

Week ending Sat 5th Jan 2019

Mick Coyne has started 2019 in style winning the first monthly medal of the new with a round of 81-11-70 by two shots from A Grade runner up Mick Gallivan with 87-15-72.

The feature of Mick's round was his effort to successfully retrieve his ball from the top of a Melaleuca tree on the thirteenth hole after a wayward tee shot – his tree climbing skills greatly impressing his playing partners and limiting the damage to a double bogey on the hole.

As with all other 2018-2019 medal winners Mick will be the recipient of the purple Medallist's shirt as selected by Valley View's fashion guru direct from his very own House of Harrison range.

Some justice in B Grade with John Neale claiming the honours with 97-24-73 in a count back from the Penguin with 104– 31–73.

To the ladies and Helen Emery had a comfortable win with 87-15-72 from Tracey Wade with 98-22-76. Tracey took the runner's up trophy in a count back from Marlene Topp with 102-26-76.

John McHale, Geoff Squires, Ash Kuiper and Peter Mangan all won balls in the ball comp with Nett 74 while Ash took out the ball for Best Gross score with 80 off the stick and Greg Watson won the B Grade Best Gross score with 94.

NTP winners on the 3rd were Daryl Harrison (A Grade), Rory Kerr (B) and Bev Lyon while the voucher on the 15th stayed with the club.

Rushworth's Sam Perry won Tuesday's New Years Day comp with 41 points and also picked up the NTP ball along the way.

Miles Gould was runner up with 39 while Kelly Cheong, Bill Barlow, Pooch McHale and Mick Coyne all won balls with 37. Rob Geisler won the voucher on the 15th.

Our summer pennant team started 2019 with a 3 ½ - 1 ½ win over Nagambie at Valley View. The winning combinations were the Kuiper Bros 3&2, Miles Gould - Paul Dickens (6&5) and Lawrie Casey - Peter Blackmore (4&3). Steve Usher and Barry Scott broke even while David Collins and Dom Cerrone went down 2&1.

While they were the early successes of 2019 the year did not start too well for one of our members who was stunned, nay devastated to discover at the weekend that he isn't aging quite as well as he might have thought. The harsh reality hitting home for this chap when he reached the counter of a local retail outlet with his cash at the ready only to be greeted by the cashier with *"would you have a senior's discount card sir?"* A crushing blow for a fellow still in his early fifties.

On a more serious note the club's condolences go out to Marie Watt and the extended Watt family on the loss of Joe just prior to Christmas.

Coming Events

Sat 12 January (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Rd 3 Summer Cup Duty: D Collins & B Thorsen

Sat 19 January (Ass 8am & 1130am)

Par Duty: D Kajewski & G Armstrong

Tuesdays; Stableford: Assembly 9am

Scoop

Week ending Sat 12th January 2019

Saturday's Stableford round saw the club's heat policy invoked for the first time this summer and as a result there was no competition action in the afternoon.

There was plenty of action in the morning however with a good number of our golfers setting their alarms clocks to make the 830am tee off.

The best score of the day came in B Grade from Geoff Squires who racked up an excellent Round 3 Summer Cup score of 41 points and he finished two shots head of Greg Watson with 39.

In A Grade the consistent Peter Mangan found some early new year form with 38 points nudging out runner up Kevin Bauerle with 37.

Jan McHale was the ladies' winner with 35 points from Tracey Wade with 33.

Ball winners were Johnny Heywood (38), Daryl Harrison (36), Paul Kuiper (34), Mick Gallivan (33) and Bill Murray with 33.

Pooch McHale took the A Grade NTP ball while Kevin Bauerle added the voucher on the 15th to his runner's up trophy. The B Grade and ladies' NTP balls stayed on the shelf.

Our pennant team ventured to Nagambie on Sunday to take on Kialla and in a very tense contest halved the match.

The pairings of David Collins & Miles Gould and Mick Coyne and Mick Gallivan had 2&1 wins but these were offset by losses of the same score by Tiger Livingston & Mick McAuliffe and Peter Blackmore & Steve Usher.

This left the fete of the match in the hands of the final pairing of Ash and Paul Kuiper who came to the last hole one down needing to win the hole to halve their match for the team to finish square.

In a tense finish a two put from Paul was initially thought to have halved the hole but a check of the hole rating revealed that Paul had actually won the hole to halve the match for Valley View.

For those of you who have noticed that your mail has arrived in unusually good time this week you would be on to something with our intrepid postie Lawrie Casey off work recovering from a losing bout of lawn mowing wrestling last weekend.

Lawrie hasn't received much sympathy from his fellow golfers though Peter Mangan was considerate enough to take the time to ring Lawrie and suggest he might look at better ways of shaving his legs.

Once again, we finish this column on a sad note with Kevin Livingston losing his dad the weekend before last and our condolences go out to Kevin, Mary, Jayne and Casey.

Coming Up

Sat 19 Jan 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

PAR Duty: D Kajewski & G Armstrong

Sat 26 Jan 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: J Neale & A Hausler

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 19th Jan 2019

Our morning golfers seemed to fare best in Saturday's Par round with the headline act coming from Daryl Harrison who enjoyed a runaway win in A Grade with the score of 7 up from a handicap of 17.

Pooch McHale was Daryl's closest challenger taking the runner's up trophy with 1 up.

In B Grade Geoff Strachan was also a comfortable winner with 3 up from John Neale with 1 up in a count back from Doug Kajewski and Johnny Heywood (Johnny was one of few afternoon golfers to prosper on the day).

Speaking of prospering Daryl and Johnny are both off to the Mornington Peninsula in March to contest the Victorian 4 Ball Championships after winning last weekend's qualifier at Rich River with the excellent score of 50 points an excellent effort.

Back to Saturday's event and the ladies also found the conditions to their liking with Jan McHale going one better than Pooch winning the ladies with 3 up from Helen Armstrong who finished square.

Aside from Doug and Johnny other ball winners on the day were Gavon Armstrong, Mick McAuliffe, Michael McQueen – Thomson, Phil Downe and Mick Gallivan all with rounds of -1.

Daryl also won the A Grade NTP ball, Phil Downe took home the B Grade NTP ball and President Mick McAuliffe won the voucher on the 15th.

Our Pennant team proved it can without co-captain Miles Gould with a 3-2 win against Rich River at Rich River on Sunday.

Winning combinations were the Kuiper Bros with 1 up and Steve Usher and Peter Blackmore (2&1) while Mick Gallivan and Paul Dickens and Mick McAuliffe and Barry Scott halved their matches. Dom Cerrone and David Collins lost their match 2 & 1.

Off-course news and with petrol prices in the news lately Peter Noble was mentioning with some satisfaction to the Thursday night golfers recently that wife Cheryl's newly acquired commodore performed at the excellent rate of 6L / 100km on a recent trip to Albury only for Paul Dickens to query *"You were happy with that as you drove it off the train Nobby?"*

Coming Events

Sat 26 January (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: J Neale & A Hausler

Monday 28 January (Assembly 8am)
Stableford Duty: D Kajewski

Sat 2 Feb 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: P Downe & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 26th January 2019

After the hellish and oppressive conditions on Thursday and Friday our golfers enjoyed the milder climate for Saturday's Australia Day stableford event.

Pooch McHale posted the day's best round of 40 points to take out A Grade from Josh Pell with 38.

Pooch's round was highlighted by an excellent back nine of 22 points that featured five pars and a birdie on the 18th as he completed that side of the course with a two over 38.

The win capped off an interesting week for Pooch who managed to pick up the jackpot on Tuesday with a tee shot to within a couple of feet on the 3rd before somehow finding a way to three putt and walk off with a bogey four.

B Grade went to a three way count back with Geoff Squires prevailing with 37 points from Lindsay Tatterson and Phil Downe in that order.

In a very even performance Squizzy's front nine - back nine split was 19 and 18 points respectively.

In the ladies Renae Dickens made the most of her return to golf posting 33 points to record a one - shot win from Jan McHale with 32.

A very generous duty team handed out balls to Bud Thorsen with 37, Phil Downe (37), Alan Hausler (36), Daryl Harrison (36), Alan Curnow (35), Geoff Strachan 35 and Paul Kuiper (35).

On the Par three's Kelly Cheong and John Bauerle won the A & B Grade nearest the pin balls respectively while Kevin Bauerle won the voucher on the 15th.

Following the recent hot spell the Tuesday comp will now assemble at 8am for tee off at 830am until further notice.

Coming Events

Sat 2 Feb 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: P Downe & B Thorsen

Sat 9 Feb 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford / Rd 4 Summer Cup Duty: D Collins & B Thorsen

Tuesdays: Stableford Assembly 8am.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 2nd Feb 2019

A late flurry of birdies has enabled Miles Gould to break a two year medal drought at the weekend.

After dropping four shots early in his round Miles's medal chances looked gone with another three bogeys in the early part of the back nine before birdies on 15, 16 & 18 brought his round alive as he finished with 78-8-70 and a one shot buffer from B Grade winner John Neale who finished with 95-24-71.

Having started on the fifth Nails' was on track for a medal win until a nine on the par five 18th dashed his medal chances. Maybe his mind was still in a muddled state from the 14th hole where he inexplicably managed to get his cart bogged and had to be assisted from the mire.

Runners up on the day were Pooch McHale in A Grade with 85-11-74 and the in-form Johnny Heywood in B Grade with 96-24-72.

Renaë Dickens won the ladies event for the second week running with 100-21-79 in countback from Julie Neale with 98-19-79.

Kevin Livingston won a ball with Nett 73 along with the quartet of Paul Kuiper, Josh Pell, Daryl Harrison and Bill Murray all with Nett 75.

Bud (A Grade) and Gill Thorsen won NTP balls on the third while Miles rounded out a good day winning yet another voucher on the 15th as he kicked off his birdie charge.

Doug Kajewski was Monday's public holiday winner with 40 points from Daryl Harrison with 39 while Bev Lyon was the ladies' winner with 35 in a count back from Helen Emery.

John Neale (36), Mick Gallivan (35) and Kevin Bauerle (35) picked up balls.

The Captain backed up again on Tuesday with 41 points and a four shot win from Lindsay Tatterson with 37 in a count back from Peter Mangan who won a ball with his 37 as did Paul Kuiper with 36. Kelly Cheong won the NTP ball.

On Sunday our Pennant team halved its match with Rushworth at Kialla the winners being Peter Blackmore and Mick Gallivan (4&3) and Dom Cerrone and Mick Coyne (4&2).

Miles and Paul Dickens halved their match while Steve Usher and Barry Scott (2 down) and the Kuiper brothers (4&3) finished on the wrong side of the ledger.

Off the course and one of our members has found things work a little differently on today's modern cars. Having recently acquired his new set of wheels he thought it time for a trip to the car wash only to discover upon completion of the task that if you leave the keys in the ignition with the radio on the door locks will automatically do their thing. Apparently "*it never happened with the Camry*"!

Coming Events

Sat 9 Feb 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford / Rd 4 Summer Cup Duty: D Collins & A Hausler

Sat 16 Feb 2019 (Ass 8am & 1130am)
Par Duty: D Kajewski & G Armstrong

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 8am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 9th Feb 2019

Saturday's cool conditions for the final round of the Summer Cup caught many of our golfers off guard and with the thermal golf gear safely stowed away in the wardrobe the creaky joints and limbs of our members found it tough going and as a result scoring was generally on the lower side.

The exceptions were the two place getters in A Grade with Bill Murray (who doesn't feel much of anything) and Josh Pell (a young buck with a still healthy circulation) fighting out a count back with the day's best score of 37 points with Bill taking the winner's voucher.

In B Grade Audi Alf Hausler (who possesses some of the creakiest joints in the region) managed to fend off the osteo arthritis to score a one shot win with 34 points.

Another young buck in Mooroopna's Geoff Connally won a count back for runner up with 33 points from Geoff Strachan.

Playing in the morning the ladies really felt the chill with the consistent Jan McHale winning with 31 points from Tracey Wade who won the count back for runner up with 28 points from Julie Neale.

Ball comp winners were Pooch McHale (35), Strachannie, Tiger Livingston (32), Kevin Bauerle (32) and Mick Gallivan (31).

Peter Blackmore won the A Grade NTP ball on the third, the B Graders and ladies couldn't find the target from that tee and Pooch won the voucher on the 15th.

For the third match in a row our pennant team halved its match, this week against Tallygaroopna at Hill Top.

The match results were Miles Gould & Johnny Heywood (4&3 win), Mick Coyne & Paul Dickens (3&2 win), Dom Cerrone & David Collins (square) while the pairings of Mick Gallivan & Paul Kuiper (6&5) and Pete Blackmore & Barry Scott (7&6) were comfortably beaten.

With two wins and three halved matches that left an unbeaten Valley View equal with Tallygaroopna and Kialla on fourteen points with those two teams qualifying for the final as they had each recorded three wins.

As a result, our pennant team's season has come to a disappointing end but the club sincerely thanks David, Miles and the rest of the team for their efforts.

Coming up

Sat 16 Feb 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Par Duty: D Kajewski & G Armstrong

Sat 23 Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: J Burrows & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 8am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 23rd February 2019

Saturday's Stableford round produced a McHale quinella with John and Jan both winning their respective grades.

