

Week ending Sat 4th January 2020

A controversial start to 2020 at Valley View with Acting Captain Alan Hausler making the call on Friday night to postpone the scheduled Monthly Medal round due to the 40 degree plus temperature forecast.

That decision “robbed” club stalwart Craig Larcombe of his first medal win in almost seven years after he won the substituted Stableford event with 36 points in a count back from Johnny Heywood.

The forecast scorcher wasn't the only justification for Haus' decision as numbers are traditionally down on the first week of the New Year and he noted that Larco made the same call some years ago when he was Captain.

Given the eventual numbers that turned out, with no golfers assembling for the afternoon session, the decision seemed correct and Alan also pointed out that a worthy medal winner wouldn't have missed four putts from within a couple of feet as Larco did during his round.

Ball winners were Jeff Carnie and Peter Mangan with 35 points and Haus himself with 34.

A special mention to Marlene Topp who was the only lady to turn out on the day and I guess that means she was also a winner on the day.

Kevin Humbert won the NTP ball on the 3rd while Peter Mangan won the voucher on the 15th.

With an early forecast of 27 degrees the January Medal round will now be held next week which will push the 3rd round of the Summer Cup back to the 18th of January.

The early betting is that Larco won't be able to back up this week's round to claim the medal he feels should be his!

The Summer Pennant season kicked off on Sunday with our team recording a 4-1 win over Rushworth at Nagambie.

The successful pairs were Paul Kuiper & Paul Dickens who cruised to a 7&6 victory, Mick Coyne & David Collins (1 up), Wal Tink & Nobby (1 up) and Steve Usher & Mick Gallivan (3&2).

Miles Gould and Daryl Harrison were the unsuccessful pairing going down 4&3.

Coming Events

Sat 11 Jan (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: G Armstrong & P Noble

Sat 18 Jan (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Rd 3 Summer Cup Duty: P Kuiper & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford Assembly 9am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 11th January 2020

The sequel to the controversial decision to postpone last week's scheduled Monthly Medal round played out on Saturday.

In an ironic twist the man who made the decision to defer the event, Alan Hausler, won the January Medal posting a round of 91-20-73.

It was a crushing blow to last week's winner in Craig Larcombe who finished two behind Haus in the Saturday's medal round and will now have to watch Haus strut around in his (Larco's) medal shirt.

The matter may not rest there though with suggestions Larco may take his grievance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) after the Match & Handicap team refused to consider his complaint.

Back to the result though and Haus's win means he is only the second man in almost 10 years to win back to back medals, the last being John Flett in October-November 2017.

Consistency was the key to Alan's win with nothing worse on his card than double bogeys in a 46-45 front nine back nine split.

John McHale was the unlucky runner up in the medal with 85-13-72 but that was good enough for him to claim the A Grade winner's voucher from Mick Gallivan with 89-16-73 and the best gross score ball.

The day got worse for Larco as he had to settle for a ball in the ball comp after losing a count back for B Grade runner up to Tiger Livingston who carded 95-22-73.

Incidentally that will be Tiger's last round before he relocates to Bendigo later this week.

Judy Greer was the ladies' winner with 97-22-75 from Jenni Bauerle with 91-15-76 though Jenni took home the best gross score ball.

NTP winners were Bud Thorsen (A Grade & Voucher on the 15th), and Marilyn Ross for the ladies on the 3rd.

Other ball winners on the day were David Collins with Nett 74, Les Hall (74), along with Gavon Armstrong, Peter Blackmore, Ed McQuienn and John Burrows all with Nett 75 while Haus added the B Grade best gross score ball to his medal win.

Our Pennant team had mixed fortunes breaking even with Hill Top at Merrigum on Sunday. Ed McQuienn & Wal Tink won 3&2, Daryl Harrison & David Collins won 1 up however Miles Gould & Nobby lost their match 2&1 as did the two Pauls (Dickens & Kuiper).

Steve Usher and Mick Gallivan halved their match, though Steve had the match within in his grasp on the last hole but could not make a simple two foot to claim the win.

Next Week

Saturday 18 January (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Par Duty: P Kuiper & J Neale

Sat 25 January (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: W Tink & A Hausler

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Week ending Sat 18th January 2020

It was good to be able to focus on golf after the drama and controversy of recent weeks with some very good scores posted in Saturday's Par event.

Indeed, things were so tight on the leader board that count backs determined the winner of both Grades.

In A grade Kevin Bauerle and Kelly Cheong both finished with 4 up with Kevin taking home the winner's voucher along with Pooch's cash his first such success in some time.

Kelly was left to rue the putt he left sitting precariously on the edge of the cup on the last hole as he collected the runner's up trophy.

It was a similar story in B Grade with Paul Dickens getting the better of Geoff Strachan in a count back after they both handed in cards of +3.

It was not quite as close in the ladies' event with Marilyn Ross the winner with 1 up from Tracey Wade with 1 down.

Bill Murray, Jeff Carnie, Alan Hausler and Paul Kuiper picked up balls with +2 as did Pooch, Les Hall and John Burrows with scores of +1.

Mick Gallivan (A Grade), Ian Scurrah (B) and Jan McHale won the Nearest the Pin balls on the 3rd while Les Hall took home the voucher on the 15th.

After a good start to the year our Pennant team came back to earth with a thud on Sunday losing to Merrigum 4-1 at Hill Top.

With two matches halved we didn't actually record a win on the day. Those halved results were recorded by the combinations of Mick Coyne & Daryl Harrison and Paul Kuiper & Paul Dickens.

Alan Hausler & Ed McQuienn (1 down), Nobby and David Collins (3&2), and Steve Usher and Mick Gallivan (4&3) all lost their matches. With a bye for the Australia Day weekend the team will have a couple of weeks to re-group before its next match.

Coming Events

Sat 25 January (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: W Tink & A Hausler

Mon 27 January (Assembly 930am)
Stableford Duty: P Mangan & W Kuiper

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

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Week ending Sat 25th January 2020

For some time now Pooch McHale and Kevin Bauerle have been engaged in a two-man golfing war going head to head for each other's money on a weekly basis.

Despite last week's win this has become an expensive exercise for Kevin and the situation deteriorated further after Pooch won A Grade on Saturday with 38 points.

Actually, it has become problematic for both of them with the Tax Office taking an interest in Pooch's undisclosed earnings while KB weighs up the options of a return to full time work or launching his own currency to curb the cash drain.

Peter Mangan was the A Grade runner up with 37 points while B Grade went to a count back with Parkland's Troy Pearce taking the winner's voucher with 38 points from Johnny Heywood.

Maybe the wrong Bauerle is wagering as the very consistent Jenni recorded another win in the ladies' comp with 36 points by one shot from Marilyn Ross with 35.

Ball comp winners were Squizzy Squires with 37, Nobby with 36, Kelly Cheong with 35 and Mark Soden, Vince Hourigan, Kevin Bauerle (a saving there KB!) and Alan Hausler all with 33 points.

It was good to see Mark Soden returning from injury and he added the voucher on the 15th to his win in the ball comp while Bud Thorsen (A Grade), Kerry Kreeck (B) and Jenni Bauerle won the NTP balls on the third.

There was a general by for the Pennant Team due to the long weekend.

Until next week, please remember to gamble responsibly.

Coming Events

Sat 1st Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal

Sat 8th Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford / Rd 4 Summer Cup

Tuesdays; Stableford (Assembly 9am)

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 1st February 2020

A surprisingly good field turned out for Saturday's Medal round despite the forecast temperature of 40 degrees with Daryl Harrison notching up his first medal win with a round of 82-12-70.

Daryl set up his medal win with a back nine of 39 off the stick with the feature being a birdie on the par four 13th hole after he smacked his drive 290 metres to within a few metres of the green. That after a hat trick of pars on ten through twelve.

His round could have been even better if not for a double bogey on the par five 18th hole.

Daryl finished two shots ahead of playing partner Peter Noble in the medal race with Nobby carding 84-12-72.

Nobby's highlight was an excellent tee shot on the Par three 15th to within fifteen feet of the pin before making his birdie putt and walking from the green thinking he had the NTP voucher in the bag only for Mick Coyne playing an even better tee shot as he also birdied the hole.

While those two gents both found the 15th from the tee the same could not be said about the 3rd with the NTP ball for that hole staying with the club.

In B Grade Kevin Humbert took home his first winner's voucher with a round of 92-19-73 in a count back from a visitor in Steve Hammond who posted the same score.

Ball winners on the day were Peter Mangan with Nett 73 and Alan Hausler, Mick Coyne and Kevin Bauerle all with Nett 74.

Daryl and Kevin also added the best gross score balls to their respective winner's trophies.

The forecast temp of 40 odd was a bit much for our ladies who took the day off.

