

Broadway wins Sam Ritchie winter cup

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In a tense and exciting finish at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday Travis Broadway (17) just held off a fast finishing Peter Stevens (12) to win by a single point after three rounds of the Sam Ritchie, Winter Cup. Broadway finished with 35 points on the day for 114 while Stevens flew home with 43 points for 113. The only other player near them appears to be David Aitken (31) on 107. This is Broadway's first championship win at Emerald and with his rate of improvement, won't be his last.

The daily comp saw a win over-all for Stevens with his 43 by only one point from Ben Balfour (14) who parred the back nine to card 42 points. So Stevens also won A Grade while Steve Town (17) won B Grade and evergreen, Ken Sumsion (30) headed the C Grade lot with his 37 points.

Others to play well but not greet the judges were Riley Stevens with 40, Graham White 38, Peter Clowes and Ryan Aitken 37 while Dean Shannon and David Aitken played to their handicaps for 36.

Leigh Morison was nearest the pin on the 4th, Ryan Aitken on the 12th and the 13th, Broadway the 13th and Balfour pocketed the pro pin pelf on the 18th.

The winner of the ladies' Winter Cup was Jennifer Marsh from an unlucky Kendra Hill whose recent form deserved the number one gong.

Wednesday's Obscurely Filtered Golf (OFG) saw an overwhelming win by Leigh Morison (17) when his nett 74, when we played a convoluted game where one had to putt through hoops before the hole on the odd numbered greens.

Next Saturday the August Monthly Medal will be there for the taking. Ian Scott has predicted that he will be able to take on all challengers and win but there is a little conjecture on that particular point.

SCORES:

A GRADE

P Stevens ... 43

B Balfour ... 42 ... 25 points on back 9

R Stevens ... 40

G White ... 38 ... look like Excal is starting to hit form

P Clowes ... 37

K Geeves ... 32

R Martin ... 31 ... back from Cairns and found the weather a bit hot!!

K Hill ... 29 ... lucky Jennifer Marsh turned up Kendra~!

B GRADE

S Town ... 39

R Aitken ... 37 ... does he ever not play to his handicap?

D Shannon ... 36

T Broadway ... 35

D White ... 35

C Ferrari ... 33

L Morison ... 33

H Adams ... 31

A Ecclestone ... 31

C GRADE

K Sumsion ... 37 ... told you he plays better with the Booze Brothers

D Aitken ... 36

B White ... 35

B McCoy ... 34

J Marsh ... 20 ... shoulda gone to the footy!