John won A Grade in a count back from the luckless Bill Murray with Pooch's superior back nine of 19 points getting him across the line in the count back.

A more clear-cut result for Jan who won the ladies event by two shots with a round of 37 points from Marlene Topp with 35.

While the McHale's celebrated a rare matrimonial double the day's best round came from Alan Hausler who won B Grade with 40 point, a score that could have been even better if he hadn't succumbed to nerves and wiped the last hole. That is without mentioning a couple of three putt greens along the way.

Haus also showed he is not above a bit of subtle gamesmanship as he continually built up playing partner Bud Thorsen as the winner through the early part of his round while quietly going about his business racking up a series of three point holes and a couple of four pointers thrown in for good measure.

Penguin Nelson was the B Grade runner up with 36 points and if you would like to know more about Peter's round please feel free to give him a call as I doubt I could do it justice in the four hundred or so words available to me for this column.

Paul Kuiper (38), Kelly Cheong (37), Bud Thorsen (37) and Peter Mangan (36) picked up balls in the ball comp while Bud picked up the A Grade NTP ball on the third and Bev Lyon the ladies NTP ball on the same hole.

Tiger Livingston won the voucher on the 140 metre Par three 15th with an excellent shot to within a metre of the pin.

There is not truth in the rumour that he used his putter from the tee as, even with the tees slightly forward, the green was just out of his 100 metre, putting range.

Unfortunately for Kev the excitement of the voucher win must have got to him as he forgot to pick the putter out for his second shot and missed the very makeable birdie putt.

Just an apology from last week to Dean Hubble after I incorrectly (a rare error on my part) allocated his ball comp win to Daryl Harrison.

Coming Events

Sat 2 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: D Kajewski & A Hausler

Sat 9 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: J Neale & P Noble

Mon 11 March (Assembly 9am)
Stableford Duty: D Kajewski & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 8am

SCOOP

Week ending 2nd March 2019

The March monthly medal produced some close results with count backs required to find the winner in both grades from which Peter Mangan emerged as both the A Grade winner and March Medalist Medalist.

Consistency was the key to Peter's round of 84-17-69 with a double bogey free score card showing a 42-42 front-nine back-nine break.

Closing out his round with pars on the 17th & 18th holes didn't hurt either and ultimately provide the difference.

Bill Murray (who loses count backs for a living) was the man on the wrong end of this one with a round of 88-19-69 and found himself with another runner's up voucher to his name.

Unlike Bill, Les Hall's luck with count backs has turned recently and on Saturday he won B Grade from Johnny Heywood after they both carded 99-24-75 with Hally's chip in for birdie on the last getting him across the line.

No count back's in the ladies with Jan McHale a two shot winner with 101 – 20 – 81 from Marlene Topp with 111-28-83 and if I'm not mistaken that makes it four Saturday wins in a row for Jan.

The best gross rounds for the day came from Miles Gould in A Grade with 81 and Harro in B Grade with 98 (not 77 as was showing on the results sheet – really!!).

Ball comp winners were Mick Coyne with Nett 72, Peter Blackmore (72), Pooch McHale (73) and Miles also with 73.

Mick Coyne picked up the A Grade NTP ball (the only winner on the 3rd) while Baden Thorsen won the voucher on the 15th before making par after missing his four foot putt for birdie.

Limited information from Tuesday's round though I am told that Peter Blackmore won with 40 points.

Coming Events

Sat 9 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: D A Hausler & P Noble

Monday 11 March (Assembly 9am)

Stableford Duty: D Collins & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford (Assembly 8am)

SCOOP

Week ending 9th March 2019

A fine autumn's day saw our members joined by a number of visitors for Saturday's Stableford event.

Last week I documented Bill Murray's history of misfortunes in count backs. Well this week Bill discovered the secret to success with count backs is to avoid them altogether as he posted the excellent score of 40 points and gave himself a three-shot buffer from the count back required to separate a log jam of players with 37 points.

Those players were Pooch McHale who emerged as the runner while Valley View's answer to Paul Keating in Peter Noble and Peter Blackmore had to settle for balls in the ball comp with 37 points as did David Collins with 36 and Peter Mangan with 35.

In B Grade Les Hall went back to back with 37 points and a one-shot win from little Alfie Hausler with 36 with Geoff Squires a further shot back with 35 points picking up a ball.

Tracey Wade was the ladies' winner with 35 points from Julie Neale with 34

Brad Goodman marked his return to the golf course from the cricket field by winning the A Grade NTP ball on the 3rd with a shot that was so good that it also picked him up a dozen jackpot balls.

Johnny Heywood won the B Grade NTP Ball and while the ladies' ball on the 3rd stayed with the club one of our visitors in Sandra McKenzie picked up the voucher on the 15th with a very accurate tee shot to within a meter and a half of the pin.

A new award introduced this week to recognise the more outrageous and embarrassing comments, performances actions or comments (not limited to BBC interviews) of our members. Our inaugural Turnbull award goes to Craig Larcombe who claimed the men's Naga thanks to some seriously and outrageously embarrassing putting. Some golfers are prone to a three putt or two during their rounds. With Larco its more that he is prone to the occasional one putt.

We are also looking at awarding retrospective Turnbolls for such outrageous acts as trying to lift a golf cart, falling out of golf cart, driving a golf cart into the side of the club house or trying to shave your legs with a Victa lawn mower.

Please note that this week's round will be the last with the dual tee off times as we will revert to the sole assembly time of 1130am for 1215pm hit off from the Opening Day round on March 23.

Coming Events

Sat 16 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

PAR P Downe & C Larcombe

Sat 23 Mar (Assembly 11am)

Opening Day - Pinehurst Medley

Duty: P Noble & B Thorsen

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 16th March 2019

Scoring was modest in Saturday's event with all three winning scores being the figure of +1.

In A Grade Miles Gould won with that score in a count back from Daryl Harrison while in B Grade John Flett had a one shot win from Geoff Strachan with square.

It was the same score line in the ladies with Jenni Bauerle winning with 1 up from Jan McHale with square.

Probably the highlight of the day was Wal Tink's tremendous tee shot to within 50 cm of the pin that won him the voucher on the 15th on his way to an easy birdie two.

Les Hall picked up the B Grade NTP ball on the 3rd while the ladies NTP ball went to Anne Hawking. Interestingly none of the A Grade contingent could find the third green.

Ball winners were Kevin Bauerle with square and Peter Mangan, Kerry Kreeck, Mick McAuliffe, Paul Kuiper and Bill Murray with 1 down.

Playing in the morning group Steve Usher would have been more than confident that with a round of 10 down the NAGA ball was safely in his keeping.

Unfortunately, he hadn't reckoned on Pooch McHale having his own nightmare round of -11 and given he was playing with a visitor from Bannockburn that was embarrassing enough for him to pick up this week's Turnbull.

Scoring was a lot sharper on the Labour Day Monday holiday with Mick Gallivan winning A Grade with 40 points from Daryl Harrison the runner up in a count back from Peter Mangan with 39.

Wal Tink won B Grade with 38 with Les Hall assuming his rightful runner's up spot after the count back.

Sharon Harrison won the ladies event with 35 from Julie Neale with 33.

Balls winners were Peter Mangan, Peter Noble (37), Kevin Bauerle (36), Peter Blackmore (36) and Miles Gould with 34

This Saturday marks our official opening day kicking off with a BBQ at 11am before assembly at 1130 and tee off in the traditional Pinehurst Medley event to launch the season so get yourself a partner, male or female and be there for lunch and hit off.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 22nd March 2019

After some minor drizzle early in the morning the weather cleared, and our golfers and visitors enjoyed a perfect afternoon for our opening day Pinehurst medley.

With a surplus of men on the day competition was split between Mixed and Men's events.

Interestingly the best three scores for the day came from the mixed groups. Something to think about for next year gents!

Helen Emery and David Collins returned the best card on the day with a nett score of 71 1/8 half a shot clear of the Thorsen partnership of Bud and Gill with 71 5/8 while the J Neale duo finished a little further back with 74 1/8.

In the men's event the Jacaranda Drive duo of Peter Blackmore and Mel Williams were narrow winners with nett 74 7/8 from Bill Murray and Brad Goodman with a nice even nett round of 75.

Ball comp winners on the day were John and Julie Neale (as previously mentioned) along with Marie Watt & Kelly Cheong with 75 3/8 and Renae & Paul Dickens with 75 4/8 (or 75 1/2).

Kelly also picked up the A Grade NTP ball while Johnny Heywood and Jan McHale won the B Grade and Ladies' NTP balls respectively and Kevin Bauerle collected the voucher on the 15th.

Tuesday golfers please note that, in line with the Saturday golf, assembly will now revert to the later assembly time of 1130am for a noon hit off. However, if it suits you are welcome to arrange your own groups to play earlier.

Congratulations to Daryl Harrison & Johnny Heywood and Paul Dickens & Barry Scott who qualified for the recent Vic 4 Ball Championships at Sorrento and Moonah Links recently.

Daryl and Johnny had a great couple of days and finished just two shots behind the winners, an excellent result. Paul and Barry finished a bit further back but still had a very enjoyable couple of days golf though I'm told Dicko would have enjoyed it more if he had taken his sand bucket and spade!!

Don't forget the Albury Big 4 Tourist Park 4 Ball Stableford and Callaway event on 6 April.

The Comp fee on the day will be \$15 which includes a BBQ lunch and there will be some excellent trophies on offer for the golfers and some equally good prizes in the raffle such as 3 night's accommodation at the park, a 98 cm smart TV and a \$200 gift voucher. At \$2 a ticket that is excellent value.

If you need more info about the day please phone Peter Noble (0438 521 775), John Burrows (0418 147 580) or Craig Larcombe (0448 556 824).

For those who haven't caught up with the news JB has temporarily stepped into the Captain's role after Doug Kajewski stood down.

Coming Events

Sat 30 Mar 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Finn's Rural Supplies Duty: J Burrows & J Neale

Sat 6 Apr 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

4BBB Stableford / Calloway
/ G Armstrong

Sponsor: Albury Big 4 Tourist Park

Duty: A Hausler / P Downe

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 30th March 2019

An early taste of winter had many of our golfers rugged up to the max for Finn's Country Supplies Stableford event on Saturday although the cooler conditions seemed tailor made for Kevin and Jenni Bauerle who both went home as winners on the day (yes Jenni I know what you mean but I am talking about winning golf!).

On a windy blustery day Kevin won A Grade with the day's equal best score of 38 points in a count back from Peter Mangan who was on fire early in his round.

Jenni won the ladies event via a count back with 37 points from Marilyn West and Marie Watt picked up a ball for finishing third with 35 points.

In B Grade Paul Kuiper, playing in the same group as Peter Mangan, deftly diverted the attention of his other playing partners to Peter's score as he quietly went about racking up pars on the front nine on his way to 38 points and a three point win from John Flett with 35.

Ball comp winners were Pooch McHale with 36, Marie Watt (35), the introverted Leonie McMaster – Smith (35), Walter Tink (34), Julie Neale (34), Miles Gould (34) and Bev Lyon also with 34.

Kelly Cheong was the only player to hit the green on the third taking home the A Grade NTP ball while Miles Gould won another voucher snatching the voucher from the hands of playing partner and thinking man Mick Coyne who cleverly punched a driver low into the gale force wind to within five metres only to have Miles outdo him with the very next shot. For the record Miles made his birdie.

A big thanks to Maurie Finn and Finn's Country Supplies for kicking off our winter season with his very generous support.

This week is the biggest day on our golfing calendar with the Big 4 Albury Tourist Park day. The event is a 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford event and there is also a Callaway event for social golfers.

This is the second Big 4 Albury Tourist Park Day and the inaugural event last year was a great success with a good field and some excellent trophies up for grabs.

And if you can't nab one of the golf trophies on offer there is a chance to win 3 nights' accommodation at the Big 4 Albury Tourist Par, a 98cm television or an Open House \$200 gift voucher in the raffle.

The day starts with a BBQ lunch and player registration from 11am with hit off at 1215pm.

The early forecast is for a cracking, sunny day with a perfect temp of 26 degrees so there are no excuses not to be there.

For more info please ring John Burrows (0418 147 580), Peter Noble (0438 521 775) or Craig Larcombe (0448 556 824).

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 3rd April 2019

The golfing gods turned on a perfect autumn day for Saturday's **Big 4 Albury Tourist Park** 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford with an excellent day enjoyed by all that attended with two outstanding individual scores shining on the board at the end of the day.

In the men's comp Graeme Harrison's round of 42 points propelled he and playing partner Peter Noble to a four-shot win with an aggregate score 78 points.

Harro was "on" from the first hole which he parred and only really let up on the final hole when his tee shot found a tree on the left side of the fairway although he did recover nicely for a bogey six.

Meanwhile Nobby did enough to conjure up 36 points of his own as he went back to back in the event albeit it with a different partner last year.

John Burrows (38) and David Collins (36) combined well for 74 points and they took home the runner's up trophy in a count back from Pooch McHale (38) and Wal Tink (36) who took home balls in the ball comp.

