

Cutting a golfing swath

By Dennis Fuller

When spring comes to Emerald Golf Club, the sun shines and some players do also. Some, alas, remained in the golfing torpor for another week.

Shining for all to see was Andrew Cutting (13), who has continued his rapid improvement and extreme consistency to win the VGL medal for November with a nett score of 65 to eclipse all other A Graders comfortably. Will someone do something about his bloody handicap????!~!!!

In B Grade Dean Aitken (21) and Leigh Morison (19) hit the tape together at 67 but the stewards, poring over the photo finish, decreed that Aitken won on a count back from the unlucky Morison.

C Grade was much clearer with the Aitken patriarch, (or pseudo matriarch) Dave (Davina) (25), leading in the troops with 66 to win handsomely. Seems to enjoy being at either end of the field?

All VGL medallists for the twelve months competed for the Star Medal and the right to represent the club at a tournament for all such winners at Portsea in November. It transpired that Dave Aitken was the winner of this prestigious gong.

Other players to play with distinction without being greeted by the judges were Dave Jennings 67, Ray Pund and Matt Johnson with 68, Mark Starick 69 and Mike Litchfield, making a welcome return to golf after breaking his wrist cycling in South America, managed 69 and a smile. Good to see Mike back demonstrating for playing partners his prowess with all or most clubs.

Pund was nearest the pin on the 4th, Johnson the 7th, Graham White the 12th, Litchfield the 13th and Pund also pocketed the pro pin pesos on the 18th.

The ladies event saw a boilover with Nellie Bradshaw giving the rest a damn good kicking to win by the length of the straight and part of the second bend. We knew she was in trouble when she hit a good drive on the 2nd, which should have been in the middle of the fairway, and was never to be seen again. I was on the tee when she came back to hit another ball and despite my hilariously witty comments, she struggled to raise even a slight smile. There were a number of sheelas who had 82 who were saved by Nellie's brilliance!

Wednesday's Overly Faded Golf (OFG), using OFG handicaps saw Sepp Krummenacher (25) continue with his improving form and win with 42 stableford points from Ken Hill (15) on 40.

Scores:...gross and putts for you Mr
Excalibur!!!!

A Grade

A Cutting ... Gross 78 / Nett 65 / putts 33
R Pund ... 81 / 68 / 30
M Starick ... 80 / 68 / 30
G Oldfield87 / 72 / ??
D Fuller ... 88 / 74 / 31
P Stevens ... 95 / 82 / 30

B Grade

Dean Aitken ... 88 / 67 .. 35
L Morison ... 86 / 67 /32
M Johnson ... 90 / 68 / ??
M Litchfield ... 86 / 69 .. 34
G White ... 88 / 71 / 34
D Shannon ... 89 / 72 32

C Whitlock ... 94 / 73 /??
Ken Hill ... 89 / 73 / ??
B Balfour ... 97 / 79 / 37
P Clowes ... 97 / 80 / 35
A Ecclestone ... 98 / 81 / 34
P Jones ... 104 / 82 / 36
B Reynolds ... 104 / 82 / 33
S Town ... 98 / 82 / 42

C Grade

David Aitken ... 91 / 66 / 29
D Jennings ... 92 / 67 / 31
J Marsh ... 100 / 74 / 37
D Harvey ... 103 / 76 / 33
P Rundle ... 105 / 78 / 35
I Scott ... 107 / 80 ...??
N Bradshaw ... 121 / 94 ..??

Then there was this message sent to me by Jill Aitken ... the Aitken boss and matriarch...

Hi Dennis,

I am sending you these photos of Dave's ladies award. Mark Starick presented it to him at the RSL on Friday night giving a few people a laugh.

Hopefully you use them in your golf report and stir Dave up a little further.

Jill

(Dave's thoughtful little Mrs.)



Dave after being presented with his award in front of his friends at the local RSL. (That will teach him to play all 3 rounds of the club championship!)



The award, as created by messrs. Fuller and Sumsion.