

Clowes wins long format

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The game of golf at Emerald Golf Club entailed joining fairways together to make super-long holes. The 18th and the 1st, the 2nd and the 3rd, the 11th and 12th plus the 13th and 14th were joined in pairs for a par of 62 strokes.

Peter Clowes (16) rose to the challenge of the long hole, day when he came in with a net 55 to lead the field in. Two others came close but earned no cigar. Allan Ecclestone (15) had a net 57 as did Dennis Fuller (14) with the latter winning the second place garland on a count back.

Ryan Aitken (24) had 58, Dave Hunt (13) a 59 and John Carvill (17) managed 60 with the rest of the field scattered to all points of the compass, crouching over their counting beads to calculate scores.

Because of the format played, fewer nearest the pins were contested. Clowes was nearest on the 4th, Ecclestone on the 12th and Jeff Marsh picked up the pro pin cash on the 17th.

Davina Jennings coped better than all the other ladies to win in a format not suited to them when she had a net 70. I did hear a rumour that by the time Davina passed the Tuck Shop, his/her disposition was a little cloudy. I was told by a secret source...no not Kevin Rudd this time, although his being accused of most things, that some things did not quite go the way he wanted on a previous hole and a fairly large black cloud was hovering just above his head. I, like Laurie Oakes, will not divulge my source but thanks Mr Aitken anyway.

The quote of the day came from John Carvill when standing on the 11th tee after an duet of intrepid efforts on the 9th. They were not sure who had the honour but John solved the problem by saying, "Your ten was better than my ten, so you can hit off first!" High expectations were set for the day!

King Hill and Kong Wack finished the round with their ears ringing from the bombardment of the Mad Professor who regaled them with witticisms and happy banter throughout his round. Neither King or Kong played well so their acceptance of his hilarity was a tad underwhelming.

Wednesday's Organically Fabricated Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was a tie between Mick Petrie and Ernie Tong when they both came in with 32 points. They agreed, as gentlemen would, to sharing the spoils without having to prove themselves the better man.

Next Saturday, golfers line up for the August edition of the VGL medal. The course, despite Mother Nature chucking bucket loads of rain on it, is standing up particularly well and I expect any player who expects to win, will have to turn in a blinder. Despite

the fact that the top handicaps for the VGL medal has been set at 27, I confidently expect that Ian Scott will lift to that standard and take out the coveted metal thingy. Take no notice of him going Dudley Norris Fenwick. I asked him before the round not to show too much as the bookies would cut the odds and I would lose money on the four figure wager I have on his head. There are four figures in the sum and only one decimal point which is strategically places to limit my losses.

P Clowes ... 55
D Fuller ... 57
A Ecclestone ... 57
R Aitken ... 58
D Hunt ... 59
J Carvill ... 60
B McCoy ... 60
K Sumsion ... 62
P Farmer ... 62
E Tong ... 63
W Degering ... 64
C Whitlock ... 65
K Hill ... 66
D Aitken ... 68
D Jennings .. 70

I Scott Dudley Norris Fenwick Who can count that high???