The ladies' event was dominated by Marlene Topp's 41 points and with playing partner Janice Johnstone contributing 34 points their aggregate score of 75 gave them a three-shot win from Renae Dickens and Ann Hawking who shared the workload nicely with 36 points each. For the mathematically challenged that gave them a combined score of 72.

Aside from Pooch and Wal other ball winners were the President and VP in Mick McAuliffe and Miles Gould with 73 points, Mick Coyne and Mick Gallivan (72) and Alan Hausler and Peter Mangan also with 72.

Nearest the Pin winners were Mick Coyne and Shirley Soares on the 3rd while Nobby picked up the trophy on the 15th with an excellent tee shot. His subsequent bogey four for one point playing a minor role in keeping the challengers at bay.

We must not forget the very important results from the sponsor's raffle with the first prize of 3 nights' accommodation for four people won by Kevin and Jenni Bauerle. The second prize being the 98 cm Smart TV was won by Monica Cooper, while Bridget Blackmore won the Open House \$200 gift voucher.

Those very generous raffle prizes were matched by the excellent array of trophies on offer to the trophy winners on the day and the club cannot express its thanks strongly enough to Craig and Kerrie Richardson and **Big 4 Albury Tourist Park** for their generosity in sponsoring this day.

As mentioned earlier a great day was had by all and the only thing that we can improve on next year is an even bigger field with a target of 100 players the challenge on the table.

A final word on our playing sponsor in Craig Richardson who had an excellent round of his own with 37 despite finishing with three one point holes and not playing much golf of late.

Tuesdays results were: Winner Pooch McHale (38), R/Up Phil Downe (37), Ball Comp Peter Blackmore (34), NTP Kelly Cheong.

THIS WEEK'S GOLF

SAT 13 April (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: D Kajewski & P Downe

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 13th April 2019

The last group curse struck again in Saturday's monthly medal with eventual A Grade winner Peter Noble sitting nervously on the club house lead with a around of 83-13-70 only to be denied the medal by John Flett with one of the last four cards returned and a score of 103 – 35 – 68.

The win gave Fletty his fifth monthly medal shirt and fourth since October 2017 making him the most prolific medal winner over that period and given that success it seems inconceivable that his handicap remains locked on a seemingly generous mark of 35.

Peter Mangan finished as runner up to Nobby in A Grade with 87-16-71 while Wally Tink with 102-31-71 nudged out Doug Kajewski (97-26-71) in a count back for the B Grade runner – up honours.

Marlene Topp won the ladies event with 100-30-70 by a comfortable four shot margin from Marilyn Ross with 100-26-74.

Ball comp winners were Doug Kajewski with his nett 71, Pooch McHale (72), Kelly Cheong (72), John Neale (73), Geoff Strachan (73) and Harro (73).

Ashley and Paul Kuiper took home the best gross score balls with 82 and 93 respectively while Jenni Bauerle won the ladies best gross score ball with 94.

Nearest the Pin winners on the 3rd were Mick McAulife (A Grade) and Craig Larcombe in B Grade who somehow managed to make his tricky four foot down-hill birdie putt after five putting the previous hole.

Nobby won the voucher on the 15th for a second week running and for a second week running he managed to convert that achievement into a bogey four.

Coming Events

Sat 20 April (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Farm Fresh Butchers Duty: A Hausler & J Burrows

Thurs 25 April (Assembly 1130am)

4BBB Stableford & Callaway Duty: D Collins & B Thorsen

Sat 27 April (Assembly 1130am)

Par Sponsor: Ratcliffes Garden Machinery Duty: P Noble & J Neale

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 20th April 2019

An outstanding round of 85 off the stick and 42 Stableford points from Paul Kuiper was the stand out in Saturday's Easter comp.

After a slow bogey, double bogey, bogey round Paul kick started his round with a birdie three on the par 4 fourth hole which was an excellent effort given the lie from which he played his second shot.

Another three pars on the front nine gave him 21 points at the halfway mark and he repeated that score on the back nine despite a double bogey finish on the last. With 42 points in the bank he finished four shots ahead of his nearest B Grade rival in Alan Hausler with 38.

In A Grade Pooch McHale took home the Easter Eggs with 38 points in a count back from Peter Blackmore.

As with Paul, Pooch's consistency paid dividends with his 19 – 19 point split getting him the nod in the count back with Blackers only notching up 17 on the back part of the course.

Scoring was also good in the ladies' event with our intrepid barkeep Marlene Topp the winner with 39 points from Renae Dickens who has barely missed a beat in recent weeks with 38.

Thirty seven points was the mark required to pick up ball in the ball comp and those with that number on theirs cards were John Burrows, Anne Hawking, Peter Mangan, Gavon Armstrong and Tiger Livingston.

It was a big week for Tigers of all persuasions with Kev Livingston also picking up a dozen jackpot balls on the third after launching his tee shot to within a couple of feet of the pin before tapping in for birdie.

Amazingly Kev's shot wasn't good enough to win him the B Grade NTP ball as Doug Kajewski played an even better tee shot to within a few centimetres of the hole to take home a dozen jackpot balls of his own and the NTP ball in what was an expensive day for the club.

Kev was in such good form he then backed up with another birdie on the fourth after driving to the corner and two putting from around fifty metres!

Peter Blackmore won the A Grade NTP ball and Mick Coyne won the voucher on the 15th.

Tomorrow we host the Girgarre RSL ANZAC day 4 ball best ball and Callaway event with an 1130am assembly for a midday hit off.

The entry fee of \$30 per pair includes lunch and afternoon tea.

Coming Events

Thurs 25 Apr 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

4BBB Stableford & Callaway Duty: D Collins & B Thorsen

Sat 27 Apr 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Par Duty: P Noble & J Neale

Tuesdays: Assembly 1130am: Stableford.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 27th April 2019

It doesn't happen all that often but in Saturday's Par event the ladies outscored the men and quite comfortably at that.

It was Marie Watt who posted the day's best round of 5 up to claim a one shot win from Judy Greer with +4.

Meanwhile in B Grade Peter "Penguin Nelson" marked his Valley View "Swansong" by posting Saturday's best men's score of 2 up.

In one of the more well received acceptance speeches an emotional Penguin was almost overwhelmed as he accepted his winner's trophy before heading for greener pastures and (the grapevines whispers) much better financial terms at another club. We'll miss you Pete!

Penguin also took home another memento in the form of the B Grade NTP ball.

John Burrows was the B Grade runner up with + 1 holding off John Heywood and Tiger Livingston in three way count back.

Speaking of three-way count backs Peter Blackmore took out A Grade also in a three way and also with the figure of 1 up while David Collins got the better of Dom Cerrone for the runner's up award.

As Penguin did Blackers rounded out his win by winning the A Grade NTP ball.

Julie Neale, John Heywood, Tiger Livingston, Dom Cerrone all finished with 1 up and balls in the ball as did Topy with even par.

Thursday's ANZAC Day four ball event saw Sharon Harrison and Julie Neale winning the ladies event with an excellent round of 47 points from Gloria Pell and Judy Greer with 46.

John Burrows and David Collins posted 45 points to win the men's event as another count back went their way over Daryl Harrison and Greg Watson.

Nearest the Pin balls went to Miles Gould, John Burrows and Bev Lyon.

There was no mixed comp though one of our gents failed to grasp that as he dutifully took up his tee position on the red mark. Not surprising as I hear Aust Post is a very gender diverse workplace these days.

It was a good week for Peter Blackmore as he took out Tuesday's event with 39 points in (you guessed it) a count back with Geoff Squires the runner up while Pooch won a ball with 35 and also the NTP Ball.

This weekend is a double header with rounds 1 & 2 of our Club Championships to be contested on Saturday and Sunday.

Players will hit off from 1130 to 1215pm from the first tee on each of the two days. The third and final round will be played on the following Saturday

Coming Events

Sat 4 May (Tee Off from 1130am)

Stroke/Medal/Rd 1 Championships Sponsor GMCU Duty: D Collins & G Armstrong

Sat 5 May (Tee Off from 1130am)

Stroke/ Rd 2 Championships Sponsor Bennetts Intersport Duty: D Kajewski & P Downe

Sat 11 May (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke Rd 3 Championships Sponsor M & S Accounting Duty: A Hausler & J Burrows

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

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SCOOP

Week ending Sat 4th May 2019

Miles Gould has two hands firmly around the 2019 Valley View Club Championship trophy after two excellent rounds at the weekend.

The 2017 Club Champion will start this week's final round with what should be an unassailable 12 shot lead from the only man remotely within striking distance in last year's Champion, Ash Kuiper.

Miles set up his title assault in Saturday's first round with a monthly medal winning round of even par 72 and backed it up with a 77 in Sunday's second round.

A par score of 72 doesn't occur all that often at Valley View with the last player to do so being Ash Kuiper in July 2015.

As it was, it almost didn't happen for Miles. A recurring back injury on the 15th tee looked like it was about to bring his round to a premature close. Fortunately, our resident vet and playing partner Mick McAuliffe ignored all his professional instincts and allowed Miles to complete his round.

Ash posted the respectable score of 77 on day one but an 82 on Sunday has left him with a lot of work to do.

The A Grade nett title is also safely in Miles keeping with a two round nett total of 135 and again he is 12 shots head of Ash on 147 with Mick McAuliffe on nett 149 and Mick Coyne 179.

That nett score also comfortably won Miles the Kyabram Showcase Jewellers watch for the best nett score after two rounds.

Things are a lot tighter in B Grade with Paul Dickens taking a one-shot lead into the final round with a two round nett score of 149 from John Burrows with 150.

John Heywood (152) and the old silver fox Les Hall (153) will round out the final group while Paul Kuiper is also in the mix on 153 also.

A big, big thank you to our weekend's sponsors in Ky Showcase Jewellers and Bennetts Intersport. Both have been long time sponsors of our Club Championships and we sincerely thank them for that support.

A full wrap of the weekend's results is as follows:

Saturday:

A Grade: Winner (& Medal) Miles Gould 72-7-65 R/Up Lawrie Casey 86-16-70

B Grade: Winner John Heywood 86-16-70 R/Up Phil Downe 94-21-73

Ladies : Winner Marie Watt 104-30-74 R/Up N Saunders 11-26-75

Best Gross: M Gould & J Heywood

NTP: D Collins (A Grade) & S Usher (15th)

Balls: A Kuiper (Nett 72), P Mangan (72), D Harrison (73), R Breen (74), L Hall (75), D Clue (75)

Sunday:

A Grade: Winner Mick Gallivan 85-17-68 R/Up Miles Gould 77-6-71

B Grade: Winner Paul Dickens 92-24-68 R/Up 92-24-68

Best Gross: M Gould & P Dickens

NTP: M Gould (A) W Tink (B) & P Kuiper (15th)

Balls: M McAuliffe (Nett 73), D Harrison (74), K Bauerle (75), A Kuiper (75), K Livingston (75), P Blackmore (75)

Greenham Match Play qualifiers are:

A Grade: M Gould to play M Gallivan & A Kuiper to play M McAuliffe

B Grade: P Dickens to play L Hall & J Burrows to play J Heywood.

The qualifying round and final are to be completed by 9th June.

Next week's final round will revert to a 1130am assembly for 1215pm tee off followed by the final B Grade group and the final four players in pursuit of the Champions title.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 11th May 2019

As expected, Miles Gould claimed his second Valley View Club championship at the weekend.

It wasn't all smooth sailing though as Miles (as did most of the field) made tough work of the heavier windy and wintry conditions posting a final round of 86 which he described as "one of the worst rounds that I've ever played".

Of course, when you have shot the lights out in the first two rounds there is plenty of margin for error and Miles still finished six shots clear of last year's champ in Ash Kuiper who carded 80 in the final round.

Miles's finished the Championships with rounds of 72-77-86 for an aggregate of 235 while Ash posted rounds of 79-82-80 for an aggregate of 241.

Mick McAuliffe with 88-85-87 (260) and Pooch McHale 90-90-84 (264) rounded out the top four.

Miles also took home the A Grade handicap trophy with a three round nett score of 214, again six shots clear of Ash with 220 while Mick McAuliffe (226) finished third and Daryl Harrison rounded out the top four with a three round nett total of 228.

All the drama though centred around the B Grade title with the leader board at the end of round 3 revealing a tie between John Burrows and Paul Kuiper with nett scores of 226.

Just to confuse the issue the board also showed Les Hall with a third - round nett score of 73 which would have put in on 226 as well however he played round 3 off a handicap of 25 but the championships off 24.

As it was Paul won the title from John in a count back with (as I understand it) the better final round of nett 73 (JB posted nett 76) which would have surprised him as, having finished in one of the early groups, he had already departed the club by the time presentations had commenced, most likely with no inkling he was still a contender.

The leading contenders at the start of the round in Paul Dickens and Johnny Heywood finished the championships on nett 230 after posting third round nett scores of 82 and 78 respectively.