Our Pennant team had a bye this week and will resume its summer campaign next Sunday.

Coming Events

Sat 8 Feb 2020 (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford/Rd 4 Summer Cup

Sat 15 Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Par

Tuesdays: Stableford. Assembly 9am

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 8th February 2020

The fourth and final round of the Summer Cup was something of an anticlimax with the Cup winner (to be unveiled a little later) holding an almost insurmountable lead.

But first to the day's comp results and Bill Murray and Bud Thorsen both posted scores of 37 Stableford points with the count back revealing Bill as the A Grade winner - which I'm sure Bill would have been felt was a just result given he be-moaned the number of putts that lipped out or just shaved the cup early in his round.

John Neale posted the day's best score to take home the B Grade winner's trophy with 38 points from runner up Ian Scurrah who was just one shot back with 37 points.

It was also a close contest in the ladies' comp with Marilyn Ross a one shot winner with 32 points from Judy Greer with 31.

Ball winners on the day were Alan Hausler with, Wal Tink, Kevin Humpbert (with 35 points) and Kev Livingston, John Burrows, Kevin Bauerle and Paul Dickens all with 34 points.

Nearest the Pin winners were Kevin Humpbert (A Grade), Paul Dickens (B) and Pooch McHale won the voucher on the 15th.

Time to unveil the Summer Cup winner for 2019 – 20 and that name is Craig Larcombe with the best three round total of 110 points from David Collins and Les Hall who tied for runner up with 106.

Fortunately for Larco that he had done all the hard work in his first three round because he turned in a shocker on Saturday.

His winning total was the lowest in the last ten years (although I don't have last year's winning total) but never the less was some sweet compensation for what he still refers to as the January medal fiasco. Seriously Larco, time to move on!!

Week ending Sat 15th Feb 2020

Our golfers made hard work of Saturday's Par event with only four having a plus sign at the front of their scores.

Winners from both grades came from the morning groups when conditions were somewhat calmer while the runner's up both played in the afternoon.

Pooch McHale took out A Grade with an excellent round of +3 from Alan Hausler with +1 (yep you read it right A GRADE Runner- Up A Hausler!)

Same scores in B Grade just with different names as Paul Kuiper emerged from a monumental form slump to post +3 and take out the winner's trophy while Alan Curnow, who went four up early in his round but couldn't maintain the momentum and finished with 1 up.

That really doesn't sound right ... Alan Hausler A Grade – Paul Kuiper B Grade. Strange days!!

The ladies all played in the morning with Helen Emery the winner with -1 from Anne Hawking with 4 down.

Ball comp winners were Bill Murray, Paul Dickens, Tiger Livingston and Squizzy Squires who all finished with even par along with Peter Noble (-1), Ed McQuienn (-2) and Geoff Connally (-2).

Nearest the Pins on the 3rd went to Pooch (A Grade) and Alan Curnow (B), while Craig Larcombe won the voucher on the 15th (independently verified) with a clever tee shot before making light work of his three metre birdie putt.

Coming Events

Sat 22 Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: G Armstrong & J Neale

Sat 29 Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)

Stableford Duty: P Kuiper & B Thorsen

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

Thursdays: Nine Hold Stroke: Assembly 515pm

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 22nd February 2020

A touch of Déjà vu with the winners from Saturday's men's comp backing up their wins from the Stableford event a fortnight ago.

Those winners were Bill Murray in A Grade with 39 points and John Neale who posted the day's best score of 42 points to take out B Grade.

Nails was so pleased with his score that he successfully begged the duty team to allow him to do presentation. Along with the winner's trophy he also got to present himself with the B Grade Nearest the Pin ball.

Different runner's up from two weeks ago with a return to form seeing Kevin Bauerle taking the A Grade runner's up trophy with 38 points while Jeff Carnie won silver in B Grade with 35 points via a count back from Alan Curnow.

Helen Emery was the ladies' winner with 36 points from Marlene Top with 34 points while Jenni Bauerle won the ladies NTP ball.

Ball comp winners were Alan Curnow, Kelly Cheong, Peter Mangan and Pooch McHale all with 35 points and Mick Gallivan with 34.

Pooch also took out the voucher on the 15th while Miles Gould won the A Grade NTP ball with a shot that he was most pleased with as it pitched, spun and clipped the pin before coming to rest some metre or so behind the pin.

Nails also made a note on the results sheet asking me to not "accidentally" mention that Penguin Nelson won the NAGA with a particularly modest score.

So, there you go John, request noted and actioned.

Coming Events

Sat 29 Feb (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: P Kuiper & B Thorsen

Sat 7 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: W Tink & J Neale

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

Thursdays: 9 Hole Stroke: Assembly @ 515pm

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 26th Feb 2020

Scoring in Saturday's Stableford event was on the low side with only one player bettering their handicap.

In A grade Pooch McHale made it back-to-back wins with 34 points and he had a one-shot buffer from runner up Graeme Harrison with 33 points.

Meanwhile the B graders set the captain and duty team a real challenge as they sorted through four cards, all with 33 points, desperately trying to find a winner and runner from the four-way count back.

The challenge being that the preferred method of resolving a countback, flipping a coin, doesn't work quite so well when there are four participants in the count back.

Eventually the team arrived at the conclusion that Ron Dixon was the B grade winner from Peter Lyon while John Burrows and Peter Nelson had to settle for balls in the ball comp.

Things were clearer cut in the ladies' event with Judy Greer posting the day's best score of 37 points to record a two-shot win from Bev Lyon with 35 points.

In addition to JB and Penguin, ball comp winners were Nancy Saunders with 34 points, Sharon Harrison (33), Anne Hawking (32) and John Heywood (32) in a count back from a number of others.

Nearest the pin trophy winners were Kevin Humber (A grade 3rd), Kevin Bauerle (A grade 12th), Anne Hawking (ladies 3rd) and Helen Emery who went within ten centimetres of acing the 15th to take home the voucher on that hole.

Lawrie Casey was Tuesday's A grade winner with 37 points from Peter Mangan with 36 points but for the third week running Jack Hammond stole the show in B grade, this week posting 44 points to record an eight-shot win from Ross Bulley with 36 points.

Jack really cleaned up as he also won the Nearest the Pin trophies on both the third and 15th holes.

The good news for the rest of the B grade field is that Jack's red-hot streak has seen him reduce his handicap by eight shots.

Ball winners were Mick McAuliffe (35 points), Steve Hammond (35) and the ubiquitous Nobby with 33 points.

Finally, the club lost two of its founding members last week with the passing of Newton Tomasini and Life Member Gwen Brewster.

Both Gwen and Newton made significant contributions to the club over a long period and the club extends its sincerest condolences to the Brewster and Tomasini families.

Week ending Sat 29th February 2020

It's only subtle, and it's only a recent development but I'm going to call it now. An unhealthy trend, born of blatant egocentricity is developing among our Match & Handicap (M&H) committee members who now feel the need to present themselves with their own winner's trophies.

No one was really surprised last week when John Neale successfully begged the M&H team to let him conduct presentation so that he could present himself with the B Grade winner's trophy.

But when Baden "Bud" Thorsen, a humble man if ever there was one, makes the same play after winning A Grade with 42 Stableford points at the weekend, one has to wonder what has come over the good folk at M&H.

Now both men will tell you they just happened to be rostered on for M&H duty on the respective days but DON'T believe them. Rely on the word of your reliable trusty scribe.

To be fair Bud had plenty to brag about, his round was the day's best by some six shots with Lawrie Casey taking out the A Grade runner's up trophy with 36 points in his first eighteen hole round since knee replacement surgery.

Conversely, B Grade winner Paul Dickens clearly has no place on Match & Handicap as he made no speech at all failing to even thank his playing partners who had encouraged and nurtured him through his up and down round of 36 points.

Dicko finished one point ahead of runner up Wal Tink (35 points) who won a three way count back for runner up from Les Hall and Johnny Heywood.

The humble Judy Greer won the ladies' event with 36 points from Julie Neale with 34. Unfortunately, having played in the morning group neither lady was at presentation to show the men how to do it with a touch of class.

Ball comp winners were Hally and Johnny with their 35 points along with Mick Gallivan, Des Pentreath, Ian Scurrah, Jeff Carnie and Kelly Cheong all with 34 points.

Kevin Humbert capped off a good day for our Lockington-Bamawm based members taking home the A Grade NTP ball while Geoff Squires won the B Grade NTP ball.

Pooch McHale won the voucher on the 15th but missed his relatively easy birdie putt.

