

Peter Jones
and not Peta Jones
sets the course on fire

By Dennis Fuller

No rain again at Emerald Golf Club as members turned up to play a peaceful game of stableford. Peter Jones (20) found the going much to his liking and oozed in with an excellent 43 points to be the clear leader till Ryan Aitken (11) rolled in with the same score. The callipers were applied to both cards with great accuracy and diligence and it emerged that, under the count back systems prevailing, that Jones won the day from an unlucky Aitken. (Looks like Rhino might have stolen a march on those who would play off single figures with that round.....obviously Rosalie didn't help his/her own cause!!

So Aitken headed A Grade and Jones headed B Grade. In C Grade, straying across from Olinda Golf Club for the round, was Garry O'Brien (23), who mastered the course to be a convincing winner with 42 points.

Others who played their socks off without reward were Dennis Fuller (14) and Mike Litchfield (14) both on 42 (bloody Litchfield again....put him down to 10 I say!), Peter Stevens (13) and Dean Aitken (20) 41 while Ken Hill (16) and Ben Balfour (16) both carded 40 points.

Captain Graeme Fergus, making a welcome return to Saturday golf while sporting his new bionic hip, was nearest the pin on the 4th and the 13th, Ryan Aitken on the 7th, Garry O'Brien the 12th and Peter Stevens walked away with the pro pin spondulicks on the 18th.

The ladies' contest saw a right royal battle between [Deanne Shannon and Rosalie Martin](#) with Shannon just getting the final nod. I did hear that Deanne cut out at the Tuck shop and Rosalie would have too except that Steve had to have someone to mark his card. I note that Rosalie was out playing around with his good lady wife today and I hope things went a little better!

Wednesday's Onerously Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was a 5 club event. Dennis Fuller (16) won with 45 points from Ken Sumsion (29) on 44 and Ray Pund (13) in third place on 43.

Next Saturday sees the first of the VGL Monthly Medals up for grabs with an anticipated group of eager golfers ready to score brilliantly to start the year with a bang, or a whimper.

****The handicap adjustment of the week belonged to Stevo who play a round of golf at Spalding Park in WA. They entered his score at 13 off the stick to play a round in +59 which allowed for a change to his handicap to 4.1. I say, well played Stevo, that must have been a helluva round to only hit the ball once on 13 of the 18 holes. Whiteman cannot alter it and it

must be fixed up at Spalding Park end. We tried to get Stevo to play off 4.1 but he didn't seem interested.

*****The story of the day:

While stepping over that bloody gutter beside the 5th fairway, searching for his ball, Graham "The Mountain Goat" twisted his ankle and fell to become completely lodged in the gutter. Apparently his feet were wiggling in the air like an upturned tortoise. I did hear that Ken Hill took the opportunity, while he had the upper hand, to sink the slipper in a couple of times. It was up to Flo Nightingale Ecclestone et al to raise him from his predicament. Whiteman did continue with the round while his ankle became more and more like a football. He finished but got in trouble from the woman he lives with for not pulling out of the round. Here is how his ankle looks today....



His whole foot, right down to the toes are turning a lovely puce colour and he is going to have a photo taken of the bones tomorrow!!

A Grade

R Aitken ... 43
D Fuller ... 42 – knew I shouldn't put a club back in after the 5 club event
M Litchfield ... 42
P Steven ... 41 –not playing off 4
G White ... 35 - bloody good effort chap!
M Starick .. 33
R Pund ... 32
[Rosalie Martin ... 27](#)

B Grade

P Jones ... 43
Dean Aitken ... 41
B Balfour ... 40
K Hill ... 40

A Ecclestone ... 39

P Clowes ... 36

G Fergus ... 36

S Town ... 32

L Morison ... 30

[Deanne Shannon ... Doris Narelle Fenwick](#)

C Grade

G O'Brien ... 42

D Jennings ... 38

I Scott ... 38 ... on the way to single figures?

B McCoy ... 37

K Sumsion ... 37

J Marsh ... 35

Dave Aitken ... 30