The results from Saturday's round, very generously sponsored by M&S Accounting Group, were as follows:

A Grade: Winner: John McHale 84-12-72 R/Up Ash Kuiper 80-7-73

B Grade: Winner Dean Hubble 88-20-68 R/Up Les Hall 98-25-73 c/b from Paul Kuiper 92-19-73

Ladies: Winner Tracey Wade 97-20-77 R/Up Marlene Topp 106-29-77

Ball Comp: P Kuiper (Nett 73), A Hausler (74), K Bauerle (74), C Larcombe (74), W Tink (75)

NTP 3rd: L Casey (A Grade)

Tuesday's Results

Winner: G Squires 35 Points R/Up K Kreeck (34) Ball Comp': D Kajewski (33)

NTP: John Burrows (3rd) G Strachan (15th)

Coming Events

Sat 18 May 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Farm Fresh Meats Duty: G Armstrong & J Neale

Sat 25 May (Assembly 1130am)

Wally Shaw Memorial 4 Ball Agg Stableford Duty: P Noble & G Armstrong

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 18th May 2019

While one Shorten may have lost out big time at the weekend, we had two Short un's dominating Saturday's Fitzgerald's Farm Fresh Meats Stableford event.

On a perfect day for golf, scoring was surprisingly low with a quarter of the men's field posting the magic number of 34 points while the man once dubbed "A nasty little five-footer" in Alan Hausler posted the day's equal best score of 37 points to win B Grade by two shots from Alan Curnow with 35.

In A Grade, the only man in the club shorter than Haus, Mick Gallivan, recorded a one-shot win with 35 points while Daryl Harrison won a count back from runner up from David Collins and they were two of the many players with the number 34 beside their name.

Julie Neale matched Haus' round of 37 points to win the ladies comp and Bev Lyon was the runner up with 35 points.

Ball winners on the day, all with 34 points, were Jenni Bauerle, David Collins, Paul Dickens, Craig Larcombe, John Neale, Tiger Livingston, Les Hall and John Burrows.

Kevin Bauerle (A Grade), Alan Curnow (B) and Jenni Bauerle took home the NTP balls on the 3rd while Dom Cerrone won the voucher on the 15th.

As always, we thank our weekly sponsor, this week being Fitzgerald's Farm Fresh Meats, for its generous support.

Next week's event is the Wally Shaw Memorial 4 Ball Aggregate stableford event. Being an Honour Board event it is one of the feature events on our calendar.

A reminder the Premier League kicks off soon so team owners need to get their playing lists to Club Captain John Burrows in the next week or so.

Coming Events

Sat 25 May (Assembly 1130am)

Wally Shaw Mem 4 Ball Aggregate Duty: P Noble & G Armstrong

Sat 1 June (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: B Thorsen & P Downe

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 25th May 2019

Despite a good field scoring was a little on the low side in Saturday's Wally Shaw Memorial with the ladies' winners outscoring the men.

In the ladies Bev Lyon (40) and Marlene Topp (36) backed up last year's win and added their names on the Wally Shaw honour board for the fourth or fifth time (Topp's counting isn't what it used to be) with an aggregate score of 76 points.

That gave them a three-shot win from runners up Helen Armstrong and Julie Neale with 73.

In the men's event the 2017 winners in Ash and Paul Kuiper claimed their second Wally Shaw Memorial title with 74 points with Ash doing the heavy lifting with 39 and Paul chiming in with 35.

In a low scoring affair, they were five shots clear of their nearest rivals in John Burrows and David Collins with **69**.

Ball comp winners were Jenni Bauerle and Leann Busch with 70, Wal Tink and Les Hall (67), Peter Blackmore and Kevin Bauerle (67) and Paul Dickens and Barry Scott also with 67.

David Collins, John Neale and Renae Dickens picked up NTP balls on the 3rd and Pooch McHale won the voucher on the 15th.

It wasn't all good news for Renae though as she and Ann Hawking took out the ladies' encouragement award while the chemistry between last year's men's winners in Steve Usher and Alan Curnow seems to have evaporated as they picked up this year's NAGA award.

Meanwhile the tee shot that won Pooch the voucher triggered an interesting exchange: As Pooch's ball settled safely on the green just 3 metres from the pin he lapsed into A Team mode murmuring "I love it when a plan comes together" which due the question from Alan Curnow "so why don't you make more plans?"

Coming Events

Sat 1 June (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: B Thorsen & P Downe

Sat 8 June (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Ratcliffe's Garden Machinery Duty: J Neale, D Collins & P Noble

Mon 11 Jun (Assembly)

Stableford Duty: TBA

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 1st June 2019

Paul Kuiper has continued his recent good forming adding the GMCU sponsored June monthly medal to his B Grade Champion title at the weekend.

Paul claimed the medal by one shot with a round of 89-19-70 from A Grade winner Bud Thorsen (87-16-71) and B Grade runner up Geoff Squizzy Squires (94-23-71).

The medal win is his fifth since November 2015 making him one of the most prolific medal winners in that time and his gross score of 89 also won him the B Grade best gross score ball.

Fresh off the plane from South America and dashing straight from Tullamarine to Valley View Bud won A Grade by one shot from Mick Gallivan who finished with 89-17-72. Ash Kuiper won the A Grade best gross score with 82 off the bat.

A count back was needed to decide the ladies' winner with Sharon Harrison's round of 97-24-73 getting her the nod from Marlene Topp with 100-27-73 while Jenni Bauerle won the ladies best gross ball with 89.

Anne Hawking won the ladies NTP on the 3rd with a very nice shot to within a metre of the pin and as a result she took home a dozen jackpot balls as well.

David Collins (A Grade) and Gavon Armstrong (B) won the men's NTP balls and Helen Armstrong took home the voucher on fifteen.

Ball comp winners were David Clue with Nett 72, David Collins (73), Doug Kajewski (73), Harro (73) and Wal Tink (73).

A special thanks to the GMCU for its very generous sponsorship of this week's event.

Don't forget to get your Premier League teams into Gavon Armstrong by next Saturday.

Coming Events

Sat 8 June (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Ratcliffe's Garden Machinery Duty: J Neale, D Collins & P Noble

Mon 10 June (Assembly 1130am for midday)

Stableford Duty: K Kajewski & P Downe

Sat 15 June (Assembly 1130am)

Par Duty: A Hausler & G Armstrong

Tuesdays; Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 8th June 2019

Kevin Bauerle is known as one of Valley View's most inventive scrappers able to recover from seemingly hopeless positions through sheer ingenuity.

On Saturday he was at his mercurial, genius best posting the day's best round of 40 points (at this point one can picture Kev as he proudly reads this report in the Free Press – maybe sipping a coffee, Dictionary and Thesaurus by his side).

The highlight of Kevin's round coming on the eleventh hole has he deftly recovered from a difficult spot in the trees with a well practised back handed shot to within a metre or so of the pin prompting him to curse his carelessness at leaving the ball short.

KB can use his Ratcliffe's Garden Machinery winner's voucher to add a chainsaw to his bag for such occasions in the future.

No one else in A Grade could match that effort with Peter Blackmore finishing runner up five shots back with 35 points while Lawrie Casey finished with 34 points and a ball in the ball comp in a count back from several players including the day's duty manager in John Neale who may have claimed a ball himself with 34 points if not for the careful scrutiny of his office colleagues.

In B Grade Geoff Strachan also had a day out posting the day's second best round of 39 points and he held out runner up Wal Tink (37 points) by two shots with Les Hall (36), David Clue (36), and Phil "Lochness" Downe (in a rare sighting) with 35 picking up the balance of the balls in the ball comp.

The other 39 point score for the day was on Jan McHale's card and like KB Jan was a five shot winner with Marlene Topp taking home the runner's up voucher with 34 points.

Lawrie Casey and Sharon Harrison picked up NTP balls on the third while Helen Emery played the best tee shot on the 15th on her way to a birdie, her tee shot pulling up just a metre from the cup.

Thank you to this week's sponsor in Ratcliffe Garden Machinery, a long time sponsor of the club.

Coming Events

Sat 15 June (Assembly 1130am)

Par Duty: Ky Tyre Service Duty: G Armstrong & A Hausler

Sat 22 June (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Duty: B Thorsen & D Collins

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 15th June 2019

Our golfers made hard work of Saturday's Par event with only two scores on the positive side of the ledger recorded.

In A Grade Pooch McHale posted the best score of the day with +3 and that was after he scrubbed the last two holes. He took home the Ky Tyre Service winner's voucher finishing three shots ahead of Mick Gallivan with even par.

Unlike his good mate Kevin Bauerle Pooch will not need a dictionary and thesaurus to make sense of this report – I'm sure Jan will be more than happy to read it too him!!

Even Par was the winning score in B Grade with Alan Curnow taking home the Ky Tyre Service voucher from Geoff Squizzy Squires with 1 down.

A lengthy walk to hit off on the 13th didn't deter Marie Watt who posted the only other positive score of the day (+2) and Marie finished two shots clear of Leann Busch with even par.

Ball comp winners were Gill Thorsen (-1), Kevin Bauerle (-1), Marilyn West (-2) and Craig Larcombe also with -2 after he started by putting his first shot of the day out of bounds and wiping the first two holes as his playing partners noticed the distinctly glazed look on his face fixed directly at the car park after he put his third tee shot into the trees on the sixth.

Kevin Bauerle won the Ky Tyre Service voucher on the 15th with the only tee shot to find a Par 3 green on the day.

On Monday Peter Blackmore won the men's Queen's Birthday Stableford event with 39 points from Lawrie Casey with 38 and Jenny Bauerle was the ladies' winner with 37 from Marie Watt with 34.

Ball winners were Mick Coyne with 37, Pooch (36) Bud Thorsen (34), Kevin Bauerle (34) while Peter Blackmore and Helen Armstrong took home the NTP balls on the third.

With winter upon us our Pennant team kicked off its season with a 4-1 win over Numurkah at Numurkah.

David Collins set the team on the course to victory with a 2&1 win though I'm told it may not be enough to hold his spot next week.

Mick Coyne and Steve "The Eloquent One" Usher also recorded 2&1 wins while Mick Gallivan was gallant in his 1 down defeat.

That left the captain to bring home the last match and after a sluggish start that saw him four down with five to play, he was able to turn it around to record a fighting 1 up win. Actually, with too many rounds like that he may be the one making way for the return of Ash Kuiper!!

Coming Events

Sat 22 June (Assembly 1130am)
Stableford Duty: B Thorsen & D Kajewski

Sat 29 Jun (Assembly 1130am)
Isaac Memorial 4BBB Par Duty: P Noble & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 22nd June 2019

Some of our golfers adapted to Saturday's cold conditions better than other and this resulted in a wide range of scores.

The club's form golfer, Paul Kuiper, marked his return to A Grade with a superb round of 42 points and that gave him a comfortable three shot buffer from Daryl Harrison with 39 who held off Peter Blackmore in a count back for runner up.

Although I wasn't able to hang around for the presentations I here Paul was also in pretty good speech making form as well.

In the clubhouse late in the day I asked Les Hall how is was going and he replied "not bad for a young bloke"! He is still playing like one too winning B Grade with 37 points by four shots. Another Harrison, Graeme, picked up the runner's up trophy with 33 points in a four way count back from Geoff Strachan, Craig Larcombe and David Clue.

Jan McHale won the ladies comp with the 41 points and unlike Pooch, our illustrious secretary will be quite capable of reading about her win on her own.

Sharon Harrison completed a consistent day for the Harrison family taking home the runner's up voucher with 38 points.

Ball comp winners were Peter Blackmore more with his 39 points, Kevin Bauerle (36), Julie Neale (36), Jennie Bauerle (36) and Mick Gallivan with 34.

From the results sheet it looks like the third green remained unreachable from the tee while Jan McHale won the voucher on the 15th.

Just a retraction from last week in a desperate attempt to ward off another lawsuit with Kevin Bauerle and Pooch wanting it made clear that while they have no issue with being portrayed as uneducated or illiterate, they will not stand for being referred to as friends!!

To Pennant and our Div 3 team had a solid 3-2 win against Hill Top at Shepparton. Results in order of appearance from the tee were: Mick Gallivan lost 1 down, Mick McAuliffe won 4&2, Mick Coyne won 1 up but it took a pressure packed birdie on the last to do it, Ash Kuiper won 3&2 while Captain H. Chondriac Gould lost 5&4.

The Div 5 team recorded a win but I don't know who its opponent was. Barry Scott lost while Dom Cerrone won on the 21st hole, David Collins won 2&1, Daryl Harrison won 2&1 and Gavon Armstrong won 2 up.

A cheerio to John Burrows who has spent a few days in hospital in Bendigo but hopefully should be home by the time this goes to print.

A reminder that this Saturday will be Doug Kajewski's last round at the club before he departs for I can't remember where, so make sure you are at the club to wish Doug well.

This Week's Golf

Sat 29 June (Assembly 1130am)

Isaac Memorial 4BBB Par Duty: J Neale & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 6th July 2019

John Flett has taken out his second monthly medal in four months with a clear cut win on Saturday.

Fletty posted a round of 101 – 34 – 67 to take the medal and the B Grade honours and won the medal by three shots from the day's A Grade winner in Peter Mangan who had an excellent round of 85-15-70.

The day's runner's up were Kevin Bauerle in A Grade with 86-14-72 and Barry Scott in B Grade with 102-29-73.