Coming Events

Sat 7 March (Assembly 8am & 1130am)
Stroke / Medal Duty: J Neale & P Kuiper

Sat 14 March (Ass 8am & 1130am)
Stableford Duty: A Hausler & P Kuiper

Tuesdays: Stableford: Assembly 9am

Thursdays: Nine Hole Stroke; Assembly 515pm

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 7th March 2020

Our golfers made hard work of Saturday's monthly medal round and while the course was in good nick after last week's 80mm of rain the strong breeze early in the afternoon clearly affected scoring with Craig Larcombe bagging the medal with the score of 92-20-72, only the fifth Nett 72 score to win the medal in almost ten years.

It was a mixed day for Larco who began his round by pitching in from 40 metres on the 10th for birdie but then looked to have drowned his medal chances with two balls in the drink on the 12th as he walked away with an eight on that hole.

However, unlike many of our nation's retail shoppers he refused to panic and put together some consistent golf from that point.

Hopefully he can now let go of his January medal disappointment and move on.

Larco finished two shots in front of A Grade winner Alan Hausler who posted a round of 91-17-74 and B Grade runner up Des Pentreath with 101-27-74. Mick Coyne was the A Grade runner up with 86-11-75 in a count back from Pooch McHale with (85-10-75).

Haus is really enjoying his promotion to A Grade although his success is having a serious effect on the psyche of some of our more established golfers!

Our ladies also struggled with Jan McHale the winner with 100-23-77 by two shots from Judy Greer with 100-21-79.

Ball winners on the day were Pooch with his nett 75, Nobby with nett 76, Kelly Cheong (76), Paul Kuiper (76), Peter Blackmore (77) and Squizzy Squires (77).

Pooch and Larco had the best gross scores for their respective grades while Helen Emery won the ladies best gross with 87 off the stick.

Mick Coyne (A Grade) and Alf Soden (B) won NTP balls on the 3rd while Alan Curnow picked up the voucher on the 15th before narrowly missing his birdie putt.

The Match & Handicap team has asked me to mention that from this week we will only have the one tee off with assembly from 1130am. Nobby will let the Tuesday golfers know what is going on with their tee off time.

The following Saturday (21st March) is our Opening Day with the traditional Pinehurst Medley so get your partners sorted for that day.

Also, please note the Albury Big 4 Tourist Park day has been re-scheduled for later in the year.

Coming Events

Sat 14 March (Assembly 1130am)

Par Duty: P Mangan & G Armstrong

Sat 21 March (Assembly 1130am)

Opening Day Pinehurst Medley Duty: B Thorsen & W Tink

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Week ending Sat 26th March 2020

An excellent field enjoyed a BBQ lunch before teeing off in Saturday's Opening Day Mixed Pinehurst event.

On a perfect afternoon, Judy Greer and Peter Mangan teamed best with a round of 87 Nett 73 4/8 to claim a narrow win from Sally Olle and a "restrained" (Judy's comment, not mine) Mick Coyne who finished with 99 Nett 73 7/8.

The highlight of Judy and Peter's day came on the par three 12th when Peter put his tee shot to within a couple of metres before Judy calmly tapped in the birdie putt, a birdie that would prove crucial in the overall result.

Ball winners were Ian Scurrah and Anne Hawking with Nett 74 2/8, John and Jan McHale 74 4/8, Robin Quinn and Leanne Busch 76 2/8 and Kevin Humbert and Nancy Saunders with 76 3/8.

There was also a Stableford event for the men left on the shelf which was dominated by the Gallivan family with Mick the winner with 35 points from Dylan with 33.

Dylan took the runner's up trophy in a count back from Lawrie Casey and Gordon Mackay.

Other trophy winners on the day were Paul Kuiper and Leanne Busch (nearest the pins on the 3rd) Peter Mangan, Jeff Carnie and Jennie Bauerle (nearest the pins on the 12th) and Mick Coyne the voucher on the 15th.

Geoff Strachan was Tuesday's winner with 35 points from Travis Kreeck with 34 points. Strachannie also picked up the nearest the pin ball on the 3rd.

Kevin Humbert and Nobby won balls with 35 points and the nearest the pin voucher on the 15th was won by Gordon Mackay.

Saturday's opening day was the start of a big month in golf with this Saturday's Stableford event to be sponsored by Repco Echuca with \$600 worth of trophies up for grabs. Once again, the day will kick off with an 11am BBQ lunch with assembly at 1130 for tee off at 1215pm.

The Monthly Medal will be played on the 9th April and then later in the month the Ern Healy Memorial Day is scheduled for Sunday 24th April while the annual Girgarre RSL follows on the 25th.

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Week Ending Sat 16th May 2020

After seven weeks off most of our golfers struggled to shake off the cobwebs upon their return to the course on Saturday.

To further complicate matters they had to deal with a horde of Crows circling the third, fourth and fifth hole randomly nabbing balls from the fairway.

A thorough investigation by this reporter confirmed that they were your everyday variety of pesky crows, not the Adelaide football variety in isolation.

To the golf and Lawrie Casey emerged from the Covid enforced lay off best with 39 Stableford points, easily the best score of the day from the men, and he was a four shot winner in A Grade from Miles Gould who took the runner's up trophy with 35 points in a count back from Paul Newman who is apparently more than just a "useful" footballer.

Lawrie set up his win with a front nine of 21 points and sealed the deal with a solid even par score of 18 points on the back.

In B Grade Trevor Whithall also posted a 35 point score which gave him a one shot win from Walter Tink with 34.

Jan McHale matched Lawrie's 39 points and was a comfortable winner of the ladies' event with Anne Churches the next best with 33.

Ball comp winners were Paul Newman with 35, Peter Blackmore, Mick Gallivan and Mick McAuliffe (all with 34) along with Ed McQuienn and Paul Kuiper each with 32 points.

Mick Coyne (A Grade) and Trevor Withall (B) picked up the Nearest the Pin balls on the 3rd while Helen Emery won the voucher on 15 with an excellent tee shot to within a metre or two of the pin.

I'm not sure what the roster looks like at the present moment but until further notice Saturday's golf will be a progressive tee off from 1030am to 1215pm while Tuesday's will be a shot gun start with assembly at 1130am.

If you have further queries in relation to the tee off times please contact Peter Noble or Alan Hausler.

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Week ending Sat 30th May 2020

Josh Pell is making the most of the Covid enforced break from football posting his second successive A Grade win at the weekend.

Josh bettered his 37 points of last week with a score of 39 to claim a two shot win from Pooch McHale with 37.

Parkland's Troy Pearce also posted 39 points and he took out the B Grade winner's trophy by one shot from Paul Kuiper who blew his chance on the 17th when he three putted for a double bogey six.

A decisive victory in the ladies' event with Anne Hawking's 38 points giving her a five point margin from Marilyn West with 33 though Marilyn did add the NTP trophy to her runner's up voucher.

Ball comp winners were Trevor Whithall with 36, But Thorsen (35), Ed McQuienn (35), Daryl Harrison (34), Mick Gallivan (33), Bill Murray (33), Miles Gould (32), John Heywood (32) and Graeme Harrison also with 32 while Lawrie Casey was "devastated" to discover his 34 points didn't warrant a ball.

Playing in the same group Miles Gould and Craig Larcombe won the men's NTP balls with successive shots while Daryl Harrison won the voucher on the 15th with an excellent tee shot to within a couple of metres of the pin before tidying up with a successful birdie putt.

Bud Thorsen got through his round without interference from the crows on the fourth though they did nab Craig Larcombe's tee shot.

A score of 36 points won Paul Dickens Tuesday's comp from Kelly Cheong with 33 while Jenni Bauerle won the ladies with 30 in a count back from Marilyn West.

Ball comp winners on the day were Peter Mangan with 32, Peter Blackmore 32 and Fred West with 31.

Blackers and Jenni also took home the respective NTP balls.

This week's event is the June Monthly Medal with David Collins and Peter Mangan on duty. Hit off times will stay at 1030am to 1215pm while on the Queen's Birthday Monday there will be a Stableford book event.

Finally, the club extends its condolences to Tracey Wade and the Wade and Howard families on the passing of her father Graham last week.

SCOOP

Week Ending Sat 6th June 2020

An exceptionally cold day for the first Saturday of winter and, apart from a couple of very good scores at the top of the leader board, scoring was also decidedly cool.

What's more in a Hayley's Comet like occurrence our June Medal winner did not come from the either the winner or runner up in either grade, the first time I can recall that occurring in my time at the club.

With the medal only open to club members and with Rich River's Like Nagle (75-7-68) and Paul Elliot (87-17-70) taking the placings in A Grade and Parkland's Dave Matthews winning B Grade with 96-22-74 Lawrie Casey won his first medal in almost ten years.

Graeme Harrison was the B Grade runner up with 99-19-80 and Luke and Dave also took home the best gross score balls.

Lawrie won the medal with a round of 84 – 13 – 71 and after a back nine of 44 stormed home with an excellent front nine of 40 featuring an excellent three hole stretch where he made par on the 3rd and 4th holes after narrowly missing birdie putts before making birdie on the par 5 fifth.

