

## Degering & Aitken win Irish Stableford by R.Martin 18-09-2011

On a good morning for golf at the Emerald Country Resort, the Emerald Golf Club held its annual Irish Stableford event on Saturday morning, where teams of two played normal stableford with the resulting teams score for a hole being the multiplication of the individual scores. This led to many a red face and rising tensions when a team-member scored a zero and the other a 3 or 4 pointer resulting in a team score of zero for that hole, on the other hand when teammates scored 3 or 4 pointers each, hole scores resulting in up to 16points were achieved on some holes, and on these rare occasions it was high-fives all round and many aloud cheering was heard around the course. The winning team was Wayne Degering and David Aitken 82pts, who proved to all that they were more Irish than the rest of the field and latter were heard barracking for Ireland against Australia in the Rugby Union match on Saturday evening. The team of Brian McCoy and Ian Scott were second with 77pts who said they prefer Scottish stableford for some reason. The low score of the round was from the team of Kevin Ellis and Ben Balfour when they came in with 40pts (12 of those points on the last hole) and were heard murmuring that they preferred English Stableford. Unfortunately the team of Len and Margaret Murphy did not play in this year's event due to Len's recent operation, however they turned up for the celebrations, needless to say they love the Irish format. Notably, Peter Clowes refused to enter into any high-five celebrations for personal reasons and made it clear to his playing partner (Captain Ross Martin) that he would be looking to just about anyone else to pair up with next year due to their poor start, which resulted in only 1 point after the first three holes (somehow they were able to bounce back somewhat with 60pts for the round). Nearest to the pins were won by Brian McCoy on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Graeme Fergus on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Ross Martin on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Ken Hill on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Ian Scott the Pro-pin 18<sup>th</sup> winner. Next week is 2 man Ambrose stroke event and there should be many dealings to secure the inform players of Dean Aitken and Ian Scott as teammates for this event.

| Teams       | Individual | Team |
|-------------|------------|------|
| C. Whitlock | 36         | 68   |
| K.Hill      | 35         |      |
| R.Martin    | 32         | 60   |
| P.Clowes    | 35         |      |
| D.Harvey    | DNF        | DNF  |
| P.Jones     | DNF        |      |
| K.Ellis     | 32         | 40   |
| B.Balfour   | 23         |      |
| J.Marsh     | 27         | 45   |
| G.White     | 27         |      |
| K.Geeves    | 36         | 63   |
| D.Shannon   | 31         |      |
| K.Sumsion   | 33         | 61   |
| L.Morrison  | 33         |      |
| W.Degering  | 34         | 82   |
| D.Aitken    | 42         |      |
| R.Aitken    | 26         | 53   |
| D.Aitken    | 33         |      |
| B.McCoy     | 36         | 77   |
| I.Scott     | 39         |      |
| I.Cranston  | 27         | 53   |
| D.Mackey    | 29         |      |
| G.Fergus    | 38         | 73   |
| B.Cook      | 32         |      |