

Pund is match play champ

Or

One helluva scrap

By Dennis Fuller

Last Saturday, at Emerald Golf Club, when the thermostat was turned up to full power, Ray Pund and Andrew Cutting went head to head for the match play championship title.

Pund was quick out of the blocks and despite the fact that Cutting was playing to under his handicap, Pund was one over par at the turnaround to be leading by four holes. With great concentration and self belief, Cutting turned it on its head by also having a one over back nine while Pund played to his handicap. When they stood on the 18th tee they were level and this score was maintained when they both bogeyed the 18th, followed by pars together on the 19th hole, then on the 20th Cutting found the trees and Pund didn't and the job was done. They both held their concentration well and played some wonderful golf.

For those that have fallen by the wayside in the match play format there was a stableford round. Many hit off early to avoid the big hot. When the adjudicators had run the callipers over the cards it was found that Graham White (16), who had been scratching at the winner's dais for weeks, found the extra jump to be the man. His 40 points was a great result for consistent golf and had him atop in A Grade as well.

Gary Kennaugh (29) headed up the B Grade troop with 39 points. Others to perform well were Ross Martin 39, Peter Jones 38, Con Whitlock 37 and Mark Starick played to his handicap for 36.

Martin was nearest the pin on the 4th and 13th, Kennaugh on the 7th, Whitlock the 13th and Peter Jones strode away with the pro pin pelf on the 18th.

Next Saturday is Greenkeeper's revenge so one wonders what is in store?

Next Sunday Cutta, Ray, Ben and I are competing in a 4 man ambrose event at Amstel. Cutta and Ray are there for their power and accuracy, Ben is there for his short game and nobody holds a flag better than me. Seems like a winning combo although Ben could have got his handicap out a couple more strokes to assist the war effort?

The ladies' comp produced the first daily double when mother and daughter, Davina and Deanne Aitken drew and could not be split for the win. A scrag fight to decide was suggested by decorum was maintained

From the pen of Gatto from sunny Waterford Valley:

Pete was a no show so it was just Kam and me.

Hot, windy and a bit seedy.

I started brilliantly to only be 10 shots behind Kam after 2 holes with a 12 on the par 3 2nd that stole 3 of my tee shots in the lake and I only just cleared it on my 4th.

Kam eventually beat me by 15 I think ,with him not playing his best and poor conditions making it even harder.

You'll have to try and guess my score but I'm fairly sure its higher than any for a long time.

I did hear.....

Davina, having played quite well called in at the Tuck Shop for supplies and was given some, apparently questionable coaching by one Kenneth Hill. The result of this advice lead Davina to manage a large 6 points on the back 9. As Big Mark was heard to remark.... "Bloody lucky he scored 2 points on one of the holes."

Thanks...

To Mark and Dave, who stayed on at the club having a drink, much against their normal routine, to follow Ray and Cutta over the last 8 holes. It was a 3 stubby effort and much appreciated by Cutta who went from 4 down to even while they watched. I thought Ray might suggest they piss off, but he had the last laugh.

On Wednesday in the Obviously Fabulous Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps and a prodigiously convoluted format, Ken Sumsion (31) and Kevin Miller (35) drew with nett scores of 58.

I was just having a look at what it appears you have to do to win around here.....

The last few winners have played these scores better than their handicaps to win **+4, +10, +9, +6, +5, +6, +7, +4 and +6.**

Bloody tough school this?????

SCORES:

G White ... 40

R Martin ... 39

G Kennaugh ... 39

P Jones ... 38

C Whitlock ... 37

M Starick ... 36

B Reynolds ... 35

K Ellis .. 34

L Morison ... 33

B Balfour ... 32

S Town ... 32

D Yates ... 32

G Oldfield ... 32

N Bradshaw ... 30

K Sumsion ... 30

A Ecclestone ... 28

K Hill ... 28

P Clowes ... 28

J Marsh ... 26

Dean Aitken .. 23 Dave Aitken ...23 ... don't you love it when mothers and daughters are treated as equals!!!