

Starick stars for medal win

Or

Bloody big day for Aitken, Aitken, Aitken and Schtick!!

By Dennis Fuller

On a soggy day at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday when it would have been no surprise to see an old codger making a whopping great boat, the March VGL Monthly Medal was on the line.

Mark Starick (13) did not heed the conditions at all and stormed to an impressive win with a nett 66 score. This also put him atop the A Grade strugglers as well.

Stuart Courtney (16) played well for a 71 which was the best of the B Graders while David Aitken (27) headed the C Grade crowd on 72.

Ryan Aitken and Ken Hill played brilliantly to have 68 without getting any other gong except the warm glow of getting close and the bitter disappointment of not being close enough to win.

Bouncer Holland was nearest the pin on the 4th, Hill the 7th, David Mackey the 12th, Andrew Cutting the 13th and Mike Litchfield, making a welcome return to the course after cycling all around Europe was nearest the pin after two shots on the 17th. The pro pin was won by Ross Martin who pocketed the loot with relish and a little chutney. Ryan Aitken killed everyone else for the longest drive on the 1st.

The ladies (using the term very loosely) comp was won in a canter by Irene Cranston {Ninety-bloody-nine} (giggle, giggle!) from a disappointed Constance Whitlock.

On Wednesday's Obviously Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps scoring was easy for many but none could get near John Piggott (20) who came in with nett 63 in the stroke event. Nearest to him were Sepp Krummenacher (28) and Ian Scott on 66 while Leigh Morison (15) had 67.

Next Saturday is a three club event where players get to choose which club they carry and which excuse to use if their round goes pear-shaped. Bloody hell, which two clubs will I leave behind!!

Decisions, decisions!!

** Talk about feel a dill!!

We were walking between the 10th and 11th when one of the carts parked there started to roll down the hill.

So, to try to help, I ran after it down the hill to stop it before damage was done.

I have seen Ken Sumsion's cart rolling down the 16th at approx. 69.4kph so I knew it had potential.

It was not till it stopped and started did I realise it was Ian Cranston's radio controlled machine.

The players with him, Hill, Mackey and Ferrari, thought it was hugely funny but I let them know that they can expect no help from me in the future.

I did discuss with them, as they were killing themselves laughing, the question as to why their parents were not married and I may have even used some language that would have registered a PMQ (Potty Mouth Quotient) of close to 9.57.

I am pleased that Whiteman was not there as he would have felt quite uncomfortable with my lurid performance.

****Bloody good to see Mike "The Cyclist" Litchfield back in our midst. He had 49 on the front and 39 on the back so his form has not completely deserted him. I introduced him to Andrew with the qualifying statement about him riding from Lands' End to John O'Groats and got it wrong. He also rode from John O'Groats to Lands' End. Talk about a bugger for punishment. Mike becomes my favourite for the club championship.**

**** Andrew Cutting had his third card and will be at it fully qualified next Saturday*****

SCORES:

A Grade:

M Starick ... 66

R Aitken ... 68

K Hill ... 68

D Fuller ... 73

B Balfour ... 73

R Martin 75

G White ... 75

G Oldfield ... 79

B Grade:

S Courtney ... 71 ... these shoes were made for walking!! Well done Stu off the cart and strolling.

D White ... 72

S Town ... 73

H Adams ... 74

D Shannon ... 74 Now he crashes!! Gatto, you are indeed a big occasion player?

D Mackey ... 74

L Morison ... 74

P Jones ... 77

Dean Aitken ... 77

P Clowes ... 78

C Ferrari ... 82

Irene Cranston ... 99... and serve him right

C Grade

David Aitken ... 72

K Sumsion ... 75

I Scott ... 79

B McCoy ... 79