

Holland blitzes the field

By Dennis Fuller (03-07-2010)

On a soggy day at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday, Bouncer Holland (16) became the boy who took his finger out of the hole in the dyke to produce a deluge of fabulous shots on the rest of the field. His 76 off the stick yielded a net 60 to give him the VGL Monthly Medal by some considerable distance. Naturally he was king of the A Graders but the handicapper has caught up to him and he will be playing off 14 next round. Still too many!!!

His big hitting exploits included being 10m short of the 6th tee when playing off the 9th. That is his first drive and hid provisional right next to each other. Still parred the bloody thing! He also, much to the surprise of those ahead, drove to about 20m of the 10th green and plugged a huge 7 wood well onto the green from over 200m on the 11th. No wonder the captain was peering back down the fairway with a flicker of fear in his eyes. Some smartarse asked Ben, Bouncer and I who hit that ball! Ben and I are well known for our lashing our 7 woods of over 200m ... not even in our dreams.

I did pick Scotty to win this monthly medal but he just had bad luck.....again! On the 13th, with a packed audience, he failed to hit the geese on the pond and over-corrected by about 123.764degrees to the right. He did have good company on that hole as both Mr Hunt and Mr Sumsion managed to plough their balls into those thick gobble conifers on the right. I was impressed to see that Mr Sumsion still waltzed in with a net 68.

Once again the weekly prize goes to someone who has kicked the living bejeesus out of the course. The previous winner still look like someone has lied ... a lot. Last week the average winning score was 8 better than handicap and has now descended even further.

I did run into Salty Dog Miller in the hardware shop and suggested it was about time we saw him grace the greens again. He did have the offspring at heel and enough hardware to stock a small shop at the time. He indicated that when the kid is about 23 or 4, and his house renovation is complete he will be back. I think both those events may happen in the same year. I have noticed that Scotty's form has slumped since he lost Salty's steadying influence.

John Fisher (34) won more balls as head of the B Grade list and has continued his good form of late.

Quite a few smashed their handicaps including Dean Shannon net 64, Wayne Degering 66, Ryan Aitken and Ken Sumsion on 68 and Dennis Fuller and Allan Ecclestone both managed 69.

Kameron Geeves was nearest the pin on the 4th, Bernie Badgery the 7th, Mike Litchfield the 12th, Ecclestone the 13th while Dave Hunt picked up the pro pin cash and the handsome wineglass for being closest on the 18th.

The ladies' comp was headed home by Peta Jones who showed the rest of the ladies a clean pair of heels and slashing calves.

Last Wednesday in the Officially Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps, John Piggott (26) headed the field home with a well compiled 39 stableford points. No putting comp was held on the 19th as we could not find a golf ball that floated.

Next Saturday is the first round of the three round Sam Ritchie Winter cup. Stableford is the order of the day and golfers will be queuing up to get their pudgy claws on the cup named in honour of one of our life members. Sam Ritchie was a doyen of the club for many years in the last century and stories of his exploits are still mentioned by members who knew him.

I have looked at the likely field and I have to predict, with a great deal of confidence, that Ian Scott, based on his current lack of form, could just about take out the Winter Cup. I will be reviewing this prediction and will claim absolutely no knowledge of previous prognostications if these fail to eventuate.

Committees Award which was presented this week to Carol Hampson who most weeks plays golf with her three sons and often says hello to our members while sitting down to a cut-lunch with her boys after Golfand since she finished her game in the rain and came into the pro-shop dripping wet.....her efforts deserved an award from the club!

SCORES:

A Grade

D Holland ... 60

D Shannon ... 64

W Degering ... 66

D Fuller ... 69

A Ecclestone ... 69

Bill Badgery ... 70

B Balfour ... 71

S Town ... 71

K Hill ... 71

P Clowes ... 74

D Hunt ... 75

M Starick ... 75

R Martin ... 76

LMorison ... 76

K Geeves ... 77

P Stevens ... 77

P Jones ... 83

B Grade

J Fisher ... 67

K Sumsion ... 68

R Aitken ... 68

P Farmer 70

B Isherwood ... 72

Bernie Badgery ... 72

C Whitlock ... 73

I Scott ... 77 .. how close was Scotty????? OK ... not very!

J Marsh ... 77

B McCoy ... 77

D Jennings ... 77

D Aitken ... 82

Sietze Baks (sorry if incorrectly spelt) .. 88