As with Fletty Leonie McMaster Smith made the most of her handicap taking out the ladies' event with 110-38-72 by three shots from Jenni Bauerle who posted the ladies best gross score of 89 and finished as runner up with Nett 75.

Miles Gould (82) and Graeme Harrison (96) won the A & B Grade best gross scores respectively and Miles also added the A Grade NTP Ball and a ball from the ball comp (with nett 76) to his kitty.

Marilyn Ross won the ladies NTP ball but the B Grade NTP ball went begging.

Other ball comp winners were Mick Gallivan with nett 73, Pooch McHale (74), Harro (75) and Johnny Heywood (76).

The Isaac Memorial 4BBB Par event, washed out last week, has been rescheduled for Saturday 20th July.

Coming Events

Sat 13 July 2019 (Assembly)

Stableford Duty: B Thorsen & W Tink

Sat 20 July 2019 (Assembly)

4BBB Par Isaac Memorial Duty: P Noble & G Armstrong

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 13th July 2019

So often I note in this column that our golf scores are a reflection of the conditions and so it was in Saturday's Stableford event with the best score on offer on a miserable winter's day was 34 points.

For Bill Murray though that score represented a welcome return to form after a run of NAGAs not so long ago and he found himself as the A Grade winner by two shots from David Collins with 32.

Graeme from *The House Of* Harrison split those two scores to win B Grade with 33 and he had one shot to spare from runner up John Neale who won a three way count back for that trophy from Gavon Armstrong and Wal Tink all with 32 points.

The ladies really found the wintry conditions tough going with Helen Armstrong coping best to take a three way count back with 26 points from Sharon Harrison and Marie Watt.

Balls in the ball comp went to Gavon and Wal, and Alan Curnow and Les Hall who both had 31 points while Johnny Heywood won the voucher on the 15th – the only NTP trophy claimed on the day.

It was a weekend of vastly mixed fortunes for our Pennant teams as well with our Division 3 team wrapping up a spot in the final with a 4-1 win over Shepparton at Cobram with still one qualifying round left to play.

Mick Gallivan lead the team out and despite giving away 18 shots to an opponent off 35 and trailing for most of the day he managed to claim victory on the first playoff hole.

In a battle of Irishmen Mick Coyne defeated his opponent, Paddy, 4&2 while Ash Kuiper had a solid 2&1 win and Miles Gould managed to convert a one down score card on the 18th tee into a win on the second playoff hole.

That left the trash talking Steve Mundine Usher with the team's only L on the results sheet as he went down 3&2.

Conversely our Div 5 team was on the wrong end of a 4-1 loss to Cobram with only David Collins finishing on the right side of the ledger with a 4&1 though Gavon Armstrong was desperately unlucky losing his match on the 21st hole when his opponent holed out from a bunker.

Barry Scott (6&5), Dom Cerrone (4&3) and Paul Dickens (3&1) all failed to fire on the day.

Coming Events

Sat 20 July (Assembly 1130am)

Isaac Mem 4BBB Par Duty: P Noble & G Armstrong

Sat 27 July (Assembly 1130am)

Par Sponsor: Kerr's Amcal Chemist Duty: J Neale & P Mangan

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 20th July 2019

Apropos my opening comments in last week's column it is amazing what a bit of sunshine and vitamin D can do for a golfer's mindset.

With the sun shining warmly scoring in Saturday's rescheduled Isaac Memorial 4 Ball qualifier went up a notch with no less than three pairs finishing with the excellent scores of 9 up.

Clearly it was a day for family with brothers Ash and Paul Kuiper winning the three way count back from Peter Lyon and (son in law) Rod Breen.

The third pair in the count back in Peter Blackmore and Steve Usher may not be related but they could pass as twins.

David Collins and Bud Thorsen could not quite reach the dizzy heights of +9 but took the last qualifying spot with +6 in a count back from Pooch McHale and Wal Tink.

That leaves Ash and Paul to decide which one of them will take on David and Bud in the next round while Peter and Rod will play the Blackmore-Usher twins.

Those matches (to be played in the same format as Saturday's round) and the final are to be completed by 31 August.

Meanwhile the ladies did their own thing with a Stableford event and Bev Lyon completed a good day for the Lyon family with an excellent round of 40 points and a four-shot win from Helen Armstrong with 36.

Marilyn Ross (35), Helen Emery (33) and Julie Neale (33) picked up balls in the ball comp.

Peter Mangan (A Grade), Geoff Squires (B) and Jenni Bauerle won NTP balls on the 3rd while Ed McQuienn picked up the voucher on the 15th in his first round as a newly signed up member.

Our Pennant teams once again produced vastly contrasting results on Sunday with the Division 3 team completing their undefeated home and away season with a 5-0 whitewash of Cobram-Barooga at Valley View. The winning scores were Mick Gallivan (2 up), Mick Coyne (4&3), Steve Usher (3&2), Ash Kuiper (4&3) and Miles Gould (3&1).

The team will now face off against Cobram-Barooga again in next week's final at Numurkah so best of luck to the boys in their quest for glory.

Unfortunately, the Div 5 team finished its campaign with a 4-1 loss to Merrigum at Shepparton with only Captain Barry Scott finishing on the right side of the ledger winning his match on the first playoff hole.

Dean Hubble lost 7&6, while Paul Dickens, David Collins and Dom Cerrone all went down with 2&1 score lines.

Finally, they say a change is as good as a holiday and so we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may be interested in taking over from yours truly as the club's Free Press columnist from mid – late August. Prospective scribes will need to know the meaning of the word "apropos". Anyone interest should contact Craig Larcombe on 0448 556 824 for an interview.

Next Week Sat 27 July Assembly 1130am

Stableford

Sponsor: Kerr's Pharmacy

Duty: P Noble & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 27th July 2019

With his recently scheduled knee replacement surgery cancelled Lawrie Casey has been able to eek a few last rounds from his creaky old joints and on Saturday he cashed in on some recent good ball striking form to post the day's best score of 41 points.

While his surgeon put the kybosh on his knee replacements due to the risk of infections from a slight razor nick on his right knee Lawrie has still been able to get around the course thanks to some quality bandaging, antiseptics, oils and liniments from this week's sponsor Kerr's Amcal Pharmacy.

The key to Lawrie's score was an excellent back nine of 22 points that, on top of a front round of 19 points, ensured he would be a comfortable winner with his nearest challenger in Dom Cerrone four shots back with an excellent round in his own right of 37 points.

In B Grade Graeme Harrison made it back to back wins with 36 points as he battles singlehandedly to keep his Walnuts team's Premier League hopes alive.

Geoff Squires was the B Grade runner up with 34 points in a three way count back from John Neale and Craig Larcombe.

Sharron Harrison capped off a big day for the H family winning the ladies comp with 39 points from Jan McHale who bounced back from last week's NAGA win to finish as runner up with 35 points.

Bud Thorsen and Julie Neale won Amcal Pharmacy socks for NTPs on the 3rd while Nobby took home the socks on the 15th with an excellent tee shot to within half a metre of the pin before failing to get near the cup with his birdie putt.

Ball comp winners (all with 34 points) were Nails, Larco, Helen Emery, Marilyn Ross, Mick Gallivan, Paul Kuiper and Kevin Bauerle.

A big thanks (especially from Lawrie) to this week's sponsors, Rory and Clare Kerr and the team at Kerr's Amcal Pharmacy for their ongoing support.

To Pennant news and our Division 3 team brought home the bacon in the final defeating Cobram 3 – 2 at Numurkah on Sunday.

It was a close call with the season decider going down to the 19th hole of the final match.

Mick "Buttons" Gallivan lead the time out and was in control of his match with a four hole lead before his opponent was able to recover and steal the match on the third playoff hole.

Mick Coyne's topsy turvy pennant form continued with a 5&4 loss before Steve Usher put us on the board with a win on the 19th hole and when Ash Kuiper recovered from two down to win 3&1 the match was delicately poised with the result resting on the shoulders of the captain Miles Gould who probably only saved his spot in the side a couple of weeks ago by virtue of the fact is his the sole selector.

As Ash had done, Miles also had to recover from a two hole deficit as well as overcome an opponent who chipped in on no less than four occasions. He went to the last hole one down before rifling his

tee shot to within inches of the cup. His tap in birdie took his match to a 19th hole which he fortunately managed to win to seal the win for Valley View.

In addition to the five players who won the title on the day, in his speech Miles acknowledged the contributions of David Collins and Mick McAuliffe who filled in during the early rounds and also paid special tribute to Numurkah for its first class hospitality as the host of the final.

The club extends its thanks and congratulations to the team on its success and we look forward to seeing the flag on display in the clubhouse next week.

Coming Events

Sat 3 Aug 2019

Stroke / Medal Duty: B Thorsen & B Scott

Sat 10 Aug 2019

Stableford Sponsor: Ky Hire & Batteries Duty: P Noble & P Dickens

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 3rd August 2019

Paul Kuiper has added another Monthly Medal shirt to his wardrobe at the weekend, his second in three months and sixth overall with an almost faultless round of 86-17-69.

Paul set up his medal win with a superb back nine of 40 off the stick and was only centimetres off a sub 40 homeward leg with his pitch for birdie from the right side of the 18th green stalling agonisingly close to the cup.

Seven pars and ten bogeys on his card were testimony to his consistency with the only hiccup coming with an eight on his penultimate hole of the day (the 2nd).

Paul is now only one of three men to win six medal shirts since they were introduced in 2010-2011.

Pooch McHale with 83-13-70 was the A Grade runner up from Bud Thorsen in a count back.

In B Grade it was a welcome return to the winner's circle for Craig Larcombe.

Larco's putting woes over the last two years have been well documented and on Saturday he managed to claim his first B Grade win in some eighteen months after overcoming some regulatory yips with the blade early in his round.

The highlight of Larco's round of 98-27-71 was his birdie three on the hardest hole on the course (the 16th) where he followed up an excellent drive by rifling his second shot to within a metre of the cup. He then endured a nervous wait for the rest of his group to hole out before calmly (on the outside at least) holing his putt.

He then followed that up with a par on the 17th neatly two putting from some five or six metres.

For his trouble he took home the Repco \$50 gift voucher courtesy of Tim Nelson and the Team at Repco Echuca.

The consistent Graeme Harrison just failed to make it a hat-trick of wins finishing as runner up with 93-20-73.

Jan McHale was the ladies' winner with 98-22-76 by one shot from Jenni Bauerle with 91-14-77.

A disappointing day on the third hole for the men with both the A & B Grade NTP balls going begging while Helen Armstrong won the ladies NTP ball.

Ball comp winners were Bud Thorsen (Nett 70), Peter Mangan (71), Kevin Bauerle (73), Mick Coyne (74) and Ash Kuiper (75).

Ash also took home the NTP voucher on the 15th and best gross score (81) ball.

Harro with 93 and Jenni Bauerle (91) took home the B Grade and ladies best gross score balls respectively.

No names for this one. Which of our usually hardy grounds staff has found one of his wife's undergarments as a handy weapon in against the cold on some recent frosty mornings? Apparently, he "*inadvertently*" mistook it for one of his own thermal tee shirts – it being a perfect fit and all!!

Coming Events

Sat 10 Aug 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Ky Hire & Batteries Duty: P Noble & P Kuiper

Sat 17 Aug 2019

PAR Spsnr: Advance Computing Duty: A Hausler & W Tink

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 10th August 2019

A group of hardy golfers / polar bears braved Saturday's Artic conditions and most found the going hard work after almost an inch of rain late in the week never mind the nippy air temperature.

Not so Mick Coyne who was on fire early starting his round with seven straight pars and setting up the day's best round of 38 Stableford points.

Only bogeys on the 8th and 9th halted his momentum as he finished the front nine with a two over par 38 and 22 points.

Mick made a good start to the back with another par on the 10th but could not buy a putt on the way home as he posted eight consecutive pars to finish his round which gave him a very respectable back nine of 16 points.

The very consistent Pooch McHale finished as the runner up, two shots back, with 36 points and picked up some more of Kevin Bauerle's cash for good measure. Pooch also picked up the voucher for NTP on the 15th along the way.

The small field of ladies really found the going tough with Marlene Top posting the best score of 28 points while Jan McHale finished next best with 25.

Ball winners were Graeme Harrison in his last round before knee replacement surgery with 33 points along with Peter Blackmore and Paul Dickens with 32 each.

Mick Coyne's win gives me the opportunity to set the records straight on his performances during the recent pennant season which I described as "*topsy turvy*". This was a little unfair given that he won all of his matches except the final.... Which he lost comprehensively!!!

Finally, a very happy birthday from everyone at the club to John Burrows who celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday (Tuesday). Cheers JB!!

Coming Events

Sat 17 Aug 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Par Sponsor: Advance Computing Duty: W Tink & A Hausler

Sat 24 Aug 2019 (BBQ/Assembly 11-1130am)

4BBB Stableford Sponsor: J Buckell & P Cooper Duty: J Neale & P Mangan

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 17th August 2019

A perfect day previewing spring failed to inspire our golfers with around a dozen regulars absent for a variety of reasons for Saturday's Par event and as a result we only had room for one grade.

