

Ecclestone wins Foundation Shield

By Dennis Fuller 26th June 2010

Allan Ecclestone (16) decided at Emerald Gold Club last Saturday that it was time for his day in the sun. Meteorologically he missed but in golf he hit, big time. His nett 61 headed the tally board overall to win the Foundation shield and also the A Grade. His consistent form is becoming quite a challenge for the rest of us. The old bugger had 77 off the stick and he would have taken some rolling in a count back as he either parred the back nine or went very close to it.

Since the new method of handicapping has come in the winning scores have been of an excessive nature. Starting on the first Saturday of May we have had nett **66, +9, 42** points, net **65, 44** points, net **59, 49** points, **42** points and Allan's nett **61**. An average of **8** better than handicaps. Oh for the time when Excalibur was sitting with the razor in his hand every Monday Morning!!!

Ryan Aitken (25) has hit the ground running at the club and chalked up another win in B Grade, His second win in two attempts. If only Excal could fix him up too!!! My God I become bitter and twisted after playing like a dog!

The scoring must have been easy for this, the match play qualification round as many came in well better than their handicaps. Con Whitlock had 65, John Fisher, David Mackey and Barry Cook all had 66 while Peter Clowes and Leigh Morison came in with 68.

Geoffrey Isherwood was nearest the pin on the 4th, Morison on the 7th, Fisher the 12th, Ecclestone the 13th and Peter Cowes picked up the cash and the glass for the pro pin on the 18th.

Roselyn Martin won the ladies comp from Brianna McCoy who finished just one stroke back after an unlucky confrontation with trees on the 18th hole.

I notice an uneasy alliance between the Booze Brothers and Team Degering last Saturday. It seems that Team Degering wanted to play a round of golf with Scotty to pick up a few tips on how the play to win. It will be a waste of time as I confidently predict that Ian Scott will win this month's medal as his recent form is encouraging. I have seen him drive off the 13th tee on the last two weeks. I fear that if his average leaning to the left continues, the geese on the pond could be in a power of shit!

Wednesday's Ordinarily Filtered Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was won by Ron Wilson (27) with a nett 69 leaving the rest of the field in his wake. Mick Petrie was king of the flat stick on the 19th hole and walked away with a new ball in his hot little hand.

Next Saturday is the July version of the VGL Medal and if scoring over the last few weeks is any indicator, only an excellent score will raise any eyebrows.

I apologise to those I have not insulted yet but promise to do my best to include you as soon as your so called friends do you in for some misdemeanour.

The scores:

TOP 16

A Ecclestone ... 61
R Aitken ... 64
C Whitlock ... 65
B Cook ... 66
D Mackey ... 66
J Fisher ... 66
P Clowes ... 68
L Morison ... 68
G Isherwood ... 70
B Balfour ... 71
M Starick ... 71
J Marsh ... 71
K Hill ... 72
D Aitken ... 72
W Degering ... 73
D Fuller ... 74

G White ... 71 not included in top 16 due to him going on leave!

Losers

R Ward ... 74
P Jones ... 75
R Stevens ... 76
S Courtney ... 77
D Jennings ... 77
M Yeats ... 78
B Isherwood ... 79
B McCoy ... 83
R Martin ... 84
I Scott ... 86