The medal was a reward for some very consistent recent form and also for perseverance after several near misses with Medal immortality over the last couple of years.

Helen Emery was the ladies' winner with 94-17-77 from Nancy Saunders, two shots back with 102-23-79. Helen's 94 off the stick was also the best gross score from the ladies.

Rich River's Craig Maconachie (nett 72) and Ben Simpson (73) won balls as did Miles Gould (74), Ed McQuienn (75), Paul Newman (75), Josh Pell (76) and Kelly Cheong (76).

Daryl Harrison won the A Grade NTP ball on the 3rd and Trevor Withall took home the voucher on the 15th.

Daryl was Tuesday's winner with 36 points but could have had anything after a 37 off the stick 23 Stableford point front nine. Along the way he also picked up the NTP ball and a dozen jackpot balls for his tee shot to within a metre on the par 3 third.

Kelly Cheong was the runner up with 34 points and The Pres, Mick McAuliffe, took home a ball with 31.

This week's round is a Stableford event with tee off from 1030am to 1215pm and the duty team will be Alan Hausler and Paul Kuiper. To help them out, if you are playing but can't get to the course by 1130am please call the club to book a spot in the field.

Tuesday's event remains an 1130am assembly for a midday tee off.

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Week ending Sat 13th June 2020

Saturday's Stableford round was dominated by visitors from Parkland with Jake Gascoyne and Tom Kerr both posting the excellent score of 41 points.

After shaking off the cobwebs last week in his first round for some 18 months Jake showed that his talents are not just confined to the football and cricket fields, posting his winning score off the very respectable handicap of just 14 as he finished three shots ahead of Josh Pell (38 points) who was going for a hat-trick of wins.

Meanwhile Tom won B Grade playing off a handicap of 20 and was two points ahead of Trevor Whitall (39 points) who has been posting some very consistent scores of late.

In a close finish Marilyn Ross was the ladies' winner with 35 points by just one shot from Helen Emery with 34.

In another good field ball winners were Graeme Harrison with (37), Gavon Armstrong (36), Lawrie Casey (36), Rory Kerr (34), Nobby (34), Fred West (33) and Jan McHale (33).

Josh Pell and Nancy Saunders won the A Grade and ladies NTP balls respectively while Craig Larcombe won the B Grade NTP ball and the voucher on the 15th.

Tuesday's winners were Peter Lyon with 36 points from Mick McAuliffe with 34 and Jenny Bauerle with 27 from Marlene Topp with 24 and Nobby took home the only ball on offer with 33.

This Saturday's comp is another Stableford event with Bud Thorsen and John Neale on duty.

Looking forward the postponed Wally Shaw Memorial Honour Board event (4 Ball Aggregate Stableford) is now scheduled for 11 July.

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Week ending Sat 20th June 2020

With 5-15mm of rain forecast for Saturday our golfers were greeted by an expectedly sunny day with a couple of excellent scores to match.

In A Grade Wayne Cowley put together an excellent round of 38 points off a handicap of 16 to record what I think is his first Saturday comp win and he finished three points ahead of runner up Paul Kuiper with 35 points from a handicap of 18.

Meanwhile in B Grade Rory Kerr compiled the day's best score of 39 points to take a narrow one shot win from Kellan Robinson with 38 points.

In the ladies' comp Jan McHale was the winner with 35 points, two points ahead of the runner up in Helen Armstrong with 33.

Ball comp winners were Gavon Armstrong (35 points), Tom Kerr (35), Johnny Heywood (34), Nobby (34), Mick Gallivan (32) and Paul Dickens (32).

Mick Coyne won the A Grade NTP ball on the 3rd however the B Grade and Ladies' NTP markers remained idle at the side of the green. Miles Gould won the voucher on the 15th on his way to making par.

Pooch McHale, playing off 9 was Tuesday's winner with 35 points from Geoff Strachan with 34 in a count back from Alan Curnow.

With the state government's decision to defer the easing of some Covid19 related restrictions the club has been forced to defer the resumption of shot gun starts and we will continue with the current tee off arrangements with staggered starts from 1030am to 1215pm.

A cheerio to David Collins who hasn't been well for the past couple of weeks and while his ailment is not Covid related it's fair to say his Masterchef aspirations have taken a severe hit.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 27th June 2020

Parkland's Jake Gascoyne has really hit his straps taking home the A Grade winner's trophy for the second time in three weeks with a round of 37 Stableford points on Saturday.

Jake finished three points ahead of the runner up in Rushworth's Kelly Cheong (a regular visitor) with 34 points.

Another in form player, Trevor Withall, won B Grade with 36 points from Geoff Squires with 31 points.

Jan McHale was also a five shot winner in the ladies' comp with the equal best score for the day of 37 points. Leonie McMaster-Smith finished as the runner up with 32 points.

On a low scoring day, ball winners were Rod Breen (33), David Collins (33), Daryl Harrison (33), Dom Cerrone (32), Mick McAuliffe (31) and Helen Emery (31).

Kelly Cheong (A Grade) and Trevor Withall (B) were NTP winners on the 3rd and Craig Larcombe picked up the voucher on the 15th for the second time in three weeks.

Pooch McHale had yet another midweek win on Tuesday with 34 points from Bud Thorsen who nudged out Peter Blackmore for the runner's up trophy after they both brought in 33 points.

An update on the tee off arrangements for Saturday's with the staggered starts between 130am & 1215pm to remain in place until further notice.

Just a reminder that if you can't get hold of a copy of the Free Press the golf report can also be found on the club's website.

COMING EVENTS

Sat 4 July	Stroke / Monthly Medal	Duty: P Kuiper & P Noble
Sat 11 July	Wally Shaw Mem 4 Ball Agg	Duty: B Thorsen & P Mangan
Tuesdays:	Stableford	Assembly 1130am for 12pm Tee Off

SCOOP

Weekending Sat 4th July 2020

Our golfers made hard work of Saturday's medal round with not one player playing to his or her handicap.

Indeed, the best Nett score of the day was 73 recorded by three players with the next best figure being Nett 76.

Two men posted the Nett 73 mark with David Collins and Tom Kerr fighting out a count back for the monthly medal with David claiming his first Medal shirt since June 2015 with a round of 90 – 17 – 73 leaving Tom to take the A Grade runner's up trophy with his round of 91-18-73.

The other round of Nett 73 was posted by Shirley Soares who won the ladies' comp with 108-35-73 from Helen Emery with 94 – 17 – 77.

The B Graders made real hard work of the conditions with veteran Les Hall winning with 102 – 23 – 79 from Alan Hausler with 99 – 19 – 80.

Ball comp winners were Pooch McHale with Nett 76, Josh Pell (76), Kevin Bauerle (77), Peter Mangan (77), Bud Thorsen (78) and Jake Cascoyne (78).

Best Gross score balls went to Pooch, Alan Hausler and Jenni Bauerle. Unfortunately, I don't have their scores.

Pooch also won a ball in the ball comp with Nett 76, as did Josh Pell (also Nett 76), Kevin Bauerle (77), Pete Mangan (77), Bud Thorsen (78) and Jake Gascoyne (78).

The club will need to stock up on golf balls after Josh Pell and Mick McAuliffe both won a dozen jackpot balls for hitting their tee shots within a metre of the pin on the 3rd. Josh's ball would have settled less than half a metre from the hole though he missed his birdie putt. Mick may have not been as close to the pin but he did make his birdie putt.

Alan Curnow won the B Grade NTP ball on the same hole with an excellent though less spectacular shot while Mick Coyne won the voucher on the 15th on his way to making par on that hole.

Pooch won Tuesday's comp with 35 points from Geoff Squires – runner up with 33 - in a count back from Alan Curnow. Bud Thorsen won the NTP ball.

COMING EVENTS

Sat 11 July (Tee Off 130am to 1215pm)

Wally Shaw Mem 4 Ball Aggregate Stableford Duty: B Thorsen & P Mangan

Sat 18 July

Stableford Duty: A Hausler & G Armstrong

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Week ending Sat 11th July 2020

With our Match & Handicap team taking the wise decision to postpone Saturday's scheduled Wally Shaw 4 Ball event, a small field of navy seals took to a very heavy track in a Stableford event.

Did someone say a heavy track? It didn't bother Parklands Kellan Robinson who, having only recently returned to the game of golf, and playing off a handicap of 30, racked up the massive score of 48 Stableford points.

There aren't many days when that score won't give you a comfortable win and so it was with a very unlucky Pooch McHale the runner up with 39 points an excellent score in its own right given the conditions that he plays off a 12 handicap.

Jake Gascoyne continues to make the most of the football hiatus and he won a ball with 38 points.

The ladies scoring was not quite as spectacular with Marlene Topp the winner with a very respectable 32 points from Jenni Bauerle with 25.

