

# Marsh strides in with a Net 59

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With the successful pennant season behind golfers at Emerald Golf Club, striving to win the June monthly VGL medal looked like a walk in the park. As it turned out on the fine day, President, Jeff Marsh (26) (T.S.M.F.A. Hons) strode across the grass like a golfing colossus and won easily with a nett score of 59. Naturally that put him at the top of the C Graders and should draw considerable interest from the handicapper when his abacus is attacked during the week. I have a thought that any player who ducks his nett score below 60 should be bum-dragged the length of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway. The fact that he is the President and a reasonably decent fellow, on days when he has an assisting wind, he should only be dragged the length of a Bouncer Holland drive instead. Oh, bugger, that's about the same thing. Shame?

Captain, Ross Martin (8) hit the ground running and would have felt quietly confident with his nett 65 but found it was only good enough for the A Grade gong. Didn't have the Werribee scents wafting past and still played well.

Ben Balfour (16) aided by just 26 putts, found his nett 65 was good enough to win B Grade but that's all. Ben claims to have left a few putts out on the course but he would have had to make up 7 to head Mr Marsh

Wayne Degering scored 67, Peter Clowes 68 and Allan Ecclestone and Geoff Isherwood both managed a creditable 69 each. Well done to Sir Geoffrey who has been playing the entire 18 holes without any problems at all. I do believe that it is the presence of his little brother Brett that has made the difference. Not that I can talk, I didn't even start after being attacked by the weight of a fat-arsed wombat I was carving the day before.

Degering reckoned on a good score when he was nearest the pins on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. I have put the name Degering in my computer and when I start it just appears out of habit. Dean Solomon was nearest on the 13<sup>th</sup> and John Carvill took away the loot for the pro pin on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Martin Yeats was nearest the pin after two shots on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

In the putting, I note that Brian McCoy had 25 putts. Still managed a nett 77 so he must have come to grief somewhere else, a few times. David Jennings had 26 putts as did Mt Balfour and Mr Marsh (T.S.M.F.A. Hons), Riley Stevens had 27 and Mr Martin had 28. Mr Degering didn't keep score so I suppose he had about 22?

The ladies' comp was won by Peta Jones in a tight finish from Joan Fisher who fell at the last hurdle to let Jones triumph.

Wednesday's Ornamentally Felicitous Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was a stroke event where the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> holes were joined as one long hole as was the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. When the counting was done at the clubhouse it was found that Mick Petrie (32) and Ron Wilson (26) both had nett 64. Various ways of separating them were considered but neither fancied the 100m sprints so they putted off for the cash. Petrie stood up to the test and pocketed the cash and swallowed the notion that his handicap would receive a fair flogging for his success.

Next week is a stableford event so we can expect that scores will go through the roof as usual. I am tipping that this will definitely be Ian Scott's win.

The qualifying round has been put off for a week because of the Queen's Birthday holiday but will appear again the following. Week. I was sort of hoping that a lot of people would be away so that my flagging chances might have been enhanced.