

MARTIN WINS THE COOKY'S CUP

The annual greenkeeper's revenge was set for this week and with a suggestion from Gatto, who just happens to be in the Phillipines at the minute, Cooky's Cup was initiated. For those who played, you would have seen the cup that Sir Kenneth Sumsion has adorned with his magic graffiti.

It was pretty obvious that Bazz could not do the job so the powers that be went to see Santa to see if there was a vengeful elf available to do a little bit of fine tuning on the course. Santa was having a gutful of the constant chatter and disruption of his least favourite shop steward, Elf Dennis, and was more than delighted to see his arse as he disappeared out the door to Emerald.

And a vengeful little shit he turned out to be! After he had turned things arse-a-pete two other gnomes entered the fray. Gnome Steve and Gnome Jonno decided at a war meeting in the shed, that pin placements should also be amended and maybe at least two flags on some holes would cause some mischief. They also decided that there was no particular reason why flags should be on greens as people putting was causing too much wear and tear and that maybe if the flags were put where long grass was growing, the grass would be flattened and not need cutting. This might have worked if there had been 222,345 players as there seems to be a bit of long stuff around. Which reminds me.....a brand spanking new, second hand, fairway mower is arriving on Monday so we can look forward to not hunting for as many balls next week.

So it came to pass. It was noted by some members, who's grundle was not in the very best of humour, that maybe, just maybe, things could have been made clearer and easier. It was also noted that said elf and gnomes did not play on the course with the alterations put in place. Now ...who are the silly ones?

As one of the accused in this issue, I have to defend myself by saying, why would I play as I could see that it was too tough for me as I have been having trouble playing to my handicap when all things were organized in my favour? I must admit that when we were doing our thing it occured to me that this week some highway robber would not cruise in with forty bloody nine points, for a change.

After all the bullshit was filtered, it also came to pass that Ross Martin (11) had little problem with the course and cruised in with a mere 40 points to take out the top gong and also as the best of the three A Graders.

In B Grade there were two floggers who headed up the list with 33 points. They were Allan Ecclestone (19) and Dean Aitken (20). I have absolutely no idea which of these two won the countback so I will do what I always do when I am not sure..... Allan Ecclestone won the countback because he is older and less likely to win next week. I should have anointed Deano as the winner as I had him equalling his mother on the previous week when the wrong score was put next to his name. Which reminds me..... I had a call from Emma Sun from the Trader saying

that their deadline was last Thursday. I explained to her that while I am not above a little fiction in my reports, it could be seen as quite a stretch to declare winners at that stage. She did, however, promise to get the report from the previous week in this week's edition. I could have pointed out the error regarding Dean but I decided that he is young and could bloody-well suck it up.

Then there was C Grade. Sir Kenneth Sumsion (27) seemed to find little difficulty with the changes and rolled in with 36 points to be a clear winner. Imagine how well he would have scored if things were clearly explained! Maybe it was good that the "vague" element was included in the instructions. I did hear that Sir K. had 13 on the 9th in a stableford round. This involved losing three balls. He started to complain that he was running out of balls but the ones he had left were in excellent condition.

I did hear that Scotty had a moose on the fourth which was also a damned cunning trick on a stableford round. Apparently he was called to task by an environmental group who objected to bark being belted off half the trees on the way up to the par 3 hole.

So that is about that for this week and good hitting and ball searching.

When it comes to nearest the pins...

Mark Starick the 4th,
Leigh Bloody Morson the 7th,
Dean Aitken the 12th,
Ross Martin the 13th
and Jonsey stashed away the dracma on the 18th again!

SCORES:

A GRADE

R Martin ... 40
G White ... 31
M Starick ... 31

B GRADE

K Hill ... 35
Dean Aitken ... 33
A Ecclestone ... 33
P Clowes ... 31
M Johnson ... 30
B Balfour ... 28
S Town ... 28
C Whitlock ... 27
G Oldfield ... 26

L Morison ... 24

P Jones ... 23

I Cranston ... 19

Davina Mackey ... Daphne Nellie Fenwick

C GRADE

K Sumsion ... 36

D Jennings ... 33

Dave Aitken ... 30

I Scott ... 30

D Harvey ... 29

B McCoy ... 28

B Reynolds ... 27

P Rundle ... 27

D Yates ... 26

Greg Prior ... Dudley Norris Fenwick