An excellent front nine of +3 set up a score of +2 for Wal Tink and he recorded a one shot win from our globe trotting president in Mick McAuliffe who picked up the runner's up trophy from Alan Curnow in a count back after they each finished with 1 up.

Mick also picked Alan's pocket to win the NTP ball on the 3rd with what must have been a very good shot to get inside of Alan's NTP marker.

Alan did pick up a ball in the ball comp along with John McHale, Craig Larcombe (both with even par scores) and Daryl Harrison with -1.

Bill also picked up the voucher on the 15th though I understand he missed his birdie putt.

Helen Emery was the ladies' winner as she too finished with 2 up and finished two shots ahead of runner up Jenni Bauerle who returned an even par score.

This week is the annual Cooper - Buckell 4BBB Stableford event and the day will kick off with a BBQ lunch from 11am before assembly at 1130am & tea off at 1215pm.

Phil and John always provide a generous array of trophies so grab your favourite four ball partner and get along to Valley View next week.

Coming Events

Sat 24 Aug 2019 (BBQ 11am Ass 1130am)

4BBB Stableford Sponsor: P Cooper & J Buckell Duty: J Neale & P Mangan

Sat 31 Aug (Assembly 1130am)

4Ball Agg Stableford Sponsor Walker's Real Estate Duty: J Neale & B Thorsen

Tuesdays; Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 24th August 2019

Visitors from Mooropna, Parkland and as far afield as Bairnsdale enjoyed both a perfect day for golf and the hospitality of our sponsors in John Buckell and Phil Cooper on Saturday.

Along with our members they participated in a 4 Ball Best Ball stableford event with the field returning some decent though not spectacular scores.

Lawrie Casey's creaky old knees continue to hold up to the strain as he awaits replacement models and just as well as he did the fair share of the heavy lifting as he and partner Tiger Livingston took all before them with a round of 46 points which kept them out of the traffic jam behind them with three pairs fighting out a countback for runner up.

Les Hall and Geoff Squires emerged from that count back as the runner's up with 45 points from the pairings of Mick McAullife & Pooch McHale and Steve Usher & Peter Blackmore.

As I consider that list of count back participants and reflect on Hally's acceptance speech it strikes me as a good think that he and Steve Usher haven't formed a 4 Ball partnership!!

In the ladies' event Robyn Curnow and Leonie McMaster – Smith teamed very well to accumulate 45 points and they took out the winner's trophies in a count back from Helen Emery and Judy Greer.

Fortunately, the ladies proved themselves as much more eloquent speakers than the men.

The unlucky countback groups of Pooch & Mick and Steve & Blackers took home balls in the ball comp as did John Heywood and Bill Murray with 44 points and Julie Neale and Jan McHale with 43.

Nearest the Pin winners on the 3rd were Steve Usher, Tiger Livingston and Judy Sutton while Lawrie Casey picked up the voucher on 15 although he couldn't quite sink his birdie putt.

The Cooper – Buckell day has become a feature event of our golf calendar over the past decade and the club would like to take this opportunity to thank John and Phil for their very generous support.

Something different for next week's format with another 4 Ball event – a 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford but with a twist. The catch being that players will play their round as an individual stableford not knowing who their partner on the day is. The duty team will complete a draw for partners prior to play but pairings will only be revealed after all rounds have been completed.

Coming Events

Sat 31 Aug (Assembly 1130am)

4Ball Aggregate Sponsor: Walker's Real Estate Duty: J Neale & B Thorsen

Sat 7 Sep (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: B Scott & P Noble

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 31st August 2019

The draw for partners in Saturday's Ky Hire & Party Supplies 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford is an interesting concept that proved popular with some and well Not so popular with others.

The most pleased were David Collins and Pooch McHale whose eyes lit up when they saw their names grouped together on the leader's board after posting rounds of 43 and 39 Stableford points respectively. That was an aggregate score of 82 points , easily the best of the day.

Meanwhile Craig Larcombe has been hitting the ball well recently without cashing in so when he put together a round of 43 points (his best in over 18 months) and saw Daryl Harrison's name alongside his he was thinking only good thoughts. That was until he caught Daryl's furrowed brow as he uttered that dreaded golfing phrase "sorry Larco".

Never the less Daryl's 31 pints enabled he and Larco to take out the runner's up trophy with an aggregate of 74 points.

The workload was much more evenly shared between the winners of the ladies' event in Helen Armstrong (37) and Judy Greer (36) who accrued 73 points.

However, another slight imbalance in the scoring of the runners up with Leonie McMaster Smith's 40 points setting up a 72 point total with partner Julie Neale (32 points).

Ball comp winners on the day were Barry Scott and Bill Murray with an aggregate of 71, Gay Henderson and Jan McHale (68), Gavon Armstrong and Alan Hausler (67) and Squizzy Squires and Mick Gallivan (67).

On the Par 3's Paul Kuiper, Gavon Armstrong and Gay Henderson picked up NTP balls on the 3rd while Nobby won the voucher on the 15th.

A very big thank you to Andrew and Melissa at Ky Hire & Party supplies for their very generous sponsorship of this week's event.

Finally, they say a change is as good as a holiday so we are looking for someone that would be interested in taking over from Yours Truly as the club's Free Press Columnist from next month.

An interest in golf and some basic literacy skills would be of benefit (they certainly couldn't do any real harm) while the ability to report our weekly golf results accurately might be considered a novel and welcome innovation by our Valley View members.

Anyone interested should contact Craig Larcombe on 0448 556 824 or President Mick McAuliffe (0418 510 201) for a position description.

Coming Events

Sat 7 Sep 2019 (Assembly 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: G Armstrong & B Scott

Sat 14 Sep 2019 (Assembly 1130am)
Stableford Sponsor: Warramunda Duty: A Hausler & P Kuiper

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 7th September 2019

Johnny Heywood has defied a return to July's wintry windy conditions to take out the September Monthly Medal at the weekend.

Johnny was "on" from his first tee shot that found the middle of the first fairway setting up an early par which he followed up with further pars on the fifth and eighth holes as he sailed around the front nine in 43 shots.

A solid back nine of 49 left him with a round of 92-25-67 his consistency being the feature with nothing worse than a double bogey on his card.

A round like that often features more than just an ounce of good fortune but having played in Johnny's group I can testify that his score was the result of some excellent golf as he managed to keep the ball in play on almost every hole.

The only real hiccup came when he put his tee shot in the dam on the par three 12th but he minimised the damaging by finding the green with his second tee shot and keeping the damage to one of the few double bogeys on his card.

He finished three shots clear of Craig Larcombe who took home the B Grade runner's up trophy in a count back from Tiger Livingston after they both carded 95-25-70. A back nine of 45 getting Larco across the line in the count back.

In tough conditions the only other sub 72 nett score on the day came from Bud Thorsen who won A Grade with 85-14-71 by two shots from Kevin Bauerle with 86-13-73. Bud's 85 also won him the best gross score of the say.

Helen Emery won the ladies event with 89-15-74 by three shots from Jan McHale with 99-22-77 and Helen also took home the best gross score trophy for the ladies.

Other ball winners were Tiger with his nett 70, Bill Murray (72), Mick Coyne (74), John Flett (75), and Wal Tink (75).

Bill Murray also took home the B Grade best gross score with 91 while NTP ball winners on the 3rd were Bud and Larco while the voucher on the 15th stayed with the club.

Just a reminder that the AGM will be held at the club house on Tuesday 17th September starting at 730pm. Anyone interested in nominating for the board should get their nominations in this week.

Coming Events

Sat 14 April (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Warramunda Duty: A Hausler & P Kuiper

Sat 21 April (Assembly 1130am)

PAR Duty: G Armstrong & W Tink

Tuesdays: Stableford; Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 14th September 2019

Saturday's Warramunda sponsored Stableford event was played in almost perfect conditions and Les Hall made the most of them to post the day's best score of 41 points taking home the B Grade winner's trophy in the process.

Interestingly Les also won the corresponding event last year and I'm betting that he is carefully stashing his winner's vouchers away for future use.

But seriously forty one points off a handicap of 23 at Les' level of seniority is some pretty reasonable golf and a testimony to his consistency.

Les finished two shots in front of Kerry Kreeck with 39 with Wal Tink claiming a ball in the ball comp with 38.

Mick Gallivan was the A Grade winner with 38 points from Pooch McHale with 35.

Marilyn Ross won the ladies with 39 points from Robyn Curnow who took the runner's up trophy with 36 points in a count back from Marlene Topp.

While Les' winner's trophy is a nice little contribution to the next stage of his life the winners and runner's up will be thrilled to know that their vouchers give them a life time pass to visit Les at Warramunda on a daily basis.

Along with the aforementioned Wal Tink other ball comp winners were Tiger Livingston (37), John Flett (37), Bill Murray (36) and Topy with her 36 points.

Mick McAuliffe and Nancy Saunders won NTP ball on the 3rd while Dean Hubble won the voucher on the 15th.

A big thanks to this week's sponsor in Warramunda and we thank all involved at Warramunda for the ongoing support and we urge our members to reciprocate that support of this outstanding Kyabram service where ever possible.

Finally, on a sad note the club extends its condolences to Alan and Fran Hausler and family on the passing of Allan's mum Eva last week.

Coming Events

Sat 21 Sep (Assembly 1130am)

Par Duty: G Armstrong & W Tink

Sat 28 Sep (Book Event – office not attended)

Stableford Duty: N/A

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 21st September 2019

Saturday morning's late rain sent many of our golfers scurrying for shelter and as such affected the field for the Par event although scoring was quite good by those hardy souls that did venture out.

The weather certainly didn't deter Peter Noble whose favourite event just happens to be par and he revelled in the conditions making a welcome return to form with the excellent score of 4 up to claim victory in a count back from Gavon Armstrong.

An excellent back nine of +3 got Nobby across the line while runner up Gavon had the very consistent split of +2 on each side of the course.

Nobby's back nine also featured another voucher win for Nearest the Pin on the 15th and though he failed to convert for birdie he did make his par.

Marlene Topp lead the small field of ladies in with -1 for a one shot win with Jan McHale the runner up with -2.

Jan also picked up the ladies NTP ball on the 3rd, the only NTP trophy claimed on that hole for the day.

Ball winners on the day were David Collins (+3), Bill Murray (+2), Miles Gould (0) and Pooch McHale with -1.

Miles' round of even par doesn't sound anything special until you look at the board and see he shot 77 off the stick on the day.

This week, as is customary for the AFL Grand Final, is a book event and the office will not be staffed so those wishing to play will need to organise their own groups.

Last week's AGM saw all board positions remain unchanged except for Barry Scott replacing Doug Kajewski on the Board.

The search does go on however for a columnist to write this column after negotiations between the Club and my manager stalled this week. While the extra zeros on my remuneration figure were nice the lack of a number in front of them has lead to the stalemate. The column doesn't take much time to write, just half an hour or so on each Friday night with another quarter of hour on the Saturday night to add some sort of semblance of reality in respect of what actually occurred on the golf course.

Again, anyone interested should speak to Craig Larcombe or President Mick McAuliffe.

Coming Events

Sat 28 Sept (Book Event)

Stableford

Sat 5 Oct (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: A Hausler & P Mangan

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

Coming Events

Sat 28 Sept (Book Event)

Stableford

Sat 5 Oct (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: A Hausler & P Mangan

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 28th September 2019

A brief report with only a small field of Collingwood and Essendon supported venturing out for Saturday's Stableford event.

If the AFL Grand Final margin was a blow out so to were the results in both our men's and ladies' events.

Wal Tink was a comfortable winner of the men's comp with the excellent score of 45 points and he finished nine points ahead of Les Hall who won the count back for runner up from Gavon Armstrong with 36 points.

Wally rounded out a good day taking home the voucher on the 15th.

Marlene Topp went one better with a ten shot win in the ladies event leaving runner up Marie Watt (33 points) in the rear vision mirror.

Coming Events

Sat 5 Oct 2019 (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke/Medal Duty: A Hausler & P Mangan

Sat 12 Oct (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Walker Real Estate Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 5th Oct 2019

A phenomenal round of 80-16-64 on Saturday has won Peter Mangan the October 2019 Monthly Medal and the 2018 – 2019 Medalist of the Year title.

The round of 80 was one of Peter's best ever and one shot off his PB of 79 which he tells me was some years ago.

It was a nice even performance too with a 40-40, front nine - back nine, split although the round didn't start all that promisingly.

Starting on the par 5 fifth the medal was the last thing on his mind after his first tee shot for the day crashed into the tree on the left and failed to make the ladies tee. Few golfers win a monthly medal after a start like that so the win was testament not only to Pete's skill but his mental toughness as he limited the damage on that hole to a double bogey before making birdie on the sixth.

A double bogey on the 7th was the last hiccup as he hit his straps with eight pars after that point.

While Pete was naturally pretty content with his round it was a touch demoralising for John Flett, Lawrie Casey and Geoff "Squizzy" Squires who would have been thinking medals after posting excellent rounds of their own.

John shot 100 – 34 – 66 and had to settle for the B Grade winner's trophy but given he has won two medals since April and four medals in the last two years he is well off for medal shirts.

