

Martin mangles the course

By Dennis Fuller

With the sun shining off his back last Saturday at Emerald Golf Club, Ross Martin (12) played an absolute blinder in the stableford competition. His 43 points saw him atop the A Grade and the entire list of stragglers.

David Mackey (20) found the conditions to his liking as well when his 38 points were good enough to get the nod in B Grade while the evergreen David Aitken (30) gave the other C Grade floggers a thrashing with his 39 points.

Leigh Morison had 39 points which included holing a 130m approach on the 11th hole, Gareth Oldfield also had 39 points without the high of an eagle as he had to settle for a brace of birdies. Peter Clowes had 36 points while Conrad Ferrari, Allan Ecclestone and Ian Cranston had 35.

Nellie Bradshaw has been nibbling at the edges of victory in the ladies' comp for a few weeks but took the whole bite with a resounding victory over the consistently scoring Peta Jones.

Mike Litchfield had the longest drive on the 1st; Wayne Degering was nearest the pin on the 4th, Ed Kloprogge on the 7th, Peta Jones the 12th, Andrew Cutting the 13th and Morison on the 17th. Brian McCoy put out his hand to collect the pro pin cash with a beautiful shot on the 18th.

In the 4BBB match play championship Ken Sumsion and Mike Litchfield defeated Dean and Ryan Aitken 4/3 to advance to the next round.

On Wednesday the Obstinate Faithless Golfers (OFG) played an Ambrose comp. With the asset of a 9.5 handicap, Bob Kennedy and John Piggott blitzed the field for a nett score of 62.5 with Ken Purnham and Leigh Morison (7.25) second on 62.75.

The seniors' pennant team enjoyed the drive down to Mt Martha where they had to lower their colours after putting up a good fight. Bob Kennedy lost 4/3, Ken Hill lost 2/1, Peter Clowes lost 1 down, Kevin Ellis, playing his first pennant match, lost on the 12th, Con Ferrari lost 1 down after his opponent drained a Texas wedge from about 70m and Mick Petrie, playing as emergency, won 1up after being 3 down at the turn.

The handicap pennant team went to Eastern Sward Golf Club to play last Sunday and came home with the bacon. They had five wins to the opposition's three. Ryan Aitken won 1 up, brother Dean won 3/2 and father Dave won 2/1. A successful day for Team Aitken. Peter Stevens lost 1 down, Travis Broadway won 2/1, Dean Shannon won 1 up, Peter Clowes lost 4/3 and Con Ferrari lost 4/3

Next Saturday is the annual Servicemen's Day with many returned diggers coming along to flash their wares. If there are any other service people out there, who would like to join in, feel free to roll up at about 8.00am on Saturday 28th to join the fun?

NOTES:

- Leigh Morison plonked his ball in the 11th hole from 130m to grab an eagle and 25 balls. He didn't know, because of the fog, till Peter Jones chipped in for his birdie to find The Bison's ball already lodged at the bottom of the hole.
- Didn't mention, because I hadn't heard, that Whiteman cobbled together 21 big points down at Garfield last week.
- Just to prove it was not a fluke, someone who looks a little bit like a white man managed to 4 putt on the 1st and it has been reported that as he has turned over a new leaf, his PMQ score was only 11.3 out of 10. Such moderation has seldom been witnessed by his playing partners????
- I heard that Mike Litchfield had an absolute blinder in the 4BBB match that he and Ken Sumsion played against Aitken & Aitken the youngens. As far as they could calculate with no assistance from Big Mike (modesty methinks) that he had a score that looked a whole lot like 2 under par for the round. No wonder they won as Old Kenneth filled the spot if Mike faltered at all!!
- I did here that Mike the Manic Cyclist also put his drive on the 15th about 30cm from that hole. Now that is showing off!! I wonder what Ken said to him as during OFG a week or two ago I played an adventurous shot and Ken called it "The Lair shot"? Did Ken say the same to his partner?
- By the way, Ken and Mike did win!
- I have heard that **G**regory. **P**eter. **S**teven. Clowes has found his way everywhere over the last week and is on top of his game in all phases of life. I know his golf on Saturday was pretty bloody good!
- Something must be done about Andrew Cutting!! Cutta has played 7 rounds of golf since he joined up and is yet to finish up not winning at least a couple of balls. All this winning is giving the Sycamore Syndicate a bad name!! I try to keep a low profile by winning bugger-all and Cutta keeps blowing our cover!
- Good to see that Wayne Degering was back playing in our midst and probably to see that the high standards of decorum and golf he set has been maintained by Aitken, Aitken, Aitken and Schtick.

SCORES:

A GRADE:

R Martin ... 43
G Oldfield ... 39
L Morison ... 39
M Starick ... 34
D Fuller ... 33
G White ... 32

B GRADE:

D Mackey ... 38
P Clowes ... 36
C Ferrari ... 35
I Cranston ... 35
A Ecclestone ... 35
E Kloprogge ... 34
A Cutting ... 32
D Shannon ... 31
W Degering ... 29
P Jones ... 26

C GRADE:

David Aitken ... 39
I Scott ... 35
M Johnson ... 33
B McCoy ... 30
J Marsh ... 30
Nellie Bradshaw ... 25