

Hill wins Three Club Event

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The annual three club event is a big hit on the Emerald Golf Calendar, with each player allowed to take only three golf clubs including the putter for the entire round. Some, prefer to exclude the putter and try putting with irons and fairway woods, which makes for a very interesting day on the greens.

Ken Hill playing off his handicap of 12 had an excellent 77 off the stick, with the winning overall score of 65 nett and also as the A grade winner. Ken used a Driver, Pitching wedge and putter to play one of his best rounds. Apparently, Ken's father was a good golfer and no doubt passed some of his golfing genes onto the young Ken, who at the tender age of 70 years is a chance to break his age one of these days. Others to play well in A grade were Dean Shannon (HCP 17) 68 nett, Damien Holland (HCP16) 70 nett and Ross Martin (HCP 7) 71nett.

The B grade winner was Bret Isherwood off his handicap of 22, scored well to win B grade with a nett 74.

There was some confusion with the wealthier contingent of the Club, as Con Whitlock thought the 3 club event meant you had to belong to three Golf Clubs, and being a member at Sandhurst and Emerald, was considering joining Royal Melbourne to gain the three Clubs he thought necessary to qualify for the event. Eventually, Con was content to play, but was heard muttering after the game that he was still only a two club member.

Nearest to the pins were won by B Isherwood 7th, Ken Hill 12th, Dean Shannon 13th, and Kameron Geeves was the Pro-pin winner on the 18th.

There was no ladies competition Saturday, however Women's golfing legend Margaret Murphy won the chipping competition while visiting Emerald with her husband Len from Victoria Golf Club. Margaret beat the Emerald Captain Ross Martin in a close encounter 5 pts to 4pts.

The Emerald Golf Club VGL handicap pennant team played Oakleigh at their home course on Sunday losing 12 points to 2, however the 2 pts was enough for Emerald to make the Pennant final and travel to Werribee Park to play in the VGL Division 8 final. Emerald's only winner from Sunday's pennant matches was Dean Shannon, well done to Dean.

Next week's comp is a Stableford event.