On the other hand, Lawrie was searching for his first medal win since February 2011 but had to settle for the A Grade runner's up trophy with a score of 85-17-68 a score that would win the medal three times in four.

It was the same story for Squizzy who finished with a round of 92-24-68 and he won the B Grade runner's up trophy.

Another highlight of the day was Steve Usher's eagle on the par 4 sixth which won him a sack of balls courtesy of our eagle's nest sponsors in Miles Gould and Mick Coyne. Steve managed to provide a detailed summary of the achievement at presentation and frankly enough is enough.

Our ladies also found the conditions to their liking with some more excellent scores with Leonie McMaster-Smith finishing the winner with 104 – 37 – 67. Apparently practising with lefthanded clubs the day before your round is just the tune up needed to post a nett 67.

It was day for the unusual what with Pete Mangan's start to the round, Steve's eagle and speech, Leonie's bizarre practise ritual and I am still trying to comprehend the small matter of Paul Dickens playing the eighth hole with his ball in play on the 18th fairway (which for the uninitiated sits well behind the aforementioned eighth tee area) after TWO shots and then somehow being able to make a six on the hole. Strange days!

But I digress, back to the ladies' event where Nancy Saunders won the runner's up trophy with 95-27-68 in a count back from Jan McHale with 90-22-68.

Jan picked up a ball in the ball comp as did Bill Murray with Nett 69, Gavon Armstrong (69), David Collins (70), David Clue (70), Robyn Curnow (71), Mick Gallivan (71) and Steve Usher (71).

Miles Gould and Judy Greer won NTP balls on the third while Les Hall won the voucher on the 15th with an excellent tee shot to within a couple of metres of the pin before calmly making his birdie putt.

Best Gross balls were won by Miles Gould (79), Gavon Armstrong in B Grade (89) and Jan McHale with 90.

A reminder that the Thursday nightlight twilight comp kicks off this week from 515pm

This Week

Sat 12 Oct (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Walker Real Estate Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Tuesday: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 12th Oct 2019

Visitors from Rushworth, Lockington and Mitiamo joined us for Saturday's Walker Real Estate Stableford event.

Unfortunately, they picked a bad week to visit if they were looking for trophies as for the second time in three weeks Wal Tink posted the massive score of 45 points. That's the sort of score a golfer might post once a year if they are lucky but to do it twice in such a short space of time is remarkable effort.

As a reward Wal has just received his card on the Valley View Touring Golfers tour and will make his debut at Murray Downes this weekend. That's the upside. The downside is the identity of his mystery roommate with the names Nelson and McAuliffe in the mix.

Wal set up his round with a massive 28 points on the front nine and his score saw him as the runaway winner in B Grade from Barry Scot with 40 points. Some consolation for Barry though as he added the Nearest the Pin voucher on the 15th to his runner's up trophy.

In A Grade Bill Murray played a very good round and finished with 40 points to record a one shot win from Lawrie Casey who finished with 39 points and another runner's up voucher squandering the main prize with three missed putts from short range.

It was a big scoring day with Anne Hawking winning the ladies, also with 40 points, from Marilyn Ross with 38.

Ball comp winners were John Neale with 39, Alan Hausler (38), Tiger Livingston (37) along with Peter Blackmore, Kevin Bauerle, Craig Larcombe, Marie Watt and Judy Greer all with 36 points.

One result that just doesn't seem right is Alan Hausler winning the A Grade (yes! A Grade!) NTP on the 3rd. What did I say last week about strange days?

Geoff Strachan won the NTP ball for B Grade while the ladies NTP ball stayed with the club.

Speaking of Strachannie he was the Tuesday winner with 40 points from Daryl Harrison with 39 while Alan Curnow and Peter Blackmore picked up balls with 37 points as did David Collins with a substantially lesser score!!

Daryl missed out on Tuesday but was the twilight comp winner on Thursday night.

A big thanks to Justin and the team at Walker's Real Estate for their generous sponsorship of Saturday's event.

On a sad note our condolences go out to Helen Armstrong on the passing of her mum Bet last week.

Coming Events

Sat 19 October (Assembly 1130am)
Stableford Duty: P Mangan, B Scott & P Kuiper

Sat 26 October (Assembly 1130am)
Par Sponsor: Ky Cleaning Services Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

Thursdays: Nine Hole Stroke: Assembly 515pm

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 19th Oct 2019

While a posse of our members were off on their annual Murray Downes trip we were again joined by visitors from Lockington and Rushworth for Saturday's Par event and their company was not only enjoyed but was a step up on the riff raff absent on the tour.

Scoring was surprisingly good in the extremely windy conditions with Nancy Saunders posting the day's best score of +4 to take home the ladies winner's voucher while Judy Greer finished as the runner up with a score of even par.

Meanwhile +2 was the figure required to win each of the men's grades with Mick Gallivan taking home the A Grade winner's trophy while Geoff Squires was the B Grade winner.

Bill Murray was the A Grade runner up finishing even while Paul Dickens won a three way count back with +1 to claim the B Grade runner's up trophy.

David Clue and Craig Larcombe (both +1) were the unsuccessful players in the aforementioned count back settling for ball in the ball comp while Peter Mangan, Pooch McHale, Alan Curnow and Tiger Livingston also won balls, all with scores of -1.

Larco also won the voucher on the 15th with a deftly executed low three wood to negate the wind but alas after an excellent first putt to within half a metre of the cup his putting yips kicked in (again) as he missed both his par and bogey putts. A costly lapse come presentation time.

Kevin Bauerle won the A Grade NTP ball on the 3rd with an excellent tee shot within a couple of metres of the pin, and while I didn't check with his playing partners, I am pretty confident that KB would have made par at worst.

The B Graders and ladies failed to find the green on the 3rd so their NTP balls stayed with the club while a special one off category saw Daryl Harrison win a ball for most courageous for his diamonded patterned trousers as he nudged out uncle Graeme as the club's trendiest dresser.

Another sad end to the week as we send our condolences to Sharon and Graeme Harrison and their extended family on the passing of Sharon's mum Elaine last week. Elaine was, of course, the wife of club legend the late Ern Healey.

Coming Events

Sat 26 Oct (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Ky Cleaning Duty: G Armstrong & W Tink

Tuesday: Stableford (Assembly 1130am)

Sat 2 November (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Drummond Golf Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Tuesday 5 November (Assembly 9am): 4 Ball Best Ball Stableford

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 26th October 2019

Near cyclonic conditions provided a test of skill for both our members and Lockington visitors in Saturday's Ky Cleaning Service Stableford event.

With winds gusting around the 60km mark only a handful of very talented players were able to conquer the conditions to post scores in excess of the break-even mark of 36 points with 38 points being the best score of the day carded by three players.

The first of those players was the very consistent Mick Gallivan who won A Grade with the 38 points though to be fair Mick's much lower centre of gravity gives him a significant advantage as he goes about his business untroubled by such conditions at ground level.

Mick was a one-shot winner from Peter Blackmore who is among the trophy winners on Saturday's, Tuesdays and Thursday nights with annoying regularity of late. On Saturday he won the runner's up trophy with 37 points.

An improved putting round saw Craig Larcombe win B Grade with 38 points in a count back from Michael McQueen-Thomson with Larco's back nine of 20 points getting him across the line. Johnny Heywood was one shot further back with 37 points.

Two of our most consistent ladies featured in the placings with Jan McHale taking home the winner's trophy with 35 points from Jenni Bauerle with 34.

Johnny Heywood lead the ball comp winners with his 37 points from Lockington's Jeff Carnie, Trevor Withall (34), Dean Hubble (34) and the Pres Mick McAuliffe also with 34.

Alan Hausler won the voucher on the 15th, Pooch McHale took home the A Grade NTP on the 3rd while Anne Hawking won the ladies' NTP ball.

For the second week running the B Grade NTP ball stayed with the club.

A very big thank you to Phil and Trudy Plumb at Ky Cleaning Services for their sponsorship of Saturday's event with the trophy winners on the day very appreciative of their generosity.

Next week is the Drummond Golf day with Lincoln Ferrari from Drummond Golf Shepparton joining us for the day which will kick off around 11am with a BBQ lunch. This is another sponsor's event with a great range of trophies so be sure to keep the day free.

We will have the usual 4 Ball Aggregate stroke event on Melbourne Cup Day with assembly 9am for 930am tee off with a chicken and champagne lunch following play.

Coming Events

Sat 2 Nov (BBQ from 11am Ass 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Drummond Golf Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Tues 5 Nov (Assembly 9am) 4 Ball Aggregate Stroke

Sat 9 Nov (Assembly 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: G Armstrong & W Tink

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 2nd November 2019

With the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecasting a 95% chance of 15-30mm as of Friday morning, Saturday's Drummond Golf event was rescheduled by our astute Match & Handicap team to 16 November.

Nevertheless, a number of hardy/optimistic/foolish golfers teed off in defiance of the forecast in a club sponsored event and interestingly the members of the one group that deserted the course when the rain did arrive belatedly were all in carts.

The rain didn't cause Rushworth's Kelly Cheong any problems though as he dominated the day winning with 39 points as well as taking out the NTP voucher on the 15th.

Kelly was a one point winner from Bill Murray who provided the highlight of the day by pitching in from 50 metres for eagle on the par 5 fifth hole to claim the eagles nest of balls kindly sponsored by Miles Gould and Mick Coyne.

Ball winners on the day were Gavon Armstrong and Marlene Topp with 34 points while the NTP balls on the 3rd all remained with the club.

This week's encouragement award goes to the BOM with its website showing Zero mm of rain for Kyabram as at the time of writing (828pm Saturday night).

While the actual rainfall on the day was clearly more than that figure, I'm fairly confident it was well short of the forecasted 15-30mm figure.

Call me sceptical but that doesn't give me a great deal of confidence for the accuracy of temperature forecasts already made 20-30 years henceforth.

This week our condolences go out to the McAuliffe family with the passing of Pam early last week.

The McAuliffe name is synonymous with the Valley View golf Club with Pam and her late husband Doug both long term members and contributors to the club and of course son Mick is our current President.

Coming Events

Sat 9 November (Assembly 1130am)
Stroke/Medal Duty: G Armstrong & W Tink

Sat 16 November (BBQ 11am Assembly 1130am)
Stableford Sponsor: Drummond Golf Duty: A Hausler & P Kuiper

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 9th Nov 2019

Have you had one of those days where you just forget something? And I don't mean something incidental like going to work for picking up the kids.

No, have you ever forgotten something really important like putting the hand break on? It can happen to the best of drivers you know. And oh! The consequences!!

I remember some years ago the late great Ern Healey making that mistake while pruning the roses at the bowling greens and looking up to find his Kingswood ute resting somewhere down between the fourth tea and the front gate. Fortunately for Ern there was no real damage to his ute.

The same can't be said for Les Hall who motored around the golf course on Saturday, uncharacteristically without any thought of application of the hand break, posting a round of 90-23-67.

While that round was good enough for Les to be the accidental winner of the November Monthly the more serious ramifications will be the hit to his handicap. Fortunately, he has six months to make the necessary repairs before the Club championships.

On another very windy afternoon no one else was going to get near that score and Les claimed the medal with three shots to spare from Lawrie Casey with 86-16-70.

Lawrie has been an unlucky bridesmaid on Medal day on several occasions in the last year or so. On Saturday it all became too much as he left the course before presentation and failed to show for his usual Sunday morning press conference despite taking the A Grade winner's trophy in a count back from Miles Gould who posted a tremendous round of 76-6-70.

A round of 76 at Valley View is good on most days, in Saturday's windy conditions it was an excellent score and very consistent too with Miles completing both nines in 38 shots picking up the A Grade runner's up trophy and the best gross score ball for his efforts.

Tiger Livingston was a further shot back in the medal hunt with a round of 95-24-71 and he was the B Grade runner up on the day.

Some good scores from the ladies also with Sharon Harrison taking the honours with 92-22-70 while Nancy Saunders was the runner up with 97-24-73.

Sharon also won the ladies NTP ball on the 3rd while Jenni Bauerle had the best gross score with 90 off the stick.

Winners in the ball comp were Kelly Cheong with Nett 72, Pooch McHale (74), Paul Dickens (74) along with John Neale, Gay Henderson, Kevin Bauerle, Jenni Bauerle and Shaun Ryan all with Nett 75.

Pooch and Gavon Armstrong took home the men's NTP balls on the 3rd while Jenni Bauerle rounded out a good day winning the voucher on the 15th.

I forgot to mention Hally's score was the best gross score winner in B Grade.

This week will be the re-scheduled Drummond Day event with a BBQ from 11am before assembly at 1130am.

This Week's Golf

Sat 16 Nov (BBQ 11am/ Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Sponsor: Drummond Golf

Duty: P Kuiper & A Hausler

Tuesday: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 16th November 2019

The best Saturday for golf in a month weatherwise greeted our sponsor Lincoln Ferrari from Drummond Golf Shepparton along with visitors from Parkland and Mitiamo for Saturday's Stableford event.

The round was also the first instalment in the 2019-20 Summer Cup and one score stood out on the leader board with Alan Curnow a runaway winner in B Grade with 44 points.

