

Yeats Stars in win – 24th April 2010

(Excalibur, using the new, improved, "I'm- stuffed- if- I- know- what- I- will- be- playing- off- next- week" handicap method, is almost salivating at the carnage that will be wrought this week!)

By Dennis Fuller

Despite claiming, just a couple weeks ago, that his swing had deserted him with his weight loss, Martin Yeats (7) proved himself wrong in a large way. Lost his swing ... bull****! His, one over par round of 71, yielded 42 stableford points to clean up the rest of the field. This gave him the A Grade scalp as well.

John Fisher (36) followed up his sensational round the previous week during a 4BBB match with a win in B Grade with 41 points. His days of playing off 36 seemed to be well and truly numbered. No Ross, he still can't be hit with a retrospective slash from his previous week's effort.

Many of the golfers found the going to their liking lead by Wayne Degering and Con Whitlock both with 40 points, Jeff Marsh had 39, Ken Sumsion and Dean Shannon scored 38 while Mark Starick, Noel Cook and Leigh Morison managed 37. It is good to see that Mark Starick has got used to the course and is turning in great rounds of golf. WILL SOMEONE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE LEADER TO TEAM DEGERING'S HANDICAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! My goodness it is going to be a busy week in the Golf Link department. I suggest all of these bandits, take a long hard look at their handicaps before they play next week as their number will, no doubt, be trimmed considerably.

Jeff Marsh was nearest the pin on the 4th, Peter Steven on the 7th, Leigh Morison the 12th, Noel Co the 13th and Martin Yeats rounded out a successful day with the pro pin on the 18th.

After two shots on the 10th Stevens was closest and Bouncer Holland mastered all with the same trick on the 17th.

I did hear that a certain ex-president, who shall remain nameless, whose name starts with Peter Stevens, was sitting on 34 points when he hit the Tuck Shop. There was some reason given why he did not continue the round but I suspect, without any evidence of course, that he had to repair to the inner sanctums of the lodge to clean his trousers. This, of course, may be mere conjecture and you do understand that normally I would not print this salacious type of rumour. I had stuff-all other information and scandal to type so I thought .. "What the hell!!!"

I have no other goss because Bouncer and I set off early, 7.00am actually, because the Bouncer had to get finished to do other more important stuff. We managed the 18 holes in two hours. Speed did replace accuracy as evidenced by his 31 points and my 35.

Barry Cook had his brother over for the game and it is easy to see that Bazz is not the only member of the Cook household that likes a nearest the pin or two.

I do wonder how many golfers were still out on the course when the heavens opened. I must admit to a small, understated guffaw, at those could in the downpour. Sometimes my evil side does dominate my thoughts.

Lyn Ward played the round of her life when she slated the field in the ladies' comp with Judy Porter a distant 2nd. Judy has promised retribution next week but the way these competitions have been going lately, anybody might win. (If anybody has got a wife, girlfriend, mother, sister, mistress etc that need to win a round of golf, please let me know as anything is possible) Last week's winner, Margaret Lobban, was indeed a friend visiting from Scotland. She has, in the past, had a strong affiliation with St Andrews. I did not state that it was St Andrews University but that was a minor omission that was intended to give the wrong impression.

On Wednesday's Obviously Fractured Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps, Mark Lothian (16) starred with a whopping 43 stableford points from Ben Balfour (13) on 38 and Dennis Fuller (7) on 37. Lothian also withstood all challenges to win the putting comp on the 19th. It was a string event where each player had 1m of string per stroke of handicap. The ball could be moved by the length of string cut from the end.

In the seniors pennant' match against Wellington Links, the local lads lowered their colours. Ron Wilson as emergency lost 3/2, Mick Petrie lost 3/2, Jeff Marsh lost 2/1, John Carvill won 3/2, Peter Clowes lost 4/3 and Captain Ken Hill won 3/2.

As ANZAC day fell on last Sunday there were no handicap pennant games played but hostilities resume next week when the locals travel to Altona Lakes. The senior mob play Mt Martha at Mt Martha.

Next Saturday the May VGL Monthly Medal will be there for the taking but if scoring remains at this week's peak, it will take a mighty good round to pin that medal on a expanded chest. I reckon Ian Scott is about due to turn in a blinder. (One day I will be right!)