

Hooray for Pund's medal

By Dennis Fuller

Ray Pund (66) set out on the conquest for the VGL Monthly Medal at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday in marginally aquatic conditions. Success was his as he played to par on the front nine with golf of which any golf pro would be proud. As golf is a contrary game, the second nine was something of a struggle but he still managed to card a nett 66 to pocket the Medal and be the best in B Grade.

A Grade saw Ross Martin (12) back into the fray for a win with 70 and in C Grade Dave Jennings (26) also came in with 70 for a win.

Scoring well was tough but Dean Aitken and Dave Jennings had 70, Allan Ecclestone, Ben Balfour and Gareth Oldfield had 71 and Dennis Fuller and Peter Clowes 73.

Once again Leigh Morison showed his love of the 4th when he was nearest the pin. Pund was nearest on the 7th, Andrew Cutting the 12th, Jennings the 13th and Dennis Fuller pinched the pennies for the pro pin on the 18th.

Leanne Morison easily accounted for the rest of the ladies in their comp by one stroke from Irene Cranston, Karen Hill and Kerrie Sumsion.

A game in the match play championship was played between Phil Rundle and Andrew Cutting with Cutting coming back from quite a deficit to win 2/1 to advance to the next round.

On Wednesday in Obviously Faded Golf (OFG) Moss Fuller (28) played a blinder and came in with a nett 59 from 84 off the beater to easily eclipse the field and to attract the attention of a desperately strident handicapper.

There is no mention here of the Challenge that was timetabled for next Saturday against Olinda. I am informed that we will be let known if it is to take place and the fact that there are quite a few match play games that will need to be played in the next two weeks it might be a good idea to arrange that. If nothing is organised I am advised that there might be a stableford event happening.. Stableford!!!!!!! The organisers do really love living on the edge!!

Mr Eccles has told me that he is ready to give Sir Jeffrey a right royal arse kicking!!! I assume so other arses will be kicked as well but we folk who are not in the match play class don't really give a fat rat's...

I saw and heard:

- Ben Balfour has been getting back into form and went out and bought a new bag and a new wood. This wood is the same colour of his ceramic “Beige Spectre” that has been in the sin bin for a month. After two drives on holes one and two he was averaging 17.45m and one tree. Strangely that club disappeared but reappeared later and was much, much better. The bag performed without blemish!
- As I claimed after the round on Saturday, I saw the best nine holes of golf I have seen at Emerald. That includes Mango Maguire. Ray hit every shot where he wanted it and drove a mile. If you want to know what happened in the second nine, you should have listened hard because there were some guttural bison noises emanating from deep in his gut.
- I also saw one of the worst nine holes and unfortunately I was the one playing it. I hardly said any rude words at all.???????
- Matt Johnson was grandly amused by two blokes discussing ways of splitting the atom, women’s fashions and world peace on the fifth green. Apparently all participants left feeling they truly had a handle on these topics and that is how diplomacy works.
- I had a quick peek back in the archives and found that Dave The “Bagman” scored like this in this order over the last few weeks ... 120, 97, 85, 102 and 102! How unlucky were the rest of us to have lightning striking just then?
- Bloody Morison played a shocker but still managed a nearest the pin on the 4th!!
- Good to see The Paper Cut Kid back on the block playing good golf.
- I did ask Leigh how he went when I got back to the 19th and he suggested that he did not do too well. Leanne is the master/mistress of understatement!!!

SCORES:

A GRADE

R Martin ... 70 / 26 putts

G Oldfield ... 71 / 34

D Fuller ... 73 / 32

M Starick ... 74 / 33

K Geeves ... 78 / 33

K Hill ... 84 / 31

B GRADE

R Pund ... 66 / 33
Dean Aitken ... 70 / 34
B Balfour ... 71 / 28
A Ecclestone ... 71 / 28
P Clowes ... 73 / 32
D Shannon ... 74 / 32
S Town ... 75 / 33
H Adams ... 76 / 35
P Jones ... 78 / 34
C Whitlock ... 78 / 34
D Mackey ... 81 / 28
I Cranston ... 84 / 32
L Morison ... 85 / 39

C GRADE

D Jennings ... 70 / 84
M Johnson ... 74 / 35
David Aitken ... 75 / 33
B McCoy ... 77 / 36
N Bradshaw ... 80 / 36
I Scott ... 80 / 32
K Sumsion ... 84 / 34