Wayne Cowley won the NTP ball on the 3rd.

A new date for the postponed Wally Shaw 4 Ball event will be set in the near future so stay tuned for details.

Mick McAuliffe was Tuesday's winner with 34 points in a count back from Debonair David Collins while Bud Thorsen took home a ball with 33 points.

Mick dominated the day winning the NTP ball on the 3rd and the NTP voucher on the 15th.

With our members that hold Rich River memberships unable to get across the border for their Thursday golf fix, another Stableford event was promptly organised for that day and Peter Blackmore made the most of the extra round with a 36 point win from Bud Thorsen with 34 and Alan Hauser with 33.

Dom Cerrone emulated the Pres's effort from Tuesday claiming both the NTP ball on the 3rd and the voucher on the 15th.

This Saturday's event is also Stableford with tee off from 1030am to 1215pm. Alan Hausler and Gavon Armstrong are the men on duty.

The midweek comps on Tuesday and Thursday will tee off from 11am to 1145am and visitors are most welcome and, on Thursday, will only pay the \$10 comp fee.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 18th July 2020

The excellent field that turned out for Saturday's Stableford event found the course in surprisingly good nick given last weekend's rain.

Things were tight at the top of the scoreboard as well with David Collins taking out A Grade with 37 points in a count back from The Pres, Mick McAuliffe.

Debonair David got the better of Mick in the count back thanks to his excellent back nine of 20 points with Mick scoring 19 on the homeward leg.

I'm not sure if David realised this but, a keen North Melbourne supporter, with 37 points he also outscored his beloved Kangaroos.

In B Grade Graeme "*Etiquette*" Harrison took home the winner's trophy with a very consistent round of 35 points while Johnny Heywood was the runner up with 33 points in a count back from Alan Hausler.

A count back was also needed to find the ladies winner with Anne Hawking taking the honours from Helen Armstrong with 33 points.

Balls went to Lawrie Casey with 34 points, Bud Thorsen (33), Haus with his 33, Mick Gallivan (33), Miles Gould (32), Paul Kuiper (32), Peter Blackmore (32) and Brad Edwards (32).

Steve Usher, Johnny Heywood and Jenni Bauerle won NTP balls on the 3rd while Miles Gould took home the voucher on the 15th on his way to making par.

Alan Curnow was Tuesday's winner with 34 points from Peter Mangan who took the runner's up trophy with 32 points in a count back from David Collins. Peter also won the voucher on the 15th.

Alan followed that up with another win on Thursday with 37 points. Paul Kuiper was the runner up with 34 points from Paul Newman after another countback.

Kuips also won the NTP ball on the 3rd and Pooch McHale took home the voucher on the 15th. Ball winners were Paul Newman (34), Muck McAuliffe (32), Pooch (30) and Peter Lyon (30).

The newly initiated Thursday comp is proving to be a great success with a number of visitors joining us last week and just a reminder for prospective visitors that we are presently only charging the comp fee of \$10 for the Tuesday and Thursday events.

On a very sad note the club recently lost one of its longest and most popular members with the sudden passing of Bill Stone. A legendary tennis player in these parts Bill was also a very proficient golfer and more importantly a thorough gentleman and the club extends its sincerest condolences to Enid and family.

On a happier note, Bill's great mate Les Hall recently became a grandfather for the first time with his daughter giving birth to twins.

This week's event is the postponed Wally Shaw Memorial 4 Ball and a reminder to members that the event is a 4 Ball **Aggregate** Stableford event – not a Best Ball.

Also, it's worth mentioning that, for the sake of consistency the assembly times for Saturday, Tuesday and Thursdays will now be 11am to 1145am. If you are running a little late please give the duty team a call at the club house by 1130am so they can fit you into the field. This arrangement will apply until we return to shot gun starts.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 25th July 2020

Well what a BIG, BIG week in Golf.

With border restrictions in place our field swelled to 99 players with a large number of visitors from Echuca and Parkland for Saturday's Wally Shaw Memorial 4 Ball Aggregate and individual Stableford events.

In what is believed to be a unique occurrence the four names to be etched onto the Wally Shaw honour board come from two households with John Neale and Gavon Armstrong taking out the men's event and their better halves in Julie and Helen taking out the ladies' title.

Gavon propelled John and himself to success with a fine round of 38 points while John contributed a round of 35 points to their 73 point tally.

In a much more even team performance Helen finished with 34 points and Julie 33 as they topped the ladies' leader board with 67 points.

Johnny Heywood carded one of the day's best rounds of 39 points as he and Peter Mangan (31) finished as runner's up with an aggregate of 70 points.

Anne Churches (33) and Judy Greer (31) were the ladies' runner's up with a combined score 64 points.

Ball comp winners were Trevor Withall & Wayne Cowley with 69 points, David Collins & Bud Thorsen (68), Lawrie Casey & Paul Newman (66), Sharon Harrison & Shirley Soares (62) and Helen Emery and Gill Thorsen (62).

Jake Gascoyne continued his excellent form taking out the individual A Grade event with 38 points from Rich River's Kurtis Townrow with 37 points – an excellent score off a handicap of eight.

In B Grade Kellan Robinson continues to make his mark posting the day's best round of 42 points and he was a four shot winner from Stewart Cray with 38.

Leon Burton (34 points), Steve Hamond (34), Geoff Stephenson (31) and M Lizza (31) won balls in the ball comp.

Steve Usher took home the A Grade NTP ball on the 3rd and Dean Hubble won the voucher on the 15th on his way to a par on that hole.

Another highlight of the day was Josh Pell's eagle 3 on the par 5 fifth. After a massive drive Josh rifled a seven iron from 160 metres to less than half a metre of the cup before knocking in an easy putt.

Tuesday's winner was Daryl Harrison with 41 points from Bud Thosen with 37 and Graeme Harrison picked up a ball with 33.

Thursday's comp attracted enough players for two grades with Mick McAuliffe the A Grade winner with 35 while Bud took home another runner's up trophy with 34 though he complimented that achievement by taking out the voucher on the 15th.

Contrary to what you might have read in Thursday's paper Kellan Robinson was the B Grade winner with 42 points from Alan Hausler with 36 – interestingly it was Haus who submitted the fake news!

Ball comp winners were Stuart Cray with 33 points, Nobby (33), Peter "Turtle" Blackmore (32), Les Hall (31) and Des Carrie (31).

A reminder that the Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday comps all now tee off from 11am to 1145am and if you can't make it to the office by 1130am please give the gents on duty a call on 5852 1490 to let them know you are on the way.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 1st August 2020

Another perfect day for golf saw two men, already with a wardrobe full of Monthly Medal shirts between them, go to a count back for the August Monthly Medal with the identical score of 86-17-69.

Ultimately, it was Peter Mangan (who has struggled for form recently) adding a fifth medal shirt to his collection taking out the count back from Paul Kuiper (who already has six shirts) thanks to a superior back nine of 41 off the stick to go with his front nine 45.

Paul's card was a mirror image finishing with a 41-45 front-back nine split and he settled for the A Grade runner's up trophy. Paul has also struggled with his form and told me he was just happy to post his best round for the year.

Rich River's John Bennett took out the B Grade event with a round of 95-23-72 from Peter Lyon who won a count back for runner up with 98-24-74 from Gavon Armstrong and Craig Peterson also from Rich River.

Julie Neale showed her success in last week's Wally Shaw event was no fluke taking out the ladies' comp with a score of 94-20-74 finishing two shots in front of Trudy Denham with 109-33-76.

With another big field there was another long list of ball comp winners comprising Paul Newman (Nett 72), Miles Gould (73), Gavon Armstrong (74), Craig Peterson (74), Mark McGann (74), Peter Noble (75), Kevin Bauerle (75), Marcos Kenna (75), Anne Hawking (75), Doug Crow (75), Mick McAuliffe (76), Jake Gascoyne (76) and Kelly Cheong 76.

Nearest the Pin balls on the 3rd went to Miles Gould (A Grade), Doug Crow (B) and Trudy Denham while Miles (80), Craig Peterson (93) and Julie Neale won the Best Gross score balls.

Peter Blackmore won the voucher on the 15th with a shot that, let's just say, was less than pure.

Tuesday's A Grade winner was David Collins with 35 points in a count back from Peter Mangan who was clearly tuning up for the Medal round.

In B Grade Graeme "Etiquette" Harrison was the winner with 34 points from Alan Curnow with 32 while ball winners were Baden Thorsen with 34, Geoff Burke (33), Nobby (32), D Carey (32) and Peter Blackmore (32).

Nearest the Pin trophy winners were Jeff Ridge (A Grade), Geoff Kelly (B) and Geoff Burke on the fifteenth.

