

Holland and Shannon Emerald Cup Champs

Dennis Fuller 30-05-2010

In overcast but good conditions at Emerald Golf Club last Saturday the 4BBB match play final was staged. Bouncer Holland and Dean Shannon faced off across the first tee against Wayne Degering and Paul Farmer. A little sneering and snide banter took place to start the day's proceedings. It did not take long for the writing to be on the wall as Holland and Shannon opened up a two holes advantage early with some wonderful recovery shots. As the game progressed Degering and Farmer played some wonderful golf but to no avail as their opponents were playing well below their handicaps to finish up winner 5/3. To add insult to injury they decide to play the 16th with only the one club. Bloody Shannon used his driver and birdied the hole. There are a couple of things obvious about this. The first is that if the game had have still been in progress he would not have used just his driver and he also would definitely not have birdies the hole.

For the normal stragglers who were not good enough to be part of the main meal, a stableford event was staged.

Ken Hill (12) is running with extremely good form to blast the rest of the field to very small pieces when his 44 stableford points was the best A Grade score and the top one over-all. This score of 4 over part followed his 7 over par last week with just three clubs. The handicapper has greeted him warmly and knocked his handicap down top 9.7. Damed lucky the powers that be did not put last week's 3 club event in for handicap. He is also lucky that Excalibur has not been able to take a hack at him or he would have been playing off his OFG handicap.

In B Grade, Hill's playing partner and bosom buddy, Con Whitlock (23), won with a grand total of 41 points. The handicapper has taken a liking to the axe to whittle his handicap by a s stroke with the promise of further pain.

Amongst the struggling crowd Allan Ecclestone stood out with 41 points, Kameron Geeves scored 39, Peter Jones and Leigh Morison 38 and Barry Cook all carded 38.

The nearest the pins went to few with David Mackey being nearest on the 4th and the 13, Brendan White on the 12th and the pro pin on the 18th and Peter Jones was nearest on the 7th. Graham White was nearest the pin after two shots on the 17th.

Speaking of the pro pin, which I wasn't but will anyway ... I was playing with the White Kings and we stood on the 18thj tee. I hit off first and actually hit the green and was chuffed beyond belief as I have had great problems landing in the same postcode as that green. Whiteman, who claims to have never won a pro pin, stepped up and made my effort look ordinary. Talk about chuffed, he looked like he was in awe of himself. He could even feel the cash rattling around in his pocket. Then Brendan White, nephew not son, plonked his drive a meter from the hole. To say I chuckling loud and long like a

hyena would possibly be understating my effort after Whiteman missed out again. He and I did par the hole and Brendan birdied to make a lie of the rest of our rounds.

On Wednesday for the Ominpitently Faithless Golf (OFG) a round of South African foursomes was on the menu. The pairing of Ben Balfour and Ron Wilson topped the list with 89 points from Ken Hill and Kevin Miller on 83. Mark Lothian eclipsed all in a chipping comp on the 19th. Next week we will be practising for the joined holes event when we are stitching together holes 2 and 3. Blood Balfour strikes again!!

My tip for the medal next week is...is...is...is...Ian Scott. It has been noted that he is driving in a very classy way at the moment. Changing the subject completely, who also noticed that a certain Gnome-like person (and not me) was seen driving up to golf in a brand new automobile? His loyalty has to be called to task as the white station wagon of indefinite breed, has been, on its own accord on many occasions, seen to drive him home with little assistance from himself. I do hope this car has got an automatic pilot attachment as well!

A message from our fearless leader:

To all,

Thankyou for a wonderful end to a good season as we won the Division8 VGL Handicap Pennant final defeating Altona Lakes 7 matches to nil....

Also, thankyou for the support from Jeff Marsh & John Fisher who came on the day....Jeff had the Managers job and did it very wellwe also had a visit from Greg Horrocks who caddied for Geof Isherwood and no doubt helped in getting Geoff over the line....

Attached photo of our team on the day.....I have ordered 11 winning medals for each of the final 8 players and also for John Fisher , Jeff Marsh and Peter Clowes who also played during the season for Emerald.....

Today was a real pleasure and I really enjoyed the day and the win, thankyou for all being part of the Emerald team, enjoy the rest of 2010, and look forward to the 2011 season in Division 7.....

regards

Ross Martin

Captain Emerald Golf Club

PENNANT TEAM SHEET – VGL DIVISION 8 FINAL

CLUB : - EMERALD GOLF CLUB VS ALTONA LAKES @ WERRIBEE PARK

EMERALD TEAM MANAGER:- JEFF MARSH

DATE: 30-MAY-2010

TEAM LIST:-

Emergency :	DAMIEN HOLLAND	HCP 16
Player no.7	GEOFF ISHERWOOD	HCP 21
Player no.6	DEAN SHANNON	HCP 17
Player no.5	STEVE TOWN	HCP 15
Player no.4	PETER STEVENS	HCP 12
Player no.3	KAMERON GEEVES	HCP 12
Player no.2	ROSS MARTIN (Captain)	HCP 8
Player no.1	MARTIN YEATS	HCP 7



Winning team : Emerald won the Final 7 matches to Nil

Back row: Kameron Geeves, Martin Yates, Damien Holland, Geoff Isherwood

Front row: Peter Stevens, Ross Martin, Steve Town, Dean Shannon

SCORES from Saturday 29-05-2010

K Hill ... 44
A Ecclestone ... 41
C Whitlock ... 41
K Geeves ... 39
B Cook ... 38
P Jones ... 38
L Morison ... 38
J Carvill ... 37
K Sumsion ... 36
G White ... 35
B McCoy ... 35
P Clowes ... 34
D Jennings ... 33
D Mackey ... 33
D Fuller ... 32
R Martin ... 30
P Stevens ... 29
B White ... 29
I Scott ... 27

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D Aitken ... 23 ... I think he might have been pining as Team Degering had been split up because of the 4BBB final. He also might have been still chuckling at the email he sent me after I advised you about the house next door that is up for sale.

He wrote:

I'd be interested, nice area, good view, but I don't like the grumpy prick next door!!

Cheers,

David Aitken