

White Wins in the Wet Lighthouse Productions Monthly Medal



By Dennis Fuller

After the week of delightful weather for all webbed footed creatures at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday, Brendan White (19) proved his aquatic propensities by taking out the Lighthouse Productions May VGL Monthly Medal. Mind you, Big Mark Starick (12) swam with equal elegance but just lost on a count back to White.

Starick was the best of A Grade, White in B Grade and Phil Rundle (27) headed up the disappointing C Grade leaders' board with 71.

Of the great unwashed, Ross Martin managed 69 while Ray Pund, Ken Hill and Con Ferrari all came in with 71. There were many golfers who managed scores not achieved by Ricky Ponting recently.

Darryl White smacked out the longest drive on the first, Peter Clowes was nearest the pin on the 4th, Gareth Oldfield on the 7th and the 17th, Ed Kloprogge on the 12th, Mike Litchfield the 13th while Ross Martin stashed away the pro pin loot on the 18th.

The ladies' comp was a thriller with the eventual winner being Karen Ellis who outstayed her nearest opponents in Barbara Cook and Edwina Kloppey who wilted near the post.

Wednesday's Overwatered Floppy Golf (OFG) saw a rampant Ken Sumsion (28) give the rest of the field a right sloshing when he came in with 43 stableford points and a satisfied look of someone who had achieved the inconceivable.

In the 4BBB match play championship semi-final, Mike Litchfield and Ken Sumsion downed a gallant teaming of Father in law and son in law, Ian Scott and Stu Courtney on the 18th to go into the grand final against Mark Starick and David Aitken.

The Senior pennant team went down 3/2 after Peter Clowes and Con Ferrari recorded wins but their example was not followed by Graeme Fergus, Bob Kennedy, Kevin Ellis and John Piggott who fell just short of the waterfall.

The handicap pennant team was playing Yarrambat and it was a very tightly fought contest as each team needed to win to get to play in the finals. When all the games had been completed, Emerald won 4/3 and still has a chance at playing in back to back pennant finals. The winners were Dean Aitken 7/6, Steve Town, emergency – Travis Broadway 1up, Kameron Geeves 2/1 and Peter Stevens 2 up, while the losers were Peter Clowes 1 /2, Dean Shannon 4/5 and Ryan Aitken 3 /4

Next week is a stableford event and a chance for the players to relax and hone their skills to take on the opposition in both their pennant matches.

NOTES

* Neville Bradshaw parred the 2nd. He ran his driver into the water and then casually, so I am told, plonked his next shot into the hole.

The 2nd is becoming the hole to do something out of the ordinary after Scotty last week.

* I was watching the pennant lads go past and looked down the fairway on the 14th and saw Inspector C short and down near the trees.

He had a couple of practice swing as one does down there and the a****le that he was playing said he saw that Peter had knocked a couple of pine needles off the tree and had therefore improved his position and thus had to forfeit the hole.

Judging by what I could see down there this player even carried a rule book with him.

This adds to the "Why Dennis Fuller Does Not Play Pennant" list.

* Keep an eye out in the Pakenham Gazette as The Bagman will be featured in a coming edition.

This follows Fergie's appearance a few weeks ago.

There seems to be a few media tarts in the club?

Mike Litchfield AKA Mike Chipperfield reports:

Hi Dennis,

Can't resist writing this - after a titanic struggle in our 4BBB match play semi with Stu playing exceptionally well and Scotty also playing well. We were going down the 17th with Stu & Scotty 1 up. Stu was on for 3 as was Ken while I was thru the green and over the back bunker with a precarious chip back even for a good chipper (I'm not). I played a shot that went into orbit and without intervention would have gone back over the green - when descending it was heading for Stu's bag - he attempted to get out of the way but put the bag on forward throttle while he attempted to walk in reverse thus negating any potential movement - the ball struck the bag on the full and bounced back on to the green some 4 feet from the pin. I sunk the putt which won us the hole and with another putt on the 18th, the match. I couldn't help but feel sorry for the guys as the rub of the green certainly went against them when it mattered.

Cheers

Mega Chipperfield

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Fergie's report on OFG pennant:

Rain, rain, rain and more rain was the order of the day.

To many people the course was unplayable but "The Rainman" had a different view and in keeping with the ANZAC tradition we soldiered on in unrelenting rain and flowing rivers of rising waters.

We eventually lost the game on the 18th to go down 3/2.

Fergie, the New Rainman, had the chance to win the match for his team on the last but the pressure was too much and he was beaten by a better golfer on the day.

We are now out of finals contention but will focus on beating Mt Martha at home next week for a satisfying win to end the season.

Thanks to all my team members for their support so far and remember winning isn't everything, it's how you play the game.

Winners Conrad Whitlock 1 up

Peter Clowes 1up ... he was playing against a 7 handicapper and was able to out-think his opponent to win on the 18th

Bob Kennedy lost on the 17th, John Piggott lost earlier and Kevin Ellis gained more experience by playing for the 3rd time and next year will be better for the lessons learned.

SCORES:

A Grade

M Starick ... 66
R Martin ... 69
K Hill ... 71
G White ... 78
L Morison ... 80
G Oldfield ... 81
K Geeves ... 84

B Grade

B White ... 66
C Ferrari (AKA The Chairman of the Wombat Protection Society) ... 71
R Pund ... 71
P Clowes ... 73
S Town ... 73
P Jones ... 74
A Cutting ... 74
D White ... 78
H Adams ... 78
D Shannon ... 80
D Mackey ... 91

E Kloprogge ... Dudley Norris Fenwick????????????????????
B Cook ... Dudley Norris Fenwick????????????????? Should these two be the Edwina and Barbara?

C Grade

P Rundle ... 70
Dave Aitken ... 72
B McCoy ... 77
D Jennings ... 80
N Bradshaw ... 81
D Harvey ... 86
K Ellis ... 95 K L certainly made she he did not win the medal he sponsored!!!