Peter Noble was a runaway winner in A Grade on Thursday with the excellent score of 41 points from Mick McAuliffe with 36 in a count back from David Collins and Nobby added the voucher on the 15th to his winner's trophy.

Quizzed about his excellent round by Craig Larcombe Nobby told Larco that *"39 putts on Saturday only 23 putts today, you would have been in awe of me"*. Larco's response *"Nobby I would have been in awe of you on Saturday"* sums up his ongoing struggle with the putter.

Gavon Armstrong was the B Grade winner with 38 points in a count back from Harro while ball winners were David Collins (36), Alan Hausler (35), P Allan (34), Les Hall (34) and Dean Hubble (32).

With the recent surge in numbers there has been a slight change with the Saturday tee times which will now commence from 10am until midday. However, if you are arriving later than 1130am please phone the office to register.

SCOOP

Week ending Sat 10th Sept 2020

Saturday's return to competition golf saw our members joined by visitors from Rushworth and Rochester for a Stableford event.

One of those visitors, Rushworth's Rodney Rathbone, wasted no time in adapting to the Valley View layout racking up 41 points in his Valley View debut.

That score was good enough for Rodney to take out the B Grade winner's trophy in a count back from John Neale who also finish with 41 points as the B Graders dominated the scoreboard.

Not that there was much wrong with the A Grade scores with Rod Breen the winner with 39 points, also in a count back, from Pooch McHale with 39.

Miles Gould was a further shot back with 38 points after finishing the front nine with an even par 36 off the stick before giving up five shots on the way home.

Marie Watt and Jan McHale made it a hat trick of count backs with 36 points each, Marie getting the better of the count back to take home the ladies' winner's voucher.

Ball comp winners were Miles with his 38 points, Dean Hubble (38), Kelly Cheong (38), along with Craig Larcombe, John Burrows, Peter Lyon, Jake Gascoyne and Peter Noble all with 37 points.

Miles and Larco took out the NTP balls on the 3rd while Nails won the voucher on the 15th with an excellent tee shot to within a metre of the cup. Alas, normally a very reliable putter he missed he missed his straight forward birdie putt which ultimately cost him the winner's voucher in the count back.

Just an update on tee time arrangements. Until further notice Saturday tee off will be between 1030 and 1215pm however if you are going to arrive at the course after 1130am please ring the office to book in.

Tuesdays will be 10am to 1130am as will Thursdays until Day Light Savings commences when the Thursday night nine hole comp will resume.

These arrangements will remain in place until further notice depending on Covid 19 restrictions and we will update you with any changes.

SCOOP

Week ending Saturday 3rd October 2020

Saturday's very warm spring weather brought out the best in our golfers with some excellent scores atop the leader board.

Following the coring of the greens on the front during the week the Match & Handicap team took the decision to cancel the October medal round and defer the Medalist of the Year event until November.

In A Grade Mark Soden made a welcome return to form after a lengthy stint battling illness, injury and the golfing gods.

Sodes posted the excellent score of 40 Stableford points with a 21 – 19 split and held out Peter Mangan who stormed around the front nine in one over 37 for 25 points but cooled somewhat on the way home with 15 points on the back nine.

In B Grade John Burrows continued his recent good form also posting 40 points (also with a 21-19 split) and finished two shots in front of Alan Hauser with 38 points.

The ladies scoring was not quite as extravagant but Marie Watt's 37 points was still very good and she too was a two shot winner with Wanda Hacon the runner up with 35.

Ball comp winners were Rod Breen with 39 points, Vin Hourigan, Kerry Kreeck, Alan Curnow and Fred West (all with 37 points), and Les Hall and Peter Noble with 36.

Paul Kuiper and Kerry Kreeck won NTP balls on the 3rd while Helen Emery won the voucher on the 15th on her way to making par on that hole.

In addition to the postponement of the Medalist of the Year event the Cooper-Buckell day schedule for this week has also been postponed, in this case, to a date to be advised.

A reminder that the Summer Thursday night nine hole comp will kick off this week around 515pm.

Week ending Sat 10th October 2020

A tremendous round of 74 off the stick by Miles Gould headlines our report this week.

After jokingly (I thought) telling me earlier in the morning that he would shoot 40 Stableford points Miles went one better with his score translating into 41 points.

It was a very consistent round too with a front nine - back nine split of 37-37 and three birdies offsetting all but two of five bogeys.

Miles' score gave him a three shot win from runner-up Pooch McHale who posted an excellent round of 38 points , a score that would have won A Grade most weeks.

Our B Graders were also on fire with Alan Curnow and Johnny Heywood both posting 40 points before Alan got the better of Johnny in the count back.

The ladies scores weren't too shabby either with Julie Neale (the best golfer on the east side of Dawes Road) taking home the winner's trophy with 37 points while Jan McHale completed a good day's golfing for the McHale household taking home the runner's up trophy with 35 points.

Ian Rathjen's 39 points would have won him a winner's voucher on most days but he had to settle for a ball in the ball comp along with Tom Mangan (37 points), Mick McAuliffe (35), Bud Thorsen (35), Peter Mangan (35), Peter Blackmore (35), Mick Gallivan (35) and Kerry Kreeck (35).

Mick McAuliffe (A Grade) and Ian Scurrah (B) won the NTP balls on the 3rd while the old Silver Fox Les Hall made birdie from about four foot as he collected the voucher on the par three 15th hole.

Our golfers actually set the standard in Tuesday's event with Alan Hausler the winner with 41 points in a count back from an inform, albeit unlucky, Johnny Heywood.

Haus dominated the day taking out the NTP trophies on the 3rd and 15th holes to go with his winner's voucher. I hope he was good enough to shout his group from his haul.

There aren't too many Tuesdays where 40 points only gets you a ball but that was the case for Peter Mangan while Kelly Cheong also won a shiny new ball with 37 points.

Week ending Sat 24th Oct. 2020

Those golfers not at home preparing for the grand final were met with some challenging windy, wintry conditions for Saturday's Stableford event.

As a result, the recent trend of high numbers atop the leader board dropped in a fashion that would have made Premier Dan Andrews green with envy.

Never the less Pooch McHale's masterly round of 35 points was an excellent score on the day and saw him take home the winner's voucher.

Alan Hausler, only playing because he was on office duty, finished one point behind with a score of 34 points and took home the runner's up trophy.

Lawrie Casey (33 points), Peter Blackmore and (32) and Gavon Armstrong (31) were our ball winners on the day.

Pooch added a ball for NTP on the 3rd to his kitty while Gav Armstrong took home the voucher on the 15th.

A better field on Tuesday saw Dean Pontin win B Grade with the day's best score of 38 points from Kerry Kreeck with 34.

Our very consistent President Mick Donald McAuliffe won A Grade with 35 in a count back from Peter Mangan.

Peter Noble, Peter Blackmore and Dean Hubble won balls with 34 points as did Wayne Cowley and Pooch with 33. Richard Stockdale won the B Grade NTP ball.

A change to the tee off arrangements from this Saturday as we revert back to a shot gun start at 1215pm. The office will be open from 11am and players are asked to phone the Club if they can't be at the club house by 1130am.

Tuesday's golf will remain unchanged with tee times from 11am to 1145am until further notice.

The Thursday night 9 hole comp is up and running again with assembly at 515pm for a 530pm hit off.

This Saturday's event will be the Albion Motors Isaac 4 Ball while our postponed Club Championships will commence over the weekend of Sat - Sun 7th & 8th November with the final round on Saturday 14th November.

Week ending Sat 31st oct 2020

Saturday's Isaac Family 4 Ball Qualifying round brought out the best in our golfers with some excellent 4 Ball scores posted in difficult conditions.

What's more it was scores from our ladies that dominated the scoreboard with the day's three best scores on that side of the board.

Leonie McMaster-Smith and Anne Hawking combined brilliantly to win the ladies event with 50 points from Marlene Topp and Wanda Hacon with 49 points.

The unlucky pair of Jan McHale and Tracey Wade finished third with 48 points and had to settle for trophies in the ball comp.

To the men's comp and Lockington pair Ian Scurrah and Des Pentreath paired exceptionally well to post 47 points and they qualified for the play offs as the top ranked pair after taking out a count back from John Neale and Alan Hausler who didn't seem to be gelling that well on course but still managed to rack up 47 points also.

The other qualifiers were Alan Curnow and Craig Larcombe with 46 points and Kevin Bauerle and Johnny Heywood with the same score.

A further shot back with 45 points were the pairings of Mick Coyne / IQ Ryan and Peter Noble / Graeme Harrison.

Kelly Cheong was the only player in a large field to hit the green on the par three 3rd and he did so with the second last shot to that green for the day to claim the A Grade NTP ball.

Julie Neale won the voucher on the 15th with an excellent tee shot on the way to making par on that hole.

