

Shannon wins Sam Richie Winter Cup

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When the tumult and shouting had died down at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday, Dean Shannon (15) stood tall above the pack to win the Sam Ritchie Winter Cup. He went in with a narrow lead but stood up to the challenge of young gun, Riley Steven (22) to score 115 points for the three rounds from Steven's 112. Four strokes back in third place was Ben Balfour (14) with 108.

The daily comp for the also rans was won by David Macket5 (33) with a great score of 41 points. This also put him atop the C Grade crowd as well. Captain, Ross Martin was best of the A Graders with 37 points while Steven's 38 points allowed him to be top of the B Graders.

Of the others, only Martin Yeats (8) managed to play to his handicap for 36 points.

Peter Clowes was nearest the pin on the 4th, David Aitken on the 7th, Mackey the 12th, Yeats the 13th and Stevens rounded of a great day's golf by picking up the pro pin on the 18th.

The ladies' comp was won by Ianna Scott who lead the field all day to win in a canter. I am looking forward to many more great rounds from this budding star.

On Wednesday, the Often Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicap was a tie between Kevin Miller (35) and Ernest Tong (23). They both scored 34 points in slightly soggy conditions and rather than face a putt-off decided to share the spoils on the day.

In the match play world, Ben Balfour defeated Peter Clowes last Wednesday 4/3, Ryan Aitken beat Wayne Degering 6/5 (I think Team Degering looks like having a name change to Team Aitken!!!) and Dennis Fuller beat Allan Ecclestone 2/1.

Next Saturday the competition involves joining holes together. The 2nd and the 3rd are joined, as are the 8th and 9th, the 11th to the 12th and the 18th to the 1st. This will suit the big hitters as well as those who can place their balls where they are required, if there is any such golfer to be found.

My prediction for this event is, after much cogitation and soul searching, Ian Scott. (Not his female equivalent Ianna who plays a mean game of golf). Despite the fact that his heightened libido prevented his good lady wife allowing him out of the house last Saturday, I think he is right on the edge of an exceedingly good round where not even the geese will be concerned about him passing the pond.

For those who have not heard, Bouncer will be out of action for at least 6 weeks because he tried to redesign his rude finger on his left hand with a wood splitter. Bad shot really as he only chopped into half to threes quarters of the last joint and had to finish up having plastic surgery at Maroondah Hospital. Despite asking for a few facial improvements

without success, he still looks about the same. Maybe these 6 weeks would be a good time to have a couple of longest drive holes??

The scores of the survivors:

D Shannon ... $41 + 40 + 34 = 115$

R Stevens ... $40 + 35 + 38 = 113$

B Balfour ... $34 + 41 + 33 = 108$

K Hill ... $36 + 32 + 34 = 108$

M Yeats ... $32 + 37 + 36 = 105$

D Thomas ... $36 + 32 + 33 = 101$

B McCoy ... $34 + 32 + 35 = 101$

C Whitlock ... $36 + 37 + 27 = 100$

K Sumsion ... $38 + 28 + 33 = 99$

S Town ... $31 + 32 + 35 = 98$

P D Aitken ... $25 + 37 + 32 = 94$

Clowes ... $33 + 30 + 33 = 96$

J Carvill ... $26 + 29 + 32 = 87$

L Morison ... $31 + 25 + 28 = 84$

P Jones ... $25 + 32 + 26 = 83$

Day Comp:A Grade

M Yeats .. 36

R Martin .. 37

K Hill .. 34

B Balfour ... 33

D Hunt .. 32

B Grade

P Jones .. 26

L Morison .. 28

S Town ... 35

J Carvill .. 32

P Clowes ... 33

C Whitlock .. 27 ...

R Stevens .. 38

D Shannon .. 34

D Thomas .. 33

G Fergus .. 29

Ian *Cranston* ... 23

C Grade

D Aitken .. 32

D Mackey ... 41

K Sumsion .. 33

B McCoy ... 35