

## **Matty J goes all the way**

### **And oh my goodness**

#### **The boy can play**

#### **.....sometimes!!!!**

By Dennis Fuller

Good were the conditions at Emerald Golf Course on Saturday and excellent was the play of Matt Johnson (23). After the shouting and tumult had subsided, he calmly strode in with 43 big stableford points to take out the comp for the day and to look over his shoulder at the stragglers in C Grade.

In the other grades Dennis Fuller (15) headed up the A graders with 40 points and Ken Hill (16) was the master of the B Grade crowd with 40 as well.

Ian Scott (34) waltzed in with 39 points as did Andrew Cutting (15). Ross Martin (12) managed 38 and Dean Shannon (17) played to his handicap for 36.

Dave Jennings was nearest the pin on the 4th, Cutting on the 7th, Dave Aitken the 12th, David Mackey the 13th and Ryan Aitken scooped the pool for the pro pin on the 18th.

The ladies' comp turned into a one horse race as Kendra Sumsion steeled the field by the length of the straight.

Wednesday's Ornamentally Fabulous Golf (OFG) saw the return to form of Graeme Fergus (24) with his brand new knee not limiting his play at all as he came in with 47 stableford points. The unlucky pair were Ken Sumsion with 45 points and Sepp Kruppenacher 43.

Next Saturday players line up for Irish Foursomes where all things are possible but seldom achieved!

There has been a little discussion on what this format is and it has been decided that it does not matter what it is called.....this is how it is played:

**Played in exactly the same manner as 4 Ball Best Ball Stableford except that the Stableford points scored by each partner will be multiplied together e.g. 3 x 3 = 9 or 3 x 0 = 0.**

Please no comments from the pedants in our group!!!!

I NOTICED OR HEARD FROM ALMOST INDEPENDENT WITNESSES.....

- Ken Hill putted on the 16th ... the ball passed the hole and stopped, moved a bit towards the holes and stopped then started up again and fell in. I did hear the notion that it is not a good look having an aged gentleman jumping up and down on one of our finest greens!!!
- Ken also told the story of being lodged in a water gutter on the 12th although there did not seem to be too much sympathy from his playing partners.
- While standing on the 13th tee I witnessed, at a distance, Con Whitlock putting on the green. He appeared to be about 34m above the pin when he set his putt flowing. There was none of the Hill-type stopping and starting, it went slap into the back of the hole like a proper pro would do. Conrad, in his most modest way claimed that it may have been a bit less than 34m ... but not much.
- Leigh Morison was seen in the bunker on the 14th. After a few attempts to extricate himself from that well sanded and rake deathtrap, he was heard to make some deep guttural noises.... not unlike a bison!!
- Andrew Cutting was in the bunker at the back left of the 18th with his drive...and his 2nd shot and his third etc. No bison noises but he didn't look entirely grunted either.
- It was good to see that Gatto has improved his play in the space of one week by 17 shots. Is a swab required or do we just get Danny Nikolik (is that how his name is spelt?) in to defend him?

SCORES;

A GRADE

D Fuller ... 40  
A Cutting ... 39  
R Martin ... 38  
G Oldfield ... 35  
R Aitken ... 34  
M Starick ... 33  
K Geeves ... 32  
G White ... 32  
P Stevens ... 29

B GRADE

K Hill ... 40  
D Shannon ... 36 ... welcome back from the sex change of the previous week!!  
L Morison ... 33

P Clowes ... 33  
D Mackey ... 33  
B Reynolds ... 32  
C Whitlock ... 32  
Dean Aitken ... 30  
S Town ... 31  
B Balfour ... 31  
I Cranston ... 28

C GRADE

M Johnson ... 43  
B McCoy ... 34  
D Harvey ... 34  
I Scott ... 34  
Dave Aitken ... 34  
D Jennings ... 33  
P Rundle ... 28  
Kendra Sumsion ... 23