

MACKEY MINCES THE FIELD

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Following last week's scores at Emerald Golf Club when only two players bettered their handicaps, this week threw up nearly a third who had at least 40 stableford points. 24 players out of the field of 33 played to or bettered their handicap. Some by bloody miles! A week is a long time in sport. I didn't make that up, by the way!

Leading this band of happy campers was the king of the bandits, David Mackey (32) who came in with a whopping 47 points to blitz the field. Of course he was king of the C Grade kids as well. The handicapper was seen, left stage, sharpening his sword in anticipation of hacking strokes from Mackey's 32. Not that would ever consider trying to influence Snow White AKA Excalibur!

In A Grade Dennis Fuller (14) won with a measly 40 points and in B Grade, where the real bunfight took place, Daryl White (21) won with 42 points on a count back from the unlucky Ian Cranston (22). In the log jam behind these two, were four other poor chaps one stroke back on 41.

Others to perform exceptionally well but only score a ball were, Graham White and David Aitken on 42, and Leigh Morison, Peter Jones, Ryan Aitken, Jeff Marsh and Wayne Degering on 41.

Ian Scott was nearest the pin on the 4th and the 7th to throw up a surprise to all, especially Ian Scott. Mark Starick was nearest on the 12th, Dennis Fuller the 13th and Daryl White pocketed the pro pin pelf on the 18th x 2 (jackpotted from last week!) Past captain, Greg Horrocks, made a return visit to play a round and despite having not hit a ball for many months drove his handicap home for 37 points to be awarded the Committee award.

The ladies comp was a hard fought affair with Joanne Carvill just winning from Edith Kloprogge. It has to be said here that Edith K. did have a crook back, which might even be acceptable as a pathetic excuse. A New trophy, that Ben and Horro used to compete for has been introduced for blokes like these. It was a trophy that Horro picked up with a spelling error and won by Deidre (somebody) and was for some erroneous reason. "The Diedre" will be held for the first week by Joanne Carvill for her/his outstanding performance. He will bring it back next week, hopefully polished, ready to hand it to the next poor schmuck who plays like a shiela.

Wednesday's Obliquely Outrageous Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps, Ron Wilson (32) won the stableford event with 33 points from Ken Hill (9) on 31 while Moss Fuller modestly accepted the prize for the putting comp on the 19th. Next Saturday at Emerald Golf Club, the first of the championships are up for grabs when players compete for the foursomes crown. This is played in pairs and the good players with good handicaps are being corralled by those who have a hankering to claim the first trophy for the year.

The three man group of Snow White and the Two Wharfies came in with 120 points at an average of 40!!

The five man Team Degering scored total of 198 points at an average of 39.6. See what they can do with modest breathalyser readings!

The four man group of Klopprogge, Adams, Fisher and Carvill had 128 points at 32!!!!!!

SCORES: **equal or better than handicap**

A GRADE:

D Fuller ... 40
S Town ... 39
K Geeves ... 39
M Starick ... 38
R Martin ... 38
G Horrocks ... 37
K Hill ... 36
D Hunt ... 33
B Balfour ... 31
J Carvill ... 27

B GRADE:....how well did these blokes play???

D White ... 42
G White ... 42
I Cranston ... 42
W Degering ... 41
R Aitken ... 41
P Jones ... 41
L Morison ... 41
T.Gerbes.....37
D Shannon ... 36
C Ferrari ... 36
B White ... 36
P Clowes ... 33
B Cook ... 32
G Fergus ... 32
E Klopprogge ... 29

C GRADE:

D Mackey ... 47 ... off the steward office for a swab!!!!!!
D Aitken ... 42
J Marsh ... 41
J Fisher ... 39
B McCoy ... 37
D Jennings ... 36
I Scott ... 33 ... **22** on the front nine and a return of form on the back!!!