

Ken Hill wins again.

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Par was the competition at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday so those people with 4BBB commitments shied away from this format.

Of those who played three players all finished with +3. After much gnashing of teeth, claim and counter-claim, Ken Hill (12) won the day on a count back from Dave Hunt (13) and David Mackey (34). This after Ken Hill shanked everything in sight at pennant on Thursday. Seems he was saving himself for the par event ... strange man our Kenneth . if this is true.

Hill was also declared winner in A Grade and Mackey got the nod in B Grade and Hunt wore the wry grin of someone who got close but won no banana. Good to see David Mackey on the winner's rostrum.

Of the others, only Jack Keenan bettered his handicap with +1

Mackey was nearest the pin on the 4th, Ross Martin the 7th, Graham White the 12th and Steve Town on the 13th.

Bouncer Holland reckoned that it was his turn to shine when he took out the pro pin on the 18th, was nearest the pin after 2 shots on the 10th and he did the same on the 17th. He also threw up nicely after the round .. Must have been something he ate???????????????????????????????? Dunno why he was crook, Ben and I ate humble pie after being slogged by he and Dean and kept guts intact. The ladies' comp was a pitch battle between two players being coached by club teaching pro Bob Spencer. In the end it was Gail Matthews who prevailed by one shot over a disappointed Jean Mercedes. Bob was not sure of Jean's name but assured me that she does work for Mercedes so suggested that might be good enough. Accuracy was never a notion I have applied too much attention to in my reports so it was cool with me. Just bloody lucky she does not work for the Tunisian car company making Wallyscar!

On Wednesday's Officially Fiddly Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps the stroke comp was won by Ben Balfour (18) with nett 67 from Mick Petrie (34) on 71. This was the third round of the four round OFG Championship where Isherwood on 32 points leads from Petrie 29 and Mark Lothian 28. This week a string event finishes off the championship where each playe gets 1m of string to move the ball by exactly the amount taken off the end,. This includes putting the ball into the hole as well. I have expressed the notion that I am open to bribes and am prepared to change rules in an ad hoc manner to improve any player's score. Payment should be made to my Bora Bora account and consist of information from Chinese steel companies or untraceable \$100 bills.

Several more games in the 4BBB match play took place. Bouncer Holland and Dean Shannon beat Ben Balfour and Dennis Fuller 2/1 and John Fisher and John Carvill thrashed father and son pair, Peter and Riley Stevens 8/6. Poor old Pete! He had to give John two strokes on 7 holes and found out, the hard way, that there are times when a birdie is not good enough to win a hole. This was on the back of Fisher's 2 over par first nine holes while playing off 36. Transferred across to stableford it represents about 34 points on the front nine!

After Mr Fisher .. AKA Ned Kelly, finished and proudly (with good reason) showed his card, Skipper Roscoe was most impressed till he realised he would be facing Ned in the next round. The skipper contemplated enacting several long forgotten rules and some that he just invented himself on the spur of the moment to rein in this rampant flogger. When he called for the card, it was rumoured that Ned had already eaten it and assured all, including the handicapper, that there was no copy ever made. His partner, Mr Carvill, might just as well stayed in bed as this would have not changed the result.

In Veterans' Pennant, the Emerald team went down 6 to 4 to Ringwood, played on the Ringwood course. Geoff Isherwood won 3/2, Peter Clowes won 2/1, while Ken Hill lost 3/2, Brett Isherwood lost 2/1, and Mick Petrie lost 3/2. Ron Wilson had to retire ill as he had to walk and desperately needed a golf cart after recent surgery.

The handicap pennant team hosted Oakleigh Golf Club at Emerald.
EMERALD G.C Won 8 pts to 6pts
Well done to John Fisher who played his first Match in Pennant for Emerald!

Next week has an ambrose event scheduled so there will be some heavy dealing for an in-form partner.

Scores from the par comp

A Grade (0-18)

K Hill . +3

D Hunt . +3

P Clowes . -2

S Courtney . -2 .. Good to see Mt Courtney on the course although Scotty did not rein in his usual rampant behaviour.

.P Jones . -7 . good fun in A Grade Pete?

B Grade (19 - 36)

D Mackey . +3

J Keenan . +1

C Whitlock . sq

D Thomas . -1

K Sumsion . -2 .. Good also to see the old codger out walking the course!

I Scott . -3

.I Crawston . -7 .think that's how the name is spelt . if not HELP!