

# Shannon leads in Winter Cup

By Dennis Fuller 17-07-2010

With another outstanding round of golf, Dean Shannon (16) leads after two rounds of the three round Winter Cup at Emerald Golf Club. His two round total of 81 puts him firmly into favouritism as he is six points ahead of three other players who are all baying for his blood. These include the consistent Ben Balfour, President Jeff Marsh and young tyro Riley Stevens who are all on 75. The way Shannon is playing one would assume that he will stand the test and win but golf has the habit of kicking your feet from under you just when you think you have a handle on the game.

I expect Dean to win but the way the three who are dogging his heels are playing, nothing would surprise me. If Peter allows Riley Rabbit to stay home from school this week to hone his game he might be a challenge. Mr Balfour is hitting them cleanly and looks something of a challenge is Deano stuffs up and who the hell can tell what Mr Mush is going to do. Jeffrey did say it was the best round of golf he played all week.

I also note that Mr Eccles stayed away to protect his handicap for when we play match play. But little did he know that I had 88 and dropped off a 79 on the bottom of the Golf Link 20 rounds so I may have thwarted his best efforts.

Good to see Mr 15.8 Yeats hit his straps and card 37 points. I take it that that will be the end of his drive to be playing B Grade by December.

I had an email from Whiteman who, apart from hanging excreta on my good self, said of Martin's drive for 15.8 ...

***"Haven't had a game golf yet haven't had the urge.***

***Martin Yeats in B grade over my dead body!"***

***Whiteman & White lady***

Can't help noticing that the leader after the first round fell by the wayside pretty severely and it is pretty obvious to all and sundry that he doesn't seem to be able to cut the pace. I think he was still struggling with the disappointment of tipping Scotty as Cup winner and have him not turn up for the first round. I see that he has recovered from rabies or some other malady contracted from constant good humour or some such, and was able to post a stunning 29 points. I did get the message that he was starting to hit them really well so I can confidently predict that he will take out the bikkies next week.

The daily comp was won on a countback by Brett Isherwood (23) who came in with 41 points to win from Ben Balfour (15) and John Fisher (33). Martin Yeats (8) headed up the A Grade list, Isherwood B Grade and Fisher topped the C Grade crowd.

Others to raise their heads above the rabble were Shannon with 40, Marsh 38 while David Aitken, Con Whitlock and Paul Farmer all managed 37.

Graeme Fergus proved he has still got it by being nearest the pin on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Peter Clowes did it on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Fisher on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Ken Hill on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Ben Balfour picked up the pro pin cash on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Leighroy Morison was lucky I promised to salute Judy Porter as winner of the ladies' comp as his 25 points would have put him in the running for the weekly sex change as Lenora Morison.

The women's comp was won by Judy Porter who played her last game at the club before moving to the windswept greenery of Moona Links. The club wishes her all the best and thanks her for her contribution to the club. She just fell over the line from Lyn Ward who, as ladies' club champion, looks forward to winning next week when Porter has gone.

Wednesday's Overly Fastidious Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps was a foursomes event. Bouncer Holland and Mick Petrie (21) combined brilliantly to overcome all opposition to win easily with a net 69 from Brett Isherwood and Mark Lothian (17.5) on 77.5.

Next Saturday is the last week of the Sam Ritchie, Winter Cup and all will be queuing up to have a lash at Shannon, the leader and one can only hope that fair play might prevail.

Current leader/straggler board

**D Shannon ... 41 + 40 = 81**

**B Balfour ... 34 + 41 = 75**

**J Marsh ... 37 + 38 = 75**

**R Stevens ... 40 + 35 = 75**

**D Fuller ... 42 + 31 = 73**

**C Whitlock ... 36 + 37 = 73**

**P Farmer ... 36 + 37 = 73**

**J Fisher ... 29 + 41 = 70**

**M Yeats ... 32 + 37 = 69**

**D Thomas ... 36 + 32 = 68**

**K Hill ... 36 + 32 = 68**

**D Jennings ... 39 + 28 = 67**

**K Sumsion ... 38 + 28 = 66**

**W Degering ... 36 + 30 = 66**

**B McCoy ... 34 + 32 = 66**

**P Stevens ... 33 + 31 = 64**

**P Clowes ... 33 + 30 = 63**

**S Town ... 31 + 32 = 63**

**D Aitken ... 25 + 37 = 62**

**P Jones ... 25 + 32 = 57**

**L Morison ... 31 + 25 = 56**

**R Aitken ... 28 + 28 = 56**

**J Carvill ... 26 + 29 = 56**

**D Holland ... 23 + 30 = 53**