

# Whitlock wins 2010 Star Medal

By Dennis Fuller

December's Monthly Medal at Emerald Golf Club saw the staging of a very close finish for the Medal and also the Star Medal. The ultra-consistent, Con Whitlock (23) and the sometimes consistent Peter Jones (23) both came in with a nett score of 66, and were both in the running for both the Monthly and Star Medals. After much tugging of forelocks and gnashing of teeth, those of a higher being, decided that Whitlock should get the gong on a countback from the unlucky Jones. As both of these stars are in B Grade, Jones had to lower his colours once more to Whitlock. That makes 10 weeks in a row that Conwack has either played to his handicap or bettered it. How consistent is that?? What chance of me heading him off in the match play final as I have to give him about 9 strokes. I have offered to pay for Bob to give him a lesson before we go out but so far he has declined.

In A Grade we saw a resurgence of form from Captain Ross Martin (11) when his nett 67 saw him top of the tree. C Graders must have had a very average day as Dave Jennings' nett 73 was good enough to see him boasting to all and sundry about his win. Jennings had a great day with the flat stick as he had only 25 putts. His nett 73 indicates that a few other parts of his game must have been a bit feral.

The best of the also rans were Barry Cook and Paul Farmer on 69, John Carvill and Steve Town 70 and Dennis Fuller on 72.

Wayne Degering, fearless leader of Team Degering, was nearest the pin on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Dave Hunt on the 7<sup>th</sup>, it wasn't Jenny Marsh on the 12<sup>th</sup> or anybody else either for that matter. Peter/Graeme or Tiger Fergus the 13<sup>th</sup> and Steve Town pocketed the pro pin cash on 18.

It was great to see Drew Tudor smacking the ball around our course and he has promised he will be back next year. Drew has been instrumental in putting together our handbook even though not a member. We do need blokes like him around as he contributes money each week and seldom wins!

The ladies' comp saw a clear winner in Jenny Marsh from a fast finishing Deanne Shannon. I did hear that Jenny Marsh (AKA El Pres.) played a blinder culminating in three of the best holes seen played at Emerald. On holes 8, 9 and 10, he managed to amass 30 strokes! Any lesser man would have spat it but our Pres sets a great standard and he finished with a nett 91!

It was also true that some little bearded git managed to have a 9 on the first having, among other sins, hit the wrong ball. Unbelievably it was another Maxfli that had dots on it ...just not my dots!

Thursday's twilight event saw a small, but selective group turn up, but as they were not wearing their anti-lightning gear, they cowered in the clubhouse like all sensible golfers should. No winners and no losers either.

On Wednesday's Obstinate Filtered Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was won Mick Petrie (32) with 38 points from Dennis Fuller (9) on 35. Next Wednesday we are having a string event where you get 1m of string for each stroke of your handicap. You can move your ball by the length of string you tear off. Very handy on the putting surface.

Next Saturday, as the shadow of Christmas nears, the committee decreed that it was a good idea to have a "Bring a Mate Day". Members will bring along prospective members or golfers who want to play on the driest course in the Eastern suburbs. All are welcome and even if you don't have a mate who is a member, rock up and introduce yourself to be an immediate mate.

#### SCORES ....

##### A Grade

R Martin ... 67 – 31 putts

D Fuller ... 72 – 31

K Geeves ... 73 – 34

D Hunt ... 78 – 32

M Yeats .. 79 – 37

##### B Grade

C Whitlock ... 66

P Jones ... 66 – 32

Kevin Cook ... 69

A Tudor ... 70

J Carvill ... 70

S Town ... 70 – 30

L Morison ... 75 – 31

Peter (Graeme) Fergus ... 76

K Hill ... 78 -33

R Aitken ... 79 – 33

A Ecclestone ... 79 – 30

P Clowes ... 83 – 39

D Shannon ... 85 – 29

J Marsh ... 91 – 35

T Gerbes ... Dudley Norris Fenwick

G White .... Dudley Norris Fenwick

##### C Grade

D Jennings ... 73

I Scott ... 78 – 32 ... Scotty 2<sup>nd</sup> ... here he comes!!!!

K Sumsion ... 78 – 36

B McCoy ... 80 – 32

D Aitken ... 80

D Harvey ... Dudley Norris Fenwick .... Good to see Dave back and around again!!