

## Martin wins long course title

By Dennis Fuller

With the advent of the long weekend, soggy skies and general inertia, only a smaller than usual crew of golfers turned up at Emerald Golf Club for the annual amalgamated holes championship. Eight holes were joined together into four to present challenges with length, direction, doubt, corners and trees. Many found new and innovative ways to make the extended holes ever more difficult than they actually were. It seems that golfers either did not like the format or were away swanning luxuriously at many sumptuous resorts around the country.

There were no problems with any of that stuff for Ross Martin (11) as he strode in to finish with a four over par nett 51. As the course had become a par 62 course he wrapped it up by being right on par. He did apply for recognition for the course record in this format and I agreed to have it in writing before next week. So if you happen to be perched on the throne at the club's toilet, have a look at the ceiling and you might see his effort recorded for posterity.

The nearest to him were Dennis Fuller (14) on 53 who should have done better on the longer holes because it is his own stupid fault but he managed to mess them up a bit but made up ground on the proper holes.

Ken Hill (14) was next on 55 and he did admit that it was only some unfortunate pieces of bad luck stopped him from kicking serious bottom.

It did seem like we were playing somewhere in Alaska as the sound of mooses (moosii?) calling could be heard from all quarters. Just ask Peter Clowes (1) on 18-1, Andrew Cutting (1), on 2-3, Jeff Marsh (2) on 2-3 & 16, Dean Shannon (2) on 11-12 & 13-14, Ian Scott (3) on 18-1, 11-12, 13-14, and Brian McCoy on 13-14. Despite these moose's, fabulous scores were registered and the scoring was a credit to the resilience of the players who strode through their misfortunes like true sportsmen and women in the case of Connie and Deanne. It was good that the calls were heard because Leigh Morison was not there to emit his well-known bison noises.

The longest drive was won by Ben Balfour while Gareth Oldfield was nearest the pin on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Ian Scott he 7<sup>th</sup>; John Carvill the 12<sup>th</sup>, John Fisher the 13<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Cutting the 17<sup>th</sup> and Dennis Fuller slipped the pro pin notes into his man wallet.

The ladies comp was a very close affair indeed with Connie Whitlock and Deanne Shannon sharing the spoils with very creditable scores of 68 apiece. They decided to share the winnings rather than any complicated count back system where one or the other would have been disappointed.

On Wednesday during the Opulently Fashioned Golf (OFG) Kevin Ellis (34) found the secret to good scores when he dropped half a dozen monster putts to come in with 46 stableford points.

Following him in were John Piggott and Geoff Whittaker who both managed 43 points but copped no cigar.

Next Saturday is a stableford event and a chance to play good golf and discover another thousand excuses for just plain ordinary shot making.

R Martin ... 55  
D Fuller ... 57  
K Hill ... 59  
P Clowes...60  
G Oldfield ... 60  
I Scott ...60  
A Cutting .. 61  
Ken Sumsion ... 57  
B McCoy ... 62  
J Marsh ... 67  
C Whitlock ... 70  
D Shannon ... 70

**I think that is all true...or at least as close as I normally get?**

Here are some photos of the pennant final celebrations.

Things that are worth noting are:

1. Gatto Shannon did not wear his wig!
2. Peter Stevens is no relation to Jackie Chan!
3. John Fisher was not looking out the window longingly at machinery that had been replaced in the last 23 years!
4. And the biggest surprise of them all, Mr Pennant, "The Bagman" was actually holding a beer in his left hand. ...he must have had itchy balls or he was reaching for his wallet to buy a beer for his right hand?

