my score!

Wednesday's Old Fart Golf (note, there will be no report in the papers this week as they are enjoying a long weekend) was a stroke event and was won in a canter by Ken Purnham (20) on 66, His handicap has been redecorated to now read 15!!

Eat your heart out Excalibur!! That is how real bloke handicappers do it!

Ken was only one stroke ahead of Geoff Whittaker on 67 and Bob Kennedy had his name inscribed on the OFG pole when his nett 82 set a new record for the day and caused a great deal of pleasure to Peter Clowes, who managed 81 and missed out on the pole again.

Next week is the annual Ambrose event.

Have a peek at the instructions below so that we are all on the same page.

All nearest the pins etc. will be the same as each player drives every hole.

Ambrose Events

These events can be played in pairs, threes or fours.

All hit off the tee. Pick the best ball.

All hit from within one club length of the ball that has been selected. The ball selected to be played first. Remaining balls to be placed if on the fairway and dropped if in the rough. Each player must use his tee shot at least twice in the round, if playing in a four or a pair.

If in a team of three or in a Mixed Ambrose, each player must use his tee shot at least three times. Card to indicate which player's tee shot was used.

Two ball events: 1/4 Aggregate Stroke Handicap.

Three Ball events: 1/6 of Aggregate Stroke Handicap.

Four Ball events: 3/8 Aggregate Stroke Handicap.

And to finish, Roscoe sent me this email:

Dennis,

I heard Alex was coming out to the course in the afternoon...I hope he played a few holesthe Greens were probably the worse I have puttied on at Emerald...extremely wet to the point of being sodden on some holes....did Emerald get that much rain on Friday night or did someone water the greens on Friday?

Anyway, important news of the day!...Matt Johnson, fresh from his 41pts at Long Island on Friday brought up his brother Mick (NSW) to play Emerald...when I left Mick was club house leader on +2.....pretty good effort.....I reminded Mick he owed Matt and I a Keno ticket from our match last year....which he replied he did buy us a ticket in NSW, but it didn't win otherwise he would of let us know!

Steve Town got to +3 after 8 holes and again on the 10th, but hit trouble on 12, 13 & 14 to get back to square, but played steady from there to post Square.

Marshy was up & down on the front Nine with 4 wins and 5 losses to be -1 at the turn (i.e, no halves on his front nine)!

-Ross

I did ask a couple of punters for news from the course but apparently stuff-all happened or there have been many gentlemen's agreements not to lag!

SCORES:

A Grade

G Oldfield ... +1
Leigh Morison ... +1
R Martin ... +1

B Balfour ... Sq
M Starick ... Sq
P Stevens ... -2
K Hill ... -3
D Fuller ... -4
G White ... -5
R Pund ... -5

B Grade

A Cutting ... +3
Mick Johnson (refer to Ross's article below) ... +2
C Ferrari ... +1
S Town ... Sq
P Jones ... -1
D White ... -1
H Adams ... -1
P Clowes ... -2
Gatto Shannon ... -3
E Kloprogge ... -4

C Grade

B McCoy ... +3
Bagman Aitken ... +1
J Marsh ... Sq
D Jennings ... -1
Matt Johnson ... -2
I Scott ... -2
P Rundle ... -2
D Harvey ... -4
Nellie Bradshaw ... -7