

Marsh and Clowes victorious in Irish Stableford

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The competition at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday was Irish foursomes. This is a stableford format where partners multiply their stableford score to calculate a score for each hole. This causes great elation when both score well but when one scores well and the other scores nothing, zero times four is zero.

I partnered Whiteman and extracted a solemn promise that would not be dinged if he had 4 and I had stuff-all. I have to admit that said Whiteman was most magnanimous in his demeanour as regards Collingwood, although, when he got within earshot of another one of these pricks, he immediately dropped off many points of IQ and several of his teeth fell out.

I have to acknowledge that team Degering did not win this week and also acknowledge that none of their number appeared in the ladies' comp results although Jennings and Farmer got close with 52! . Well done chap-pesses!

This format suited the pairing of Peter Clowes (17 *and somewhere over 0.5*) and Jeff Marsh (24 my arse!) as they cruised home for an effortless win with 79 points. Close behind them in second place were Martin Yeats (9) and Con Whitlock (23) with 77. Peter Jones (21) and Leigh Morison (18) were next with 75.

Of the others, the best were Ken Sumsion and Brian McCoy, 74 and R Martin and Steve Town on 72. Whiteman and I had 68 despite having 49 on the front nine and would have got a ball if we had been organising down the line but we weren't so we didn't!

John Carvill was nearest the pin on the 4th, Martin Yeats the 7th, Wayne Degering the 12th, Travis Broadway the 13th while Eddy Klopogge picked up the pro pin cash on the 18th with a delightful shot.

The womens' side of the event was taken out by Irene Scott and Sofia Courtney with 47 points. What the hell were you doing Courtney, stuffing up things for Scotty because I felt quite confident in his ability to cart you over the line for a win. I probably will not pick Scotty to win next week because he will, no doubt, be somewhere dropping IQ and teeth in front of a TV screen.

Wednesday's Obviously Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was won by Kevin Miller (36) with 30 points from Ben Balfour (7) on 29. Miller's love of the slow, fairly damp atmosphere came to the fore. I was really pissed off with Kevin as I was going to enjoy putting Mr Balfour off and 2 and I was going to play him in match play so he could give me a stroke on 10 holes. Moss Fuller proved the best putter in the putting tussle on the 19th.

Last Sunday at Emerald, the VGL staged their Presidents' Cup event. Conditions were good and Mike Muller from Olinda Golf Club shone in the prevailing conditions. He had 78 off the stick for a net 60 to win by a street or at least a long fairway. As the rules preclude him from winning both the gross and the net competition, Gary O'Brien, also from the Olinda club, won the net event with 69. I want to know what happened to the Emerald chaps. I know, Pres Sir Jeffrey Marsh, had a par on the 14th because I interrupted my brush cutting to witness that event. I am certain that if Pierre Clowes had have come to breathe on him again like he did on the previous day, his score would have been much better. Thanks to Dave Yates who dropped the results in on the way home when he would have preferred to drive straight home than detour up the picturesque Sycamore Avenue.

Next Saturday is a stableford guest day as there is another slightly less important event happening at the MCG. It is a good day to play a round of golf at Emerald so if you know a member, badger them to take you along as it might be better than watching Collingwood supporters being Collingwood supporters.

SCORES:

P Clowes/J Marsh ...	79	1st
M Yeats/C Whitlock ...	77	2nd
L Morison/P Jones ...	75	3rd
K Sumsion/B McCoy ...	74	
R Martin/S Town ...	72	
B Badgery/B Badgery ...	72	
G White/D Fuller ...	68	
M Starick/W Degering ...	67	
D Aitken/R Aitken ...	66	
D Holland/S Baas ...	64	
E K / J Carvill ...	64	
K Geeves/D Shannon ...	60	
D Jennings/P Farmer ...	52	
I Scott/S Courtney ...	47	