Ian and Des will play Alan and Craig in the second round of the event while John and Alan will take on KB and Johnny with the second round matches to be played by the 20th November.

The club also extends its thanks the Isaac Family and Albion Motors their ongoing and generous sponsorship of this honour board event.

Tuesday's comp was drama packed with David Collins defeating Nobby in a count back with 38 points to take out A Grade.

I can't provide any more commentary than that as this paper would not survive the litigation but I'm sure Nobby would more than willing to go into more detail if he hasn't already!

In B Grade Alan Curnow got his week off to a great start with 39 points and a one shot win from Fred West who took home the runner's up trophy with 38 point in a count back from John Burrows.

Peter Mangan and Geoff Squires took home balls with 36 points and Daryl Harrison won the voucher on fifteen.

This Saturday and Sunday will see out members contesting the first two rounds of the Club Championships with a rolling start from 11am to 1215 on both days. The final round on the following Saturday will revert to a shot gun start except for the final pairings.

It's always a dangerous thing to make predictions but that hasn't stopped me before. The club championship would seem to be a race in two between Ash Kuiper and Miles Gould while if I had to

pick two favourites in the handicapped Grade events it would be Mick McAuliffe and Pooch McHale in A Grade and Paul Kuiper and Graeme Harrison in B Grade.

Week ending Sat 7th Nov 2020

Ash Kuiper will take a three shot lead into the final round of the Club Championships this Saturday.

The 2018 champion carded excellent rounds of 77 and 75 at the weekend for a two round total of 152 and will be shadowed by reigning champ Miles Gould who posted rounds of 76 and 79 for a two round score of 155.

The final group will also comprise of Ed McQuienn with rounds of 79 and 83 (162) and Pooch McHale 81 and 90 (171) while Peter Mangan will be the stand by emergency after a two round gross total of 174.

The B Grade field will be lead out by the experienced duo of John Flett who leads with a two round nett score of 146 and Les Hall with 148.

Alan Curnow is just three shots further behind with 151 while Trevor Withall will make up the final group with a two round nett score of 154. Dean Pontin who shot an outstanding nett 68 on Saturday is the B Grade emergency also sitting on nett 154.

I must confess to a moment of madness when writing last week's column firstly excluding Les Hall from my tips for B Grade and then nominating two chaps that happen to be in A Grade. Fair to say my memory is slipping. But on a brighter note I am well qualified to nominate for the US presidential elections in 2024.

It was a big weekend for Ash Kuiper as he took out the Kyabram Showcase Jewellers watch for the best **nett** score after the first two rounds - that being 142. He leads the A Grade handicap event by one shot from David Collins (nett 143), Miles Gould (144) and Mick Gallivan (146).

While all that was going on our golfers contested the November Monthly Medal and Medalist of the Years trophies in Saturday's round.

Mark Soden won A Grade and the medal with the outstanding round of 82-17-65 by one shot from David Collins with 82-16-66. Consolation for David as he took out the prized Medalist of the Year shirt.

Other results for the weekend were as follows:

Saturday

B Grade: Winner Dean Pontin (103-35-68) Runner Up Ian Scurrah (96-27-69)

Ladies: Winner Anne Hawking (97-28-69) Runner Up Sharron Harrison (95-23-72) in count back from Judy Greer with the same score

Ball comp: M Gould (nett 70), Pooch McHale (71), P Mangan (71), J Flett (71), A Kuiper (72), E McQuienn (72), K Cheong (72) H Emery (73), M Watt (73).

Best Gross: M Gould (A Grade) A Curnow (B) and H Emery (ladies)

NTP 15th: A Kuiper:

Sunday

A Grade: Winner A Kuiper (75-5-70) Runner Up M Gallivan (87-16-71)

B Grade: Winner L Hall (97-25-72) Runner Up J Flett (112-36-76)

Ball Comp: D Harrison (72), M Gould (74), G Harrison (74) B Thorsen (75)

My tips for the final round are Ash to win the championship by one or two shots and Les Hall to use his vast years of experience and handicap management skills to just nudge out John Flett who has a tremendous advantage playing from a handicap of 37.

Week ending Sun 15th November 2020

Ash Kuiper is the Valley View 2020 club champion after a tense battle with 2019 champion Miles Gould on Saturday.

Going into the final round with a three shot lead the 2018 champion looked to be in trouble at the halfway mark. Out of sorts he surrendered the lead with a front nine of 42 while Miles took control with a two over front nine over 38 off the stick as he found his very best form for the occasion.

Miles maintained the resultant one shot lead as the final group headed down the 16th when suddenly the momentum swung back to Ash as Miles pulled his second shot from the rough left of the green. From there he could only manage bogey while Ash made his par taking them to the 17th tee all square.

Ash again made par on 17 while Miles posted another bogey which saw Ash go to the final tee with a one shot lead.

Although not ideally placed off the tee Ash's tremendous third shot into the green left him with a very makeable birdie putt which he duly nailed while Miles finished with a bogey six leaving Ash with the three shot lead he had started the day with.

For the record Ash's three round gross score was 233 comprised of rounds of 77-75-81 while Miles posted rounds of 76-79-81.

In the handicapped grade events David Collins posted a final round of 86-16-70 to finish with a three round nett total 213 to claim the A Grade trophy from Miles and Ash who both posted nett totals of 218.

John Flett's lead in B Grade proved unassailable as he finished with a three round nett total of 220 though Trevor Whithall made a great fist of the task and went within a shot of reeling him in with an excellent round of 91-24-67. That left Trevor with a championship total of 293 nett 221 and one shot shy of John who posted a final round of 111-37-74.

Meanwhile Saturday's stroke round returned the following results:

A Grade:	Winner: Rod Rathjen (87-18-69)	R-Up: Tom Kerr (87-17-70)
B Grade:	Winner: Des Pentreath (98-30-68)	R-Up: Trevor Whithall (91-24-67)
Ladies:	Winner: Wanda Hacon (101-29-72)	R-Up: Marlene Topp (103-30-73) in a count back from Marilyn West ((94-21-73)

Ball comp: D Collins (Nett 71), B Thorsen (71), P Noble (71), E McQuienn (72), K Cheong (72), M West (73).

NTP 15th: Ash Kuiper Ladies NTP 3rd: J Greer

Thanks to all the members who participated in the championships and a special thank you to our sponsors for the event in Goulburn Murray Credit Union, Bennett's Sports, Ky Showcase Jewellers and M&S Accounting.

Next week is a Stableford event with assembly 1130am for a 1215pm shotgun start.

Week ending Sat 28th Nov 2020

It's not often that a round of 42 Stableford points is over shadowed and even less so when it is the best score of the day.

So, Mick Gallivan can count himself a bit stiff that, after posting an almost faultless round of 82 off the stick to post said score of 42 points and winning A Grade along the way, he is not the BIG story of the week.

In fact, his win has had to take a back seat to TWO other rare events in the forms of a hole in one and an albatross. On the same day, if you don't mind!!

Reigning Club Champion Ash Kuiper was the man who found the cup on the par three ninth with a deadly accurate four iron that his group initially thought had rolled through the back of the green.

The resultant four points from the ace enabled Ash to post a round of 40 points to take the runner's up trophy.

While the last hole in one was posted by Judy Greer around three or four years ago, and there have been four or five aces added to the honour board in the last 10-15 years, speaking with long time member Peter Noble, he can't recall an albatross in his 30 years at the club.

That changed on Saturday when Rushworth's Rod Rathjen rifled his five iron onto the par five eighth from 180 metres finding the cup and netting him SIX stableford points for the hole. As with Ash, his group initially were searching for his ball at the back of the green before a check of the cup confirmed the rare achievement.

Back to the results board, and Dean Pontin put his handicap of 34 to good use to notch up 34 points and take out B Grade by two points from Ron Dixon with 32.

In the ladies' event Jan McHale broke even with the course posting 36 points and a four shot win from Helen Armstrong with 32 points.

Balls in the ball comp went to David Collins with 39 points, "young" Pooch McHale (38), Rod Rathjen (38) and Graeme Harrison (38).

Mick McAuliffe took out the voucher on the 15th, the only NTP trophy claimed on the day.

Just a reminder that now summer has arrived we will have two times on Saturday's with the early start an assembly at 8am for tee off at 830am and the usual 1130am assembly for tee off at 1215pm. To assist the office staff, golfers are asked to kindly phone the club to register if they won't be at the club by 8am or 1130am.

On Sunday, the club honoured two of its stalwart volunteers in Cam White and John Burrows, naming the club's pump shed the **Cam White – JB Pump Shed** in recognition of their service over the past 15 years.

Cam and John have been heavily involved in the maintenance of the golf course during that time and actually took over as unpaid curators in 2008 when Lindsay Riedell retired and, for some four or five years, they were each spending around 60 hours a week on the course.

