

Fuller wins 3 club event

By Graeme Fergus

(Didn't think Fidel would mind me putting his name on this when I wrote it for the Trader as I don't like to put my name on it ... looks too much like trumpets blowing!)

The annual three club event was held at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday. Players had to jettison all clubs except three. Many worried faces were noted as decisions were made but Dennis Fuller (13) had few of these problems because he only carries five or six clubs on any day. His stableford score of 38 points was good enough to see him win over-all and A Grade as well.

Andrew Cutting (19), playing his first competitive match with his three day old handicap, came in with 37 points to win B Grade while Hank Adams (20) also liked the format to win C Grade with 37 points as well.

Of the other stragglers, Dean Aitken, Mark Starick and Ken Hill all played well to their handicaps for 36 points.

Mick Petrie had the longest drive on the first, Starick was nearest the pin on the 4th and the 13th, Adams on the 7th, Dean Aitken the 12th and Kameron Geeves was nearest after two shots on the 17th. Cutting celebrated his B Grade initial win by clinching the pro pin money on the 18th.

The ladies comp was a cliff hanger with Petra Jones and Leanne Morison fighting right down to the wire. In the final count Jones came out just a couple of points ahead of Morison to clinch the win and bragging rights.

Wednesday's Off-sidedly Fiddly Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was a tie between Kevin Ellis (33) and Leigh Morison (16) who both came in with 42 stableford points. Geoff Whittaker (26) came next with 39 points.

Next Saturday is the annual 4BBB championship round where the top eight teams qualify for the Emerald Cup in the match play format. There has been some jockeying for partners in form with the winners difficult to predict.

I heard or saw:

.... El Guabo (AKA as Mr Fisher) who was out perambulating around the course told me that Gatto (AKA Dean Shannon) actually broke a record on the 2nd when he had 5 putts!! At that point he did not know whether it was stroke or stableford and assumed that it might be stroke so he finished the hole. That was good because before that the worst putting seen on the hole was by Ben and I, who had 4 putts in an Ambrose event!!!

.... Those who chose to putt with wedges and drivers might take their putters next time except Andrew Cutting who putted better with his driver than he did with a putter the previous week.

.... I guess you have noted that it was a good day for the Sycamore Syndicate. (Note intentional spelling error all you pedants who would have been all over it ... yes you... Balfour and Sumsion!!)

.... I also noted that Aitken the youngsters left the Bagman (AKA .. Aitken the Elder) behind and finished their round 1 hours and 10 minutes earlier!.... is that true Dean and Ryan?)

.... As an advocate for the Society For Carrying Fewer Clubs (SFCFC ... these letters can also stand for other words?) I did some sums on the scores over the last three weeks and noted the percentages of players who played to or bettered their handicaps.

Week 1... 32%

Week 2... 12%

Week 3 (yesterday) ... 28.5%

SCORES:

D Fuller ... 38

M Starick ... 36

K Hill ... 36

R Martin ... 33

R Aitken ... 30

K Geeves ... 30

G Oldfield ... 28

B Grade

A Cutting ... 37

Dean Aitken ... 36

D Shannon ... 31

C Ferrari ... 30

P Clowes ... 28

P Jones ... 20

L Morison ... 23

C Grade

H Adams 37

D Harvey ... 32

David Aitken ... 31

P Rundle ... 29

I Scott ... 26

N Bradshaw ... 25

B McCoy ... 25