On a card showing six pars and nine bogeys Alan made a mockery of the rating of the back nine as the harder side of the course amassing 24 points to go with the 20 points that he racked up on the front.

The rest of the field was left in Alan's wake with B Grade runner up Craig Larcombe five shots back with 39 points, thirteen of which he picked up on his last four holes.

In A Grade Daryl Harrison also found the back nine to his liking compiling 22 of his 39 points on the way home and he recorded a one shot win from Bud Thorsen who took home the runner's up trophy with 38 points in a count back from recently signed member Ian Scurrah.

In the ladies' event Dot Bennett put together the second best round of the day with 41 points, twelve of which came in a flurry with a hat trick of four pointers on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th holes.

Liz Haw was the ladies' runner up with another very good score of 39 points.

Glen Tonkin won the A Grade NTP ball while our own Alan Hausler and Helen Emery won the B Grade and ladies NTP balls while Gill Thorsen won the voucher on the 15th with an excellent tee shot.

Another highlight of the day was Steve Usher's eagle on the 5th, the first hole he played on the day, and his playing partners found that the only thing more tortuous than Steve making eagle was Steve making eagle with 17 holes to play!! He just happened to mention that his six iron that found the cup from 160m might have been the best shot he has ever played. That probably evened up the ledger for the shot he played immediately prior to it.

What's more this was Steve's second raid on Miles Gould's & Mick Coyne's Eagles Nest in just a couple of months.

Ball winners on the day were Anne Hawking with 38 points, Leonie McMaster-Smith (38), Marilyn Ross (38), Ian Scurrah (38), Marlene Topp (37), David Collins (37), Tracey Wasde (36), Sharon Harrison (36), Jenni Bauerle (35), Gill Thorsen (35), Marie Watt (35) and Leanne Busch (35).

A big thanks to Lincoln and Drummond Golf Shepparton for the generous sponsorship of this event.

It was remiss of me not to mention last week that Saturday marked the big 60 for Lawrie Casey on Saturday. Happy Birthday Case.

This Week

Sat 23 Nov (Assembly 1130am)

Par Sponsor: Ky Vet Clinic Duty: J Neale & P Mangan

Tuesday: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 23rd November 2019

Another big sponsor's day at Valley View on Saturday with the annual Ky Vet Clinic event which has now become the Ky Vet Clinic – Mick McAuliffe Black Sock day, in recognition of our President's trend setting dress sense.

Competition was fierce with a great array of trophies up for grabs, not to mention the bonus trophy to winners and runners up of a pair black socks straight from the Mick Mac range, and it was Geoff Squires who posted the day's best score to take home the B Grade winner's trophy (and socks) with 38 points.

Squizzy finished one shot ahead of Wal Tink who has been very consistent recently and Wal took home the B Grade runner's up trophy with 37 points.

Meanwhile Bud Thorsen and David Collins will join Squizzy and Wal next week, resplendent in their newly acquired black socks, after they fought out a count back for honours in A Grade with 37 points each, with the count back going Bud's way.

An identical result in the ladies' event with Gill Thorsen the winner, also with 37 points, from Robyn Curnow and they took home our sponsor's generous trophies along (of course) with their own pairs of black socks.

Other Ball & black sock winners on the day were Trevor Withall with 36 points, Judy Greer (36), Leonie McMaster Smith (36), Alan Curnow (35), Doc McQueen – Thomson (35), John Flett (34), Nancy Saunders (34) and Kelly Cheong also with 34 points an excellent effort on a couple of hours sleep.

Wal Tink (B Grade) and Nancy Saunders were NTP winners on the 3rd while the voucher on the 15th was won by Marilyn Ross.

A huge thanks to the Ky Vet Clinic and Mick McAuliffe for the generous sponsorship of this week's comp.

Please note below that we will commence the summer dual tee off times from the medal round on Saturday 7th December.

Just a reminder of our heat policy for the Saturday comp which is if the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast for Saturday (as at 730pm on the Friday night) is for 40 degrees or more then players can only participate in the afternoon comp if they are playing in cart. Please contact Peter Noble or Gavon Armstrong if you need clarification.

Our Tuesday golfers will revert to the earlier time of 9am assembly for 930am tee from Tuesday 3rd December.

Coming Events

Sat 30 Nov (Assembly 1130am)

Stableford Duty: B Thorsen & J Neale

Sat 7 Dec (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stroke / Medal Duty: P Mangan & A Hausler

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 30th November 2019

After an extended period out of the game John Burrows announced his return in emphatic fashion in Saturday's Stableford event.

Following a Thursday night twilight win John notched up 40 points, the best of the men's scores, in just his second Saturday round in some months.

An eight hole hot streak set up JB's B Grade win as he racked up successive three point scores from the 6th through to the 13th holes inclusive to go with three pointers scored on the first and second holes.

Peter Nelson also made a successful come back from his own winter hibernation with 38 points and he took home the B Grade runner's up trophy.

In A Grade Rushworth's Kelly Cheong, a regular visitor to Valley View, won a count back with 37 points to take home the winner's voucher from Pooch McHale also with 37.

Meanwhile Bev Lyon defied the blustery conditions to post the day's best Stableford score of 43 points with seven three pointers in a very consistent round with her card showing a 23-20 point front nine back nine split.

Marlene Topp was the next best of the ladies taking out the runner's up trophy with 37 points.

A generous ball comp saw balls go to Craig Larcombe, Tiger Livingston and John Neale (each with 37 points), Geoff Squires (36), Les Hall and Kevin Bauerle (35) and Peter Mangan and Bill Murray with 34 each.

Mick Gallivan and Bev Lyon picked up NTP balls on the third while recently signed country member, Jeff Carnie from Lockington took home his first trophy winning the voucher on the 15th.

This week marks the commencement of our split team times for the summer period with assembly at 8am for 830am for the early birds and the usual 1130am for 1215pm for the sun lovers among us.

Tuesday's golfers will now assemble at 9am in readiness for a 930am tee off.

This week's round is the December Monthly Medal with Peter Noble on duty in the morning and Bud Thorsen in the afternoon.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 7th Dec 2019

Former Club Captain Doug Kajewski once renamed the weekly NAGA award after this Month's Medalist after he racked up a number of NAGA wins in a quick succession.

On Saturday Aldi Alf Hausler blew the December Monthly Medal field away with the medal winning score of 89-21-68 to claim his fifth medal in six years.

Some excellent ball striking and an un-Hausler like assurance with the putter were the ingredients in his win and so good was his round he was just a couple of shots from outscoring club champion Miles Gould on the front nine as he cruised the outward leg in 43 shots.

Haus finished two shots ahead of his nearest Medal challenger in A Grade winner Bud Thorsen who posted a very consistent round of 86-16-70 with a 43-43 front nine-back nine split.

He was also a six shot winner in B Grade from John Neale who won the runner's up voucher with 99-25-74 in a count back from Tiger Livingston with 97-23-74.

Rod Breen was the A Grade runner up with 86-15-71, also in a count back, from David Collins with the same score.

David just hasn't been the same player since he relinquished his "*Debonair*" nickname some time ago.

Marie Watt was the ladies' winner with 104-30-74 in another countback from Gill Thorsen with 101-27-74 in a clear indication that there is no value in having your husband on office duty.

Ball comp winners were the runner's up in David and Tiger (scores aforementioned) along with Nobby and Hally with Nett 75 and Miles Gould with Nett 76.

Miles (82), Haus and Helen Emery (94) took home the best gross score balls while Peter Mangan won the A Grade NTP ball on the third and Kelly Cheong won the voucher on the 15th on his way to par on that hole.

This week's Stableford event will be the 2nd round of the Summer Cup.

Coming Events

Sat 14 Dec 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: W Tink & P Noble

Sat 21 Dec 2019 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Par Duty: J Neale & G Armstrong

Tuesdays: Stableford (Assembly 9am)

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 14th December 2019

Scoring was solid rather than spectacular in the 2nd Round of the Summer Cup on Saturday with the exception on the Build Pro Scoreboard being Helen Armstrong's massive score of a massive 45 points.

That number enabled Helen to record a very comfortable five shot win from a very unlucky Judy Greer who most weeks would have won comfortably with the 40 points.

The highlight of Helen's round was a rare Eagle three on the par five second that added five Stableford points to her card which would prove crucial in her quest for victory.

To the men's comp and despite an indifferent and frustrating back nine Peter Noble was able to maintain his composure long enough to finish his round with a hatrick of pars on holes four through six.

That enabled Nobby to scrounge up the respectable score of 36 points and low and behold he found himself the A Grade winner by one shot from David Collins with 35 points in a count back from Peter Mangan.

Les Hall posted the men's best score of the day of 38 points to take out B Grade from Paul Dickens and Gavon Armstrong with 37 points with Dicko getting the nod in the count back for runner up.

Les had a pretty good day as he also claimed the voucher on the 15th on the way to birdie, sinking what was still a decent length putt on that hole.

The unlucky Gavon Armstrong with 37 points picked up a ball in the ball comp as did Squizzy Squires (36), Craig Larcombe (36), Penguin Nelson (36), Doug Pentreath (35) and Marilyn Ross also with 35.

Nearest the Pin balls on the 3rd went to David Collins (A Grade), Alan Hausler (B) and Jan McHale.

A reminder to Saturday afternoon golfers to keep an eye on the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecasts keeping in mind that if the BOM forecast at 730pm on Friday night is for 40 degrees Celsius or more than you will need a cart to compete in the afternoon leg of the Saturday comp.

Finally, with Christmas Day being next Wednesday I will take this chance to wish our members and the Free Press readers a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Coming Events

Sat 21 December (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Par Duty: G Armstrong & J Neale

Sat 28 December (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: P Mangan & A Hausler

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 21st Dec 2019

A couple of our golfers helped themselves to early Christmas presents with excellent rounds that saw them complete runaway wins of their respective grades in Saturday's Par event.

Kelly Cheong really cashed win playing his best ever round at The View of 80 off the stick that equated to a Par score of 7 up.

Kelly did most of the damage with an excellent back nine of 39 off the stick (5 up) which included a birdie on the Par 3 15th after hitting his tee shot to about 30 feet of the pin, a shot that not only set up his birdie but won him the NTP voucher as well.

Only a bogey six on the last hole prevented Kelly from breaking eighty and he was a comfortable five shot winner in A Grade from Debonair David Collins with 2 up.

In B Grade a steely eyed Tiger Livingston put aside Thursday's shock retirement of Alex Rance to post the excellent round of 5 up.

Kev burst out of the gates and was actually five up after the first five holes but, in a deft piece of handicap management that Les Hall would have been proud of, managed to maintain that figure for the remaining thirteen holes and he finished three shots clear of Ian Scurrah with 2 up.

There was a variable range of scores posted by our ladies with Marlene Topp taking home the winner's voucher with 2 up from runner up Jan McHale who was some way back with -6.

Balls comp winners were Wal Tink with 1 up along with John Heywood, Penguin, Vince Hourigan and Kevin Humbert who all finished with even par.

The windy conditions came into play on the third with not one playing being able to find or hold the green leaving all the NTP balls for that hole with the club.

Just a little story to finish regarding one of our members (name withheld) who couldn't wait for Santa and discreetly removed one of his presents already under his tree that he correctly suspected contained a box of shiny new golf balls. The thinking was that he open the pack and re-package the parcel after his round in time for Christmas morning.

Alas, that plan went askew with one of the shiny balls disappearing into the drink on the twelfth leaving our member to practise his feigned disgust on Christmas morning that Santa would short change him.

Coming Events

Boxing Day: Stableford (Book Event)

Saturday 28 December (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: P Mangan & A Hausler

Tuesdays: Stableford (Assembly 9am)

Wed 1 January: Stableford (Book Event)

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 28th December 2019

It's been a great festive season for Tiger Livingston who backed up last week's Par win with another victory in Saturday's Stableford event.

Last week Kevin won B Grade with the second best round of the day, but he went one better this week with the day's top score of 40 points to give him a two shot win in B Grade from Craig Larcombe with 38 points.

That means he now has a nice little stash of vouchers to throw his own going away party before departs for Bendigo in a couple of weeks.

In A Grade David Collins completed a good return to form following up his runner's up trophy last week with a win with 37 points and he had three shots to spare from the runner up in Pres Mick McAuliffe with 34.

Results in the ladies' comp were a repeat of last week's with Marlene Topp winning with 32 points from Jan McHale with 31.

Ball winners on the day were Paul Dickens with 37, Alfie Hausler with 36, Vin Hourigan with 36 and Penguin Nelson with 35.

Mick McAuliffe and Paul Dickens won the NTP balls on the 3rd, Dicko taking a dozen jackpot balls with a tee shot to within a metre of the pin. Alas he missed the birdie putt, distracted by a fly using his nose as a runway and almost missed par with an equally long putt back. Well, that's Dicko's version.

Coming Events

Wed 1st Jan Stableford. Book Event

Sat 4th Jan (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: W Tink & B Thorsen

Sat 11th Jan (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Rd 3 Summer Cup Duty: G Armstrong & P Noble

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 1130am

SCOOP