The other major contribution they made was having the fairways re-couched after the 2005-2006 drought had left them bereft of grass.

There have been some memorable and unusual happenings on the course during that time with the occasion allowing them to recount the site of a shaken JB abandoning an ageing fairway mower on the 10th fairway that had surrendered to the years and caught alight.

All humour aside, it is fair to say that without these two men we could not have a golf club today so the recognition is well deserved.

Week ending Sat 5th Dec 2020

An excellent back nine of 40 has proved decisive as Peter Blackmore emerged from a tight three way count back as the December monthly medalist.

Playing in the morning session, Blackers arguably had the better of the windy conditions (which turned decidedly damp for the afternoon golfers) setting the pace with an excellent round of 83-15-68 which could have been a couple of shots better if he had nailed a couple of par chances in the closing holes of his round.

Despite the deteriorating conditions the golfers hitting off at midday were undeterred with Alan Curnow and Paul Dickens joining Peter at the top of the leader board with rounds of Nett 68 of their own.

Alan posted what his best ever round of 88-20-68 and would rue a double bogey seven on the 18th while Dicko carded a round of 90-22-68.

The count back went Peter way's but there was only half a shot in it and Alan, as the medal runner up secured the B Grade winner's trophy in a count back from Paul.

It was a big day for Alan as his round also propelled Craig Larcombe and himself to the Isaac Memorial 4 Ball match play as they defeated Kevin Bauerle and Johnny Heywood 5 & 3.

Along the way Alan also won the voucher on the 15th and the Ball for the best gross score in B Grade.

Back to the day's comp results and Daryl Harrison posted a score of 84-12-72 to take out the A Grader runner's up trophy.

Julie Neale won the ladies event with 90-19-71 (which also happened to be the best gross score for ladies) from Leonie McMaster-Smith with 109-36-73.

Ball comp winners were Geoff Squires with Nett 70, Eastwood's Don Muhliesor (71), Miles Gould (73), Pooch McHale (73), Lawrie Casey (73), Kelly Cheong (73) and Jeff Carnie (74).

David Collins (A Grade), John Neale (B) and Bev Lyon picked up the NTP balls on the 3rd while Miles Gould won the best gross score overall with 78 off the stick.

Pete Blackmore is clearly the form golfer at the club at the moment as he tuned up for the weekend with 39 points in Tuesday's comp taking home the winner's trophy by four shots in the process.

Kerry Kreeck was the runner up with 35 points in a count back from John Burrows.

It was not all bad news for JB as he took home a ball in the ball comp and the NTP ball. Mick McAuliffe and Nobby also won balls with 34 points each while Bud Thorsen won the voucher on the 15th.

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Week ending Sat 12th Dec 2020

Young Tom Kerr has made an early break on the rest of the field in the 2020-2021 Summer Cup with an outrageous score of 46 Stableford points on Saturday.

Tom played his best ever round of 78 off the stick which included a one over par 37 on the back nine that yielded 25 points. His front round of 41 off the stick (21 points) was none too shabby either.

His score left the rest of the field in his wake with Peter Blackmore a mere spec in the distance taking the runner's up trophy with a meagre 38 points.

The young guns dominated B Grade too with Rushworth's Tim Cheong a four shot winner with 37 points from Les Hall with 33 in a count back from Rory Kerr.

Nancy Saunders was the ladies' winner with 38 points while Jan McHale won a count back for runner up from Judy Greer with 35 points.

Ball comp winners were Daryl Harrison with 37 points, Nobby (36), Pooch (35), Paul Kuiper (35), Judy Greer (35), Kevin Humbert (34) and Alan Hausler (34).

On the Par threes Robin Quinn went within centimetres of claiming a dozen jackpot balls with an excellent tee shot to win the A Grade NTP ball, Rory Kerr made it a big day out for the Kerr family winning the B Grade NTP ball while Paul Kuiper won the voucher on the 15th.

Alas, none of the aforementioned gents could make their birdie putts with all settling for pars.

There was a log jam at the top of the leader board on Tuesday with the straight hitting John Burrows posting 37 points and a one shot win from Kevin Humbert with 36.

Kevin took the runner's up trophy in a three way count back from Peter Mangan and Jeff Carnie.

Mick McAuliffe won the voucher on the 15th.

A note for the Tuesday golfers, with summer upon the tee off time has been moved to 930am assembly for a 10am shot gun start.

We ended the week on a sad note with the passing of Cam White on Thursday night. Cam's contribution to both the golf and bowls sections of the club won't be forgotten in a hurry. He was a ripper bloke to boot and his friendship will be missed by many of our members especially among our volunteer grounds crew.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Jan and the extended White family.

Week ending Sat 17th Oct 2020

With a dearth of single figure golfers, it's not often that Valley View's uncompromising layout surrenders consecutive scores of 74 off the stick.

But 2019 Club Champion Ash Kuiper emulated Miles Gould's round from last week with his own round of 74 on Saturday.

What's more he did it on a heavy track after around 25mm of rain soaked the course the previous day.

After a year interrupted by Covid enforced golfing bans and a foot injury Ash was clearly back to his very best with his card showing a front nine back nine split of 37-37 for a Stableford score of 40 points.

That left him two shots clear of runner up Peter Noble whose 38 points was made up 19 points on each side of the course.

With three or four top two finishes in the last couple of months, Rushworth young gun Rodney "Bones" Rathjen has quickly come to the realisation that this column doesn't fuss too much with trivial details such as facts or names (our regular readers will no him better under the alias of Rodney Rathbone!).

Never the less when he carded 87 off the stick at the weekend for another B Grade win with a Stableford score of 40 points I thought it best to take the anonymous threats to my well being seriously.

Some of our less gracious B Graders are hoping that with a string of scores around the 40 point mark, from a handicap of 19, it won't be long before Bones finds himself in A Grade.

Apropos that last statement, Craig Larcombe finished one shot behind Rodney to take home the B Grade runner's up voucher.

To the ladies' comp and last week's runner-up Jan McHale took home the winner's voucher with 37 points from Judy Greer with 34.

The other highlight of the day was Kevin Bauerle's tee shot to the par three 3rd which finished about half a metre from the pin earning him the A Grade NTP trophy and a dozen jackpot balls. I am also pleased to report that Kev made his birdie putt.

Wal Tink won the B Grade NTP ball on the same hole while Pooch McHale will be looking for column inches for his tee shot on the 15th which won him the voucher on that hole on his way to a birdie also.

Winners in the ball comp were Paul Kuiper with 38 points, Ian Rathjen (37), Kevin Bauerle (36), Rod Breen (36) and David Collins and Jake Gascoyne with 35 points in a count back from a number of others.

Week ending Sat 19th Dec 2020

They say a week is a long time in politics.

Well, that being the case, maybe David Collins could be a Premier, nay Prime Minister, in waiting after posting a score of 42 Stableford points at the weekend just a week after an underwhelming round of 28 points.

Imagine that, political commentators around the nation interviewing Prime Minister **Debonair** David Collins!!

What's more, unlike many of our politicians, David has done some of his best work during the Covid crisis reducing his handicap from 17 (and the threshold of a demotion to B Grade) to 12 in just a few short months.

David was the A Grade winner from Peter Blackmore, a likely candidate for Energy Minister in a Collins cabinet. Blackers finished with 39 points and took the runner's up trophy in a count back from Scott McLennan.

David's logical Treasurer (with his banking background) John Burrows, was the B Grade winner with 38 points in a three way count back from runner up Peter Meighan and Ian Scurrah who had to settle for a ball in the ball comp.

Judy Greer was the ladies' winner with 35 points and she sealed the win with a birdie two on the 9th hole, the final hole of her round, when she chipped in from around 30 metres for four points.

Julie Neale finished three shots back with 32 points.

On the Par three holes Scott McLennan won the A Grade NTP ball while Paul Dickens won the B Grade NTP and a dozen jackpot balls with an excellent tee shot to within inches of the cup on his way to making birdie.

Visitor, Hayden Roberts won the voucher on the 15th.

Ball winners were Scott McLennan (39 points), Bud Thorsen (38), Ian Scurrah, Darren Moroney (37), Geoff Squires (37), Paul Dickens (36) and Hayden Roberts (36).

Saturday's round of 38 points was John Burrow's second of the week with that score winning Tuesday's comp by two shots from Des Pentreath with 36.

Ian Scurrah (35 points), Geoff Squires (33) and Jeff Carnie (33) took home balls in the ball comp while Jeff also won the NTP Ball on the 3rd. Peter Mangan won the voucher on the 15th.

This week's round will be Stableford, however the office will not be staffed so anyone wishing to play in the comp is asked to organise their own groups and place their \$10 comp fee in the chute.

Finally, on behalf of the club I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year.