

# Marsh revels in Par Paradise

By Dennis Fuller 31-10-2010

When the mud runners were doing their thing at Flemington, so too were they at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday. Despite the promise of Ark weather, things remained fine overhead but there was a splash or two on the wet stuff around the course. As it was a par event, and it looked like rain, many members wimped it and stayed home, only to realise the field played in glorious, sub-tropical conditions.

True to his name, Jeff "Swampy" Marsh loved the way the course was playing when he came in with a whopping +7 in the par comp. He lead the field in B Grade of course, despite a concerted effort from Brian McCoy (29) whose +5 would have won on most days. I did invite Mr Mush to join me in a round but he said he was waiting for the Booze Brothers. I indicated that he was not particular about who he played with. His answer....."You are right, I have played with you!" Don't you hate it when a smartarse is right!

The A Grade rabble were lead in By Martin Yeats (9) with +4 who managed to edge out Dennis Fuller(14) one behind on +3.

There were many who found the going to their liking, including Paul Farmer, and Dave Jennings on +4 while Con Whitlock and John Carvill also came in with +3.

When it came to nearest the pins, Ken Hill had a good day when he was nearest on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Steve Town was closest on the 4<sup>th</sup>, David Jennings on the 13<sup>th</sup> while Martin Yeats came extremely close to acing the 18<sup>th</sup> but still won the pro pin cash.

In the ladies comp it was a tight affair with several player coming in with -4 but after the slide rule was applied to the scorecards it was *Aileen Ecclestone* who stood tall atop the winner's rostrum.

Wednesday's Overly Fastidious Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was won by Moss Fuller (24) with 39 stableford points from Ron Wilson's (29) 38 points. Wilson trumped the field in the putting comp when his consistency overwhelmed the field.

In the semi final of the club match play event, Ken Hill lost to Dennis Fuller 2/1 to put Fuller into the final to play either Ryan Aitken or Con Whitlock who are yet to play their semi final.

As the greens are to be cored this week, the November VGL Monthly Medal has been put back to the following week and a stableford event in on the agenda. If you want a good round, the OFG team hits off at about 8.00am on Wednesday and we welcome all members with only slightly closed arms.

I note that Mr Eccles was back on deck after travelling around the world two times, or thereabouts. I did not speak to him, nothing personal of course, but I did note that the luxuriant upper lip has flourished in his travels. I also note that he managed to show the feminine side in his golf and saved Joann Fisher, Petra Clowes and Irene Scott from being mentioned in the local Trader.

I also saw Ross Martin card four birdies in his round. He missed another birdie putt by the length of a bee's appendage!

If there are any member who have an interest in the health of the trees, see John Fisher as he dented a fair few during his round. My nephew from up the bush told me after one round he had that he missed a few trees on his round but was going out the following day for a round to pick them up. I expected to see Joann out there today!

I reckon Excalibur will have a bit of a feast on some of the scores. I note that the average in A Grade was -0.7 and +2. I have always said that those A Grade prima donnas can't handle the threat of rain like the B Graders!

## SCORES

### A GRADE

M Yeats (9) ... +4  
D Fuller (14) ... +3  
R Martin (10) ... +2  
S Town (16) .... +2  
L Morison (18) ... +1  
K Geeves (11) ... -1  
K Hill (13) ... -3  
D Shannon (16) ... -3  
P Clowes (17) ... -4  
A Ecclestone (15) ... -4

### B GRADE

J Marsh (25 my F@#\* arse!) ... +7  
B McCoy (29) ... +5  
P Farmer (22) ... +4  
H Adams (21) ... +4  
D Jennings (26) ... +4  
C Whitlock (25) ... +3  
J Carvill (19) ... +3  
W Degering (19) ... sq  
R Aitken (19) ... sq  
J Fisher (27) ... -4  
I Scott (36) ... -4